



Kent Swimming Championships 2015

Millie is Kent Champion and Club Records Fall

Hythe Aqua swimmers had a very successful Kent Swimming Championships in March where we swam as Shepway Swimming Club, in which Hythe Aqua and Folkestone Swimming Club compete as one club. There was a Hythe Kent Champion, a lot of top 6 finishes and over 30 PB's from Hythe Aqua swimmers plus two new club records.

Millie Kearns in her first Kent's stormed to victory in the 9yrs 50m Backstroke with a 4 sec PB showing great potential for the future. Finn Wood swam a fantastic 50m Free to gain 2nd in the 14yrs age group with Saul Owen coming 4th in the same section showing the depth Hythe Aqua has. Grace Walker achieved a hard fought 2nd in the 16yrs 200m Backstroke and followed it up with 3rd place in the 50m Fly and the 100m and 50m Backstroke. Lily Lambert broke her own club record again to come second in the 12yrs 100m Fly and 6th in the 50m Fly.

The younger members of Hythe showed the club's future with Leon snatching 4th in the 11yrs 50m Free and Ema Calvo 6th in the 9yrs 200m Breaststroke. Evelyne Carter in the 12yrs 100m Breaststroke smashed her PB by 3 seconds to break the 20 year old club record

The Kent Championship Relays are always a tough competition against extremely strong swimming clubs but we produced some excellent results beating many other local clubs. In the relays the 13/14 boys team of Saul Owen, Finn Wood (Hythe) and Levi Atwell and Sanskar Thapa (Folkestone) made both the 4x50 Medley and Free finals coming a creditable 5th in the Free and 7th in the Medley. The Girls 17/U team Grace Walker (Hythe), Eliza Cloake and Neve Deal and Sophie McDonnell (Folkestone) finished 10th in both relays a great result with a very young team and the Men's Open team of Ben Walker, Barney Webborn (Hythe) and Levi Atwell, Josh Bungay (Folkestone) and Finn Wood (Hythe) also gained a 9th and 10th place.

Thank you to all the parents for the travelling and the long periods of spectating and to Gavin Wood, Ben Walker and Cheryl Cloake for their help poolside.



**The Hythe Aqua Kent Swimming Championship swimmers who swam in the Shepway Team
(Vanessa McDowell not available for the photograph)**



Millie Kearns – Kent Champion 9yrs 50m Backstroke