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Deutsche Abenteuer

Which translates as **German Adventures**, which is what eight girls from Colne ASC had in Germany from 30th September until 3rd October. Here is the report of their adventures, written by the girls.

On Saturday the 30th September 2017, 8 girls and 3 adults from Colne swimming club travelled to Marl, near Dusseldorf in Germany to compete for Pendle. The town twinning association had links in Germany

and made the trip possible. The journey was eventful and exciting. When we arrived, Hedi, a wonderfully friendly lady, who organised our stay, welcomed us. Hedi was, as expected in Germany, extremely organised and very hospitable.

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Friendly League

The final two fixtures in this years **North East Lancs Friendly League**, were held in October.

On Monday, 9th October, Colne ASC were hosts to Great Harwood Otters in our penultimate fixture in this season's Friendly League.

In what proved to be an enthralling contest between two evenly matched teams, it started with the Great Harwood stretching out a small lead as they won most of the Butterfly races.

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Annual Presentation

The Annual Presentation and Disco will be taking place on Saturday, 16th December at the Nelson Cricket Club. The doors will be opening at 7pm, and we aim to start the presentation at about 7:30pm.

There will be a buffet, which will be about 9pm, once the presentation has finished, and this will be followed by a disco until about 11pm.

Tickets for the buffet are on sale during Club sessions on Mondays and Thursdays.

Adults: £6

Children: £3

Christmas Sprint Gala

On Thursday, 7th December we will be holding our annual Christmas Sprint Gala, which 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. At the end of the night there will be the 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 submit your entries on-line.

<http://www.colne-asc.co.uk/sprint-form.php>

Entries cost £1 per person.

Championship Gala

The 2017 edition of the Colne ASC Annual Club Championship Gala was held on Monday, 13th and Thursday, 16th November.

There were no records broken, but there was a healthy turn-out with only the boys 14 years and over suffering from a lack of entries. In most cases there was only a solitary swimmer, which resulted in one event not being won due to a disqualification.

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Sponsored Swim

The Club held its Biennial Sponsored Swim event on Monday, 16th (one lane) and Thursday, 19th October, in which, a total of 46 swimmers participated. The majority did the standard 25 minute swim with 17 taking up the one hour challenge.

Any outstanding sponsor monies need to be returned by Thursday, 23rd November.

A big thanks to all those who have already handed in their sponsor money, which currently stands at **£878**.

The final monies raised will be split between the Club and **Young Carers Contact** of Burnley, Pendle and Rosendale.

Coming Next Time

Christmas Sprint Gala Results

Annual Presentation

Christmas Holidays

And other things...

Birthdays

October 2017

1st Yasmin Reddy and Alicia Higginbottom
5th Emily Massey
8th Tom Hepworth-Harvey
11th Georgia Taylforth
17th Evie Connolly
30th Hannah Williamson and Joan Croxall

November 2017

1st James Barker
3rd Natalia Bashir and Eleanor Root
4th Jacob Taylforth
6th Lewis Fenwick
8th Lottie Hesketh
9th Ruairi Sweeney
16th Aryan Butt
17th George Collins
29th India Reddy

Forthcoming Events:

23rd November

Sponsorship Monies Due.

6th December

Committee Meeting
Pendle Leisure Centre. 8pm

7th December

Christmas Sprint Gala
Warm-up 6:50pm

16th December

Annual Presentation and Disco.

Nelson Cricket Club. 7pm

21st December

Last Club Sessions of 2017

6th/7th January 2018

City of Leeds S.C. New Year Meet 2018. John Charles Centre For Sport, Leeds

8th January 2018

First Club Session of 2018

10th January

Committee Meeting
Pendle Leisure Centre. 8pm

12th/13th January

Carlisle Masters Meet

20th/21st January

Rotherham Metro ASC A/B Graded Long Course Meet 2018. Ponds Forge, Sheffield

25th January

Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Gala for January.
Warm-up 6:50pm

1st February

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

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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Colne Amateur Swimming Club



German Adventures... from page 1

We all stayed in a youth hostel along with a German team from Bitterfelder (in East Germany), and a French team from Creil (north of Paris), who were also involved in the twinning association. All of us used our language skills, trying to speak to the French and German, although their English was amazing. This came in good practice for school. Every evening we all went to the local community centre where food was provided for everyone. Here we would socialise with fellow competitors. It was there that we became good friends with the swimmers especially the French as they were keen on the idea of having English friends.

As we woke up early for the gala on the Sunday we had an excited but nervous team. These nerves soon disappeared when we arrived at the pool along with the other swimmers ready for a day of friendly international swimming. We were given the choice of races including 50m, 100m and 200m in frontcrawl, breaststroke, and backstroke, 50m and 100m in butterfly and 100m and 200m in the Individual Medley. Points were given to the first swimmer of each club in each event. After the individual events we were given the chance to race in an international relay event with the other swimmers from Germany and France. Overall we came 6th place. However most of our swimmers came in the top 3 of their age groups. In particular in the 12 and under age group Caitlin Harper came 2nd, in the 13 and under age group, Saskia Daly came 1st, Charlotte Leigh -2nd and Mia Dodman-3rd. In the 15 and under age group Eleanor Fuggle came 2nd.

After a day of friendly competition we went back to the youth hostel where we played a game of basketball with the French, followed by another wonderful meal. After a night of chatting and not much sleep, we set off for a morning of climbing. Along with the German and French teams we went to a forest where we climbed in the treetops, like at Go Ape in this country. After our climbing session we went to the shopping centre where we were provided with lunch again. Here we said our goodbyes to the Bitterfelder team before they left for home. After lunch we got the chance to go shopping before our tour round the town hall. Here we met the mayor and saw the inside of the town hall as well as the view of Marl from the rooftop. We learnt that from Marl to Pendle it was 676 Km. They very proudly showed us an oak tree that had been given to the town on Marl, as a sapling from Pendle many years ago. It was now considerably larger.

After another busy day we went for our last evening meal at the community centre before heading back to the hostel. On the Tuesday morning we packed our suitcases, said goodbye to the hostel and headed out to the Volksparkfest, which was a festival celebrating German reunification. October 3rd is the day many will remember the falling of the Berlin wall. Here we were invited onto the stage along with the French team and thanked by the Mayor of Marl for visiting and competing. We had some time to explore at the festival and sample the German food as well as buying souvenirs, before meeting the Creil team one last time and saying goodbye to them. Before they left we swapped swim hats with them giving us all something to take back with us to our home countries. After the French left we headed back to the community centre for lunch before our journey back. At the community centre we were met by some German and Polish exchange students. Once we had eaten lots of pizza, the Polish students taught everyone some dances. Soon it was time to say goodbye and we headed back to the airport after a really enjoyable trip. I think we all wish we could go again. We are all really thankful for the experience and hope we can meet the German and French teams again at some point.

Friendly League... from page 1

Colne then pegged them back during the Backstroke races. The honours for the Medley Relay races were shared as Great Harwood won the 13 years and under, and Colne the Open age group.

It was then nip and tuck between the two teams throughout the Breaststroke and Freestyle events, leaving the contest level with three races to go. Colne went on to win the two open freestyle races to leave them 2 points ahead with just the 8 x 25m Canon Relay to come.

The race started with the 10 year girls followed by the boys, and it was level. It was the same for both the 13 year and 16 year and under age group, just leaving the last two legs for the open swimmers, and it was still level. Then on the finish of the last length the Colne swimmer stretched out his arm to touch out the Great Harwood swimmer.

It was a pulsating finish as Colne beat Great Harwood by 57 points to 54.

Throughout the course of the evening, the Colne swimmers managed 33 new personal bests between them, with 18 amongst the boys and 15 for the girls.

On Monday, 23rd October, Colne ASC hosted Accrington SC in our final fixture in this season's North East Lancs Friendly League.

It was a close contest as Colne, and then Accrington took it turns to win races, with one race even being declared a dead heat. With three races to go Accrington lead by a point, then Colne won the ladies open 50m freestyle, but Accrington replied by winning the gents.

It was down to the last race the 8 by 25m canon relay (1 swimmer boy and girl from the 4 age groups), and Colne had to win to tie the contest. Accrington mixed up the order and opened up a lead, but then Colne came back and was level with 25m to go. The Accrington swimmer powered down the last length to win, but no Accrington had been disqualified, but before Colne could celebrate, they too got disqualified for a faulty take over.

This meant the Accrington held on to beat Colne by 53 points to 52.

Over the course of the evening the young Colne swimmers managed a further 32 new personal bests with 16 amongst the boys and 16 for the girls.





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Championship Gala... from page 1

Over both nights there were 24 different trophy winners with the biggest winner being **Charlotte Leigh** who won seven of the events. **Daniel Fuggle** and **Lewis Fenwick** each won five events, with **Dominica Taylor, Eleanor Fuggle** and **Jack Middleton** winning three.

Winning two trophies apiece were **Eleanor Holgate, Max Harper** and **Nicole Baxter**, and then on a single trophy were Amelia Redfean, Ethan Meggison, Henry Manning, Isabelle Taylor, Jamie Higginbottom, Joshua Robinson, Kian Noon, Kyran Denton, Matilda Critchley, Mia Dodman, Olivia Taylor, Rachel Leigh, Ruairi Sweeney, Ryan Burnett and Saskia Daly.

The trophies will be presented to the winners at the Club's Annual Presentation on Saturday, 16th December. Also named will be the winner of the Spot-On Competition and the top prize of **£20**.

Betty Petty Style Competition

On Monday, 6th and Thursday, 9th November we held the **Betty Petty Style Competition** using lane one.

There were a total of 11 boys and 16 girls that participated in both parts of the competition. The swimmers were judged on their ability to perform a backstroke start and turn whilst swimming two lengths of backstroke. They then performed the grab start for the two lengths of breaststroke and used the track start for the two lengths of frontcrawl.

The results from both nights will be announced at the Annual Presentation on Saturday, 16th December, at the Nelson Cricket Club.

Trophy Secretary Still Required

Currently we do not have a Trophy Secretary, we would like this position to be filled otherwise the presentation in 2018 will be cancelled.

The tasks of the Trophy Secretary are

- Collect ALL trophies from the previous years winners
- Ensure the Trophies are clean
- Take the Trophies for engraving
- Take the Trophies to the Presentation
- Responsible for the ordering of the medals
- Responsible for ordering the Most Improved Swimmer awards
- Nothing to do for at least 10 months of the year

Anyone who is interested will not be required to join the committee. They would be entitled to attend Committee Meetings throughout the year.

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

Annual Subscriptions

Despite rising costs, we can announce that the Annual Club Subscriptions for 2018 will remain the same as this year. In future, the prices will have to be increased as costs rise further.

The annual subscription is due on 31st December 2017, and renewing members have until Thursday, 25th January in which to pay. Payment terms can be negotiated upon arrangement.

The prices for 2018 are:

Full Swimming Member:

Adult	£70
Students	£65
1st Child	£65
2nd Child	£55
Additional Child	£45
Associate Member	£50
Adult Non-Swimming	£30
Committee Member	£10

The membership application form for 2018 will be available to download from the Club website in December.



As Christmas is approaching (only 5 weeks to go), some of you will be shopping on the Internet. If you are, then do it using the **easy fund raising** website. This will raise funds for the Club, it won't cost you anymore and there even could be some offers.

To date we have raised over **£957** from only 24 supporters.

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>

