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Championship Gala Report

The Club Championship Galas took place on Monday, 17th and Thursday, 20th November, with good attendance on both nights.

Again there were no new records set on either of the two nights, but swimmers were getting closer.

There were 21 different winners across the 48 events swum for.

The big winners across both nights were Betsy Rider who won six of the events and George Marks who won five different events.

Winning four events was Betsy Townsend with five swimmers winning three events, and they were Abigail Scanlan, Luke Chew, Matilda Critchley, Maverick Robson and Thomas Holgate.

.Winning two events each were Daniel Warner, Isabella Holt, Isabelle Wallace, Jack Haydock and Jamie Higginbottom.

.The final eight events were won by Adison Croxall, Dylan Bowen, Edward Scanlan, Elena Godfrey, Emma Mitchell, Ethan Donal-Lopez, Jon Yeung and Orla Burnett, as they won a trophy apiece.

The other event contested was the **Spot-On** competition, which had 31 entries! The winner will have to wait until the presentation before they can get the first prize of **£20**. The second place prize will be **£10**, whilst third place gets **£5**.

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

http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/champ-2025.php

Annual Presentation

This years Annual Presentation will take place at the **Colne Cricket Club** on **Saturday**, **10th January 2026**. Yes, it is next year. The doors open at 7pm, with the presentation starting about 7:30pm.

After the presentation there will be a disco which will run until 11pm.

There will be a buffet which will be open at the end of presentation. If there is sufficient space we will open the buffet sooner, but remember to have your ticket on you.

Buffet tickets can be collected on a Club night from the Sprint Gala.

Prices will be determined at the next Committee Meeting.

New T-Bag T-Shirts for Sale





Sizes	Price
7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13	£10
Small, Medium, Large, X-Large	£15

Please place your order on the form by the end of November.

Betty Petty Style Trophy

On Monday, 10th and Thursday, 13th November the Betty Petty Style Trophy competition was held. The swimmers drew lots as to which order they were to swim. A single lane was used as an assessment was made on their start, stroke, turn and finish as they did 50m of Backstroke, Breaststroke and Front-crawl.

There were 30 swimmers taking part over the two nights with 17 girls and 13 boys.

As to who won, then you will have to wait until the presentation, which will be at the Colne Cricket Club on Saturday, 10th January 2026 so make sure that you have remembered the number that you were given!

Sponsored Swim Monies

Monies raised so far from our October sponsored swim is **£3071.40**, with at least **£1000.00** to be donated to our chosen charities of Macmillian Cancer Support and the Pendleside Hospice.

If anyone still has some money to donate, we will be collecting up until Thursday, 27th November.

We will be presenting a cheque to someone from Macmillan and the Pendleside Hospice at our annual Presentation on Saturday, 10th January 2026.

A big thank you to all who donated.

Membership Secretary Required

We require a new Membership Secretary who can be available between 6:15pm and 8pm and on Mondays and Thursdays.

See Philip Croxall or a committee member if you are interested.

Birthdays

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

December 2025

22nd Anna Griffin
26th Adison Croxall
27th Erin Gowling
29th Ella-Grace Whitehead and Daniel Griffin
31st Max Dickson

Forthcoming Events:

1st December
Club starts at 7pm for next 2 weeks

3rd December
Committee Meeting

4th December
Christmas Sprint Gala.
Warm-up 7pm

18th December
Last Club Session of 2025

5th January 2026
First Club Session of 2026

10th December
Annual Presentation and Disco. Colne Cricket Club
Doors open 7pm

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We are moving to large pool!

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Isabella's golden award!

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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Rookie Lifeguard

Isabella completed Rookie Lifeguard Gold at Padiham in half term and may be the youngest person to do so at only 7. Isabella's favourite activity across all 3 levels this year, was getting Bob the rescue dummy off the bottom of the 3m deep end, though she did love finishing the course with a private session on Padiwipeout (inflatable) a little more! She didn't enjoy swimming 400m in clothes using 3 different lifesaving strokes in less than 15 minutes, but smashed it anyway.

Rookie Lifeguard is for ages 8-12 and Burnley Leisure run courses (Bronze, Silver and Gold) for a week over most school holidays. It's a great way to increase children's water skills, first aid and rescue skills and is cheaper than a holiday club.

Skipton Aquathlon

Isabella (7), Emma (8) and Tom (Emma's twin) ventured over to Skipton on Saturday the 1st of November for a very cold and wet Aquathlon (50m swim & 1km run). Isabella and Emma did the last one there in May and improved massively on their times, both dropping nearly 1 and a half minutes, finishing in a very respectable 7:05 and 8:26.

They needed thawing out afterwards!

Small Pool Classes in 2026

Next year we will lose access to the small pool, therefore the classes will be moved to the large pool, with the first class being 6pm until 6:30pm, and the second class from 6:30pm until 7pm.

This will mean Lane 6 starting at 7pm.

Christmas Sprint Gala

Our annual Christmas Sprint Gala is on **Thursday, 4th December**, and the competition is open to everybody.

And yes, **everybody**, does mean **parents** and **teachers**, as there is a category for you.

It will be fast and furious on the night as everyone will be doing 25m of Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Frontcrawl. There are age groups up from 6 years of age to the 16 plus age group.

Also there is the **Parents/Teachers Christmas Sprint Challenge** where you only have to do a single length (25m) using any stroke. You can do the other strokes if you are able!

At the end of the night there will be the infamous **Parent and Child** race.

This will be split into two events, one for the Ladies and the other for the Gentlemen.

In each race the child will go first, with the parent starting in the water at the shallow end.

So come on parents, have a go!

Entry forms are available on Club nights at the desk, or you can download a copy from the Club Website.

Alternatively, you can enter on-line. See website

Credit/Debit Cards

The club has acquired a card reader enabling contact-less card and smart phone payments, as well as chip and pin. Some of you have used it to pay for shop items already. Be assured that we will continue to accept cash and BACS transactions. We just want to give you all the options. If you want to pay be card then please just ask.

Session Start Times in Large Pool

The start times in the large pool for the first two weeks in December have been delayed by 10 minutes. This is to accommodate the private lessons from Wavelengths whilst that pool is closed.

This means that the Monday and Thursday lessons will start at 7pm until 7:40pm or 7:55pm. The second session will not start until 7:40/7:55pm will finish at 9:15pm.

This will also affect the Christmas Sprint Gala on Thursday 4th December, in which, the warmup will be at 7pm, with the first races starting about 7:15pm.

The small pool classes will remain unaffected.

The dates affected are 1st, 4th, 8th and 11th December.

easyfundraising

Christmas is coming and no doubt a lot of you will be turning to the internet to get those gifts. Well why not do your shopping through the Easy Fundraising app or website and get those internet companies donating a small percentage of your gift to the Club.

To date we have raised **£1,970.20** from only **35** supporters, with **£138.59** in the last 12 months.

Going to the Easy Fund Raising page on the website will explain how it works. So go on, visit Easy Fund Raising today, and get Amazon to donate to the Club.

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

It will cost you **nothing** to sign up, so why are you waiting.

Please sign up today

Raffle Prizes

If anyone would like to donate any items that we can use in the raffle at the Club's Annual Presentation on Saturday, 10th January 2026.

Please bring them to a Club session or to the Presentation.

This would be much appreciated.

Thank you

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