



NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

Hi All,

- **PRESENTATION EVENING**

Is on the 8th DECEMBER at Leigh Miners. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start until 11.30pm

You should all have your tickets now so all is left is to enjoy.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT TE PRESENTATION EVENING

Medal presentation.

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Hot dogs for sale.

See the Ashton to Dublin distance swim t-shirts which can be ordered.

Tabletop sale used and new swimming equipment.

- **NOTICE OF AGM**

Can't attend but want something brought up. e mail chairman@ashtoncentral.co.uk

The AGM for Ashton Central Swimming Club will take place on Sunday 10th December in the training room at Newton-le-Willows Leisure centre from 3.30 – 4.30.

The meeting is open to all parents of swimmers. If more than one parent from the same family attends only one vote is allowed.

Our club is run by volunteers and we rely on the goodwill of volunteers including committee members for the significant amount of work that goes on in the background to ensure we offer a good service. We need a full committee to ensure that all the necessary work is completed.

If you feel you can commit to one meeting per month, the last Wednesday of the month 7.45pm -9.15pm at Newton le Willows, in order to help to run this fantastic club please consider running for committee. Contact chairman@ashtoncenral.co.uk if you feel you can contribute in any way.

- **JUNIOR GALA**

15th December for all Junior sections of the swimming club. 6.30 to 7.30pm. Every swimmer will receive a medal.

This is held in the session and no need to book on. Just turn up as usual at the session. Please don't forget, swimmers to bring an extra towel and a drink.

- **OFFICIALS FOR BCM**

Have we any officials who are willing to be added to the Association list.

Contact treasurer@ashtoncentral.co.uk

- **FUNDRAISING**

- The winning number for the 50/50 draw was number 5 and the lucky winner is Laura Bell.
- At the club gala Kieron of Key Photography gave his time free to take action photographs and he did this at no charge to us so we could make some money on the photographs. I am sure you agree that the photos were fantastic. A big SHOUT OUT to Keiren for giving his time and expertise to our club.
Thank you to Gemma for organising this, £256 was raised. Thank you to the 19 families who supported it.
- The Autumn raffle was drawn on the 6th November. Tracy Harper won the hamper; Oliver Bell won the wine; and the chocolates went to Libby Ward. £162.00 was made. Thank you to all who bought tickets.
- This year's distance swim will be a fundraising event.
The aim will be to swim from Ashton to Dublin collectively.
Sponsor forms have been given out in sessions. If you haven't got one see Lisa. Alternatively there is a go fund me page open so that money can be paid into it direct.
<https://gofund.me/755a9099>

Also t-shirts for the event are on sale. Contact fundraising@ashtoncentral.co.uk Martin Cook the fundraising officer will help.

10TH DECEMBER for C and D (no swimming for other groups)

17TH DECEMBER for B (no swimming for other groups)

19th DECEMBER for A GROUP (3 HOUR swim...no other swimming for other groups, We have hired an extra hour pool time.)

NEW DATE 19th JANUARY for Junior Groups

If any of these times clash with Squad Training please speak to Lisa for an alternative date.

Distance Badges are £3 each payable by cash or bank transfer into the club account on the day

- Don't forget our fundraising App '@easy fundraising' Download the app and search for Ashton Central Swimming Club. When you are thinking of buying online from e.g Amazon, the app will direct you to your own amazon account anything spent will earn 1.5% commission to the club. There are many outlets to choose from and has the potential to earn the club a significant amount. If you are interested but not sure what to do please contact either the webmaster@ashtoncentral.co.uk or chairman@ashtoncentral.co.uk and we can help you set your account up.

Allen's of Kingsbury exclusive 10% discount code: ASHTON10 available all year round. Keep your eyes peeled for a special 20% discount code.

27th NOVEMBER to 10TH DECEMBER e mail equipment@ashtoncentral.co.uk or look on face book for the code.

Please contact fundraising@ashtoncentral.co.uk with any fundraising ideas.

- **ASHTON CENTRAL KIT**

For more information equipment@ashtoncentral.co.uk

- **TEAM MANAGERS REPORT**

All team results can be seen on the BCM website.

bcmswpa.org.uk

2024 BCMSWPA

We are entering:

Mini League

Team Sprint

Open League

Please make every effort to attend, if chosen, as this year we have to pay £25 to enter each league which we loose for non attendance of the team at any gala and withdrawel from the league.

COACHES REPORT

BADGE GALA

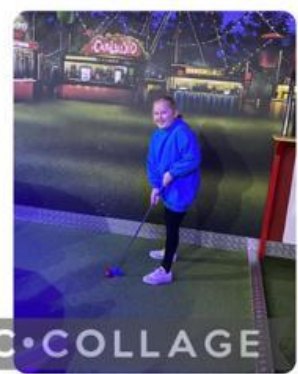
The badge gala cards have now been updated. You can buy badges at each of the distance swims. £3 each.

SOCIAL EVENT

Some of the children went on the social event of crazy golf and bowling in Warrington. Everyone seemed to have a good time and it was nice for the swimmers to socialise.



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PERCY MASON (WARRINGTON MEET) MEDALISTS



BOLTON MEET 2ND AND 3RD December

FRONT CRAWL CLINIC 27th December

Still places available. Swimmers from C group. Contact Lisa if you would like to attend. coach@ashtoncentral.co.uk

STARTS AND TURNS CLINIC 3RD January

Still places available, Swimmers from B group. Contact Lisa if you would like to attend. coach@ashtoncentral.co.uk

JD SQUAD TRIALS 13th January/9th March/8th June/14th September/7th June

6 to 8 places. Lisa to choose swimmers.

WIGAN DEVELOPMENT MEET 7TH and 8th January

See Lisa for more information coach@ashtoncentral.co.uk

BCM OPEN MEET 23RD and 24th March

See Lisa for more information coach@ashtoncentral.co.uk

- **2023 CLOSURES**

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 8TH (due to presentation evening)

SUNDAY 24TH

TUESDAY 26TH

WEDNESDAY 27TH

THURSDAY 28TH

FRIDAY 29TH

SUNDAY 31ST

FIRST SESSION BACK IS WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY

- **SWIM ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP DUE IN JANUARY**

Please pay into the club account in January.

CLUB TRAIN £17.35

CLUB COMPETE £39.70

CLUB SUPPORT £13.00

MEMBERSHIP AND YOUR SWIM ENGLAND NUMBER

We are frequently asked about Swim England (formerly ASA) membership and how a swimmer

can find their number. Here's a quick guide:

What is Swim England Registration?

Swim England's annual registration means that you are insured for all Club activities. Swim England membership must be renewed each year by club. There are three categories of membership. Here is a brief guide but you can read more about the categories on: <http://www.swimming.org/members/club-membership/>

What is a Swim England Club Train member?

When you join Ashton Central Swimming Club, we normally register you with Swim England as a 'Club train' member.

Category club train membership is for individuals who are part of a club and are learning to swim competitively. As a club train swimmer, you are eligible to swim for

in competitions such as Ashton Central Swimming Club in team galas from age 9 and above. Club train swimmers cannot compete in Open competitions including County and Regional championships. For this, your membership must be upgraded to Category club compete. We ask you to pay this into the club account 2 weeks after commencement then every year in January. The price is set by Swim England.

What is a Swim England Club Compete member?

This category is for people who wish to compete in Open competitions including County and Regional championships. If you wish to do this, we ask you to pay the difference between club train and club compete membership at the start of the year. However, if you reach the standard in the year then you are able to 'top up'.

What is a Swim England Club Support?

Club support membership is for other members of Ashton Central Swimming Club, such as coaches, poolside helpers and committee members. These fees are paid by the Club.

How is our membership maintained?

Swim England membership must be renewed each year and, as your parent Club, we carry out this process during January. You must pay the renewal of your membership with Swim England into the club account we then handle the renewal with Swim England. If you do not pay your Swim England renewal by the deadline, we will cancel your Swim England registration, you will no longer be insured, and we will not let you swim.

What is my Swim England (ASA) number?

You can look up your, and indeed anyone's, registration number on the Swim England website:

<http://www.swimming.org/members/swim-england-club-member-check/>

- **SAFEGUARDING**

You can find the Wavepower policy on <https://www.swimming.org>

If you have any concerns our safeguarding lead is Alainna Lovatt contact her on safeguarding@ashtoncentral.co.uk

- **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

BCM DINNER DANCE 23rd November, 2024

That's all folks

Have a good Xmas and New Year.

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