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Friendly League

Finally, after several meetings, we have the fixtures for the forth-coming **North East Lancs Friendly League**.

Before the fixtures are listed, there were a few changes that came from the Emergency General Meeting that was held on Tuesday, 28th February at the Hyndburn Leisure Centre.

After much discussion a slightly amended structure to the league format was finally agreed.

The age groups are to be changed from 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 and open to 9/10, 11 to 13, 14 to 16 and open. This will inconvenience us as we don't have the older swimmers.

The relays are to be changed to mixed, in that there is now a 13 years and under mixed 4 x 50m Medley Relay, and an open mixed 4 x 50m Medley Relay. Both relays require two boys and two girls, and they can be swam in any order. This can mean that a boy could be racing a girl over 50m.

The two canons at the end of the gala, are to be merged into a single 8 x 25m Freestyle canon, in which, there will be one boy and one girl from each of the age groups. Again the order of the relay is up to the coach to decide.

Finally, at the end of the meeting a proposal of no Category Two swimmers was put forward. This was voted 6 for and 5 against, and as a result, each team must consist of ASA Category One swimmers only. This prompted Clitheroe to immediately resign from the League, and promptly leave the meeting.

The Colne delegates voted against this, and we will try to get this amended for 2018, but
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March Madness

On Sunday, 12th March, there were two swimmers from Colne ASC taking part in the City of Sheffield Swim Squads' **March Madness Meet 2017**. This was a level 3 meet held at the **Ponds Forge International Sports Centre** in Sheffield.

Both **Saskia Daly** and **Mia Dodman** were swimming in a very competitive 11 and 12 years age group.

Saskia finished 15th in the 50m and 100m Freestyle events, 21st in the 50m Butterfly, 44th in the 50m Breaststroke and 58th in the 50m Backstroke.

Mia finished 16th in the 100m Freestyle, 24th in the 100m Backstroke, 29th in the 50m Butterfly, 31st in the 50m Backstroke and 53rd in the 50m Freestyle.

Sponsored Swim

During one Club session in October, possibly the 12th or the 19th, we will be holding our biennial sponsored swim. The monies raised from this event will be divided between the Club and our nominated local charity. The charitable cause will be decided at the next Committee Meeting in May.

This sponsored swim has a slight competitive edge, namely, swim as many lengths as you can in 25 minutes. There will be four waves of these 25 minutes sessions, which will be starting every half hour.

There will also be a one hour challenge for the older swimmers, to see how many lengths they can swim in an hour.

There will also be a lane available on a Monday night for those swimmers who cannot make the Thursday night.

This event is not restricted to just children as parents and teachers can also participate.

Sponsor forms will be available to download from the Club website from August.



Birthdays

March 2017

- 1st Chloe Wright
- 3rd Andrew Croxall
- 5th Isabelle Taylor and Isaac Watson
- 6th Isaac Critchley
- 9th Madeline Sutcliffe and Thomas Hoy
- 10th Eleanor Holgate
- 12th Amelia Blakey and Jared Bonsall
- 14th Joshua Robinson
- 16th Ashdon Muller
- 19th Amelia Redfearn
- 20th Emily Fenwick
- 25th Olivia Taylor

April 2017

- 4th Caelyn Bell
- 5th Thomas Holgate
- 10th Scartlett McIlveney
- 12th Caitlin Noon
- 13th Jaycub Watson
- 20th Maisie Dawson
- 21st Matilda Critchley
- 23rd Ethan Meggison and Rona Bhattacharya
- 27th Andrew Higginbottom

Forthcoming Events:

6th April

- Swimming Club Trials.
- Small Pool 6:15pm
- Large Pool 7:30pm

8th/9th April

Harrogate Spa Town A/B Grade Meet 2017

14th April

Good Friday.
Session Cancelled

17th April

Easter Monday.
No Swimming Club

24th April

Friendly League.
Away at Accrington.
Warm-up 7:15pm

28th-30th April

Blackpool Rocks Level 3 Meet 2017

1st May

Bank Holiday Monday.
No Swimming Club

3rd May

Committee Meeting.
Pendle Leisure Centre. 8pm

4th May

Swimming Club Trials
Small Pool 6:15pm
Large Pool 7:30pm

Easter Holidays

The Club will be on as normal over the Easter holiday period, with only the Good Friday and Easter Monday sessions cancelled due to the Pendle Leisure Centre being closed.

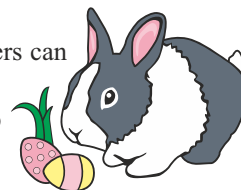
Good Friday, 14th April

Easter Monday, 17th April

Leisure Centre Notice

On the Monday and Thursday Club Nights we have had a request from the Leisure Centre, that the café area be vacated by 9:15pm so that the pool staff can clear up.

The showers should also be finished with by 9:15pm, and that the changing rooms are vacated as soon as possible.



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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for this year it means that anyone who swims in Age Group competitions is ineligible to swim. This includes Level 3 meets and A/B Graded meets, as well as Masters competitions.

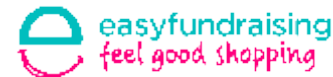
Since the meeting, both Ramsbottom and Pioneer have had to withdraw from the League as they would not be able to field a team due to having registered most of their swimmers as Category Two. This left Great Harwood without anyone to swim against, so they now join the Division Two teams which comprises of Accrington, Colne, Darwen, Todmorden and Burnley Bobcats who only joined at the AGM.

Friendly League Fixtures 2017

The North East Lancs Friendly League fixtures for 2017.

	HOME	AWAY	
ACCRINGTON	Monday, 23rd October Warm-up 7:30pm	Monday, 24th April Warm-up 7:15pm	Hyndburn Sports Centre
BURNLEY BOBCATS	Monday, 12th June Warm-up 7:30pm	Wednesday, 27th September Warm-up 7:00pm	Padiham Sports Centre
DARWEN	Monday, 22nd May Warm-up 7:30pm	Monday, 11th September Warm-up 7:15pm	Darwen Leisure Centre
GREAT HARWOOD	Monday, 9th October Warm-up 7:30pm	Monday, 17th July Warm-up 7:30pm	Mercer Hall Leisure Centre
TODMORDEN	Monday, 3rd July Warm-up 7:30pm	Monday, 19th June Warm-up 7:00pm	Todmorden Sports Centre

Details of coaches will be on the Notice Board and Website nearer the time. Team Sheets will be displayed at least two weeks before each respective fixture. If you have been selected to swim, please contact the Team Manager Cara Taylor to let her know whether you can swim or not.



Do you use the internet to do your shopping? If so, you could be helping the Club to raise money.

How so, you ask, well if you do your shopping through the Easy Fund Raising website, the Club will receive a small percentage of what you paid for goods, at no extra cost to yourselves.

Currently, we have **23** supporters of Colne ASC on the Easy Fund Raising website, who between them, have raised **£880.78**, with **£51.20** since January.

Did you know that whenever you book holidays and travel online – from your annual summer holiday to a winter weekend away – you could be raising a free donation for the Club? There are over 3,000 retailers including Expedia, Booking.com and Thomson who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to the Club to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/casc/>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Colne ASC. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and the Club will be really grateful for your donations.

We have found a great way to raise money for the Club for free. Simply swap your usual search engine (e.g. Google) to easysearch.

Every time you search the web using <http://casc.easysearch.org.uk/> instead of your usual search engine, you'll raise half a penny for Colne ASC. Search just 15 times a day and you can raise around £25 a year.

Why not give it a try? The Club will be really grateful for your donations, and it may even keep the annual subscriptions down.

To date, there have been **11,609** searches using Easy Search, which has raised **£195.34** for the Club.

Thank you for your support.



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