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Annual General Meeting Report

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th March and was held on-line, and we had three new attendees. They were Amanda Holt, Martin Davies and Adele Tattersall, with all three deciding to join the committee.

The positions within the Club remain unchanged except for the Treasurer, as Oz Rudolph can no longer perform this duty due to health issues. We will be requiring a new Treasurer, and Oz will look after the position until we get a replacement. Adele Tattersall in joining the committee also agreed to look after the shop.

The Club Trip was chosen as Outdoor Elements for Saturday, 28th June.

There will be creme eggs handed out to swimmers and teachers in the week before the Club's Easter break. So there will be no Club on Monday 14th and Thursday, 17th April

The Club always needs new people on the Committee so if you feel like you would be able to contribute to the Club, then see a Committee Member on a Club night.

The Committee meets once a month, usually on the first Wednesday of that month, the meetings start at 8pm and last for about 40 minutes as they are online.

A bonus of being on the committee, is that you **do not need to pay to spectate,** but you must be willing to help out.

The next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd April and will be held online via Zoom.

Local Towns Gala

Our first gala in the newly form Local Towns Galas (nee Friendly League) was away to **Great Harwood Otters** at the Accrington Academy.

It was a good gala on Monday night with us holding our own in the 9-11yr and 12-14yr age groups with Great Harwood proving too strong in the other two age groups, as they won the contest by 65 points to 52.

Over the course of the evening there were 31 personal bests with 17 amongst the girls and 14 for the boys.

Our next gala will be against Accrington at the Pendle Leisure Centre on Thursday, 27th March.

The team-sheet is now on the website:

http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/fl-team.php

Please can you confirm whether you are available to swim or not.

Helpers Required

We would like volunteers to offer their services to the desk before the start of the Local Towns Gala on Thursday 27th March. 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 marshal

No experience is necessary, but must be patient with the kids all wanting to know if they are swimming.

Clipboards, pens and stopwatches will be provided.

Club Treasurer Required

Our current Treasurer Oz Rudolph will be stepping down from being Treasurer due to health issues, therefore we need a new Treasurer.

Who we are looking for?

- You will be enthusiastic with a good knowledge of managing finances.
- You will have a financial background and good knowledge of managing and producing accounts.
- You will have a knowledge of using and producing accounting spreadsheets or other accounting systems.
- You will be reliable and honest.
- You will have a knowledge of various banking systems such as direct debit.

What do we and the club expect from you?

- To be responsible for all club finances by ensuring adequate accounts and records exist, and that all funds are used appropriately and banked promptly.
- To plan the annual budget in agreement with the club committee and to monitor throughout the year.
- To prepare end-of-year accounts and present to the auditor, management committee and AGM.
- To plan floats with members who would need to collect or pay out cash and make them aware of procedures.

Anyone who is interested will not be required to join the committee, but must provided monthly statements. They would be entitled to attend Committee Meetings throughout the year.

See Philip Croxall or a committee member if you think you can do the job.

Easter Holidays

The Club will be closed for a week over Easter.

Last Session:
Thursday, 10th April

Club Resumes:
Thursday, 24th April

Birthdays

March 2025

1st Alfred Weston
3rd Andrew Croxall
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

April 2025

2nd Lily Higgins
5th Thomas Holgate
7th Libby Cox
10th The Clubs Official Birthday
11th Isabella Davies
19th George Marks
21st Matilda Critchley

Forthcoming Events:

18th March
Pendle Schools Gala. 7pm

27th Month
Local Towns Gala at home to Accrington. Warm-up 7pm

2nd April
Committee Meeting. 8pm

3rd April
Swimming Club Trials
Small Pool 6:15pm
Large Pool 7:30pm

10th April
Last Club Session before Easter

24th April
Club Resumes after Easter

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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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Outdoor Adventure

For **Saturday 28th June**, we have organised a Club trip to Outdoor Elements, which is situated just outside Simonstone. **So book the date in your diaries**.

This will be our sixth visit, and on the previous visits, anyone who went really enjoyed the day.

The day of fun activities will be from 9:30am until 4:00pm, with drinks provided. You will need to bring a packed lunch..

Throughout the course of the day, there will be five activities to take part in, each will have an instructor to show you what to do. You will be split into multiple groups, and we ask for at least one adult volunteer per group.

The price for a day of fun is yet to be determined. The price will be same for children and any adult that wishes to participate. Anyone that goes will be allowed to bring friends, but that will cost more.

The price will be subsidised as it would normally cost £44 for a day of activities.

We will be making an initial reservation for 30 people, and will be taking bookings after the Easter holidays.

If you want to read more about Outdoor Elements then use this link to their website.

https://outdoorelements.co.uk/

Poolside Tidy Up

It would be appreciated that equipment is returned to the baskets once their lesson has completed.

If fins/flippers have been used, then they need to be rinsed under the showers and returned to the large basket.

Floats and pull-buoys need to be stacked neatly in the smaller basket, do not throw them into the basket. The floats should be stacked neatly at the side of the basket if a lot of floats have been used.

Teachers need to remind the children to return any equipment used to the baskets.

Please Be On Time

It has been noted that quite a few children are not on time for their lesson. We ask that parents bring their children at least 5 minutes before the start of the lesson, and that the child is changed and on the pool side for the commencement of their lesson.

Schools Galas

The first of the two Schools Galas took place on Tuesday, 11th March at the Pendle Leisure Centre. We provided seven helpers/officials to help run the gala. They were Isabelle Teal, Abigail Scanlan, Matilda Walker, Ashleigh Frost, Daniel Griffin, Luke Chew and Philip Croxall.

The second of the two galas may have taken place when you read this newsletter, as it is on Tuesday, 18th March.

Friendly League EGM

An Extraordinary General Meeting for the Friendly League was held on Tuesday, 25th February. This meeting had to be called due to the lack of attendees at the AGM that was held in January.

There had been no official word from Burnley about leaving the League, therefore it was decided that the League should be disbanded.

The three clubs would form a series of Friendly Galas on a home and away basis and it would be known now as Local Clubs Gala. The Constitution would be kept for future use if other clubs wished to join. Therefore, there was no need to submit the Constitution to Swim England, and as all the clubs had their own Insurance an extra Insurance was not required.

The Constitution therefore would become The Rules of the Gala for this competition.

There would be a charge of £2 per programme and raffle ticket, as previous.

The Title of the Score Sheet would be Local Clubs Gala.

NOTE: The name has been changed since to **Local Towns Galas**.

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

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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 nearly 3,000 retailers 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 **34** people sign up, and between them, they have raised **£1,888.73**, with **£102.18** 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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