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AGM Report

On Wednesday, 12th October, we held our Annual General Meeting on-line in the hope of new people attending.

There were a total of ten people attending, with no new people, as everyone were serving members of the committee.

The Club Officials remain the same for the next twelve months, with Keven Critchley taking on the role of Team Manager, even though he has already been doing this.

The choosing of the Captains for 2023 had been deferred until the November Committee Meeting. The Club fees have been frozen for another twelve months. The Annual

Presentation is at Leisure Centre, with a buffet but no disco on Saturday, 10th December.

Our teaching situation is better than 12 months ago with 8 teachers and 3 assistants. We aim to get the helpers on a teaching course as soon as possible. It would be good for the Club and the older swimmers if they could come to the Club earlier and help out on the poolside.

The Club always needs new people on the Committee so if you feel like you would like to contribute to the Club, then see a Committee Member on a Club night.

The Committee meets once a month, usually on the first Wednesday of that month, the meetings start at 8pm and last for about 40 minutes as they are online.

A bonus of being on the committee, is that you do not need to pay to spectate, but you must be willing to help out.

The next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd November and will be held online via Zoom.

No Swimming Club

There will be no swimming Club on Monday, 24th and Thursday, 27th October during the half-term holidays. Several of our teachers will be away on holiday, so we have no teaching cover for the sessions.

Swim Mark Accreditation

We finally got our health check submitted and approved of Swim England's Swim Mark Accreditation. We are now awaiting ratification.

Thanks to Joan and Philip Croxall who got submission done.

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.

As well as paying a reduced membership fee of £10, you do not need to pay to spectate, but you will have to be available to help out on a Club night.

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

secretary@colne-asc.co.uk

New Club Secretary Required

Our current Club Secretary Joan Croxall had stated her intention to step down from her role at the AGM in October 2021, but she will look after the role until somebody new steps up.

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

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.

Championship Galas

The Championship Galas are on Monday, 14th and Thursday, 17th November with the warm-up starting at 6:50pm and the first race about 7:05pm.

Entry forms are now available from Mrs. Croxall or can be downloaded from the website. The on-line entry system is currently not working on the website.

You will only be allowed to swim in your age groups. So if you are 12 you can only swim in the 9 to 13, 11 and over, 15 and under and open age groups.

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Helpers Required

We require helpers for the forthcoming Championship Galas in November.

The galas will be taking place on Monday, 14th November and Thursday, 17th November.

More details can be found on page 2.

Trophies Need Returning

Can those swimmers who won trophies last year return them as soon as possible. Please make sure they are in a **clean** condition.

If the trophy is damaged, then we need it back sooner, so that it can be repaired.

They can be returned to the Trophy Secretary Kevin Critchley or Philip Croxall.

Birthdays

Month 2022

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

Month 2022

2nd Oliver Chew
4th Lily Sunter
7th Charlie Reddy
17th Theo Haycocks and George Collins

Forthcoming Events:

20th October

Friendly League Fixture
Home to Great Harwood
Warm-up 7:00pm

24th/27th October

No Swimming Club
Half-term Holidays

2nd November

Committee Meeting. 8pm

3rd November

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

7th/10th November

Betty Petty Style Competition

14th November

Championship Gala No. 1
Warm-up 6:50pm

17th November

Championship Gala No. 2

1st December

Christmas Sprint Gala
With Parent and Child Relay

10th December

Annual Presentation
Pendle Leisure Centre. 2pm

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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





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Championship Galas

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Also any swimmer can do the Senior Championship and 200m IM events which are open to all, and anyone 15 and under can do the Junior Championship events.

There is also the "Spot-On" Competition which is open to all members of the Club. Yes that does mean Parents and Teachers! But you have to pay.

So come on have a go as the rest of the competition is **free** as you've already paid for entry as part of your subscription to the Club.

If you are thinking that there is no point entering because you think that you cannot win, then you will never win.

Last year two 8 and under events only had one swimmer, and several other races had two swimmers.

So come on, enter this year, you might win.

It would be a shame if there are any trophies not competed for this year.

Betty Petty Week

The Betty Petty Style Trophy is on week beginning Monday, 7th November, starting at 7:00pm.

This competition is open to everyone that is 15 years and under and it is not about speed but a demonstration of your technique and ability.

You will be assessed on Backstroke, Breaststroke and Frontcrawl over two lengths, with starts and turns included.

So it doesn't matter if you are fast or slow, it is the person with the best stroke and technique that wins.

You can enter on-line, fill in a form or just turn up just before 7:00pm at the Pendle Leisure Centre.

The assessment will be taking place on a Club night, with the session split between Monday and Thursday in Lane 1. You are advised to bring a spare towel or t-shirt for the pool side as there is only one swimmer in the water at anyone time. The rest will be on the pool side.

The competition is expected to last about an hour and a quarter on each of the two nights. The order of the swimmers will be determined by drawing lots, and girls and boys will be done at the same time, as there is only one child in the water at any one time.

NOTE: The lanes 2 to 6 will still be holding lessons.



The Club has been signed up with Easy Fundraising for over 15 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 **£1,607.69**, which equates to **£56.30** in the past 12 months

If you use Easy Search rather than Google or Bing, you will donate to our cause without spending a penny..

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.

Helpers Required

We require helpers to assist with the running of the Championship Galas, which are taking place on Monday, 14th and Thursday, 17th November.

If you would like to volunteer your services then go to the desk before the start of the Gala.

You may not be required but your offer will be appreciated.

We require the following:

- 6 Time Keepers
- At least 2 team organisers/chaperones
- At least 1 marshall
- At least 2 turn judges

No experience is necessary, but must be patient with the kids all wanting to know if they are swimming.

Clipboards, pens, stopwatches and drinks will be provided.

NOTE: If we don't have enough people helping, then we will struggle to hold this gala.



The Spot-On competition will take place on Thursday, 17th November and will be event **13** on the programme.

This competition will cost **£1** to enter as there are cash prizes of **£20, £10 and £5** for the winners.

The aim of competition is to swim two lengths in the stroke you have nominated and try to match your submitted time. The winner will be the swimmer that gets closest to their submitted time.

This competition is open to **ALL** including parents and teachers. Remember this is a **fun** event.

There is a closing date of 7:00pm on Thursday, 17th November and **no** late entries will be accepted.

Friendly League Roundup

We should have had a fixture against Great Harwood on Monday, 19th September, sadly this had to be cancelled due the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. The fixture was hastily rearranged for Monday, 3rd October. More on that later.

On Friday, 30th September, the young swimmers of Colne travelled to the Padiham Leisure Centre to take on Burnley Bobcats. Unfortunately, we had to field a depleted team due to lack of swimmers.

It was never going to be a win as we were unable to provide swimmers for some of the races due to the restrictions on the number of 'A' swims that a swimmer can do. Despite this, the Colne swimmers put on a valiant effort and recorded 7 victories over the course of the night, and had 22 new personal bests between them, with 14 for the girls and 8 for the boys.

The final score was 70 points to Burnley and 32 to Colne.

On Monday, 3rd October for our final away fixture of the 2022 Friendly League season we travelled along the M65 to the Accrington Academy to take on Great Harwood.

We were able to take more swimmers than Friday, but despite this Great Harwood were the much stronger team as they ran out winners by 68 points to 46. There was more progression shown as there was a combined 23 new personal bests with the boys managing 10 and the girls 13.

Our final fixture of the season will be held at the Pendle Leisure Centre on Thursday, 20th October with the warmup starting at 7pm. As this is a home fixture, all lessons in the large pool will be cancelled. The lessons in the small pool will be on as normal.

Thank you.

