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Trophies Need Returning

Can those swimmers who won trophies last year return them as soon as possible. Please make sure they are in a **clean** condition.

If the trophy is damaged, then we need it back sooner, so that it can be repaired.

They can be returned to the Trophy Secretary Faye Mitchell or Philip Croxall.

Swim Mark Accreditation

Our Swim Mark accreditation submission was completed at the beginning of October, and all six elements required for the health-check had been approved. The next stage should be formality as our submission goes before the National Board for ratification. This should be done by the end of October.

Thanks goes to Joan and Philip Croxall in getting the submission done, plus all the officials and teachers who updated any outstanding DBS and Safeguarding requirements.

Helpers Required

We require helpers for the forthcoming Championship Galas in November.

The galas will be taking place on **Monday, 17th** and **Thursday, 20th** of **November**.

More details can be found next issue.

Championship Galas

The Championship Galas are on **Monday, 17th** and **Thursday, 20th November** with the warm-up starting at 6:50pm and the first race about 7:05pm.

Entry forms are now available from Philip Croxall or can be downloaded from the website. The on-line entry system is now working on the website.

You will only be allowed to swim in your age groups. So if you are 12 you can only swim in the 9 to 13, 11 and over, 15 and under and open age groups.

Also any swimmer can do the Senior Championship and 200m IM events which are open to all, and anyone 15 and under can do the Junior Championship events.

There is also the "Spot-On" Competition which is open to **all** members of the Club. Yes that **does** mean Parents and Teachers! But you have to pay.

So come on have a go as the rest of the competition is **free** as you've already paid for entry as part of your subscription to the Club.

If you are thinking that there is no point entering because you think that you cannot win, then you will never win.

Your membership includes entry to these galas, so come on, enter this year, you might win.

It would be a shame if there are any trophies not competed for this year.

Sponsored Swim

There was a fantastic turn-out for our sponsored swim event held on Monday, 6th and Thursday, 9th October, as 66 took to the water to raise funds for the Club, Macmillan Cancer Support and Pendleside Hospice.

There were **3** from the small pool taking on 15 minutes, with **35** participating in the 30 minute swim and an impressive total of **28** taking on the one hour challenge.

Hope everybody enjoyed the experience, and there will be distance awards available.

Now for the hard part, we would like sponsor monies donated to be returned to the Club as soon as possible. You can either bring cash, write a cheque or transfer the funds using on-line banking.

Nat West Bank:

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A/c. No:	**23636696**
Sort Code:	**01-02-20**
Reference:	**Sponsor <name>**

Swimming Club is Cancelled

There will be no swimming Club sessions on Monday, 27th October and Thursday, 30th October which is during the half-term holiday period.

Some of our teachers will be away on holiday, so we have minimum teaching cover for the sessions.

The Club returns on Monday, 3rd November.

Expected Behaviour

Over the past couple of months there have been a few minor incidents during the lessons.

Some examples include: pushing other swimmers in the lockers or on poolside, pulling on their legs whilst swimming, and even splashing and ducking other swimmers.

These are incidents of bullying/harassment and will not be tolerated. Should issues persist, then the offending swimmer(s) will be asked to leave their lesson and get dressed to await their parent or guardian.

If you have experienced any negative behaviour please either report to one of the teachers, speak to the safeguarding lead, or email welfare@colne-asc.co.uk.

Birthdays

October 2025

4th Isabelle Teal
8th Louie Adamson
12th Florence Sumner
16th Orla Convery
22nd Mary Sykes

November 2025

2nd Rosie Jesson
5th Alicia Scanlan and Olive Tattersall
9th Ben Woods
17th Theo Haycocks
19th Emma Mitchell
23rd Sophie Turner
30th Charlotte Ashton

Forthcoming Events:

27th / 30th October
No Swimming Club.
Half-Term

5th November
Committee Meeting. 8pm

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

10th / 13th November
Betty Petty Style Trophy

17th November
Championship Gala No. 1

20th November
Championship Gala No. 2

4th December
Christmas Spring Gala

10th January 2026
Annual Presentation and Disco. Colne Cricket Club

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It's Next Year. Sorry!

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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Annual Presentation Change

The date for this year's presentation has been changed, and it will be held next year on **Saturday, 10th January 2026**, at the Colne Cricket Club.

This has come about, as the original date of Saturday, 13th December could not be confirmed, so an earlier date of Saturday, 6th December was booked.

Unfortunately, this proved to be a big problem, as the trophies would not be engraved with the winners name in time for the presentation. This would have meant that the trophies would have to be returned to the Club early next year to have said engraving done. The problem with this, is that some trophies would be returned, and others could take weeks. So it was felt for this year to move the date into January.

It will then return back to its' December slot next time.

Parents! Do You Want a Challenge?

On Thursday, 4th December we will be holding our Christmas Sprint Gala and there is a category for Parents and Teachers to have a go. It will be only a single length for each of the four strokes (if you want to do all four).

Also there will be a parent and child relay held at the end of the evening, in which, your child will expect you to swim!

So call this advanced warning to get some training in.

Good Luck.

North West Region Masters Championships

Club Chairman and Masters swimmer Philip Croxall travelled to the Palatine Leisure Centre, Blackpool for the **Swim England North West Masters Championships 2025**. It proved to be a good competition as he improved his times to get closer to the times he had before the pandemic.

In the morning session he finished 4th in 100m Individual Medley in a time of 1:29.21, was 5th in the 100m Freestyle in a time of 1:13.86, and was 3rd in the 100m Breaststroke in a time of 1:30.33.

The afternoon session started with a win in 200m Freestyle in a time of 2:45.23, a third place in the 50m Breatstroke in a time of 40.60 and finished 5th in his final event the 50m Freestyle with a time of 32.57.

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The Club has been signed up with Easy Fundraising for over 15 years, and in this time we have only had a few supporters. We would like more.

Currently there are **35** supporters of the Club on Easy Fundraising, and between them they have raised **£1,953.39**, which equates to **£126.44** in the past 12 months

If you use Easy Search rather than Google or Bing, you will donate to our cause without spending a penny..

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.

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.

Betty Petty Week

The Betty Petty Style Trophy is on week beginning **Monday, 10th November**, starting at 7:00pm.

This competition is open to everyone that is 15 years and under and it is not about speed but a demonstration of your technique and ability.

You will be assessed on Backstroke, Breaststroke and Frontcrawl over two lengths, with starts and turns included.

So it doesn't matter if you are fast or slow, it is the person with the best stroke and technique that wins.

You can enter by filling in a form or just turn up just before 7:00pm at the Pendle Leisure Centre.

The assessment will be taking place on a Club night, with the session split between Monday and Thursday in Lane 1. **You are advised to bring a spare towel or t-shirt for the pool side as there is only one swimmer in the water at anyone time**. The rest will be on the pool side.

The competition is expected to last about an hour and a quarter on each of the two nights. The order of the swimmers will be determined by drawing lots, and girls and boys will be done at the same time, as there is only one child in the water at any one time.

NOTE: The lanes 2 to 6 will still be holding lessons.

SPOT-ON Competition

The Spot-On competition will take place on **Thursday, 20th November** and will be event **13** on the programme.

This competition will cost **£1** to enter as there are cash prizes of **£20**, **£10** and **£5** for the winners.

The aim of competition is to swim two lengths in the stroke you have nominated and try to match your submitted time. The winner will be the swimmer that gets closest to their submitted time.

This competition is open to **ALL** including parents and teachers. Remember this is a ***fun*** event.

There is a closing date of 7:00pm on Thursday, 20th November and **no** late entries will be accepted.

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