



## Friendly League is Back

Yes, the Friendly League is coming back this year, after the hiatus enforced upon us with the pandemic and the subsequent periods of lock-down.

The last completed season was in 2019, as the 2020 season had to be abandoned after March of that year.

As 2021 started off with no one allowed to use a swimming pool until April, and everyone avoiding each other. The year was effectively a re-start for everyone.

Contact between the Friendly League clubs was re-established at the end of 2021 with the AGM being held in the last week in January this year. Unfortunately, we had no representative there, so we had to accept the decisions made.

A fixture list was drawn up, with Colne initially hosting the first fixture at the end of February, until Accrington had asked for a re-arrangement. This fixture is still to be arranged. Therefore, our first fixture will be on Monday, 25th April against Burnley Bobcats at the Pendle Leisure Centre.

The structure of the league was altered slightly to take into account the missed swimming over the last 2 years. The format will be staying the same, but the four age groups have been adjusted. They will be 11 years and under, 14 years and under, 16 years and under, and an open age group. The 11 years and under will be doing one length for each of the four strokes, with the other age groups doing 2 lengths.

Each age group will have a mixed medley relay comprising of 2 boys and 2 girls, plus a canon relay of 8 swimmers, with one swimmer from each age group boy and girl. The Open Mixed Medley Relay will still start the contest with the open individual medley races remaining in the middle of the programme.

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## Most Improved Swimmer

Normally we would have presented the Most Improved Swimmer Award, but because of the pandemic and lock-downs, the last age group gala we held was in January 2020.

So there will be no presentation until the beginning of July, after we hold our June Age Group Gala.

Currently, there are 18 girls and 9 boys who have did all four strokes, and provided they do all four again, then they will qualify for the Most Improved Swimmer Award.

At the Cherry Wilkinson Memorial Age Group Gala for January which was held in February (I know, confusing), we had a total of 38 swimmers participating, with 13 boys and 25 girls.

We will use these times as a basis for picking a Friendly League team. The first fixture will be at the end of April.

## Club Trip

We are in the planning stage for a Club trip either at the end of June or beginning of July.

It will take place on a Saturday and last all day. Provisionally we have a date of 9th July.

In the next few weeks leaflets will be handed out at Club sessions with a choice on where to go.

We will also publish a short survey giving you a say in where we will go.

Watch this space.

## Annual Subscriptions Overdue

The renewal period for membership subscriptions to Colne ASC has finished. Anyone who has not renewed their membership will NOT be allowed in the water until said subscriptions have been paid, and their place may be given up for new members.

Should your place be given up for a new member, you may be required to go on the waiting list before re-joining.

Any existing member who has not renewed by Monday, 28th February 2022 will not be registered with the ASA, and will have deemed to have left the Club.

## New Club Secretary Required

Our current Club Secretary Joan Croxall has stated her intention to step down from her role by the next AGM in October 2022.

Joan has been Club Secretary for over 40 years and has overseen the biggest admin change for Clubs, with the introduction of Swim Mark (nee Swim 21).

The position is quite involved and will require the new incumbent to devote several hours a week to the job.

Anyone who thinks they are up to the task, then please contact either Joan or a committee member.

**The Club cannot function without a Secretary.**

## Birthdays

### February 2022

8th Mollie Wright  
11th Khloe Dunn  
14th Martha Green  
27th Nawira Khan

### March 2022

3rd Andrew Croxall  
6th Isaac Critchley  
10th Eleanor Holgate and William Ingram  
28th Charlie Pomfret  
31st Isaac Chew

## Forthcoming Events:

### 2nd March

Committee Meeting via Zoom. 8pm

### 3rd March

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

### 15th April

Good Friday.

### 17th April

East Sunday

### 25th April

Friendly League. Home to Burnley Bobcats.

### 13th June

Friendly League. Away at Accrington.

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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](mailto:press@colne-asc.co.uk)

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### Team Manager

We need a new Team Manager, as the last one Cara Taylor will not be returning to the Club. We would like someone to volunteer and assume the role of Team Manager, before the first Friendly League fixture in April.

The tasks of the Team Manager are:

- Advise the team of gala arrangements
- Ensure that arrangements are made for the transport of teams to galas
- Ensure that the team is taken to the appropriate venue
- Ensure that athletes report in good time for each event
- Ensure that all appropriate athletes are registered to swim in the appropriate competition/events
- Ensure that team behaviour is controlled
- Submit results to club press officer
- Promote team spirit
- To follow and promote the ASA Wavepower

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, either at the Club or via email.

[secretary@colne-asc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@colne-asc.co.uk)

### Team Ethics

If you have been selected to represent Colne ASC in competition, then certain standards are expected.

If you are unable to attend any of the fixtures (listed below), then please let the Team Manager (once we get one) or Club Coach Andrew Croxall know as soon as possible. Do not leave it until the day or the day before to notify us. It is not fair on the other swimmers.

If you are ill or injured, then inform us straight away rather than not turning up.

Whilst the gala is in progress all swimmers must remain on the poolside cheering on the swimmers in the water. If you wish to leave the poolside, then inform the Team Manager.

All swimmers should remain until the competition has finished, rather than disappearing once all yours swims have finished. If you need to leave early, then please ask the Team Manager on poolside. This goes for any parent who wishes to remove their child early. There is nothing worse, than looking for swimmers who have disappeared.

During the competition, respect the opposition. Once your race has finished, then shake hands with the opposition swimmer.

#### Remember there is no 'I' in teamwork.

Colne ASC has a competition policy on the website, please read.

<http://colne-asc.co.uk/forms/CompetitionPolicy.pdf>

Thank you.

### Mobile Phones

During Club sessions we would like to remind everyone that the use of mobile phones and other devices capable of recording photos and video is restricted.

Anyone wishing to record their child during Club galas **must** register their interest with Club officials and sign the register.

Photographic use at any other time is restricted to Club Officials only.

At no time must images be recorded in the changing and shower areas.

### Friendly League Fixtures

The Friendly League Fixtures for the 2022 season.

HOME	AWAY
<b>ACCRRINGTON</b> To Be Arranged Warm-up 7:00pm	Hyndburn Sports Centre Monday, 13th June Warm-up 7:15pm
<b>BURNLEY BOBCATS</b> Monday, 25th April Warm-up 7:00pm	Padiham Sports Centre Friday, 30th September Warm-up 6:45pm
<b>GREAT HARWOOD</b> Thursday, 20th October Warm-up 7:00pm	Accrington Academy Monday, 19th September Warm-up 7:00pm

The team sheets will be published prior to each fixture, on the Club Noticeboard and Website.



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 25 people sign up, and between them, they have raised £1,577.52, with £157.05 over the last 2 years. 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.

