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Birthdays - September

1st Oliver and Marcus Pettitt; 4th William Downey, William Paton and Ashleigh Dibb; 6th James Henderson; 7th Tony Catterall; 8th Sam Wildman; 9th Francesca Harrison-Bradley and Karen Driver; Roman Kalan; 11th Morgan Ratcliffe; 12th Ben Shepherd and Sally Gildea; 13th Alan Taylor; 16th Aeneas Robinson and Stephen Baker; 19th Callum Brown and Jordan Riley; 20th Danielle Ormerod; 26th Katie Shaw and Lee Curwen; 27th Hasham Jabbar; 29th Christian Santa-Barbara; 30th Daniele Santa-Barbara, Bethan Roberts and Jade Smith.

Birthdays - October

1st Alex Williams and Mark Fawcett; 3rd Jonathon Bates and Sian Ralph; 5th Hussnain Jabbar; 6th Juliet Tomkins; 7th Sandra Booth; 9th Itsham Jabbar and Marcus Farnworth; 10th George Brown; 11th Shannon Ralph; 16th Callum Riley; 17th Peter Langstroth; 18th Laura Schofield; 20th Philip Jee; 21st Keiron Hartley; 22nd Christopher Gill, Baylee Mahoney and Olivia Gill; 24th Charlotte Titterton; 28th Andrea Hartley; 29th Tom Blackburn; 30th Joan Croxall; 31st Jordan Haines.

Birthdays - November

1st James Barker; 3rd Nicole Ormerod; 4th Aidan Fenn; 5th Ross Munroe and Matthew Hodgkinson; 6th Emma Scott-Miller; 10th Rachel Ingham; 11th Timothy Scott-Miller, Niamh Mullany and Victoria Gill; 12th Georgina Dent; 13th Joanna Holt; 17th Chloe Durcan and Lucy Williams; 19th Bethany Smith; 21st Maxime Whitham; 22nd Joshua Finch and Rebecca Shepherd; 25th Nathan McCollum and Francesca Santa-Barbara; 28th Joshua Tones.

Annual Championship Galas

This years Championship Galas take place on Thursday, 9th and Thursday 16th November. Entry forms are available from Mrs Croxall.

The Betty Petty Style competition will take place on Saturday, 12th November starting at 6:00pm.

The Parent and Child race has been cancelled and replaced by a new 'Spot-On' competition, which is where the swimmer indicates how long it will take them to swim 2 lengths. The nearest swimmer to their time wins. This is open to all members of the Club, including coaches, teachers and parents. The closing date is Monday, 13th November for the 'Spot-On' competition.

Notice: Would all those who won trophies last year please return them as soon as possible and in a **CLEAN** condition. Thank-you.

Warburtons Galas

On Sunday the 8th October, 17 swimmers competed at the **Warburtons Central Lancashire Age Groups** held at Bury, Gala No.1 of 3, whereby for several swimmers it was their first time competing in events and distances they had not swum before. In total the swimmers achieved a total of 11 medals on the day: six 1st, four 2nd and one 3rd place with no fewer than 32 personal bests.

William Harrison was the outstanding swimmer achieving four 1st places from four swims (100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke). Other successful swims included: **Joshua Finch** achieving two 1st places (50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle) and a 2nd place (100m Breaststroke); **Emily Cott** achieved two 2nd places (50m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle); **Morgan Hartley** achieved a 2nd place (50m Breaststroke) and **Sam Bainbridge** achieved a 3rd place (50m Breaststroke).

Amongst the other swimmers the following all set new personal bests in various events: **Charlotte Beech** (100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and

Friendly League

On Thursday, 7th September, the team travelled to the Hyndburn Sports Centre, Accrington, to take part in our latest fixture in the Friendly League against Pioneer '79. Over the course of the night the Colne swimmers picked up a further 16 personal bests between them, but it was to be in vain as Pioneer won the races at a ratio of 3 to 1 to run out winners by 70 points to 50.

On Monday, 18th September, the team travelled to Haslingden for the last fixture in the Friendly League, and rounded off the season in style in winning by 62 points to 55. It was difficult for any of the swimmers to know if they had set any new personal bests due to the Haslingden pool being only 25 yards long (about 22.86m) as opposed to 25 metres as it is at Pendle Leisure Centre.

This victory means that we have avoided the relegation swim-offs against the winners of division two.

The Swim-Offs take place on Friday, 17th November at the Pendle Leisure Centre. Warm-up starts at 7:00pm.

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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

Forthcoming Events:

9th November Annual Championship Gala No. 1
11th November Betty Petty Style Trophy
12th November Warburtons Gala No.3. Castle Leisure Centre, Bury
16th November Annual Championship Gala No. 2
17th November Friendly League Swim-Offs. Pendle Leisure Centre

25th November Barnet Cophall Masters 1500m Event
7th December Christmas Sprint Gala. Pendle Leisure Centre
8th December Presentation and Disco. Barrowford Civic Hall



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ASA National Masters Championships

On the weekend of Friday, 27th to Sunday 29th of October, five members of the Colne ASC Masters team travelled to Sheffield's Ponds Forge International Sports Centre to take part in the ASA National Masters Championships. The star performer was **Stephen Smith** who won Gold in the 100m Freestyle and Bronze in the 50m Freestyle events for the 35 to 39 years age group, equally as impressive was **Karen Driver**, also in the 35 to 39 years age group, who took Silver in the 1500m Freestyle event.

The first event of the meet was the gruelling 1500m Freestyle where **Karen Driver** finished 2nd in a new personal best time of 19 minutes 27.52 seconds taking 12 seconds off her previous best, and this with a bad shoulder. Also competing was **Bob Whittaker** who finished 4th in a new personal best of 19 minutes 53.61 seconds in the 35 to 39 years age group and **Rachel Ingham** swimming in the Senior Age group (18 to 24) who finished 4th in a personal best time of 21 minutes 49.21 seconds.

Next up was **Philip Croxall** also swimming in the 35 to 39 years age group who finished a disappointing 11th in the 200m Freestyle with a time of 2 min 22.28 sec.

On the Saturday morning **Philip** was joined by **Stephen Smith** in the 50m Freestyle, where **Stephen** finished 3rd in 25.33 seconds, which was his best time for over 15 years, and **Philip** was 10th in 27.52, which was also a new personal best.

Saturday afternoon, **Karen**, **Bob** and **Philip** took part in the 400m Freestyle event where **Karen** finished 5th in 4 min 57.28 sec, **Philip** finished 9th in 4 min 53.28 sec and **Bob** in 11th in 5 min 1.57 sec, which was a new personal best.

Sunday morning saw **Karen**, **Rachel** and **Bob** take part in the 800m Freestyle where **Karen** finished 4th in 10 min 8.34 sec. **Bob** was 10th in 10 min 32.39 sec and **Rachel** with a new personal best of 11 min 29.61 sec finished 11th. Straight after the 800m **Rachel** went into the 50m Breaststroke and finished 10th in 41.18 sec.

Sunday Afternoon saw **Stephen** triumph in the 100m Freestyle in a personal best equalling time of 54.89 seconds. **Philip** finished 8th in 59.28 seconds which was also a new personal best time.

ASA North-East Region Masters Championship

On the weekend of 23rd and 24th September, 6 members of the Colne ASC Masters Team travelled to Scarborough to compete in the ASA North East Region Short Course Masters Championships. It was a good meet for the old Colne swimmers as they achieved 12 first places, 7 second places and 3 third places.

Swimming in the 35 to 39 years age group were **Bob Whittaker**, **Stephen Smith** and **Philip Croxall**. **Bob** was in impressive form as he won the 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke events, the later in a new personal best time. He also finished 3rd in the 200m Freestyle.

Stephen finished 1st in the 50m and 100m Freestyle events, with him being the fastest swimmer overall for the 50m event in a time of 25.98.

Philip won the 200m Breaststroke and was second in the 100m Breaststroke and 200m Freestyle, and was third in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Individual Medley events.

In the 50 to 55 years age group was **Janet Kirk** who finished 2nd in her only event of 50m Breaststroke.

In the 60 to 64 years age group was **Tony Catterall** who won all of his events which were 100m Individual Medley, 100m Breaststroke, and the 200m Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle events.

In the 65 to 69 years age group was **John Penswick** who finished second in all of his events which were the 50m Butterfly, Backstroke and Breaststroke, and the 100m Breaststroke.

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200m Individual Medley); **Rhys Moore** (100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley); **Emily Cott** (100m Butterfly); **Sam Bainbridge** (100m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle); **Joshua Finch** (100m Backstroke); **Molly Frankland** (200m Individual Medley); **Olivia Pratt** (50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly); **Jack Coyne** (50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly); **Mark Honeyman** (50m Freestyle); **Oliver Riley** (50m Freestyle); **Morgan Hartley** (50m Backstroke); **Kieron Hartley** (50m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke); **Francesca Harrison-Bradley** (100m Backstroke); **Ainsley Dibb** (100m Backstroke); **Laura Foulkes** (100m Breaststroke).

On Sunday the 22nd October, 14 swimmers competed at the **Warburtons Central Lancashire Age Groups** (Bury), Gala No. 2 of 3, whereby the swimmers carried on the success from the first gala with a total of 12 medals being achieved on the day; seven 1st, three 2nd and two 3rd places with no fewer than 20 personal bests.

Joshua Finch and **William Harrison** were the outstanding swimmers achieving three 1st and one 2nd place each. **Joshua** won gold in the 100m Butterfly, 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke with silver in the 50m Breaststroke. **William** won gold in the 100m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke with silver in the 100m Breaststroke. Other successful swims included: **Emily Cott** achieving a 1st (100m Backstroke) and a 3rd (50m Butterfly); **Sam Bainbridge** achieving a 2nd place (50m Butterfly); and a 3rd place for **Morgan Hartley** (50m Butterfly).

The following swimmers all achieved new personal bests in the various events; **Joshua Finch** (100m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke), **William Harrison** (100m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly), **Emily Cott** (200m Individual Medley and 50m Butterfly), **Olivia Pratt** (50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke), **Megan Locke** (50m Breaststroke), **Jack Coyne** (50m Breaststroke), **Ainsley Dibb** (50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke), **Francesca Harrison-Bradley** (50m Freestyle), **Chris Bates** (100m Breaststroke), **Sam Bainbridge** (100m Backstroke), **Simon Hardwick** (100m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke), **Morgan Hartley** (50m Freestyle) and **Kieron Hartley** (50m Butterfly).

Teaspoon Gala

At the City of Sheffield Teaspoon Gala held at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre **Joshua Finch** (open) won 50m Butterfly and was 6th in 50m Freestyle, 8th in 50m Breaststroke and 13th in 50m Backstroke. Whilst **Emily Cott** (13) set new personal bests in all her swims as she won 50m Freestyle and finished 2nd in 50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke. **Josh** also swam in a relay team for Haslingden, as **Emily** swam for Rosegrove in the relays.