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## Christmas Sprint Gala

This year's sprint gala was cancelled because of a leak to the large pool. It was originally supposed to happen on Thursday, 1st December. This was then postponed until Thursday, 8th December.

But it is Christmas, so with the pool re-opening the gala is now back on!

The gala will take place on Thursday, 22nd December with the warm-up starting at 6:50pm and the first race about 7:15pm.

This competition is open to all, and yes that **does** mean Parents and Teachers, as there is a category especially for you. So bring your swimming gear, you can even borrow goggles from your little swimmers.

The format of the competition is that everybody will do 25m of all four strokes, and the winners of each age group category determined on points.

On-line entry will be re-opening and you can enter up-to 5pm on Thursday, 22nd December.

Entries will be accepted on the night, just make sure that Joan Croxall knows you want to swim before 7:15pm.

## Record Breaker Jacob!

Finally on Saturday, 26th November, we held our Annual Championship Gala at the West Craven Sports Centre in Barnoldswick. The galas were originally scheduled for Monday, 14th and Thursday, 17th November, but due to the major leak in the large pool at the Pendle Leisure Centre on Saturday, 12th November, things had to be hastily re-arranged.

The stand out performance was by **Jacob Taylforth** who broke both the 25m Backstroke and 25m Breaststroke records in the eight and under age group.

The 25m backstroke record had stood since 2004 and the 25m breaststroke since 2003, in fact, Jacob was only 16 days old when the record was set on 20th November 2003 by William Farnworth.

Jacob even managed to win the 10 years and under 25m Breaststroke event as well as the 8 and under 25m Frontcrawl.

The other top performers in the boys were **Alex Berry** who won 6 events and **Morgan Hartley** who won 4 events. In the girls **Laura Foulkes** won 6 events, with **Ashleigh Dibb** winning 5 events and **Jasmin Lahey** winning 3 events.

## Presentation Awards

There were a few extra awards at the Presentation on Saturday, 10th December.

Former Teacher **Chris Domoney** was presented the Two Alberts Award for Services to the Club and IronMan efforts.

The John Dobbin Memorial Trophy went to **Anna Rogers**.

The Bramhill Memorial Trophy went to **Toby Green**.

The Club Captains for 2012 will be **Alex Berry** and **Laura Foulkes** with the Junior Captains being **George Connolly** and **Abbie Hampshire**.

## SPOT-ON Competition

The top three in the 'Spot-On' competition are:

1st	Ashleigh Dibb	0.13	£20
2nd	Katie Rilett-young	0.24	£10
3rd	Dominic Hartley	0.25	£5

## Betty Petty Style Trophy

The Betty Petty Style Trophy was hastily re-arranged to take place at West Craven Pool on Saturday, 19th November. There were six girls and two boys that took part. The scores were out of 50

### Girls

1.	Nicole Baxter	44.75
2.	Emma Brooks	44.50
3.	Stephanie Brooks	42.75
4.	Danielle Baxter	42.00
5.	Molly Stevens	40.25
6.	Ella Rogers	35.00

### Boys

1.	Gregan Baker	42.25
2.	Dominic Hartley	40.75

## Nelson SC Fun Night

On Monday, 19th December Nelson Swimming Club will be having their fun night and they have invited Colne to join in the fun.

Due to an inflatable being in the pool all children under eight must be accompanied by an adult on a one to one ratio in the pool.

If anyone wishes to train, then a normal Club session can be found at Colne. Yes the pool will be open.

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.

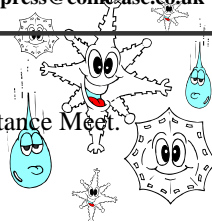
If anybody has any stories, items of interest, or anything they think will be suitable for the newsletter, then you can email me at the following address: [press@colne-asc.co.uk](mailto:press@colne-asc.co.uk)

## Forthcoming Events:

15th December The Club resumes in the large pool at Colne  
19th December Nelson SC Fun Night. Wavelengths  
22nd December Christmas Sprint Gala. Warm-up 6:50pm  
5th January 2012 First Club Session of the New Year  
11th January Committee Meeting. Crown Hotel. 8pm

26th January  
2nd February  
25th February  
21st April

January Age Group Gala  
Swimming Club Trials  
North West Region Masters Distance Meet.  
Centenary Celebrations



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## DES National Swimming Championships

Colne ASC swimmer Katie Rilett-Young recently took part in the Disability Sports Event National Open Short Course Swimming Championships held at Ponds Forge ISC Sheffield over the 26th/27th November 2011, competing in the S6 category and representing the North-West Region.

100m Freestyle 1:59.52 (new personal best time finishing in 3rd place)

100m Breaststroke 2:45.01 (new personal best time finishing 4th place) just pipped out of bronze medal by Eleanor Simmonds

50m Freestyle 57.78 (new personal best time in 6th place)

**Note:** Katie swam the 100m Freestyle 50m split-time of 57.19

## Sponsored Swim

The sponsored swim on Thursday, 13th October, raised **£1364**, of which, a cheque of **£650** was presented to a representative of **Derian House Childrens Hospice** at our Annual Presentation on Saturday, 10th December.

We would like to thank all those who raised monies, with a special thanks going to **Jacob Talyforth**, who raised the most with **£260**.



## Birthdays - December 2011

3rd Bob Whittaker; 5th Katrina Nelson and Tony Brooks; 10th John Higginbottom; 11th Mick Charldwood; 19th Stanley Hendley; 20th Lewis Eley; 21st Louisemary Murphey; 22nd Chris Domoney and Rida Nusrat; 27th Alex Baker; 30th Anna Rogers.

## Birthdays - January 2012

4th Emma Brooks; 6th Abi Riley; 12th **Philip Croxall** and George Connolly; 13th Miranda Bower; 17th Charlie Hesketh; 18th Sally Ralphson; 19th George Brown and Stephen Smith; 27th Josh Hutchinson and Amelia Dugdale; 29th Morgan Strickland; 30th Leo Wilson.

## Blackpool Level 3 Meet

On weekend of 5th/6th November a team of ten Colne ASC swimmers went to Blackpool for the North Lancs SWPA Development Meet.

**Nicole Baxter** finished 1st in 50m Butterfly and **Abbie Hampshire** finished 2nd in 200m Breaststroke. Other top 10 finishes were:

**Nicole Baxter** (12) also finished 6th in 100m Butterfly, 6th in 200m Butterfly and 8th in 50m Backstroke.

**Abbie Hampshire** (11) also finished 5th in 100m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle, 7th in 200m Backstroke and 100m Breaststroke and 9th in 100m Freestyle.

**Morgan Hartley** (15) finished 5th in 100m Breaststroke and 6th in 50m Butterfly and 200m Breaststroke.

**Marcus Bower** (13) finished 7th in 50m Freestyle and 10th in 100m Freestyle.

**Danielle Baxter** (9) finished 10th in 200m Backstroke.

**Harry Lawson** (9) finished 8th in 50m Butterfly.

**Miranda Bower** (11) finished 10th in 200m Breaststroke.

Also competing were **Lucy Green** (11) with a best of 21st in 100m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke, **Isaac Rowan** (14) with a best of 11th in 50m Breaststroke, and **Joshua Cooke** (10) with a best of 16th in 50m Backstroke.

## The Large Pool at Colne

On Saturday, 12th November, the large pool at the Pendle Leisure Centre started losing water. A lot of water. By 1 o'clock the water level had dropped by over 30cm and this was from half past nine.

As a result the Sunday sessions were cancelled along with the Monday night Club session. Therefore the first Championship Gala was postponed a week until Monday, 21st November.

During the course of the week it was realised there was a serious problem, which meant we could not hold our Annual Championship Gala. Following several lunchtime meetings, it was found that the Betty Petty Style Trophy could just be moved from Pendle Leisure Centre to West Craven Sports Centre on Saturday, 19th November, but the start time had to be moved forward from 3:30pm to 1:00pm.

For the Championship Gala, I had suggested about having it on Saturday, 26th November at West Craven with a start time of about 1:00pm. By Thursday, 17th November we had confirmation that we could have our Championship Gala at West Craven, but the start time would have to be 3:00pm until 7:00pm.

The next problem was then where to have the Club Sessions, the Thursday Small Pool class was alright, as that was operating normally.

Then Elaine who was on reception one lunchtime offered to share Nelson Swimming Club's Monday night, so from Monday, 21st November we have been down at Wavelengths, just to keep the Club running.

Every week I have been visiting the Pendle Leisure Centre to find out the progress of the pool and when it would be likely that it would be re-opening.

The engineers appeared to be very thorough as they pressure tested both the inlets and outlets for any sign of leaks. They managed to trace the leak back to the repair work that had been done in February, which is where that large hole was on the poolside.

The leak has now been repaired and hole that they dug is being filled up. The water will then be put back into the pool, which will take three to four days, as it needs to be heated and treated. The pool is intended to be open on Wednesday, 14th December, with the Club resuming in the Large pool on Thursday, 15th December.

There is one question that remains, on Saturday, 12th November when the water disappeared, there was none in the plant room and none went down the drains. So where did the water go?

## Inter-County Masters

On Saturday, Tony Catterall, Karen Driver and Philip Croxall of the Colne ASC Masters Team travelled over to the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds to swim for the Lancashire team at the Inter-County Masters. This meet was one of five used to determine the Inter-County Masters Champion.

Lancashire were up against Cheshire, Cumbria, Northumberland & Durham and Yorkshire.

Cheshire just edged out Yorkshire by a point on the day, with Northumberland & Durham in third just ahead on Lancashire, with Cumbria trailing in fifth place.

After all the results were collated the County Champions for 2011 were Warwickshire, with Cheshire in 2nd and Yorkshire in 3rd. Lancashire finished 22nd out of the 31 counties competing.



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## Christmas Holidays

The last session on 2011 will be the Christmas Sprint Gala on Thursday, 22nd December.

The first Club session of 2012 will be on Thursday, 5th January.

Details of any sessions being held over the Christmas holidays will be displayed on the website along with notifications via Facebook and Twitter.

The pool opening times are as follows if you wish to do some sort of swimming whilst there is no Club.

Friday 23rd December	7:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday 24th December	<b>CLOSED</b>
Christmas Day	<b>CLOSED</b>
Boxing Day	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 27th December	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 28th December	7:00am - 6:00pm
Thursday 29th December	7:00am - 6:00pm
Friday 30th December	7:00am - 6:00pm
New Years Eve	8:00am - 3:00pm
New Years Day	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 2nd January 2012	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 3rd January 2012	7:00am - 10:00pm



## Catch of the Day

Here is an extract from December issue of the Total Sea Fishing Magazine with Gregan's Fish.

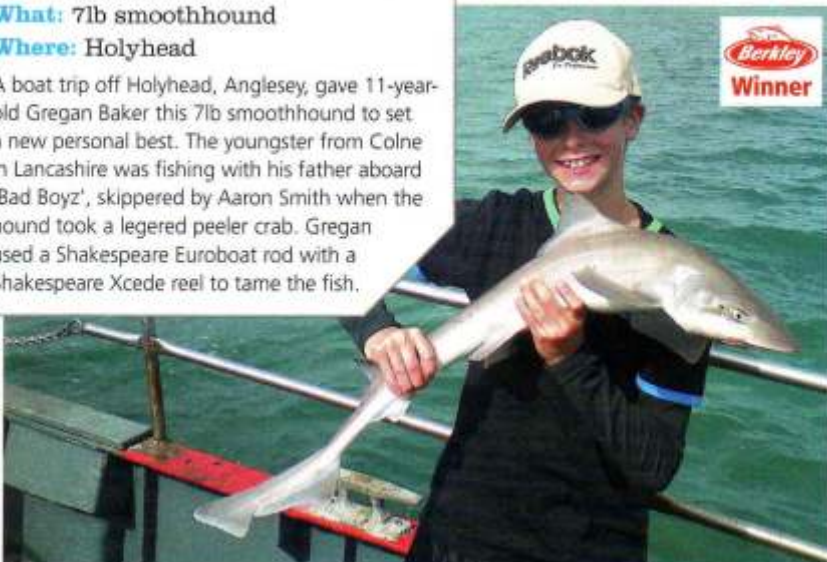
### 'Bad Boyz' Best for Gregan

**Who:** Gregan Baker

**What:** 7lb smoothhound

**Where:** Holyhead

A boat trip off Holyhead, Anglesey, gave 11-year-old Gregan Baker this 7lb smoothhound to set a new personal best. The youngster from Colne in Lancashire was fishing with his father aboard 'Bad Boyz', skippered by Aaron Smith when the hound took a legered peeler crab. Gregan used a Shakespeare Euroboat rod with a Shakespeare Xcede reel to tame the fish.



## Easy Fund Raising

So far this year **£106.62** has been raised through people doing their shopping on the internet via the Easy Fund Raising website. Of that, **£31.14** was raised last quarter with **£21.31** being raised this quarter.

Ever since the Club registered with Easy Fund Raising a total of **£147.29** has been raised for the Club.

If anyone else wishes to help then follow the Easy Fund Raising links from the Club website. The catch, there isn't one, as there is no costs to yourselves.

## Chris 'IronMan' Domoney

Former Teacher **Chris Domoney** has already qualified for next Octobers IronMan Championships by winning the Mexico's Cozumel IronMan at the end of November. Competing in the 60 to 64 years age group Chris won in a time of 11 hours 16 minutes and 45 seconds to beat his nearest rival by 18 minutes and 9 seconds.

He completed the 2.4 mile (3.8km) swim in 1 hour 16 minutes and 23 seconds, the 112 mile (180km) bike ride in 5 hours 35 minutes and 25 seconds with the 26.2 mile (42.2km) run taking 4 hours 18 minutes and 01 seconds. He lost a total of 6 minutes and 56 seconds in the transitions between the disciplines.

And you lot complain when you have to do a 10 minute continuous swim!