# Masters’ Travels Reap Records and Medals

Five of the Club’s Masters travelled in various directions over the first quarter of 2022, but all were rewarded with medals of varying colours.

Sam Bradley and Karen MacKenzie ventured the furthest, to Swansea, to compete in the Swim Wales Masters Long Course meet, each returning with a silver medal.

Sam’s silver came in his 25 – 29 years’ 20m Backstroke in a time of 3:03.71, less than two seconds outside his own Club and Beds County record set back in 2020. He did however establish new Club Masters’ figures for the 50m Backstroke (40.75 seconds) whilst lowering his own Club record from 2020 for the 50m Butterfly to 39.34 secs.

Winning a Welsh bronze for her 38.70 second 50m Butterfly, Karen’s silver came from her 3:06.53 swim in the 45 – 49 years’ 200m Individual Medley. That time was some two seconds faster than her silver medal swim at the South East Masters Long Course championships at Crawley back in late January. Karen also won a silver at that meet for her 50m Backstroke, an event in which Alastair Gibb swam to an unexpected victory in the Men’s 60 - 64 years’ equivalent race.

Rather than Swansea, Dave Wright opted in March to drive the shorter distance for the Bracknell Masters Short Course meet where he won gold and broke his own County 60 – 64 years’ 200m Freestyle record, lowering the time to 2:25.26. Dave also won a gold for his 100m Butterfly and a silver for his 100m IM. Colin Mayes broke the Club’s 65 – 69 years’ record for the 200m IM, whilst coming away with three gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

Full results can be viewed [here](https://www.swimmingresults.org/mastersdata/results/) on the swimming.org results website.