



Garstang ASC
AGM 7/1/2020 (for 2019)

2019 Started with seven swimmers at the county champs. Excellent for such a small club.

Again, some of our swimmers attended the Swim Camp at Easter by invitation from Blackpool Aquatics.

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We competed in sub, micro leagues and quite a few open galas. Our own club champs are a starting point for most. We had lots of younger swimmers entering our medals gala which is also a good experience and a chance to get official times for shorter distances but also to make a decent amount of revenue for the club. We tried Manchester Snowpen for a change this year as it was long course and it was a good experience for our swimmers in a 50m pool

We also gave open water a go this year and had two sessions at Coniston which not only introduced our swimmers to open water but was good fun including food. This also raised a bit of money for the club. We are also encouraging any members to enter the Great North Swim and collect sponsorship for the club, so enter now!

Our main issue this year has not been with swimming (our swimmers are steadily improving year on year) but problems with funding and cost of pool hire and loss of our lessons. However, we are still here! We just need to see it as another challenge and hit it with the usual Garstang enthusiasm!

We start 2020 at a gallop, straight into county champs, nine swimmers this time! Also sub league and club presentations. I have prepared a quiz to help raise funds in a small way but need to carry on trying to make every activity pay.

Thank you to all the coaches who make up the team, we have had to diversify a bit this year with the loss of lessons but gaining the skill development sessions.

Our best wishes also to Gretl who will be out of action for a while but hope she will be back by the middle of this year.

Thanks also to committee and parents for your support our junior helpers and all the swimmers.

Let's hope 2020 is the best year for us yet.

Sue Booth (Head Coach)