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Club Trip to Outdoor Elements

On Saturday, 8th July a group of 28 children and a few adults made their way to the Outdoor Elements Activity Centre near Simonstone for a day of adventure and fun.

The children were split up into two groups, 8 and under and the 9 years and over. This was due to one of the instructors being unavailable due to family emergency.

The younger adventurers had fun building shelters and creating fire, which was apt considering the weather forecast. They also fired some arrows in the archery, climbed trees then zoomed across the valley on the Super Zip Line. That must have been fun as they went back for more.

The older adventurers started off firing arrows, then climbing trees before the tricky Jacobs Ladder where they had to work as a team. They finished off the day climbing a tree and jumping off in the Leap of Faith, where quite a few jumped from the high top platform. The last activity was the Mega Zip Line, with some of them having a go at the Super Zip Line.

Everyone was fortunate that the predicted thunderstorms did not arrive, with the rain arriving at lunchtime, followed by light rain when the activities resumed.

At the end of the day there was a group photo before they left happy, with their parents. No doubt the parents had tales of their adventures long into the evening.

Photos from the day are now available to browse/download from the Club website. If anyone wants hi-res version of a photo, then contact press@colne-asc.co.uk, and it will be sent to you.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/outdoorelements2022.php>

Friendly League Report

Colne's recent fixtures in the North East Lancs Friendly League resulted in two loses, but that was not all the story.

On Monday, 19th June the team travelled to the Accrington Academy to take on Great Harwood Otters.

It proved to be a tricky meet as Great Harwood won the majority of the races, but there were some good wins by the Colne swimmers. Yet it was not enough as Great Harwood won the contest by 47 points to 70.

The next fixture was at home to Accrington SC. After a few delays the contest started about 20 minutes late, but once the racing started it proved to be very close.

Neither team could maintain an advantage throughout the course of the evening as they traded wins. Once the penultimate race had finished the scores were level!

The final 8 x 25m canon relay started and each leg was evenly matched including the last leg, in which, Accrington edged out Colne by 0.25 of a second. This left the final score at 59 points to 58 to Accrington.

The atmosphere built throughout the evening and nearly took the roof off when the final race finished.

Summer Holidays

We shall be having our usual Summer Break to allow the teachers to recharge their batteries.

Last Club Session:

Thursday, 27th July

First Session Back:

Thursday, 31st August

This will be both the large and small pools.



Birthdays

Month 2023

- 2nd Lucie Shepherd
- 3rd Milo Kenyon
- 6th Zoe Blackadder
- 7th Abigail Scanlan
- 10th Walter Bennett
- 14th Sienna Hartley
- 15th Matilda Walker
- 19th Zaviah Cotterill
- 30th Chloe Wilkinson

Month 2023

- 6th Jessica Lloyd and Ffion Bell
- 10th Luke Chew
- 15th Eliza Yuille
- 20th Deryn McDonagh
- 22nd Olivia Kadzior
- 23rd Kaius McGlone

Forthcoming Events:

27th July

Last Club Session prior to Summer Break

31st August

First Club session after the Summer Break

6th September

Committee Meeting. 8pm

7th September

Swimming Club Trials.

Small pool 6:15pm.

Large Pool 7:30pm.

15th September

Friendly League Fixture.

Away to Burnley Bobcats

28th September

Friendly League Fixture.

Home to Great Harwood

9th & 12th October

Sponsored Swim Event.



June Age Group Gala

The **Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group Gala for June** was held on Thursday, 29th June, and there were a total of 20 boys and 30 girls taking part, of which, 25 qualified for the Most Improved Swimmer award this time.

It was pleasing to see 39 swimmers doing all four a strokes this time, thus qualifying them for the Most Improved Swimmer award next January.

Hopefully, next January/February we can have more swimmers participating in this gala.

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Despite the loss the young Colne swimmers did themselves proud by recording a further 27 new personal bests with 15 for the girls and 12 for the boys.



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We are STILL looking!



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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The presentation of the Most Improved Swimmers' took place on Monday, 3rd July.

The winners this time were Zaviah Cotterill and Matilda Critchley and they received their trophies from Club Coach Andrew Croxall.

Most Improved Swimmers

Boys

Zaviah Cotterill	7.06%
Daniel Warner	6.92%
Elijah Bartlett	5.56%
Maverick Robson	5.40%
Edward Green	4.80%
Thomas Holgate	1.83%
Sami Clough	-1.13%

Girls

Matilda Critchley	15.83%
Lacey Hall	12.83%
Betsy Townsend	11.36%
Eva Gregg	8.93%
Chloe Haythornthwaite	7.71%
Isabella Wallace	6.86%
Emma Cox	5.71%
Betsy Rider	4.98%
Zoe Blackadder	2.52%
Isabel Savage	2.29%
Lilly-Ann Marks	1.34%
Lucie Shepherd	1.16%
Olive Tattersall	-0.11%
Eleanor Holgate	-2.08%
Abigail Scanlan	-2.42%
Martha Green	-2.73%
Libby Cox	-2.75%
Isabelle Teal	-2.79%



Zaviah and Matilda presented with their trophies



Open Water

The Big Bala Swim in lake Bala was on the 3rd of June. Two senior swimmer from Colne ASC took part in two of its event's. Bob Whittaker took part in the end-end event, a 4.5km Swim from one end of the lake to the other with a fantastic steam train ride to get him to the bottom end of the lake. While Steve Tyler indulged in the two way starting at the top of the lake, swimming to the bottom end & returning to the finish, a total of 9km in total. Steve did all this without a wetsuit & finished 3rd in none wetsuit category & 3rd in his age group, while Bob swam in a wetsuit & finished 3rd over all & 1st in his age group. So I think they deserved an ice cream, but the queue was far to long.

On 7th July, Bob Whittaker headed up to Lake Derwent to take part in a 3.8km swim.

He had a lovely sunny swim with a dip in choppy water and finished with 8th overall, 4th male & 1st old man.

This was followed by a well deserved coffee & bacon butty!



The Club has been signed up with Easy Fundraising for over 10 years, and in this time we have only had a few supporters. We would like more.

Currently there are 27 supporters of the Club on Easy Fundraising, and between them they have raised £1,685.38 which equated to £91.24 over the past 12 months.

Details about how Easy Fundraising works can be found on the Club website.

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

Just remember by shopping through Easy Fundraising's website, you are getting big business to donate to the Club, and you get what you are purchasing at no extra cost. It is a no brainer, so come on, join today and help support the Club.



Thank you.

Sponsored Swim

On the 9th & 12th October we intend to hold our biennial sponsored swim. We will donate 50% of the funds raised to our nominated charity, the Pendleside Hospice. The other half of the funds will go to the Club.

The sponsor forms have now been published to the Club website.

The format will be to swim as many lengths as possible in 25 minutes. For the older swimmers and those that like a proper challenge, there will be swim as many lengths as possible in an hour.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/forms/sponsor.pdf>

New Club Secretary Required

Our current Club Secretary Joan Croxall had already stated her intention to step down from her role at the last AGM in October 2022.

Joan has been Club Secretary for over 40 years and has overseen the biggest admin change for Clubs, with the introduction of Swim Mark (nee Swim 21).

The position is quite involved and will require the new incumbent to devote several hours a week to the job.

Anyone who thinks they are up to the task, then please contact either Philip, Joan or a committee member.

The Club cannot function without a Secretary.

Enjoy your Summer Holidays

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