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Easing of Covid Restrictions (At Last)

With the success of the vaccination program and the government sticking to its roadmap, the next easing of restrictions will take place from Monday, 17th May.

What does this mean to the Club I hear you ask?

The swimmers aged 18 and over can return to the pool for training sessions.

The social distancing is being relaxed to 1 metre, so we can have another lane in the pool. There will be two narrower lanes in 1 and 4 with a limit of 8 swimmers, and two double width lanes in the middle, each with a limit of 10 swimmers. This means the limit of swimmers will increase from 30 to 36.

Lanes re-assignment will take place the week before with details published on website.

The axing of the social distancing limit will take place from Monday, 21st June, which means that we will be allowed to return to six lanes in the pool, and two classes in the small pool.

Confirmation of this will be announced by the government on Monday, 14th June.

New Committee Members

The Club needs new members on the Committee, without this, then the Club will struggle to operate.

The committee meetings take place on-line using Zoom on the first Wednesday of a month. The meetings only last 40 minutes.

If interested, then speak to Club officials at the pool on a Club night, or email the secretary.

secretary@colne-asc.co.uk

Sponsored Swim

On the 11th & 14th October we intend to hold a sponsored swim in memory of Steve Craig. We will donate 50% of the funds raised to Steve's nominated charity, the Pendleside Hospice. The other half of the funds will go to the Club.

The sponsor forms will be published to the Club website in July.

The format will be to swim as many lengths as possible in 25 minutes. For the older swimmers and those that like a proper challenge, there will be swim as many lengths as possible in an hour.

Tales from Lockdown

We want to hear from **you** to discover what you did during lockdown. If you've got an interesting story, then email the Club's Press Secretary.

press@colne-asc.co.uk

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

Club Treasurer Required

Our current Treasurer John Higginbottom will be stepping down from all Club active duties this year as he nears his 80th birthday, 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 provide monthly statements. 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.

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Swimming Club Trials

When the proposed restrictions on social distancing end on 21st June, it will allow the Club to return to six lanes in the large pool (hopefully). Obviously this is reliant on the government sticking to their roadmap out of lockdown.

So on Thursday, 1st July, we intend to restart the Swimming Club Trials for new members.

So if you know anybody that would like to join the Club, then pass on this information to them.

We will know by middle of June whether these trials will be taking place and what time they will be at.

Birthdays

May 2021

- 2nd Charlotte Leigh
- 5th Mia Dodman
- 8th Amarah Khan and Isabel Redfean
- 9th Gracie Adamson and Matthew Brabender
- 12th Dominica Taylor
- 15th Muhammed Khan
- 19th Martha Lister and Caitlin Harper
- 30th Rachel Leigh
- 31st Lewis Thompson and Saif Rashid

The missing birthdays can be found on page 2.

Forthcoming Events:

17th May

Swimmers 18 and over can return to the pool.

9th June

Committee Meeting. 8pm

21st June

Social Distancing Rules Relaxed

1st July

Swimming Club Trials Restart (hopefully)

25th September

Club Trip

11th/14th October

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15th/18th November

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Missing Birthdays

Due to lockdown from January until April the Club was shutdown and we did not produce any newsletters, which meant that a list of swimmers birthdays was not published. Sorry.

So here is a catch-up of all who got a little bit older. Happy Birthday.

January

- 8th Adam Gardner and Amelia Gardner
10th Sami Clough
12th Philip Croxall
21st Kian Noon
28th Alexander Holehouse

February

- 8th Mollie Wright
9th James Henderson
14th Martha Green

March

- 3rd Andrew Croxall
5th Isabella Taylor
6th Isaac Critchley
8th Freya Smith-Shelley
10th William Ingram and Eleanor Holgate
14th Joshua Robinson and Betsy Rider
17th Millie Gallagher
26th Samuel Sharp
31st Isaac Chew

April

- 4th Caelyn Bell
5th Thomas Holgate
7th Libby Cox
15th James Hindle
20th Maisie Dawson and Evie Dawson
21st Matilda Critchley
26th Oscar Mulligan

Club Trip

On Saturday, 25th September, we intend holding a Club trip to Outdoor Elements near Simonstone.

Details of the available activity packs will be published in the coming weeks, but we will require a deposit of £5.

Fully refundable if Covid restrictions return.

When we visited in 2019, it was enjoyed by all who attended, so it will be something to look forward to this year. So book the date in your diary.

Championship Galas

The Club Championship Galas will return in November this year.

The main competition will take place on Monday, 15th and Thursday, 18th November, with the Betty Petty Style Trophy the week before on Monday, 8th and Thursday, 11th November.

The entry forms will be available from October.

To celebrate this, the Annual Presentation with a DJ will be taking place on Saturday, 11th December.

So it will be party time!

External Competitions

With the relaxing of the Covid restrictions, external competitions will be allowed to resume. It looks like this will be after the summer.

If any swimmers would like to do any of these competitions, then either let Club Coach Andrew Croxall or a Club Official know.

Details of any competitions will be on the Club website and be displayed on the Noticeboard at the pool.

If you haven't seen it, then not surprised as it got very damaged during the first lockdown. But don't worry we've got a new one.

Friendly League

As part of getting back to normal, there is a proposal to hold a one-off Friendly League gala in December. This will involve Colne, Burnley Bobcats, Great Harwood Otters and Accrington.

If this is a success, then we should be able to return to competitive action in 2022 with the resumption of the Friendly League.

More details will follow in the coming months.

Club Shop

Sadly, since the passing of Steve Craig, there is no one at the Club to display the available Club branded costumes and hats.

Do not worry, as these items are still available to purchase, just ask a Club Official on a Club night, and they will get the required product from our cupboard at the pool.

Note: All personalised items will have to be ordered.

Prices

Table with 3 columns: Item, Size, Price. Includes Swimming Costumes, New Design, Leg Suits, Jammers, Silicon Hat, Personalised Hat, Childrens Hoodies, and Adult Hoodies.



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 it does not 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 23 people sign up, and between them, they have raised £1,540.38, with £119.91 over the last 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.

