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New Club Secretary Required

Our current Club Secretary Joan Croxall had stated her intention to step down from her role by the last AGM in October 2022. It is now 2023!

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 Joan or a committee member.

The Club cannot function without a Secretary.

New Committee Members

The Club **needs** new members on the Committee, without this, then the Club will struggle to operate.

The committee meetings take place on-line using Zoom on the first Wednesday of a month. The meetings only last 40 minutes.

If interested, then speak to Club officials at the pool on a Club night, or email the secretary.

If no one is interested in helping the Club by the AGM in October, we may take the decision to dissolve the Club.

secretary@colne-asc.co.uk

Birthdays

September 2023

2nd Henry Manning
4th Maverick Robson
12th Oliver Wilkinson
15th Grace Cardus
24th Archie Hunter
25th Saskia Daly

October 2023

3rd Oleksandr Matsaniuk
4th Isabelle Teal
8th Louie Adamson and Freya Sumner
17th Scarlett Hardiman

Friendly League

The Friendly League returned after the summer break with the team travelling to Padiham Sports Centre on Friday, 15th September to take on Burnley Bobcats.

Despite having a week break from Club training due to the Pendle Leisure Centre being closed, they pushed their hosts to narrowly lose the contest by 57 points to 61. It was an excellent performance by the team.

Our final fixture will be at the Pendle Leisure Centre against Great Harwood Otters on Thursday, 28th September. The warm-up will be starting at 7pm, with the first race commencing at 7:15pm.

The lessons in the large pool will be cancelled to accommodate the gala. The small pool lessons are not affected and will be running as per usual.

Sponsored Swim

On the 9th & 12th October we will be holding a Club sponsored swim event. We will donate 50% of the funds raised to the Pendleside Hospice. The other half of the funds will go to the Club.

The sponsor forms are now available to download from the website, or you can find a copy on the Noticeboard.

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.

If any parents or teachers would like to have a go then their participation would be appreciated.

If any parents or teachers don't want to swim, then they can help in the counting of the lengths. A clipboard, lap chart, pen, chair and a drink will be provided. Please be available BEFORE the first session starts.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 4th October**, online using Zoom. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. The pass code for the meeting will be provided on flyers and be available on request.

All fully paid up members of the Club may attend this meeting but only members who have reached their 18th birthday shall be entitled to be heard and vote on all matters (members who have not reached their 18th birthday shall be entitled to be heard and vote only on matters concerning juniors, such as election of club captains).

All matters for the meeting must have already been submitted in writing to the Secretary. Any late matters will not be discussed unless agreed with the Chairman beforehand.

We need more parents to join the Committee to help with the running of the Club. All that we ask of you is to be available at 8pm for the first Wednesday of a month up to 8 or 9 times a year. The Committee meetings are now held online using the Zoom application and last for 40 minutes. Also Committee members are eligible for reduced membership fees.

WITHOUT A COMMITTEE THE CLUB CANNOT FUNCTION.

Forthcoming Events:

28th September

Friendly League Fixture
Home to Great Harwood
Warm-up 7pm

4th October

Annual General Meeting
Online via Zoom. 7:30pm

5th October

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

9th October

Sponsored Swim Event
One Lane only

12th October

Sponsored Swim Event
Whole pool

6th & 9th November

Betty Petty Style Competition

13th & 16th November

Club Championship Galas

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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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Swim from Europe to Asia

A group of four swimmers took on one of the oldest swimming challenges in crossing from Europe to Asia. This swim took place in Turkey crossing the Dardanelles Straight.

Taking on the challenge were Club members Bob Whittaker and Steve Tyler, Club teacher Mark Turner and weekend masters swimmer Cathy Garrett.

They took to the water at Hellespont and set off for the finish at Dardanelles for a 4.6km swim. The waters were clear but the current was strong as all four missed the finish, and had to swim back against the current!

The first one to complete the challenge was Bob who finished 66th in 53 minutes. Steve made it after an hour in 112th place, with Cathy finishing 44th in women's event in 1 hour 7 minutes, and Mark completed the swim in 1 hour 12 minutes and was 8th in his age group.

Steve said *"All went well but could have done better. We all managed to misjudge the current, overshot the finish and ended up having to swim hard back upstream. Everyone finished in the top ten for there age group though. A spectacular swim with Clear, warm (20DegC +) water. Beautiful (none stinging) jellyfish and dolphins. What more could you ask for other than a good finishing time!"*

After the event all swimmers were invited to a meal to replenish the calories lost.



York Fun Triathlon

On Saturday, 19th August, young Isabella Holt took part in the York Kids Fun Triathlon. It was rather eventful, but here's a photo of her with her medal! She did the Zinc level, so 25m swim, 1k ride and 500m run.

Her mother said, *"Funny story for you...she decided to do breaststroke on the swim after chatting to the guy for quite a while, then, after throwing up from coughing after running from the swim, she wanted to carry on but then got lost on the cycle track, you know, the 1 way tarmac cycle tracks...? Anyway, she didn't arrive at the end of the ride when all the others had come back, and it turns out she was sat talking to the photographer, so arrived way after the last children came back. But, she completed and got the best round of applause at the end!"*

Well done Isabella, you are a star!

If anyone else has done anything outside of the Club and they wish to share with other Club members, then email the press secretary with your story.

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Swim Mark Accreditation

We are currently in the process of being re-accredited for Swim Mark.

We shall be uploading the required evidence during the month of September, before our submission goes before the National Panel in October.

We should know before the end of October as to whether our re-accreditation has been successful.

The purpose of Swim Mark is to show that a swimming club has good governance and is a safe place for children to learn to swim.

Safeguarding Issue

An incident was raised on Thursday, 7th September when one girl reported that somebody looked under the cubicle whilst she was getting changed. We were unable to identify who looked under the cubicle, but we shall continue to investigate.

Can I remind everyone, that whilst in the cubicles, you should just get changed, either to get ready to swim, or to go home. Under no circumstances should anyone look under or over the cubicle walls.

A further reminder, that mobile phones should not be operated within the shower or changing areas.

If everyone can adhere to this, then it will keep the Club environment safe for all.

Thank you.



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 **29** supporters of the Club on Easy Fundraising, and between them they have raised **£1,711.17**, which equates to **£106.53** in the past 12 months.

By using easysearch instead of Google or any other search engine, you can make a real difference. easysearch is completely FREE and by making just 10 searches a day, you could raise around £20 a year for the Club.

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.

