



Colne Clinch Promotion in a Tight Contest

On Friday, 16th November at the Pendle Leisure Centre, Colne, the **North East Lancs Friendly League** held their annual Swim-Off gala between the bottom two teams from Division One and the top two teams from Division One. This years Division One teams were **Ramsbottom** and **Haslingden** and the Division Two teams were **Colne** – who won the division – and **Pioneer 79**.

There was a steady start to the gala as each of the teams seemed to take turns at winning races. After 20 races which was the half-way stage in the Gala the scores were announced with Haslingden in 4th on 42 points, Colne 3rd on 51 points and Ramsbottom and Pioneer tied for the lead on 53 points. The intensity and noise levels then rose.

After 30 races Colne were neck and neck with Ramsbottom with Pioneer trailing by a few points. Haslingden had been dropped off the pace by then, but were still managing to win the occasional race.

The final 10 races were tense as Colne, Ramsbottom and Pioneer won a race only to then finish last in the next. Were the nerves getting to the swimmers.

With the last race swum the noise levels dropped as everyone appeared to hold their breath waiting for the final results. Haslingden had finished 4th with 82 points. Pioneer 79 were 3rd on 98 points. Ramsbottom finished 2nd with 107 points and by **three** points Colne had won with 110 points. At that point some of the Colne swimmers jumped into the pool in celebration.

On the night there were a further 23 personal bests with 11 for the girls and 12 for the boys. This means that Colne and Ramsbottom will be competing next year in Division One with Pioneer and Haslingden in Division Two.

In our Centenary year we had won promotion back to Division One with a 100% record having won all our league fixtures and the swim-off.

Well done to all the swimmers who had helped us to achieve this feat. Thank you.

Championship Galas

On Monday, 12th and Thursday, 15th November we held our **Annual Club Championship Galas** and this year was the **Centenary** edition.

Over the course of the 2 nights there were two new records set in the new Open 200 metres Individual Medley events by **Morgan Hartley** and **Nicole Baxter** and an existing record broken in the 10 and under 25 metres Butterfly by **Jasmin Lahey**.

The most successful swimmer was **Alex Berry** who won five of his events. **Ashleigh Dibb**, **Jasmin Lahey** and **Nicole Baxter** each won four events with **Jacob Talyforth** and **Stephanie Brooks** winning three events. Winning just two events were **Ben Wilson**, **Isaac Rowan** and **Jonah Thomas-Kelly**.

The remaining 16 events were won by **Abigail Harrison**, **Daniel Grant**, **Danielle Baxter**, **Emma Wilkinson**, **George Connolly**, **Georgia Taylforth**, **Gregan Baker**, **Jack Nevison**, **James Barker**, **Lewis McKenna**, **Mia Dodman**, **Miranda Bower**, **Morgan Hartley**, **Olivia Taylor**, **Philip Croxall** and **William Havers-Strong**.

The Presentation of the Trophies along with other awards will take place on Saturday, 8th December at the Nelson Cricket Club. The doors open at 7pm.

The full results can be found on the website or on the Club Notice Board.

Christmas Sprint Gala

The Christmas Sprint Gala will be taking place on Thursday, 6th December and will include **The Parents/Teachers Christmas Sprint Challenge**.

For everyone else there is the opportunity to swim 25m of each stroke.

The challenge event will take place half-way through the meet and will consist of 25m using any stroke (and no cheating!). There will be a separate mens and womens events.

So come on have a go and put your budding young champions back in their place and show them who is the fastest swimmer in the family.

Annual Presentation and Disco

This years Presentation will take place on Saturday, 8th December at the **Nelson Cricket Club**. The doors open at 7:00pm with the presentation of the trophies starting about 7:30pm.

Along with the presentation of the main trophies the winners of the Betty Petty will be announced along with the 'Spot-On' winner.

There will be buffet followed by a disco which will involve some party games.

Tickets are being sold at the Club for £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. See June Foulkes for details.

Birthdays

November 2012

- 1st James Barker
- 3rd Eleanor Root and Natalia Bashir
- 4th Jacob Taylforth
- 5th Millie Davies
- 8th Freya Marsden
- 9th Ruairi Sweeney and Sarah Wilson
- 11th Toby Green and Marcus Bower
- 12th Amelia Robertson
- 15th Tyler Coates
- 17th Luke Gonnella
- 18th Thomas Bjork
- 26th Edgar Zelinskij

December 2012

- 3rd Bob Whittaker
- 4th Lola Dugdale
- 5th Tony Brooks
- 10th John Higginbottom
- 19th Stanley Hendley
- 20th Lewis Eley and Abbie Rushton
- 21st Louise Mary Murphey
- 23rd Daniel Horne
- 24th Simon Lee
- 25th Kelsey Taylor
- 27th Alex Baker
- 28th Jake North
- 30th Anna Rogers
- 31st Steve Craig

Forthcoming Events:

- 5th December**
Committee Meeting. Pendle Leisure Centre. 8pm
- 6th December**
Christmas Sprint Gala
- 8th December**
Annual Presentation and Disco. Nelson Cricket Club. Doors open 7pm
- 20th December**
Last Club Session of 2012
- 31st December**
Membership Subscriptions for 2013 are due.
- 3rd January 2013**
First Club Session of 2013
- 24th January**
Own Age Group Gala
- 19th/20th January**
North Lancs Age Groups
- 7th February**
Swimming Club Trials
- 2nd/3rd February**
North Lancs Age Groups
- 23rd February**
NWR Masters Distance Meet. Palatine Pool, Blackpool

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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

ASA National Masters

Colne ASC Masters swimmer **Karen Driver** proved to be the Queen of distance swimming by winning the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events at the recent **ASA National Masters and Senior Age Group Championships 2012** held at the **Ponds Forge International Sports Centre** in **Sheffield**. The 3 day event held from Friday, 26th October until Sunday, 28th October was attended by over 1000 competitors from all around the country and as usual the standard was very high as numerous British records were broken over the various age groups.

Karen was swimming in the 40 to 44 years age groups where she was far too strong for her competitors as she won the 400m, 800m and 1500m Freestyle events. But she could only finish 5th in the much shorter 200m Freestyle event.

She was joined at the event by team mates **Philip Croxall** and **Stephen Smith** who also were swimming in the 40 to 44 years age group.

Philip finished 4th in the 100m Breaststroke, 6th in the 200m Breaststroke, 8th in the 200m Individual Medley and in the 50m Breaststroke,

12th in the 100m Individual Medley and 16th in the 50m Freestyle.

Stephen struggled in the sprint freestyle events of 50m and 100m due twisting his ankle a few weeks earlier. Despite this he finished 7th in the 50m and 8th in the 100m.

Ed and Bev Wedding Fireworks

Congratulations to Ed Munday and Bev Berry who got married on Monday, 5th November.

To celebrate they had a fireworks display with a pie and peas supper, a quiz and a karaoke session on Saturday, 10th November.

The photos of the fireworks display will be displayed upon the Club website.



Committee Meeting Venue Change

The Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 5th December has been moved to the **Pendle Leisure Centre**. This is due to the Crown Hotel being booked for Christmas parties.

The meeting will still start at 8pm.

The January meeting will be back at the Crown Hotel on the 9th.

North Lancs Level 3 Meet

On Saturday, 27th and Sunday, 28th October, six young swimmers from Colne ASC travelled to the **Palatine Leisure Centre** in **Blackpool** for the **North Lancs Level 3 Meet**. Between them there was one 1st place, three 2nd places and two 3rd places amongst the 45 swims with 21 of those done in new personal best times.

The youngest swimmer **Ben Havers-Strong** who is only 9 was presented with two speeding tickets in the 50m Backstroke and Freestyle events for going too fast!! In total he did six swims with all of them being in new personal best times.

Miranda Bower (12 years) won the 50m Freestyle and was 2nd in the 200m Freestyle. She swam a total of 9 swims with only one of them being a new personal best.

Nicole Baxter (13 years) finished 2nd in the 200m Butterfly and 3rd in the 50m Butterfly. She had a total of 12 swims with four of them being in a new personal best.

Ashleigh Dibb (14 years) swam a total of 3 events with two of them being in new personal best time.

Danielle Baxter (10 years) finished 3rd in the 100m Individual Medley. She swam a total of 10 events with six of them in a new personal best time.

George Connolly (12 years) finished 2nd in 50m Freestyle. In total he had five swims with two of them in a new personal best time.

Colne ASC Shop Sale

The Clubs Centenary merchandise are now being sold at a reduced rate. You will need to hurry to get a souvenir from our Centenary year. Just see Steve Craig on a Club night.

Towels	£ 5.00
Cup with sweets	£ 2.50
Set of 4 Cups	£ 1.00
Key Rings	£ 0.50
Fridge Magnets	£ 0.50

Adult Swimming

If any adult wishes to do some/more swimming and they are a member of the Club they can swim on a Monday night from 7:30pm whilst 9:00pm in the Adults lane.

Also for non-Club members there are adult only sessions on Monday and Thursday evening at 9:00pm whilst 10:00pm after the Club has finished.

Plus there are the early bird session which take place from 7:00am whilst 9:00am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, which are again for adults only.

For those really wanting to improve their fitness, there are the Masters sessions on Saturday and Sunday morning from 8:00am whilst 9:00am.

The ASA do a swim programme aimed at adults of all levels of ability from head-up breaststroke through to competitive swimming. They call this programme SwimFit and you can find details at the following address.

<http://www.swimfit.co.uk>