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Club Trip - Outdoor Elements



On Saturday, 29th June the Club Trip will be taking place at the Outdoor Elements Activity Centre, Simonstone.

With less than 4 weeks to go, all of the places are taken, and we only had 30 places available!

Anyone still wanting to go will have to be placed on a reserve list. This applies to any friends that want to go.

Prices are **£10** for members and **£20** for friends. These payments will only be required should a place become available, or we ask for more places.

There will be 5 activities spread out over the course of the day, so be there from 9:15am, as the activities will be starting at 9:30am. If any parents are leaving their child/children for the day, then return to the centre by 4pm. Parents can stay if they want, and maybe, have a go at one or two activities, or just watch. **We would like some parents to stay to act as chaperones and make sure the kids enjoy themselves**.

Drinks will be provided by the centre, but please remember a pack lunch, otherwise you may go hungry.

Anyone going should have received a leaflet with what to wear, so please dress appropriately, and try not to wear your best stuff, as it may get mucky and/or scuffed. More information is on the next page.

More importantly, enjoy the day, and work on your teamwork, as you may need it.

Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group Gala

On Thursday, 27th June we will be holding the **Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group Gala for June**, which is open to all swimmers in the Club.

If you did all four events in the February Age Group gala, you will qualify for the Most Improved Swimmer, but only if you do all four events again.

The 9 years and under will be doing 25 metres for each of the four strokes, whilst the 12's and over will be doing 50m. The 10 and 11 year olds will do 25 metres for each stroke with an option to do 50m on all four strokes.

Entry forms are available from the desk on a Club night, or you can enter on-line via the Club website.

www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-form.php

We would like volunteers to offer their services to the desk before the start of the Age Group Gala on Thursday, 27th June. 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.

New Welfare Officer

We will be having a new Welfare Officer soon, as our Membership Secretary, **Frankie Roberts**, has offered her services to take over the role from Deryn Ashby.

This will allow Deryn to continue being the lead teacher in the small pool.

There will be a transition period before Frankie takes over, as she has to do several courses in order to take on the role.

Deryn will still be available to assist with any welfare issues, should they arise.

New Club Secretary Required

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

The Club cannot function without a Secretary.

Birthdays

May 2024

7th Ollie Hunter
9th Esme Watson and Gracie Adamson
17th Harvey Lin
27th Hannah Meir

June 2024

1st Jack Cardus and Connie McIntyre
2nd William Brennan and Eleanor Haines
12th Isobel Savage
16th Zana Baysal
20th Oakley Hartley
21st Lilly-Ann Marks
25th Isabella Wallace
27th Elijah Bartlett
28th Faith McGlone

Forthcoming Events:

5th June
Committee Meeting. Zoom Online Meeting. 8:00pm

6th June
Swimming Club Trials.
Small pool 6:15pm.
Large Pool 7:30pm.

10th June
Friendly League Fixture. Home to Burnley Bobcats. Warm-up 7:00pm

27th June
Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Gala for June.
Warm-up 6:50pm

29th June
Club Trip to Outdoor Elements. Simonstone, Burnley, BB12 7JD

10th July
Friendly League. Away at Accrington. Hyndburn Sports Centre. Warm-up 7:00pm.

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We need more help on the poolside.

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**

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Teachers Required

We are currently running on minimum staffing levels on the poolside, as a result we would like people to volunteer and help with the teaching of the children.

Anyone who is interested, then please contact a member of the Committee on a Club night.

If anyone knows someone who has teaching qualifications, who you think could help, then please ask them to contact the Club's Secretary for more details.

We actually require level 1 and level 2 teachers in order to teach the children properly, using helpers does kind of work, but bad habits can result from these situations. A fully qualified teacher would be able to spot poor technique and correct it accordingly.

The Club will pay for any courses that are required, either paying direct or reimbursing the individual after they have paid for a course. Any teaching courses paid for by the Club does require a 12 month commitment to teach.

Club Shop

The Club Shop is available on a Club night you just need to ask if you require anything.

We sell swimming costumes and leg suits for girls and jammers for the boys. We also have available Club swimming hats and personalised hoodies, but these are to order.

The Price List is on the Notice Board and the Club website.

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

What to Wear

Kit List Please dress for the forecasted weather, taking into account the suggestions below:

Do Wear

Layers of clothing that you don't mind getting dirty (it is cooler in the woodland).

Trainers / old shoes / walking boots you don't mind getting wet, dirty and scuffed.

Waterproof jacket and trousers. A long sleeved top.

Full length trousers such as tracksuit bottoms / combats / leggings.

Sun hat and sun protection cream.

Insect repellant.

Do NOT Wear Jewellery / watches, shorts, jeans, skirts, heeled shoes or your best stuff.

Contact Details
Outdoor Elements
Pump House Dean Wood
Trapp Lane
Simonstone
Lancashire
BB12 7JD
T: 01282 416396

Friendly League

The Colne team travelled down the M65 to the Accrington Academy to take on Great Harwood Otters in their latest fixture in the North East Lancs Friendly League.

The Great Harwood team proved to be too strong for the young Colne swimmers and won the contest by 69 points to 47, even though there were quite a few close races.

Despite the loss the young Colne swimmers had some exceptional swims as the team managed 26 new personal bests between them. The girls had 14 new bests, whilst the boys had 12.

Our next fixture is at the Pendle Leisure Centre on Monday, 10th June as we host Burnley Bobcats. The warm-up will be at 7pm.

As this is a home fixture, all lessons in the large pool will be cancelled.

We would like volunteers to offer their services to the desk before the start of the Friendly League Fixture on Monday, 10th June. You may not be required but your offer will be appreciated.

We require the following:

- 4 Time Keepers
- At least 2 team organisers/chaperones
- At least 1 marshall
- A recorder to write down the results

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.

easyfundraising feel good shopping

Currently there are **32** supporters of the Club on Easy Fundraising, and between them they have raised **£1,802.02**, which is an increase of **£119.58** from this time last year.

In the last **30** days our cause has raised **£9.71** and we have recruited **5** new supporters in the past 12 months, so why have you not signed up?

Details about how Easy Fundraising works can be found on the Club website.

http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/easyfundraising.php

Just remember by shopping through Easy Fundraising's website, you are getting big business to donate to the Club, and you get what you are purchasing at no extra cost. It is a no brainer, so come on, join today and help support the Club.

Thank you.

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