

## 2012 Veterans age group championships.

The veterans age group championships were held over the weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> at the Bletchley leisure centre. A record number of fencers took part including several from Kent.

This competition is used to select fencers for the 2012 world veteran's championships with the first 2 in each event automatically qualifying for the British veteran's team.

In the mens category 2 foil event (aged 50 – 59) Nick Fihosy finished 2<sup>nd</sup> from an entry of 22.

In the mens category 3 epee event (aged 60 – 69) Ralph Johnson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> from an entry of 12.

In the mens category 4 sabre event (aged 70 and over) Alan Ault was in a 3 way barrage for 1<sup>st</sup> place and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall from an entry of 7. He also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the category 4 mens foil event from an entry of 6.

In the womens category 2 epee (aged 50 – 59) Jane Clayton finished 1<sup>st</sup> from an entry of 15 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the womens foil category 2 event from an entry of 11.

These 4 fencers have therefore automatically qualified for the veterans world championships to be held in Krems, Austria later in the year.

Several other Kent fencers also took part:

John Hyde, 5<sup>th</sup> category 2 mens epee. 11<sup>th</sup> category 2 mens foil, 9<sup>th</sup> category 2 mens sabre.

Corsini King, 10<sup>th</sup> category 2 mens foil.

Dale Broadbent, 18<sup>th</sup> category 2 mens foil. 16<sup>th</sup> category 2 mens epee.

Mark Cwynarski, 5<sup>th</sup> category 4 mens foil

Bernard Enders, 12<sup>th</sup> category 3 mens epee

Helen Easter, 11<sup>th</sup> category 2 womens foil, 13<sup>th</sup> category 2 womens epee

Fencers in category 1 (aged 40 – 49) fence in mixed events as there is no world championship for this age group, and 2 Kent fencers achieved good results.

Paul Baillache, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed foil, (entry of 11), 12<sup>th</sup> Mixed epee (entry of 20) 2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed sabre (entry of 4)

Nicola Hull, 4<sup>th</sup> Mixed foil, 13<sup>th</sup> mixed epee (highest place women)

A full list of results can be found on the veterans website: [www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)