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Friendly League Swim-Off

The North East Lancs Friendly League Swim-Off was held at the Hyndburn Leisure Centre on Friday, 5th December.

The contest was between the two teams at the bottom of Division One, which were Colne and Clitheroe, against the two teams at the top of Division Two, which were Great Harwood and Darwen.

Right from the start of the Gala the Colne swimmers were ready for contest as we won 10 of the first 15 races to open up a quick 17 point lead.

After 20 races Colne had 67 points to Clitheroe's 54 with Great Harwood on 43 and Darwen on 29.

Clitheroe tried in vain to catch us, but in the remaining 20 races we never finished last, which resulted in us finishing first with 128 points, having led the contest right from the first race.

Clitheroe finished 2nd on 121 points, with Great Harwood 3rd on 79 points and Darwen in 4th on 62 points.

This victory means we will keep our place in Division One for 2015, so well done to all the Colne swimmers, it was a fantastic performance.



Club Captain Lewis Eley with the Swim-Off trophy

Championship Gala Round-up

This years Championship Galas were held on Monday, 17th and Thursday, 20th November, with the Betty Petty Style Trophy being held on Saturday, 22nd November. In general the number entering this years gala was good, but the number taking part in the Betty Petty Style Trophy was disappointing.

There were three records broken on evening of Monday, 17th November. Miranda Bower set a new mark of 2:44.35 in the Open 200m Individual Medley, and Philip Walker broke two records in 11 and over 100m Breaststroke and the 14 and over 50m Backstroke, setting 1:12.44 and 29.56 respectively. Also Miranda established a new mark of 1:27.06 for the 11 and over 100m Breaststroke.

Over the 24 events swum for, there were 15 different winners, with Miranda Bower winning five of the events. Kian Noon and Philip Walker each won three events, with Georgia Taylforth winning two events. There was also trophy success for Alex Dickinson, Danielle Baxter, Gaby O'Toole, Isabelle Taylor, Jack Nevison, Jacob Taylforth, Maria Massey, Max Harper, Mia Dodman, Thomas Bjork and Zak Smith-Shelley as they each won an event.

A further 4 records were broken on the evening of Thursday, 20th November. Kian Noon set two records, the first being the 8 and under 25m Breaststroke with a time of 23.69, and the second in the 8 and under 25m Frontcrawl with a time of 17.56. Miranda Bower also set records in the 14 plus 50m

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Christmas Holidays

The Pendle Leisure Centre will be closed from Monday, 22nd December until Monday, 5th January 2015.

The Friday night and Sunday morning training sessions will be running as normal, as will the Masters session, on the last weekend before Christmas.

Last Club Session:

Thursday, 18th December

First Club Session:

Monday, 5th January 2015



Annual Presentation

The Clubs Annual Presentation and Disco will be taking place at the Nelson Cricket Club on Saturday, 13th December. The doors will be open from 7:00pm with the first presentation taking place about 7:30pm.

This will include the revealing the identity of the Spot-On winner plus the Betty Petty winners. Also the winners of the Two Alberts Trophy, John Dobbin Memorial Trophy and the Bramhill Memorial Trophy will be announced.

Following the presentation of the trophies there will be a buffet, of which, tickets are available for purchase. They cost £5 per adult and £2 per child. These can be purchased on a Club night.

The Disco and party games will follow later with the DJ being Ed Munday.

Birthdays

December 2015

- 3rd Gaby O'Toole
- 4th Lola Dugdale
- 10th John Higginbottom
- 20th Lewis Eley
- 23rd Daniel Horne
- 24th George Walker
- 25th Kelsey Taylor
- 27th Alex Baker and Lewis Naughton
- 28th Elliott Barker
- 31st Steve Craig

January 2015

- 2nd Ben Wilson
- 3rd Steven Hickey
- 5th Tiago Cedron
- 8th Holly Whittaker
- 11th Francesca Bracewell
- 12th **Philip Croxall** and George Connolly
- 13th Miranda Bower
- 17th Charlie Hesketh
- 21st Kian Noon
- 25th Max Harper
- 27th Amelia Dugdale

Forthcoming Events:

13th December

Annual Presentation and Disco. Nelson Cricket Club

19th December

Last Club Session of 2014

3rd/4th January

Janus A/B Graded Meet 2015. Harrogate

5th January 2015

First Club Session of 2015

7th January

Committee Meeting. Crown Hotel 8pm

17th/18th January

Rotherham A/B Graded Meet 2015. Ponds Forge, Sheffield

29th January

Age Group Gala

5th February

Swimming Club Trials



Would parents please note that once your child's swimming lesson has finished and they are off the pool side. Colne Swimming Club is no longer responsible for their welfare.

Would all Members please note that Colne Swimming Club will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a swimmer failing to turn up on time for their lesson, and thus missing the vital warm-up part of the session.

Could anybody changing their address or telephone number please inform the Secretary.

If anybody has any stories, items of interest, or anything they think will be suitable for the newsletter, then you can email me at the following address: press@colne-asc.co.uk





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Championship Gala

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Frontcrawl with a time of 29.84, and the 15 and under 100m Individual Medley with a time of 1:14.94. Also the new 11 and over 100m Backstrokes events had records established. Miranda Bower set 1:13.32 for the girls event and Philip Walker set 1:02.28 for the boys events.

Over the 24 events swum for, there were 13 different winners, with Miranda Bower winning 5 events, and Philip Walker 4 events. Georgia Talyforth, Jack Nevison, James Barker and Kian Noon each won two events, as Amelia Dugdale, Danielle Baxter, Eleanor Root, Jacob Taylforth, Nicole Baxter, Olivia Taylor and Zak Smith-Shelley won an event each.

For those who entered the Spot On race, you will have to wait until the presentation on Saturday, 13th December to know who has won. Also the winners of the Betty Petty Style Trophy will be announced at the Presentation.

Christmas Sprint Gala

The Christmas Sprint Gala was held on Thursday, 4th December and included the return of the Parent and Child relay race, last held at the Championship Gala back in 2005.

There were only two records broken on the night, and these were both done by Andrew Higginbottom in the Parent/Teacher age group. He set new marks for the Butterfly (15.39) and the Frontcrawl (13.50) events.

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No Bags on Poolside

Pendle Leisure Centre have banned bags and clothes from being left on the poolside.

During Club sessions, do not leave bags containing clothes on the poolside, please put them in the lockers provided.

Kit bags can still be brought onto the poolside.



Easy Fund Raising

Colne Amateur Swimming Club have found a great way to raise money for free, simply by shopping online through a website called easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

Whenever you buy anything online (e.g. Christmas presents, groceries, clothes, books, train tickets, hotel rooms, etc.) you can raise a free donation for Colne Amateur Swimming Club. There are over 2,700 retailers registered with the site, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco who will donate a percentage of what you spend to Colne Amateur Swimming Club to say thank you for shopping with them.

Here's how it works:

1. Sign up – go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/casc> and click on the button to sign up.
2. Shop – from the easyfundraising website, search for the retailer you'd like to shop with and click through to the retailer to make your purchase. This tells the retailer you came from easyfundraising. The price is exactly the same as if you'd visited the retailer directly.
3. Get a donation – after you've made your purchase, the retailer will give you a cash reward that easyfundraising turn into a donation for Colne Amateur Swimming Club.

No cost, no catch!

Please be assured that using the easyfundraising website will not cost you a penny. There are no catches or hidden charges and Colne Amateur Swimming Club benefit from any donations you make once registered.

To date the Club has raised **£587.89** with the help of 19 supporters, so with more supporters we can raise even more.

Thank you for your support.

Inter-County Masters

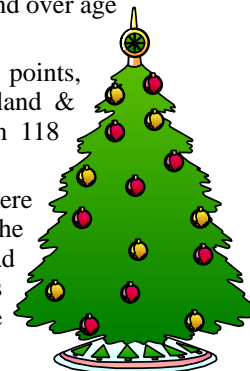
On Saturday, 15th November, Colne ASC Masters swimming Philip Croxall swam for Lancashire at the Inter-County Masters event held at the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds.

The contest was between teams from Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lancashire and Northumberland & Durham. Unfortunately there was no team from Cumbria as they could not raise a team.

Philip had two individual swims in the 45 years and over age group - 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke, and two relay swims in the mens 4x50 Freestyle relay and the mens 4x50 Medley relay, both in the 180 years and over age group.

On the day, Yorkshire amassed 235 points, with Cheshire on 189, Northumberland & Durham on 130, and Lancashire on 118 points.

Over the course of the weekend there were four other meets involving the other counties, and once the results had been collated the County Champions were Yorkshire, with Lancashire finishing 20th out of the 29 counties.



Land Training

Due to Philip changing his job, the land training session that were held on a Saturday morning at the Pendle Leisure Centre, have now been moved to the Foulridge Village Hall and will take place from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on a Friday evening.

“If the door is locked then just knock on the window.”

The session will still cost £5 per session.

This now means you can do the land training session before taking part in the pool at 7:00pm.

Grant for New Lane Ropes

On Thursday, 4th December there was a town council meeting at which we had submitted a grant request for the purchase of three new lane ropes.

Thanks to the efforts of Joan Croxall and Steve Craig who was our representative at the meeting, we were successful with our grant application.





Christmas Sprint Gala Winners

The age group winners are as follows:

BOYS

GIRLS

7 years and under

ALEX WALTON	18 points	FRANCESCA BRACEWELL	19 points
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8 years

KIAN NOON	22 points	GEORGIA TAYLFORTH	24 points
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9 years

JACK NEVISON	24 points	AMELIA DUGDALE	22 points
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10 years

BEN WILSON	20 points	OLIVIA TAYLOR	19 points
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11 years

TOBY GREEN	24 points	KELSEY TAYLOR	24 points
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12 years

ZAK SMITH-SHELLEY	24 points	ELEANOR FUGGLE	19 points
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13 years

THOMAS BJORK	24 points	MOLLY STEVENS	24 points
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14 years

GEORGE CONOLLY	22 points	ABIGAIL HARRISON	24 points
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ELLIOTT WADDINGTON	22 points		
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15 years

JAMES BARKER	24 points	NICOLE BAXTER	24 points
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16 years and over

PHILIP CROXALL	24 points		
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Parents and Teachers

ANDREW HIGGINBOTTOM	24 points		
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Parent and Child

HENRY MANNING & DAD		EMMA WILKINSON & MUM	
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