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Most Improved Swimmers

The most improved swimmers from June were announced in the July newsletter, but the recipients hadn't received their trophies at the time of publication.

They received their trophies a week later from Club Coach Andrew Croxall.

Isobel Savage had made an improvement of 17.03% whilst Henry Clough made a 5.97% improvement.



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.

Friendly League Returns

The Friendly League returns with two fixtures in September and one in October. There are still a further two against Accrington which still need re-arranging.

The first fixture is against Great Harwood on Monday, 19th September at the Accrington Academy swimming pool. The warm-up will be at 7pm. In light of recent events, this fixture may be postponed due to the state funeral for the Queen.

The away fixture against Burnley Bobcats will be on Friday, 30th September at the Padiham Leisure Centre. The warm-up will be at 6:45pm.

The final fixture is a home fixture against Great Harwood on Thursday, 20th October. This will be at the Pendle Leisure Centre with the warm-up starting at 7pm. As this is a home fixture, all lessons in the large pool will be cancelled to accommodate the gala.

Club Galas Coming Soon

The Club's Championship Galas will be held on Monday, 14th and Thursday, 17th November at the Pendle Leisure Centre. The week before will be the Betty Petty Style Competition, which will be held in a single lane.

The Christmas Sprint Gala is back this year after a 3 year hiatus, and that means the Parent and Child Race returns. This gala is on Thursday, 1st December.

Entry forms available in October.

Annual General Meeting

This years Annual General Meeting will provisionally take place on **Wednesday, 12th October**, at a venue to be confirmed at the next Committee Meeting. This meeting starts at 7:30pm.

All fully paid up members of the Club may attend this meeting but only members who have reached their 18th birthday shall be entitled to be heard and vote on all matters (members who have not reached their 18th birthday shall be entitled to be heard and vote only on matters concerning juniors, such as election of club captains).

All matters for the meeting must have already been submitted in writing to the Secretary. Any late matters will not be discussed unless agreed with the Chairman beforehand.

We need more parents to join the Committee to help with the running of the Club. All that we ask of you is to be available at 8pm for the first Wednesday of a month up to 8 or 9 times a year. The Committee meetings are now held online using the Zoom application and last for 40 minutes. Also Committee members are eligible for reduced membership fees.

WITHOUT A COMMITTEE THE CLUB CANNOT FUNCTION.

Birthdays

September 2022

15th Grace Cardus
25th Saskia Daly
30th Jack Nevison

October 2022

1st Alicia Higginbottom
3rd Oleksandr Matsaniuk
4th Isabelle Teal
8th Louie Adamson and Freya Sumner
17th Scarlet Hardiman

Forthcoming Events:

14th September
Committee Meeting, 8pm

19th September
Friendly League Fixture.
Away to Great Harwood.
Warm-up 7:00pm

30th September
Friendly League Fixture.
Away to Burnley Bobcats.
Warm-up 6:45pm

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

12th October (TBC)
Annual General Meeting

20th October
Friendly League Fixture.
Home to Great Harwood.
Warm-up 7:00pm

7th/10th November
Betty Petty Style Competition

14th/17th November
Club Championship Galas

1st December
Christmas Sprint Gala

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Please sign up and raise funds for the Club



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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Team Manager

We need a new Team Manager. We would like someone to volunteer and assume the role of Team Manager as soon as possible.

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

Open Water Swimming

Over the summer one of our older swimmers took on a further open water challenge.

Bob Whittaker travelled to Coniston on Sunday, 14th August and finished 10th overall in the 3.8km race, which was 9th best male and 2nd in the over 50s age group. He completed the course in 57 minutes 39 seconds.

Swim Mark Accreditation

We are currently in the process of being re-accredited for Swim Mark.

We shall be uploading the required evidence during the month of September, before our submission goes before the National Panel in October.

We should know before the end of October as to whether our re-accreditation has been successful.

The purpose of Swim Mark is to show that a swimming club has good governance and is a safe place for children to learn to swim.

Club Shop

We no longer display the products we have on a Club night, but various items are available to purchase upon request.

We cannot take card payments, so bring cash, or you can transfer money using your on-line banking app.

We have available for sale swimming costumes and leg suits for girls and jammers for boys. There are also available silver silicon swimming caps.

Personalised hoodies and swimming caps are currently being sourced. Details will be published on website and noticeboard.

We have some t-shirts, which will be available to purchase soon.

Prices

Swimming Costumes	26-32	£ 17.00
	34-38	£ 21.00
New Design	24-34	£ 17.00
	28-32	£ 28.50
Leg Suits	34	£ 29.50
	24-30	£20.00
Jammers	32-36	£ 26.00
Silicon Swim Hat		£ 4.00



The Club has been signed up with Easy Fundraising for over 10 years, and in this time we have only had a few supporters. We would like more.

Currently there are 27 supporters of the Club on Easy Fundraising, and between them they have raised **£1,604.64**, which equates to **£53.86** in the past 12 months.

By using easysearch instead of Google or any other search engine, you can make a real difference. easysearch is completely FREE and by making just 10 searches a day, you could raise around £20 a year for the Club.

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.