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Friendly League Fixtures

The Friendly League fixtures are now out and we are still in Division One courtesy of our victory in last seasons Swim-Off. Due to Haslingden and Todmorden withdrawing from the league, the league was been restructured slightly so that there are four teams in each division. This meant the Clitheroe will be relegated to Division Two and join Accrington, Darwen and Great Harwood.

In Division One we are joined by Burnley Aquatics, Pioneer 79 and Ramsbottom, and with only the top two guaranteed their place in Division One next season, it is going to be a tough season. So good luck to all those that get selected to represent the Club this year.

Our first fixture this season will be against Pioneer 79 on Thursday, 19th March and this will be at the Pendle Leisure Centre. As it is a home fixture, then lessons will end at 7:30pm so that the warm-up can commence for a 7:45pm start. All home fixtures are on a Thursday.

All warm-ups for both the home and away fixtures commence at 7:30pm with a 7:45pm start.

2015 Fixtures

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| Thursday, 14th March | Home | Pioneer 79 |
| Tuesday, 12th May | Away | Ramsbottom |
| Thursday, 18th June | Home | Burnley Aquatics |
| Thursday, 10th September | Home | Ramsbottom |
| Monday, 21st September | Away | Burnley Aquatics |
| Friday, 2nd October | Away | Pioneer 79 |

Details of team sheets will be displayed on the Notice Board and Club website nearer the events. If you are selected to swim and you cannot attend the fixture, then let Andrew know as soon as possible.

Remember there is no I in team. Good luck to all those who are swimming.

January Age Group Gala

This years January Age Group gala had to be postponed due to adverse weather on Thursday, 29th January. The gala was subsequently re-arranged for Thursday, 12th February.

New for this year was the invite to Nelson Swimming Club to allow their swimmers to be timed. The pool at Wavelengths is not suitable for competition. We hope to extend this invitation to our other internal galas in the future.

On the night we had good attendance from a lot of young swimmers, especially the girls, that we ended up running late and as a result some of the girls were unable to swim the 100m Individual Medley. They will be offered a chance to get a timed swim at Club sessions.

The results from the gala are now on the website.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-times.php>

Financial AGM

This years Financial AGM will take place on **Wednesday, 11th March** at the **Crown Hotel, Colne**. The meeting starts at 8pm.

All members are allowed to attend but it is only fully paid up members over the age of 18 who are allowed to vote.

The monthly committee meeting will start once the Financial AGM has been concluded.

Micro League Practice

There will be a Micro League Practice Session on **Friday, 6th March** ahead of our first fixture in this seasons Micro League, which is on Saturday, 14th March at the St. Peters Centre, Burnley.

This session is primarily open to all 9 to 12 years that will be swimming in the Micro League. It would be appreciated if some of the older children attend so that they can assist the younger swimmers and offer demonstrations.

This session is **free** as we have hired the lanes, so there is no excuse not to turn up.

The session starts at 7pm and goes on until 9pm.

The purpose of this session will be to select the best possible team for the fixture on Saturday, 14th March.

Notice

The Micro League Fixture on Saturday, 14th March has the warm-up starting at 5:15pm. Unfortunately Burnley Football Club have televised home match which kicks off at 5:30pm. This match is against last seasons champions, Manchester City.

The car parking situation could be very chaotic, as a lot of people will be descending on Burnley for this match.

It may be worth while to consider using the local buses.

Birthdays

February 2015

2nd Jac Smith-Shelley
5th Elliott Waddington
10th Leon Hebel
18th Olivia Taylor and Alice Hodgson
20th Maria Massey and Alex Horne
23rd Abbie Hampshire
25th Molly Stevens

March 2015

1st Harry McCourt
3rd Andrew Croxall
5th Isabelle Taylor
9th Madeline Sutcliffe
10th Eleanor Holgate
12th Amelia Blackey
15th Neve Cooney
19th Amelia Redfearn
22nd India Kay
25th Olivia Taylor
26th Alex Walton
31st Lydia Kibble-Terry

Forthcoming Events:

1st March

March Madness Meet 2015.
Ponds Forge ISC, Sheffield

5th March

Swimming Club Trials

11th March

Financial A.G.M. Crown Hotel, Colne. 8:00pm

14th March

Micro League Fixture. Away at St Peters. Warm-up starts 5:15pm

19th March

Friendly League. Home to Pioneer 79. Warm-up 7:30pm

28th March

Micro League Fixture. Away at Salt Ayre Sports Centre. Warm-up starts 4:15pm

3rd April

Good Friday

5th April

Easter Sunday

6th April

Easter Monday. No Club

11th April

Lancashire Masters Sprint Meet 2015. Palentine Leisure Centre, Blackpool

18th April

Micro League Fixture. Away at Stretford Sports Village, Chester Centre. Warm-up starts 4:15pm

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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Age Group Competitions

There are several age group competitions that have been selected for you to compete in. Currently there are two with the entries still open.

The **Bolton Metro Spring Sprint Meet 2015** is on Saturday, 25th April at the Jason Kenny Centre, Bolton One, Bolton. The entries for this close on Thursday, 19th March.

The **Blackpool Rocks Level 3 Meet 2015** is on Friday, 1st May until Sunday, 3rd May at the Palatine Leisure Centre in Blackpool. The entries for this close on Thursday, 26th March.

Anyone interested in these competitions needs to get in contact with our Competition Secretary Séamus Daly. Details can be found on the competition page on our website.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-comps.php>

The next competition is the **March Madness Meet 2015** at the Ponds Forge ISC in Sheffield on Sunday, 1st March. Good luck if you've entered.

North Lancs Level 3 Meet

On the weekend of the 10th and 11th January, two swimmers from Colne ASC took part in galas 1 and 2 of the **North Lancs Level 3 Meet 2015** at the Palatine Leisure Centre in Blackpool.

Miranda Bower (15 years) finished 6th in the 100m Backstroke, 7th in the 50m Freestyle, 9th in the 100m Breaststroke, 12th in the 400m Freestyle, 18th in the 200m Freestyle and 21st in the 50m Butterfly.

Abbie Hampshire (14 years) finished 13th in the 100m Backstroke and 17th in the 50m Freestyle.

On the weekend of 24th and 25th January, there was just a single representative of Colne ASC at Galas 3 and 4 of the **North Lancs Level 3 Meet 2015** held at the Palatine Leisure Centre in Blackpool.

Miranda Bower (15 years) finished 2nd in 50m Breaststroke, 4th in the 200m Backstroke, 5th in the 200m Breaststroke and 15th in the 100m Freestyle.

Most Improved Swimmer

Unfortunately due to the re-arranging of the January Age Group Gala we were unable to make a presentation of the trophies in time for this newsletter. The photos of the winners will be in the next issue of Shark Bytes.

There were some impressive improvements since last June with five children making an improvement of more than 10%, with two making more than 20%.

Boys

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| Thomas Holgate | 16.70% |
| Daniel Fuggle | 13.97% |
| Alex Walton | 6.90% |

Girls

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| Francesca Bracewell | 22.93% |
| Emily Massey | 20.52% |
| Lola Dugdale | 11.43% |

Rotherham A/B Meet

Six Colne ASC swimmers participated in the Rotherham Metro gala at Ponds Forge in Sheffield on the weekend of 17th/18th January.

Saskia Daly (10), Mia Dodman (10), Maria Massey (10), Toby Green (11), Elliot Barker (12) and James Barker (15).

It was an impressive performance from all our swimmers so early in the year. Of the 32 event participations, 25 resulted in personal bests and the other 7 were near misses. Maria and Mia came agonisingly close to the grade B medals in the 100m and 200m freestyle missing by 0.12 secs and 0.06 secs, but James Barker was the highlight of the weekend with 2 grade B golds in the 50m freestyle and the 50m breaststroke.

Toby Green finished 4th in the 50m Freestyle, 6th in the 200m Breaststroke, 7th in the 50m Breaststroke, 9th in the 100m Breaststroke, 10th in the 100m Backstroke, 11th in the 50m Butterfly, 12th in the 200m Freestyle, 14th in the 50m Backstroke and 16th in the 100m Freestyle.

Maria Massey finished 4th in the 50m Freestyle and 7th in the 100m Backstroke.

Mia Dodman finished 5th in the 100m Freestyle, 9th in the 50m Backstroke, 12th in the 50m Freestyle, 13th in the 50m Butterfly, 17th in the 200m Freestyle and 38th in the 50m Breaststroke.

Saskia Daly finished 14th in the 50m Freestyle, 16th in the 50m Backstroke, 23rd in the 100m Freestyle, 27th in the 200m Freestyle and 36th in the 50m Breaststroke.

Elliot Barker finished 6th in the 50m Freestyle, 8th in the 50m Backstroke, 12th in the 50m Breaststroke and 14th in the 100m Freestyle.

James Barker finished 1st in the 50m Breaststroke and the 50m Freestyle, 3rd in the 50m Butterfly, 4th in the 50m Backstroke and 6th in the 100m Freestyle.

Easy Fund Raising

Some of you will have noticed the Easy Fund Raising card attached to the front of this years Club Card. Please do not ignore it, as it is a great way for the Club to raise money from big business without costing you any extra.

At the moment we have **19** supporters registered with Easy Fund Raising and between them they have raised **£611,84** with **£44.38** just from this quarter.

Do you buy things from the internet? Do you use Amazon, Boots, Marks & Spencers, Speedo, etc, then shop through the Easy Fund Raising website and raise funds for the Club. It will not cost you any extra. Did you know you can book holidays and buy train tickets? So if you are not signed up, why not?

To register just follow instructions from the Club website.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/easyfundraising.php>

Please don't ignore this message, because if more people register, it can help keep your annual subscriptions down.

For example, if you want a new pair of racing goggles from the Speedo website, the Speedsocket Mirror Goggle costs £27. Then shopping through Easy Fund Raising will raise 4% of that sale for the club, which would be £1.08. Speedo pay this not you.

