



## AGM Report

On Wednesday, 4th October, we held our Annual General Meeting on-line in the hope of new people attending.

There were a total of ten people attending, with no new people, as everyone were serving members of the committee. The Club Officials remain the same for the next six months, as the next AGM has to be in March.

The choosing of the Captains for 2024 had been deferred until the November Committee Meeting along with the setting of the Club fees. The Annual Presentation is at Colne Cricket Club, with a buffet and a disco on Saturday, 9th December.

Our teaching situation is better than 12 months ago with 10 teachers and 2 assistants / helpers. We aim to get some of the teachers on a coaching course as soon as possible. It would be good for the Club and the older swimmers if they could come to the Club earlier and help out on the poolside.

The Club always needs new people on the Committee so if you feel like you would be able 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 40 minutes as they are online.

A bonus of being on the committee, is that you **do not need to pay to spectate**, but you must be willing to help out.

The next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, 8th November and will be held online via Zoom.

## Swimming Club is On

There will be swimming Club sessions from Monday, 23rd October to Thursday, 2nd November which is during the half-term holiday period.

Some of our teachers will be away on holiday, so we have minimum teaching cover for the sessions.

## Swim Mark Accreditation

We finally got our health check submitted and approved of Swim England's Swim Mark Accreditation. We are now awaiting ratification.

Thanks to Joan and Philip Croxall who got submission done.

## 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.

As well as paying a reduced membership fee of £10, you do not need to pay to spectate, but you will have to be available to help out on a Club night.

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

[secretary@colne-asc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@colne-asc.co.uk)

## New Club Secretary Required

Our current Club Secretary Joan Croxall had stated her intention to step down from her role at the AGM in October 2021, but she will still look after the role until somebody new steps up.

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

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.**

## Championship Galas

The Championship Galas are on **Monday, 13th** and **Thursday, 16th November** with the warm-up starting at 6:50pm and the first race about 7:05pm.

Entry forms are now available from Philip Croxall or can be downloaded from the website. The on-line entry system is currently not working 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.

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## Helpers Required

We require helpers for the forthcoming Championship Galas in November.

The galas will be taking place on **Monday, 13th** and **Thursday, 16th of November**.

More details can be found on page 2.

## 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 Trophy Secretary Kevin Critchley or Philip Croxall.

## Birthdays

### October 2023

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

### November 2023

2nd Oliver Chew  
5th Olive Tattersall  
7th Charlie Reddy  
9th Ben Woods  
17th Theo Haycocks  
19th Emma Mitchell  
23rd Sophia Turner and Mabel Thrupp

## Forthcoming Events:

**6th November**  
Betty Petty Style Competition

**8th November**  
Committee Meeting.  
On-line at 8pm

**9th November**  
Betty Petty Style Competition

**13th November**  
Championship Gala Part 1  
Warm-up 6:50pm

**16th November**  
Championship Gala Part 2  
Warm-up 6:50pm

**6th December**  
Committee Meeting. TBC.

**7th December**  
Christmas Sprint Gala

**9th December**  
Annual Presentation.  
Colne Cricket Club. 7pm

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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](mailto:press@colne-asc.co.uk)



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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! But you have to pay.

So come on have a go as the rest of the competition is free as you've already paid for entry as part of your subscription to the Club.

If you are thinking that there is no point entering because you think that you cannot win, then you will never win.

Your membership includes entry to these galas, so come on, enter this year, you might win.

It would be a shame if there are any trophies not competed for this year.

Betty Petty Week

The Betty Petty Style Trophy is on week beginning Monday, 6th 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 Frontcrawl 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 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.

The competition is expected to last about an hour and a quarter on each of the two nights. The order of the swimmers will be determined by drawing lots, and girls and boys will be done at the same time, as there is only one child in the water at any one time.

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



The Club has been signed up with Easy Fundraising for over 15 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 £1,715.29, which equates to £107.60 in the past 12 months

If you use Easy Search rather than Google or Bing, you will donate to our cause without spending a penny..

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.

Helpers Required

We require helpers to assist with the running of the Championship Galas, which are taking place on Monday, 13th and Thursday, 16th November.

If you would like to volunteer your services then go to the desk before the start of the Gala.

You may not be required but your offer will be appreciated.

We require the following:

- 6 Time Keepers
• At least 2 team organisers/chaperones
• At least 1 marshall
• At least 2 turn judges

No experience is necessary, but must be patient with the kids all wanting to know if they are swimming.

Clipboards, pens, stopwatches and drinks will be provided.

NOTE: If we don't have enough people helping, then we will struggle to hold this gala.



The Spot-On competition will take place on Thursday, 16th 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. Remember this is a fun event.

There is a closing date of 7:00pm on Thursday, 16th November and no late entries will be accepted.

Sponsored Swim

There was a fantastic turn-out for our sponsored swim event held on Monday, 9th and Thursday, 12th October, as 53 took to the water to raise funds for the Club and Pendleside Hospice.

There were 31 participating in the 25 minute swim and an impressive total of 22 taking on the one hour challenge.

Hope everybody enjoyed the experience.

Now for the hard part, we would like sponsor monies donated to be returned to the Club as soon as possible. You can either bring cash, write a cheque or transfer the funds using on-line banking.

Nat West Bank:

A/c. Name: Colne Amateur Swimming Club
A/c. No: 23626696
Sort Code: 01-02-20
Reference: Sponsor <name>

Friendly League

Our last fixture of the 2023 season took place at the Pendle Leisure Centre on Thursday, 28th September against Great Harwood Otters.

The visitors proved to be a much stronger team and won the contest by 68 points to 46.

Despite this the young Colne swimmers managed 22 personal bests between them with the boys having 6, and the girls 16.

Well done to all the swimmers who swam for the Club during 2023. You did the Club proud.

Thank you.

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