

Blood, sweat and years for Oatley

THE 20TH Anniversary Triathlon hosted by 70Oaks Triathlon Club on Sunday, September 11 was held in ideal, cool conditions.

The gruelling event began with a 400-metre swim in the Leisure Centre, then a 27km cycle ride down River Hill to Hildenborough, up Riding Lane and Shipbourne Hill to Ivy Hatch, on to Godden Green and back to the pool, and finally an 8km run through Knole Park.

Edward Oatley, recently retired as headteacher of Sevenoaks Prep School, has taken part in all 20 races and he once again completed the course with the 269 other competitors despite falling and cutting himself badly.

To recognise his 20th race, he was awarded a Giro Atmos cycle helmet donated by Bikes Bikes of Sevenoaks. Other sponsors included the

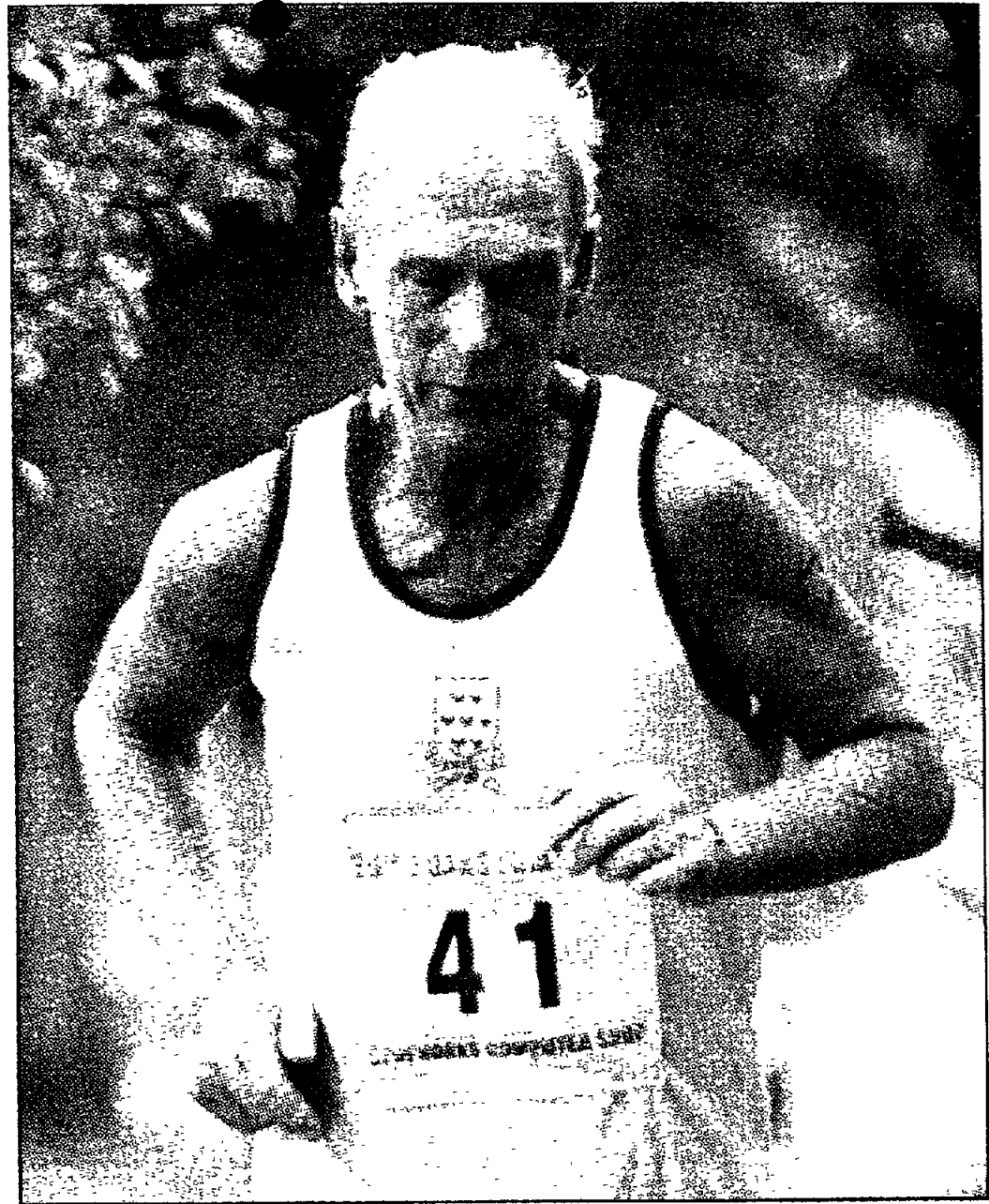
ATHLETICS

20th Anniversary Triathlon

Sevenoaks Computer Shop, Wildside, All About Tri and Rudy Project.

The club is donating £350 to the children's sports charity Sparks. For full results, visit www.7oakstriclub.com.

Results: Men: 1 Clive Weston (Greenwich Tritons) 1hr 17min 54sec; 2 Gary Bryant (White Oaks Tri) 1:18.54; 3 Andrew Simpson (Army Triathlon) 1:22.41; Women: 1 Suzanne Hilton (Greenwich Tritons) 1:32.59; 2 Sandra Blenkinsop (Kingfisher Tri Club) 1:35.48; 3 Gemma Anderson (White Oaks Tri) 1:35.54; 1st Male Veteran: Neil Ayrton (unattached) 1:23.31; 1st Male Super Vet: David Carr (Bishops Stoford RC) 1:34.23; 1st Female Vet: Lee Staples (unattached) 1:35.33; 1st Female Super Vet: Chris Glew (Kingfisher Tri Club) 1:52.22; Team: Greenwich Tritons (Clive Weston, Nathaniel Fine, Christian Thomas); Special prize: Edward Oatley (unattached) 2:07.27.



VESTED INTEREST: Edward Oatley competes in his 20th Sevenoaks Triathlon, recording a time of 2hrs 7.27min.

Triathlon race moves into its 20th year

THE 20TH Anniversary of the Sevenoaks triathlon is to be held on Sunday (September 10) with 350 athletes competing in the gruelling endurance test.

Participants will swim 400 metres in the town's leisure centre pool, cycle 28km and run a route through Knole Park from 6.30am onwards.

Among the competitors will be former headteacher of Sevenoaks Prep, Edward Oatley, who will be the only contender

to have participated in all 20 of the Sevenoaks triathlon races.

One of the organisers, Mark Horne, said: "We hope to have times around one hour 20 minutes but the weather forecast is not brilliant.

"We will have 65 members helping keep the times of competitors."

The Computer Shop, based in Sevenoaks has added its support to the event by acting as one of the sponsors.