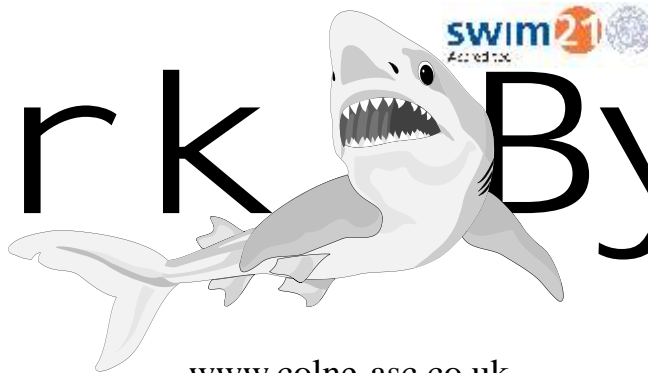


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Halton Masters

On Saturday, 6th September, two members of the Colne ASC Masters Team traveled to Widnes to take part in the **Halton Masters 1st Masters Open Sprint Meet** held at the Kingsway Leisure Centre. This meet was created to celebrate the ten year history of Halton Masters and as such there were teams invited from the twin towns of Halton - Marzahn-Hellersdorf (Germany), Usti nad Labem (Czech Republic) and Leira (Portugal).

Swimming in the 35 to 39 years age group was **Philip Croxall** who finished 2nd in 100m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle, and 3rd in 100m Individual Medley and 100m Breaststroke.

Swimming in the 50 to 54 years age group was **Steve Craig** who finished 3rd in 50m Breaststroke and 200m Freestyle, 4th in 100m Individual Medley in a new personal best time and 5th in 50m Freestyle.

Micro League Swim-Off

On Saturday, 20th September the Micro League team traveled to Preston to compete in the B Division Swim-Off, with the first two teams getting to swim in the B Division next season and the other 2 teams in the C Division.

In what turned out to be an exiting final as the two teams from the C Division overhauled the teams from the B Division. With Rosegrove quick off the blocks setting the pace for others to catch, Garstang keeping on their tail and Preston & Colne putting up a great fight to maintain their positions in B. Division. Going into the last quarter of the gala with Rosegrove still leading, was it the final outcome, sadly not just being bubbled out at the end by Garstang. However gaining the all important promotion spot in next years 2009 B. Division. Sadly for Colne finishing 4th with the disappointment of being relegated.

Final Results:

Garstang	129
Rosegrove	127
Preston	115
Colne	102

Return T-Shirts

Can those swimmers who are 12 or that they no longer fit please return their Micro League T-Shirts.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting takes place at **8pm** on **Wednesday, 8th October** at the **Colne Cricket Club**.

We would like parents of young swimmers to attend and hopefully join the committee, without it the Club would not be able to function and would cease to exist.

Refreshments will be provided, but you will have to buy your own drinks.

ASANER Masters

On Saturday, 20th September three members of the Masters Team took part in the **ASANER Open Masters 2008**, held at the Neptune Centre, Middlesbrough.

Karen Driver (35-39) was in fantastic form as she set new personal bests in the 50m and 100m Freestyle, in which she was 2nd in the 50m and 1st in the 100m. She was also 1st in the 200m Freestyle.

Stephen Smith (40-44) won the 50m, 100m and 200m Freestyle events.

Philip Croxall (35-39) won the 200m Freestyle and 200m Breaststroke was 3rd in 200m Individual Medley and finished 5th in 100m Freestyle and 6th in 100m Breaststroke.

Teaspoon Gala

On Saturday, 20th September the **26th Annual Teaspoon Gala** was held at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, where a team of 6 Colne ASC swimmers took part. The best performers on the day were Ashleigh Dibb (10) and Josh Finch (18) who both finished 3rd in their respective finals of the 50m Butterfly.

Results:

Ainsley Dibb (13) finished 27th in 50m Freestyle new personal best, 34th in 50m Breaststroke, 35th in 50m Backstroke and 35th in 50m Butterfly.

Alexander Berry (14) finished 18th in 50m Backstroke, 19th in 50m Butterfly, 17th in 50m Freestyle and 12th in 50m Breaststroke new personal best.

Ashleigh Dibb (10) reached the final in 50m Breaststroke where she finished 7th, was 11th in 50m Freestyle new personal best, also reached the final in 50m Butterfly where she finished 3rd setting a new personal best, and again reached the final in 50m Backstroke where she finished 5th.

Emily Cott (15) finished 24th in 50m Breaststroke, 12th in 50m Butterfly, reached the final in 50m Freestyle where she finished 8th and reached the final in 50m Backstroke where she finished 7th.

Jack Workman (17) finished 28th in 50m Backstroke new personal best, 26th in 50m Freestyle, 16th in 50m Breaststroke new personal best and 27th in 50m Butterfly new personal best.

Josh Finch (18) finished 14th in 50m Backstroke new personal best, reached the final in 50m Butterfly where he finished 3rd, 16th in 50m Breaststroke and reached the final in 50m Freestyle where he finished 7th.

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.

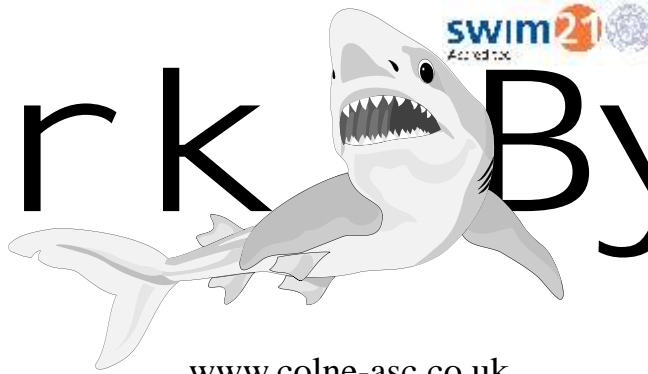
If anybody has any stories, items of interest, or anything they think will be suitable for the newsletter, then you can email me at the following address: press@colne-asc.co.uk

Forthcoming Events:

2nd October	Swimming Club Trials
8th October	Annual General Meeting
13th October	Friendly League Fixture. At Great Harwood
23rd October	Swim Clinic - Chris Cook
24-26 October	the asa National Masters Championship.

13th November	1st Championship Gala
14th November	Friendly League End of Season Gala
15th November	Betty Petty Style Trophy
20th November	2nd Championship Gala
4th December	Christmas Sprint Gala
5th December	Annual Presentation and Disco.

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Pendle Sports Awards

The Pendle Sports Awards proved a glittering night out once again this year, highlighting the work of sports stars and the hard-working volunteers who provide their vital needs.

The event took place at Muni, Colne, on the evening of Saturday, 6th September, hosted by Pendle Leisure chief executive Phil Storey and with guest speakers - British Cycling president Brian Cookson and leading Pendle athlete Laura Finucane.

Mr Cookson, who is also Pendle Council's regeneration chief, joined the successful British cycling team in Beijing and at one stage accompanied Princess Anne to the velodrome to explain how events work.

He said: "One of the riders I am certain we will see at London in 2012 is Steven Burke from Colne. Just a few years ago he was just a promising schoolkid. Training hard and aiming high, Steven won an Olympic bronze medal."

Laura Finucane, who herself had been identified as a Rising Star in the Pendle Sports Awards in the past, talked about her difficult year after a stress fracture. She said: "I was a Rising Star. I have not achieved it yet - but I hope to. I have had a setback, but I have had a lot of support."

She paid tribute to the volunteers who give their time to support her sport and others.



Joan Croxall collecting the Community Club award

ROLL OF HONOUR

Special Recognition

WINNER: Selina Vooght.

JOINT SECOND: Ann Pullan and Mark Mercer

Young Volunteer

WINNER: Matthew Haines

SECOND: Adrian Lamb

THIRD: Thomas Wilson

Rising Star

WINNER: Lucy Chadwick

SECOND: Jack Thompson

THIRD: George Braithwaite

Coach of the Year

JOINT WINNERS: Andrew Croxall and Graham Ratcliffe

JOINT SECOND: Richard Milner and Stephen Hipgrave

Community Club of the Year

WINNER: Pendle Forest Sports Club

SECOND: ColneASC

THIRD: Earby Cricket Club

Sporting Moments

James Astin, Bethany Widdup, Jess Scothern, Kirsty O'Connor and Michael Bradley

Lifetime Achievement

Jimmy Dick.



Andrew Croxall collecting the Coach award



Thomas Wilson collecting the Young Volunteer award

Birthdays - October

2nd Edward Cockburn-Price; 3rd Jonathon Bates, Ella Purvis and Sian Ralph; 7th Henry Blackburn; 9th Marcus Farnworth; 10th Martha Kennedy; 11th Shannon Ralph; 14th Joshua Bowers; 16th Callum Riley; 19th Alicia Wilson; 20th Philip Jee; 21st Kieran Hartley; 22nd Chris Gill, Baylee Maddison-Mahoney and Olivia Gill; 24th Charlotte Titterton; 28th Andrea Hartley; 29th Tom Blackburn and Harrison Little; 30th Joan Croxall; 31st Cleo Snaith.

Friendly League

On Monday, 29th September, the Friendly League travelled to Haslingden for our penultimate gala of the Season.

It turned out to be a disappointment as we lost narrowly to Haslingden by 59 points to 58. Despite this several of our swimmers put in encouraging performances.

The final league fixture is on Monday, 13th October at Great Harwood.

Swim Clinic

On Thursday, 23rd October, we will be having the forth and final Aquateers Swim Clinic. This one will be taken by Cookie Monster - also known as Chris Cook. Chris has come back from the Beijing Olympics having represented Great Britain in the 100m Breaststroke. Unfortunately he failed to make the final so he won't be able to show you an Olympic medal, but he has won gold in the 2006 Commonwealth Games when he won the 50m and 100m Breaststroke events.

He is currently the British record holder for the 100m Breaststroke over the long course with a time of 59.88 seconds.

The clinic will be divided into 2 sessions with the teaching groups starting at 6:45pm whilst 7:45pm and the training groups starting at 8pm whilst 9pm.

There will be group photo taken with Chris,