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# Issue 189

# March 2024

## Most Improved

The Most Improved Swimmers from June 2023 to February 2024 are **Oliver Blackadder** with an 23.20% improvement and **Roux Glass** with a 19.72% improvement. They were presented with their trophies on the poolside by Club Coach Andrew Croxall.

There were seven boys and twenty-one girls who qualified for the Most Improved Swimmer Awards from June 2023 until February 2024.

In order to qualify for the Most Improved Swimmer award the swimmer must do all four strokes in both the February and June Age Group Galas.

## AGM Report

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th March having been moved from the traditional October date at the insistence of Swim England. Again the meeting was held on-line, and we had two new attendees. Amanda Holt who won't be joining the committee and Maurice Lloyd who will.

We also chose a new Club President in teacher Dr Mark Turner, who was truly honoured to accept the position as it was 50 years ago that Mark's father served as the Club President.

The Club Trip was chosen as Outdoor Elements for Saturday, 29th June.

There will be creme eggs handed out to swimmers and teachers in the week before Easter.

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, 10th April and will be held online via Zoom.

## Easter Holidays

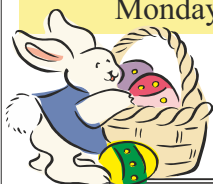
The Club will be closed for a week over Easter.

## Last Session:

Thursday, 29th March

## Club Resumes:

Monday, 8th April



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.



Roux and Oliver receiving their trophies



## February Age Group Gala

The Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group for February should have taken place on Thursday, 8th February, but due to heavy snow it was decided to postpone the gala until Thursday, 22nd February to give everybody the chance to compete.

The gala was well attended and the best since before the pandemic with 33 girls and 20 boys taking part. There were quite a few swimmers in the 9, 10 and 11 year age groups attempting 2 lengths, but it was only girls as the boys just opted for the one swim per stroke.

There were a total of 7 boys and 21 girls who had qualified for the Most Improved Swimmer Award for February having done the requisite swims in June and February.

Due to an increase to the number of swimmers and we weren't rushing through the heats, we overran the gala by 15 minutes!

The full results can be found on the Club website and Notice Board.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-times-feb24.php>

## New Club Secretary Required

Our current Club Secretary Joan Croxall had stated her intention to step down from her role at a the 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 Joan or a committee member.

The Club cannot function without a Secretary.

## Birthdays

### March 2024

1st Alfie Weston  
3rd Andrew Croxall  
6th Isaac Critchley  
7th Phillippa Kenyon  
10th Eleanor Holgate and Robyn Hilton  
11th Chloe Hawthornthwaite  
14th Betsy Rider  
25th Inaya Hussain  
26th Oliver Blackadder  
27th Edward Scanlan  
31st Isaac Chew

### April 2024

2nd Lily Higgins  
5th Thomas Holgate  
7th Libby Cox  
8th Freya Smith-Shelley  
11th Isabella Davies  
15th Jasmine Higginbottom  
19th George Marks  
21st Matilda Critchley

## Forthcoming Events:

### 19th March

2nd Schools Gala

### 28th March

Last Club Session before Easter

### 29th March

Good Friday

### 31st March

Easter Sunday

### 1st & 4th April

No Swimming Club

### 8th April

Swimming Club Resumes

### 10th April

The Club's 112th Birthday

### 10th April

Committee Meeting. 8pm

### 11th April

Swimming Club Trials

Small Pool 6:15pm

Large Pool 7:30pm

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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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## Outdoor Adventure

For **Saturday 29th June**, we have organised a Club trip to Outdoor Elements, which is situated just outside Simonstone. **So book the date in your diaries.**



This will be our fifth visit, and on the previous visits, anyone who went really enjoyed the day.

The day of fun activities will be from 9:30am until 4:00pm, with drinks provided. You will need to bring a packed lunch..

Throughout the course of the day, there will be five activities to take part in, each will have an instructor to show you what to do. You will be split into multiple groups, and we ask for at least one adult volunteer per group.

The price for a day of fun will be **£10** per person, which is same for adults if they wish to participate. If you wish to bring a friend then it will be **£20**. This is heavily subsidised as it would normally cost £44 for a day of activities.

We have made an initial reservation for 30 people, and will be taking bookings after the Easter holidays.

If you want to read more about Outdoor Elements then use this link to their website.

<https://outdoorelements.co.uk/>

## Entry to Sports Centre

We have been asked by management of Pendle Leisure Centre to remind everybody that they need to pay in reception to either swim or spectate. This is because the Club does not hire the pool.

If you have an Activo card, then please use it.

The Club membership fees only cover you for swimming related activities and insurance.

Sorry.

## Wear Swimming Caps

Can ALL swimmers with long hair wear a swimming cap whilst in the water, this is a health and safety issue.

It has happened in the past, that a swimmer has got their hair tangled in the lane rope, when this happens, the swimmers hair may have to be cut in order to free them.

## So Please Wear a Swimming Cap

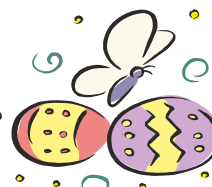


Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for **Colne ASC**? There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you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

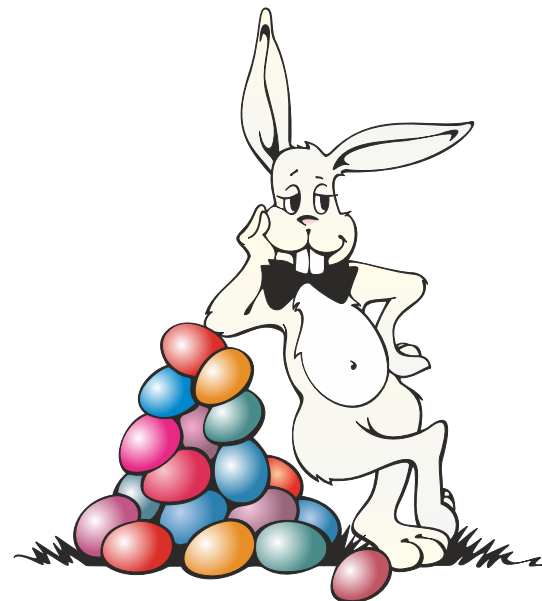
Over the years we have managed to have **29** people sign up, and between them, they have raised **£1,786.55**, with **£116.70** over the past 12 months. We would like to increase this, so if more of you join up and support the Club it would be hugely appreciated.

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

## Schools Galas

The first of the two Schools Galas took place on Tuesday, 12th March at the Pendle Leisure Centre. We provide four helpers/officials to help run the gala. They were Isabelle Teal, Jayne Wilkinson, Frankie Roberts and Philip Croxall.

The second of the two galas may have taken place when you read this newsletter, as it is on Tuesday, 19th March.



## Personalised Hats and Hoodies

At the end of last year a yellow form was put on the notice board to get a list of swimmers who would like to have a Club hat with their name on it.

Yes we are still going to do this, so if you want a named hat then add your name to the list. We will be ordering them after the Easter Holidays. They will cost **£7.50**.

We also sell personalise hoodies, if you want one, then you have to order on a Club night. Prices are from **£13**.