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## Annual Presentation Report

Last year we held our Annual Presentation at the Colne Cricket Club on the evening of Saturday, 9th December. It was a cold, wet and windy night as storm Elin rolled in from the Atlantic, but inside the Colne Cricket Club it was warm and dry with constant music from the DJ.

The proceedings started a bit late due to setting up the trophies, but once underway, Andrew gave a brief report on the year culminating in a presentation to Andy, a representative from Pendleside Hospice, with a cheque for £1100. A photo was taken with a few of the swimmers who helped raise some money.

The first of the trophies were to the small pool with the Bramhil Memorial Trophy for achievement being presented to Jack Cardus, who showed quick progress in picking up the strokes, and the John Dobbin Memorial Trophy for courage/bravery went to Emma Mitchell who had started scared, but gradually overcame her fears to start enjoying swimming. Unfortunately, neither Jack nor Emma were there, so will be presented with their trophies on a Club night.

The Betty Petty Style Trophies were then awarded to Olive Tattersall and Henry Clough, followed by the presentation of the trophies won at the Club Championship Galas.

The next presentation was for the age group winners from Thursday's Christmas Sprint Gala. This was followed by the t-shirt presentation for the new Club Captains for 2024, who were Henry Manning and Libby Cox as the senior captains, and Zaviah Cotterill and Adison Croxall as the Junior Captains. Before finally presenting the Two Alberts Trophy for Services to the Club, which went to teacher Jayne Wilkinson.

The final awards of the night were to the Spot-On winners, with Adison Croxall winning £5 being 1.47 seconds off her time. Esme Watson winning £10 for being 0.50 seconds off her time, and Isabelle Teal winning £20 being just 0.18 seconds off her time.

Before the buffet was opened and the volume increased by the DJ, a group photo was taken of the trophy winners. Then the party started!

The age group winners from the **Christmas Sprint Gala** held on Thursday, 7th December were for the girls; Isabella Holt, Connie McIntyre, Sophia Turner, Lilly-Ann Marks, Abigail Scanlan, Emma Cox, Betsy Rider, Matilda Critchley, Isabella Wallace, Eleanor Holgate, Martha Green and Libby Cox.

The boys winners were; Oliver Blackadder, George Marks, Alexander McGregor, Maverick Robson, Edward Green, Daniel Warner, Olexsandr Matsanuik and Thomas Holgate.

The parents / teachers winners were Rebecca Rider, Matthew Watson and Andrew Teal.

The winners of the Parent and Child relays were a family affair as Isaac Critchley and mum, and Matilda Critchley and dad won.

## Annual Subscriptions are Due

Unfortunately due to rising costs, we can announce that the Annual Club Subscriptions for 2024 have been increased. In future, the prices will have to be increased as costs rise further.

The annual subscription was due on 31st December 2023, and renewing members have until Thursday, 1st February in which to pay. Payment terms can be negotiated upon arrangement.

### The prices for 2024 are:

Full Swimming Member:

Adult	£80
Students	£70
1st Child	£70
2nd Child	£60
Additional Child	£45

Associate Member

£60

Committee Member

£10

The membership application form for 2024 is now available to download from the Club website.

**NOTE:** Failure to pay by Thursday, 1st February, will mean that you will not be allowed in the water, as you will no longer be insured.

## URGENT CLUB NOTICE

Can all swimming club members be aware that the Wave Power changing room policy now **prohibits all use of a mobile phone or device in a changing area during all Colne A.S.C. regulated activities.** This includes, but is not limited to taking photos, texting, making phone calls and browsing the internet.

## February Age Group Gala

The **Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group Gala for February** will take place on Thursday, 8th February.

The warm-up will be from 6:50pm with the gala starting about 7:10pm.

This gala is important as we need times from the swimmers to work out the teams for the Friendly League when it resumes, usually in March.

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## Birthdays

### January 2024

6th Oscar Astin  
12th Philip Croxall  
13th Daniel Warner  
18th Ivo Mielczarek  
27th Isabella Holt and Taylor Humphreys  
30th Eva Gregg  
31st Edward Green

### February 2024

3rd Elliott Shilton  
8th Mollie Wright  
14th Luke Dawson and Martha Green  
21st Roux Glass  
22nd Betsy Townsend  
24th Orla Burnett  
25th Emma Cox

## Forthcoming Events:

### 8th January

First Club session of 2024

### 10th January

Committee Meeting  
Online via Zoom. 8pm

### 11th January

First Small Pool class of 2024

### 1st February

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

### 8th February

Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Gala - February  
Warm-up 6:50pm

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No phones in changing area.

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We are still waiting

### Competition Rules

Some rules to help you

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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## February Age Group Gala continued from page 1

The award for the Most Improved Swimmer will be based on your times from the June Age Group Gala last year, provided you did all four strokes..

If you do all four strokes this time you will qualify for the Most Improved Swimmer award at the June Age Group gala, but remember you will have to do all four strokes in June.

### Helpers Required

We would like volunteers to offer their services to the desk before the start of the Age Group Gala on Thursday, 8th February. 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 marshal
- 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 have to cancel this gala.

### Advanced AGM Notice

The Club's Annual General Meeting has been moved to March this year from October. Notice's as to when the AGM will take place will be posted on the Club Website, Noticeboard and Newsletter.

### Raffle Prizes

If anyone has received an unwanted gift this Christmas and hasn't the heart to tell Santa, then you could donate it to the Club, and we can use it as a raffle prize in a forthcoming swimming gala.

### Water Bottles

Swimmers are encouraged to bring water bottles with them onto the poolside.

During exercise you will lose body fluids through sweating, so it is important that you replace these fluids and remain properly hydrated.

Water is one of the best fluids that you can use for training, and it can be flavoured with cordial. Do not use fizzy drinks as this will make you feel bloated.

Once your lesson has finished please remember to collect your water bottle and not leave it on the poolside.



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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for **Colne ASC**? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to **Colne ASC** 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 <http://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.

Over the years we have managed to have **29** people sign up, and between them, they have raised **£1,746.61**, with **£89.12** in the last 12 months. We would like to increase this, so if more of you join up and support the Club it would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you to all those who have supported the Club using Easy Fundraising.

## Sssssshhh!!

It is important for everybody in the pool environment to be quiet before the start of a race.

This makes it easier for the swimmers to hear the starters instructions.

Once the race has started then you can shout as loud as you want.

Thank you.

### Competition Rules

Now that we are in a new year, it is good to remind everyone of a few rules that all swimmers have to adhere to whilst competing.

1. Do not move when under starters orders. You only get one chance at the start.
2. Backstroke always starts in the water.
3. Use two hands on the wall when performing breaststroke and butterfly turns.
4. You must always be on your back when swimming backstroke, except at turns.
5. Tumble turns only permitted when swimming backstroke or freestyle events.
6. Do not stand-up during a race. Unless you are swimming a freestyle event.
7. Treat individual medley as four separate races, as you must complete one stroke before going onto the next.
8. Individual medley order is butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.
9. Medley relays are swum as backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle.

### 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 look after the role until somebody new steps up, but she cannot do it forever.

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.**

