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Steve Craig 1954-2020

On Monday, 28th September the Club lost a friend in Steve Craig. He had been battling cancer for the last few years, but in the end it beat him. Yet he lasted long enough to see his beloved Liverpool become champions of England once again.

Steve had been involved with the Club since he was a young boy. He became the Club's Junior Champion three times in 1967, 1968 and 1970, and was the Club's Senior Champion in 1970 and 1971.

In the 1980's he brought his children Rosanna and Oliver to the Club in his capacity as a single parent.

He became the Club's Secretary in the 1990's when no one else wanted the job.

The Club has always had a Club Shop, but it was Steve who insisted, that the items for sale were visible to all the parents that attended the Club. He ensured that the Club newsletter was sold, even if he coerced one of the swimmers into being his shop assistant.

In 2008 he made a comeback to competitive swimming as he participated in several Masters events for a few years, until a neck injury put an end to that.

He attended town council meetings to help the Club achieve funding for various projects.

Whenever he attended the Club, he ensured that the swimmers started their warm-ups when teachers were late. He was always approachable and often had a quick answer to anything that was said. He was a friendly face that greeted most people at the pool.

He will be missed.



Now that non-essential shops have been ordered to close, you will have to turn to the internet in order to start that Christmas shopping. If you shop through Easy Fund Raising, you will get these internet companies donating a percentage of the money you spend to the Club.

To date we have raised **£1,475.42** from only 23 supporters, with over **£75** in the 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>

Please sign up today

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

Club Treasurer Required

Our current Treasurer John Higginbottom will be stepping down from all Club active duties this year as he nears his 80th birthday, therefore we need a new Treasurer.

Who we are looking for?

- You will be enthusiastic with a good knowledge of managing finances.
- You will have a financial background and good knowledge of managing and producing accounts.
- You will have a knowledge of using and producing accounting spreadsheets or other accounting systems.
- You will be reliable and honest.
- You will have a knowledge of various banking systems such as direct debit.

What do we and the club expect from you?

- To be responsible for all club finances by ensuring adequate accounts and records exist, and that all funds are used appropriately and banked promptly.
- To plan the annual budget in agreement with the club committee and to monitor throughout the year.
- To prepare end-of-year accounts and present to the auditor, management committee and AGM.
- To plan floats with members who would need to collect or pay out cash and make them aware of procedures.

Anyone who is interested will not be required to join the committee, but must provide monthly statements. They would be entitled to attend Committee Meetings throughout the year.

See Joan Croxall or a committee member if you think you can do the job.

secretary@colne-asc.co.uk

Birthdays

November 2020

- 1st Bethany Robinson
- 5th Olive Tattersall and Ruby Cryer
- 8th Lottie Hesketh
- 9th Ruairi Sweeney
- 11th Theo Haycocks
- 15th Georgia Twist
- 17th George Collins

December 2020

- 3rd Henry Clough
- 10th John Higginbottom (he will be 80)**
- 11th Mick Charldwood
- 15th Mia Titterton
- 19th Lara Haycocks
- 26th Adison Croxall and Kai Kucukan
- 27th Jamie Waddington

Forthcoming Events:

27th November

Black Friday. Use Easy Fund Raising to get those bargains

2nd December

Zoom Committee Meeting. On-line at 8pm

2nd December

National Lockdown 2.0 ends (Hopefully)

3rd December

Club Activities Resume (Hopefully)

25th December

Christmas Day

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Club Galas Cancelled

With the advent of the second national lockdown, it is with regret, that the 2020 Club Championship Galas have now been officially cancelled. We have also had to cancel the Christmas Sprint Gala in December along with the Annual Presentation and Disco. Even if this lockdown is lifted on the 2nd December, there will be restrictions, which would make it difficult to hold any form of social event.

As the year 2020 has been so awful for everyone, we can only hope that normality returns in 2021.

Tales from Lockdown

Back in March when the first National Lockdown was imposed, your swimming Club Chairman Philip Croxall was a bit lost.

What was he going to do, now that he could no longer swim. Well he was already cycling most weekends, and it was on the first weekend of lockdown, that his journey took him through Skipton on a Saturday lunchtime. And. It. Was. Deserted!!!

Walking became a new passion, which started with a walk to the local paper shop to get the morning paper. This gradually expanded to walking all around Kelbrook, Earby and Salterforth. He even visited the waterfalls in Earby for the first time, even though he had lived in the area for over 40 years!!!

As lockdown was easing the distance cycled started going up, with regular 40 mile plus rides. The weather did help as it was warm and sunny most weekends.

Then disaster struck, as one early morning cycle ride in July ended up in Burnley Urgent Care as he crashed his bike through a moments inattention, fortunately he was wearing a helmet. Always wear a helmet kids.

To make things worse, the pools were about to re-open and he found that he would be unable to swim for at least a month!

Having dislocated his finger and damaged his ribs, plus buckling the front wheel of his bike he found that walking was still possible, so one sunny Sunday in July he walked to the top of Penhaw for the first time. The views were pretty amazing.

He was back on his bike in August cycling round the Rheidol Valley in Wales, whilst on holiday with his family.

September arrived and finally a return to the pool, but due to 6 months out of the water, he found things were not going to be easy. At least the cycling and walking seemed easier.

If you have any tales from lockdown, then we would like to hear about them for future editions of Shark Bytes. Email details to the Press Secretary using the following address.

press@colne-asc.co.uk

Lockdown 2.0

Just when you thought it was safe to return to the water, the pools up and down the country were closed as the second national lockdown came into force on Wednesday, 4th November.

The lockdown restrictions are supposed to be eased on Wednesday, 2nd December. If this does happen, we can look forward to resuming Club activities on Thursday, 3rd December.

Details of a Club return to the pool will be published on the Club website towards the end of November (hopefully). This information will also be posted on the Club's Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Fingers crossed that we will be swimming again in time for Christmas.



Skipton high street at start of lockdown



The waterfalls at Earby



The view from the top of Penhaw



The Rheidol Valley in Wales

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