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Safeguarding Issue

At our last gala one of the parents brought a Safeguarding issue to our attention. We require people wishing to use their mobile phones to sign the register at the pool, it was noted that there had been only 3 names registered but there were more phones being used. It would be marshalled more securely.

People wishing to take photos and/or video **must** register their details to use their phones and are **not** allowed to publish their photos on social media, if this is not adhered to, we will ban the use of mobile phones in the swimming pool area during competitions.

Phones ae not allowed in the changing rooms at all.

The Committee

Most Improved

The Most Improved Swimmers from June 2024 to January 2025 are **Edward Scanlan** with an 18.59% improvement and **Isabella Holt** with a 23.23% improvement. They were presented with their trophies on the poolside by Club Coach Andrew Croxall.

There were 13 boys and 19 girls who qualified for the Most Improved Swimmer Awards from June 2024 until January 2025.

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





January Age Group Gala

The Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group for January took place on Thursday, 30th January

The gala was well attended with 35 girls and 20 boys taking part. There were quite a few swimmers in the 10 and 11 year age groups attempting 2 lengths.

There were a total of 13 boys and 19 girls who had qualified for the Most Improved Swimmer Award for January having done the requisite swims in June and January, with one swimmer qualifying in both 1 length and 2 length swims!

Due to the number of swimmers and a slightly delayed start, we overran the gala by 10 minutes!

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

http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/age-times-jan25.php

Helpers for Schools Galas

On Tuesday, 11th and 18th March the primary school galas will be taking place at the Pendle Leisure Centre. These galas will be starting at 7pm and last about 90 minutes.

The Club has been asked to provide helpers to run the gala. We will be providing timekeepers and officials. We have clipboards and stopwatches, **we just need volunteers**.

If anyone can help out, especially children aged 12 to 16 years of age, then please contact Club Chairman Philip Croxall on a Club night.

It will be a great experience for any children who volunteer, as they will learn how to do basic timekeeping.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 12th March**. It will be held on-line using Zoom from 7:30pm.

Any matters for the meeting must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than Wednesday, 26th February.

We **need** more parents to actively be involved in the running of the Club. The current Committee are all volunteers.

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

February 2025

3rd Elliott Shilton
4th Ollie Farrow
7th Phoebe Foulkes
8th Scarlett Smith and Mollie Wright
11th Belle Tattersall
14th Luke Dawson and Martha Green
15th Noah Haines
21st Roux Glass
22nd Betsy Townsend
24th Orla Burnett
25th Emma Cox
28th Leah Haines

March 2025

1st Alfred Weston
3rd Andrew Croxall
6th Isaac Critchley
7th Philippa Kenyon and Naomi Haines
10th Robyn Hilton and Eleanor Holgate
11th Chloe Haythornthwaite
14th Betsy Rider
15th Alexander McGregor
26th Oliver Blackadder and Rosie Farrow
27th Edward Scanlan
28th Tilly Feeney
31st Isaac Chew

Forthcoming Events:

25th February
Friendly League EGM. Pendle Lesiure Centre. 7:30pm

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

10th March
Friendly League. Away at Great Harwood.
Warm-up 7:00pm.

11th + 18th March
Pendle Schools Gala. Pendle Leisure Centre. 7pm

12th March
Annual General Meeting. Online Zoom Meeting. 7:30pm

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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**

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Mobile Phones

During Club sessions we would like to remind everyone that the use of mobile phones and other devices capable of recording photos and video is restricted.

Anyone wishing to record their child during Club galas **must** register their interest with Club officials and sign the register. Do not publish said material to social media, as another child may be in the image.

Photographic use at any other time is restricted to Club Officials only.

At no time must images be recorded in the changing and shower areas.

Sponsored Swim Event

In the week of 6th October we will be holding our biennial sponsored swim event, in which, we raise funds for both the Club and our nominated charity.

This year we will be raising funds for the Captains' Choice. No it's not a new charity, but the choice of our Club Captains - Daniel Warner and Libby Cox.

The event will take place on a Monday (1 lane) and a Thursday (whole pool) in the large pool. Lessons will still take place on the Monday, but the Thursday lessons in the large pool will be cancelled to accommodate the event. The small pool classes will be on as normal.

The nature of the event is to swim as many lengths as possible within a time limit of 25 minutes. The older swimmers will be taking on the hour challenge.

More details will follow as we get closer to the event.

Club Trip - Outdoor Elements

We shall be having a Club Trip to Outdoor Elements on Saturday, 28th June and it will be from 9:30am until 4pm.

We have been there several times over the past few years, and each time the children really enjoyed their day. There will be five activities during the course of the day.

More details including costs will be available after Easter as we finalise the type of activities and the number of children interested. And yes parents **can** participate if they so choose.

You may register your interest at a Club session, and we will create a list. Preference will be given to those on the list.

Team Ethics

If you have been selected to represent Colne ASC in competition, then certain standards are expected.

If you are unable to attend any of the fixtures, then please let the Team Manager Kevin Critchley or Club Coach Andrew Croxall know as soon as possible. Do not leave it until the day or the day before to notify us. It is not fair on the other swimmers.

If you are ill or injured, then inform us straight away rather than not turning up.

Whilst the gala is in progress all swimmers must remain on the poolside cheering on the swimmers in the water. If you wish to leave the poolside, then inform the Team Manager.

All swimmers should remain until the competition has finished, rather then disappearing once all yours swims have finished. If you need to leave early, then please ask the Team Manager on poolside. This goes for any parent who wishes to remove their child early. There is nothing worse, than looking for swimmers who have disappeared.

During the competition, respect the opposition. Once your race has finished, then shake hands with the opposition swimmer.

Remember there is no 'I' in teamwork.

Colne ASC has a competition policy on the website, please read.

http://colne-asc.co.uk/forms/CompetitionPolicy.pdf

Thank you.

Friendly League

There will be a Friendly League Extra-ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday, 25th February at the Pendle Leisure Centre. This meeting is being called due to the lack of attendance at the AGM.

At this meeting the fixtures for the 2025 season will be officially ratified.

At the moment our first fixture of the new season will be on Monday, 10th March when Colne travel to Accrington Academy to take on Great Harwood Otters. The warm-up for the gala is at 7:30pm.

Our first home fixture of the season will be on Thursday, 27th March against Accrington. The warmup will be at 7pm.

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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 over 8,000 brands 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 **33** people sign up, and between them, they have raised **£1,885.86 1,753.30**, with **£132.56** 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.

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