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AGM Report

There was a better turn-out at the Annual General Meeting, which was held on Wednesday, 12th October at the Pendle Leisure Centre.

There are now three new committee members; **Christine Alko**, **Mark Turner** and **Cara Taylor**. They will replace Cheryl Turner, Lucy Cowgill and Janice Smith-Shelley.

The three official positions of Welfare Officer, Trophy Secretary and Team Manager have also been filled.

Small pool teacher **Deryn Ashby** will be taking over the Welfare Officer's position from Cherry Wilkinson, who through illness, is unable to fulfill her duties.

The new Trophy Secretary is **Davina Barraclough**, and **Cara Taylor** has agreed to become the new Team Manager.

The Club always needs new people on the Committee so if you feel like you would like to contribute to the Club, then see a Committee Member on a Club night.

The Committee meets once a month, usually on the first Wednesday of that month, the meetings start at 8pm and last for about an hour.

The next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, 9th November at the Pendle Leisure Centre.

Betty Petty Week

The Betty Petty Style Trophy is on week beginning Monday, 7th November, starting at 7:00pm.

This competition is open to everyone that is 15 years and under and it is not about speed but a demonstration of your technique and ability.

You will be assessed on Backstroke, Breaststroke and Frontrawl over two lengths, with starts and turns included.

So it doesn't matter if you are fast or slow, it is the person with the best stroke and technique that wins.

You can enter on-line, fill in a form or just turn up just before 7:00pm at the Pendle Leisure Centre.

The assessment will now be taking place on a Club night, with the session split between Monday and Thursday in Lane 1. You are advised to bring a spare towel or t-shirt for the pool side as there is only one swimmer in the water at any one time. The rest will be on the pool side.

NOTE: The lanes 2 to 6 will still be holding lessons.

Helpers Required

We require some volunteers to help run the Championship Galas.

We require the following:

- 6 Time Keepers - stop watches provided.
- 2/3 Judges - check turns and finishing order.
- 2 Marshals - make sure children swim in correct events.

Without help we will not be able to run these galas.

Would parents please note that once your child's swimming lesson has finished and they are off the pool side. Ocean 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.

Teachers Course

We hope to run a teacher's course in January or February 2017, but in order to do so we need to know if there are any parents willing to go on the course.

This course will (hopefully) be run at the Pendle Leisure Centre on Club nights, and they will run for a period of four weeks.

The catch is that if you do the course and pass, is that you commit at least one year of teaching at the Club. You will be allowed to teach for longer, especially if you are enjoying it.

If you are interested, or just want to know more about it, then see Joan Croxall on a Club night.

Championship Galas

The Championship Galas are on Monday, 14th and Thursday, 17th November with the warm-up starting at 6:50pm and the first race about 7:05pm.

Entry forms are now available from Mrs. Croxall or can be downloaded from the website. Alternatively you can use the on-line entry which can be found on the website.

You will only be allowed to swim in your age groups. So if you are 12 you can only swim in the 9 to 13, 11 and over, 15 and under and open age groups.

Also any swimmer can do the Senior Championship and 200m IM events which are open to all, and anyone 15 and under can do the Junior Championship events.

There is also the "Spot-On" Competition which is open to all members of the Club. Yes that does mean Parents and Teachers!

So come on have a go it's **free** as you've already paid for entry as part of your subscription to the Club.

Trophies Need Returning

Can those swimmers who won trophies last year return them as soon as possible. Please make sure they are in a **clean** condition.

If the trophy is damaged, then we need it back sooner, so that it can be repaired.

They can be returned to the new Trophy Secretary Davina Barraclough or Joan Croxall.

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

Birthdays

October 2016

- 1st Callum Bottomley, Alicia Higginbottom and Edward Holt
- 3rd Maddison Phillips
- 5th Emily Massey
- 8th Thomas Hepworth-Harvey and Ella Sagar
- 11th Georgia Taylforth
- 13th Kayleigh Mohan
- 18th Aimee Lovesey
- 20th Alyssa Blacklock
- 21st Jess Fitzpatrick
- 27th Elizabeth Saunders
- 28th Tom Fitzpatrick
- 30th Hannah Williamson and Joan Croxall

November 2016

- 1st James Barker
- 3rd Eleanor Root and Natalia Bashir
- 4th Jacob Taylforth
- 6th Dylan Jones, Lewis Fenwick and Leisl O'Keefe
- 8th Finlay Menzies
- 9th Ruairi Sweeney
- 11th Toby Green
- 16th Ayran Butt
- 17th George Collins
- 18th Thomas Bjork
- 29th India Reddy

Forthcoming Events:

28th-30th October

ASA National Masters and Senior Age Group Championships 2016.

29th-30th October

Blackpool Lights Level 3 Meet 2016. Blackpool

3rd November

CANCELLED Swimming Club Trials. Due to half-term.

7th & 10th November

Betty Petty Style Trophy

9th November

Committee Meeting. Pendle Leisure Centre. 8pm.

14th November

1st Championship Gala

17th November

2nd Championship Gala

20th November

Inter-County Masters.

26th-27th November

City of Sheffield 'Snow Frills' Gala 2016

1st December

Christmas Sprint Gala

10th December

Presentation and Disco. Nelson Cricket Club. 7:00pm

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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SPOT-ON Competition

The Spot-On competition will take place on Thursday, 17th November and will be event 13 on the programme.

This competition will cost £1 to enter as there are cash prizes of £20, £10 and £5 for the winners.

The aim of competition is to swim two lengths in the stroke you have nominated and try to match your submitted time. The winner will be the swimmer that gets closest to their submitted time.

This competition is open to ALL including parents and teachers.

There is a closing date of 5:00pm on Thursday, 17th November and no late entries will be accepted.

Rotherham A/B Grade and Teaspoon Galas

On Saturday, 24th September, there were two members of Colne ASC taking part in the **Rotherham Metro ASC A/B Graded September Meet**, held at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield.

Saskia Daly was competing in the 11 years age group and she finished 9th in the A Grade 200m Freestyle, 1st in the B Grade 50m Butterfly, 4th in the A Grade 50m Freestyle, 7th in the B Grade 50m Breaststroke, 8th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke and 7th in the A Grade 100m Freestyle.

Mia Dodman was competing in the 12 years age group and she finished 4th in the B Grade 200m Freestyle, 4th in the B Grade 50m Butterfly, 3rd in the B Grade 100m Backstroke, 1st in the B Grade 50m Freestyle, 6th in the B Grade 50m Backstroke and 1st in the B Grade 100m Freestyle.

On Sunday, 25th September, Saskia and Mia were joined by two more team mates as they all competed in the **City of Sheffield Teaspoon Gala**. Again this was held at Ponds Forge, but this time it was long course (50m)

Saskia Daly was competing in the 12 years age group (yes she did move up an age group as it was her birthday). She finished 25th in the 50m Butterfly, 22nd in the 50m Freestyle, 38th in the 50m Backstroke and 36th in the 50m Breaststroke.

Mia Dodman was competing in the 12 years age group and she finished 23rd in the 50m Butterfly, 31st in the 50m Freestyle, 33rd in the 50m Backstroke and 39th in the 50m Breaststroke.

Eleanor Fuggle was competing in the 14 years age group and she finished 13th in the 50m Breaststroke, 16th in the 50m Butterfly and 18th in the 50m Freestyle.

Daniel Fuggle was competing in the 12 years age group and he finished 17th in the 50m Freestyle, 15th in the 50m Backstroke and 14th in the 50m Breaststroke.

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- ASA National Masters Report
- Blackpool Lights Report
- Details about Christmas Sprint
- Details about Annual Presentation

Friendly League

On Monday, 19th September, a team of Colne ASC swimmers travelled to Todmorden for our penultimate fixture in this seasons North East Lancs Friendly League.

It proved to be comfortable victory for the Colne swimmers as they beat the hosts, 71 points to 49.

During the course of the evening the Colne swimmers managed 18 further new personal bests with 6 for the girls and 12 for the boys.

On Thursday, 29th September, Colne ASC were hosts to Great Harwood Otters in our final league fixture of the season.

The visitors got off to a flying start as they won all of the backstroke races. After that Colne started to close the gap, as both teams traded wins, but in the end the poor start resulted in Colne losing by 4 points as Great Harwood won by 61 points to 57.

During the course of the evening the young Colne swimmers managed a further 38 new personal bests with 23 amongst the girls and 15 for the boys.

North East Region Masters

On Sunday, 25th September, three members of the Colne ASC Masters Team were competing at the Hydro pool in Harrogate in the North East Region ASA Masters Championships. The results used an age adjusted formula to determine the winner in each event.

Tony Catterall competing in the 60 years and over age group finished 9th in the 400m Freestyle (2nd in age group), 17th in the 100m Butterfly (2nd in age group), 9th in the 200m Backstroke (3rd in age group), 17th in the 200m Individual Medley (2nd in age group), 8th in the 100m Backstroke (1st in age group), 18th in the 100m Breaststroke (4th in age group), 11th in the 200m Freestyle (2nd in age group) and 13th in the 100m Individual Medley (1st in age group).

Philip Croxall competing in the 45 to 49 years age group finished 10th in the 400m Freestyle (2nd in age group), 12th in the 200m Individual Medley (2nd in age group), 16th in the 100m Breaststroke (1st in age group) and 11th in the 200m Breaststroke (2nd in age group).

Daniel Dawson competing in the 40 to 44 years age group finished 31st in the 50m Breaststroke (4th in age group), 35th in the 50m Freestyle (6th in age group) and 21st in the 100m Breaststroke (2nd in age group).



As Christmas is approaching (only 9 weeks to go), some of you will be shopping on the Internet. If you are, then do it using the **easy fund raising** website. This will raise funds for the Club, it won't cost you anymore and there even could be some offers.

To date we have raised over £733 from only 22 supporters, with £135 over last 12 months.

Going to the Easy Fund Raising page on the website will explain how it works. So go on, visit Easy Fund Raising today, and get Amazon to donate to the Club.

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

