



# 100 Years of Colne ASC

On Wednesday, 10th April 1912, a meeting was held between the several swimming groups that used the old Colne baths. At that meeting the **Colne Amateur Swimming Club** was formed.

So on Tuesday, 10th April 2012 the Club was officially 100 years old. To celebrate we are having a day of fun and games on Saturday, 21st April at the Pendle Leisure Centre starting at 1pm and everyone is invited.

### Grand Centenary Draw

On Saturday, 21st April the winners of the **Grand Centenary Draw** will be picked during the food break between the pool activities and Talent show.

Tickets for this draw are now available. All we ask that everyone takes at least one book of ten and try to sell as many as possible. Each ticket costs **£1**.

We have a licence for this draw, which means that you can sell tickets at school, college, or work.

The list of prizes are as follows:

- 22" Smart T.V.
- £99 BMW Car Cleaning Kit
- 6 months Activo Pass
- £25 voucher for Alma Inn
- £25 voucher for a meal for two at Carlos
- £30 voucher for Craven Heifer
- Signed Junior Burnley Football Shirt with certificate
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- 2 tins of Farmhouse Biscuits
- 4 x 2 hour spa sessions at Inside Spa
- Bottle of Wine and a box of chocolates from Morrisons
- Bottle of House of Commons Whiskey
- Free Member of Colne ASC
- Centenary Towel
- Plus many more prizes

### Centenary Merchandise

This year we have some special centenary products for sale.

Black Towel	£ 15.50
White Towel	£ 15.50
Key Rings	£ 2.00
Cups	£ 2.50
Fridge Magnets	£ 2.00

You can buy these products along with the normal Club merchandise at the main Club sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, just see Steve Craig.

### Centenary Celebrations

On Saturday, 21st April we are having a day of fun followed by a Talent Show to celebrate the Club's Centenary.

The festivities will begin at 1pm at the Pendle Leisure Centre, don't be late.

### The Itinerary

#### 1.00pm

Arrive and get split into 3 or 4 teams

#### 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Full hall

1. Dodgeball
2. Cricket
3. Hockey
4. Kickball

#### 2.15pm-2.45pm

Bottom half of the hall

1. Musical bumps
2. Musical statues
3. Musical chairs
4. Dance off

#### 2.45pm-3.00pm

Get changed for swimming

#### 3.00pm-3.30pm

Free play

#### 3.30pm-4.00pm

Float races in teams from before

#### 4.00pm-4.30pm

Stepping stones

#### 4.30pm-4.45pm

Dancing in the water, musical bumps

#### 4.45pm-5.00pm

Get changed for food

#### 5.00pm-6.00pm

Food and raffle draw

#### 6:00pm

Talent Show

### Team names

1. Dolphins
2. Turtles
3. Jelly Fish
4. Crabs

The Talent Show will take place from 6:00pm. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, act, etc, then see June Foulkes. There is a prize for the winner.

### Birthdays

#### April 2012

- 1st Katie Farrar
- 3rd Eva Garstang
- 10th Colne ASC**
- 12th Nathan Normanton and Laura Cooke
- 13th Rioja Clayton
- 15th Hannah McDonagh Bond and Jake Sagers
- 22nd Charlotte Holmes
- 25th Tayla McDermott
- 28th Alex Dickinson
- 30th Theo Rowan and Molly Hesketh

#### May 2012

- 2nd Danielle Baxter
- 5th Mia Dodman
- 6th Jonathan Beech
- 10th Holly Beresford
- 16th Grace Heavey
- 19th Gregan Baker
- 22nd Lewis McKenna
- 25th Isabella Grogan and Laura Foulkes
- 31st Bailey Coates

### Forthcoming Events:

#### 21st April

Centenary Celebrations

#### 29th April

Micro League Fixture at West View, Preston

#### 2nd May

Committee Meeting

#### 3rd May

Swimming Club Trials

#### 4th-6th May

British Masters and Senior Age Group Championships

#### 14th May

Friendly League Fixture. Away at Accrington

#### 24th May

Friendly League Fixture. Home to Todmorden

#### 8th-17th June

FINA World Masters Championships. Riccione, Italy

#### 16th June

Micro League Fixture. Home at Pendle Leisure Centre

#### 28th June

June Age Group Gala

#### 30th June

NWR Masters and Senior Age Group Championships

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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)



100 years of:- COLNE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Fortunately our club possesses the first minute book recording its early committee meetings and indeed the very first inaugural meeting in 1912.

From the beginning there were four trophies for members to compete for. Whether these were provided by Colne (not Pendle) town council or notable town worthies of that era I don't know. The trophies were:-

1. THE GIRLS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CUP  
2 x 25yd lengths of the old pool.
2. THE BOYS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CUP  
4 x 25yd lengths
3. THE LADIES SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CUP  
4 x 25yd lengths
4. THE MENS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
8 x 25yd lengths.

Both the Ladies and Men's events were competed for by older members than they are today.

A few years later our club organised events for the many Girl Guide companies and Boy Scout Troops of the town to compete for at the clubs galas. A cup for the girl guides and a shield for the scouts.

The old Colne Baths were opened in 1909 and the term "baths" was appropriate because as well as two pools for swimmers, the main one 25yards by 10 yards and three feet deep at the shallow end and five feet six inches at the deep end, there were also what were known as slipper baths, many houses had no bathrooms and citizens could hire a slipper bath with plentiful hot water and soap for a small fee.

In a few years the larger swimming pool was hired at nights by small groups (mainly men) from the towns many Chapels and Churches but in 1912 our Club was born. For many years all swimmers whether club or not were given a towel on entry, not very substantial, by Colne Corporation. This meant the baths had a laundry section. It was complete with a spin dryer too but not like the one in your kitchen.

The Annual Championships galas were very popular and included events like long dive and a comic race. Water Polo was very popular and the main gala always ended with a polo match often against Skipton S.C. In between, smaller events which they termed mini galas were held. Club activities were very restricted during the wars owing to so many young men and women being away in the armed forces.

After World War 2 energetic officials and committee set about increasing the number of trophies. In 1956 The Harry Dewhurst Trophy made its debut for correct style swimming in breast, back and front crawl strokes.

1951 saw the first Jessie Mathews Trophy competed for. Also a Shield was made for teams from local Mills & Workshops to try and win.

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| 1952 | The Mary Lane Trophy       | One length for girls under 12   |
| 1953 | The Dot Hartley Trophy     | similar to the Harry Dewhurst but for girls.  |
| 1954 | The Davidson Diving Trophy |   |
| 1955 | The Boys Medley Trophy     | The competition speaks for itself. Boys under 15  |
|      | The Stanley Hendley Trophy | Boys under 11. One length freestyle.  |
| 1956 | The Bramhill Cup           | To be won outright each year by a boy and a girl. That years Learners under 10 years. One length. |

Submitted by Stanley Hendley.

Darlington Masters

On Sunday, 25th March, two members of the Colne ASC Masters team travelled to Darlington to take part in the Darlington Dolphin's 21st Annual Open Masters Gala.

- Philip Croxall** swimming in the 40 to 44 years age group finished:-
- 1st in the 100m Breaststroke
  - 1st in the 50m Breaststroke
  - 2nd in the 50m Backstroke
  - 3rd in the 200m Freestyle
  - 3rd in the 100m Individual Medley
  - 4th in the 50m Butterfly
  - 4th in the 100m Freestyle
  - 5th in the 50m Freestyle

**Stephen Smith** also swimming in the 40 to 44 years age group finished:-

- 1st in the 50m Backstroke
- 2nd in the 200m Freestyle
- 2nd in the 50m Freestyle
- 2nd in the 50m Butterfly
- 2nd in the 100m Freestyle
- 2nd in the 100m Individual Medley

Friendly League

On Thursday, 8th March, we were hosts to Accrington SC in our first fixture of the 2012 Friendly League Season. It was a close contest as first Accrington, then Colne won races, but neither team were able to dominate. In the end Colne edged out Accrington to record a victory by 61 points to 56. During the course of the evening there were 29 new personal bests for the Colne boys and 17 for the girls.

On Thursday, 22nd March, we were hosts to Pioneer 79 in our second fixture in the Friendly League season. In what proved to be a thrilling encounter, as both teams traded wins. Yet it was Colne that prevailed as we beat Pioneer by 59 points to 57 to maintain our 100% start to the season. Throughout the course of the night, there were 24 new personal bests amongst the girls and 19 for the boys.

Our next fixture is away to Accrington on Monday, the 14th May.

Micro League

The start time for the Micro League fixture on Sunday, 29th April has been changed from the previous start time of 4:00pm. The warm-up for the gala now starts at 1:00pm.

The coach will now be leaving the Pendle Leisure Centre at 11:45am.

The gala will still be taking place at the West View Pool in Preston.

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