



# GSC Newsletter

## Dates for your diary

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swim-a-thon
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EGM and Committee meeting
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Training
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	No Training
April 14/15 <sup>th</sup>	COPS Open Meet
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fenland Junior
May 5/6 <sup>th</sup>	Tulip Open Meet
May 5/6/7	Midland Youth Championships
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lincs League
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fenland Open Meet
May 24 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Training Camp in Spain

## New Members

GSC would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

Amy Clay	Emily Sewell
Evie Akerman	Matthew Bankhurst
Caitlin Breddoes-Jones	Ben Brown
Ryan Poole	Isobel Schofield
Philip Jackson	Clare Lawrence
Amber Minks	Will Jones
Lucas Turner	Sasha Wire
Thomas Mawer	Ella Farmer
Hannah Bancroft	Jacob Sheldon
Laurie Smart	Harry Brewin
Jessica Varley	Evan Rees
Zachary and Ephraigm Morton	

We would also like to welcome back Charles Thompson, Joshua Gould and Ashley Wood who have all rejoined the club.

## Squad Times

By now you should all be aware of the changes that have been made to our training times. The new system is working very well and as promised will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure all swimmers get the best from their training. If you have any questions about the changes please pass them to the desks where they should be able to answer them - or know a man that can!!

## County Championships

The County Championships have dominated March, but GSC has turned out a fantastic performance. Thirty-nine swimmers took part in 4 days of swimming (with one more to go after this "went to print") with the following swimmers winning a total of 41 medals to date:

Aimee Culpin	Lea Crompton-Harris
Natasha Conway	Hannah Devine
Becky Ferguson	James Harrison
Hannah Korcz	Louis Lai
Kate McCallin	Isaac Musson
Laura Pigott	Jake Scarborough

As well as the medals, GSC produced some cracking swims with pb's being blown out of the water! Well done to all those swimmers and everyone else who took part. A special thanks also goes to the parents who once again came out in force to support our team and make our hosting day a huge success.

## Standing Orders

By now all members should be aware of our increase in fees and that the Club is aiming for **all** fees to be paid by standing order, to minimise the administration burden to us. **Those members who pay by standing order already are responsible for changing their own monthly payments** - this has not been done in a few cases so please check with your bank. Any member that has not filled in a standing order form should collect one from the signing in desk and return it to **their** bank as soon as possible.

## Contact Details

The Club has still got outdated contact details for some members; a recent email drop found a third of the mail returned due to non-existent addresses! This is an easy and cost-effective method of passing information to members so if your details have or do

change, please ensure that the Club is informed at the earliest opportunity.

### Job Vacancies

The Club has a number of "job vacancies" available at the moment. All are voluntary and all very important to the day-to-day running of the Club.

**Minutes Secretary** - this person would sit in on monthly committee meeting, take the minutes and then produce copies for distribution.

**Blues Organiser** - the blues are the helpers that assist at home galas with the general running, selling raffle tickets, giving out drinks, team managing etc (not time keeping, judging) and the job would involve ensuring a team is put together for the various galas.

**Open Meet Secretary** - this person would be responsible for liaising with the Fixtures Secretary to confirm which meets the Club are supporting, ensure all the required information is available to the members at the Club and then send all the information on to the Meet Organisers. Once the club has been accepted they will be sent the cards, which then need passing back to the swimmers.

If you are interested or would like more information please speak to someone on the committee or at the desk.

### Mobile Phones/Printer Cartridges

The Club is able to raise some much-needed funds by recycling old mobile phones, toner and inkjet cartridges. Phones do not need to be in a working condition but we do earn more for them if they are. If you have any of these you wish to donate please hand them to the help desk (Sunday 5-7pm) or the signing-in desk.

### Sponsorship

Sponsorship is an on going project within the Club and something that is being taken very seriously indeed; we are hoping to introduce new sponsorship packages very soon. The swim-a-thon has been sponsored by nine local businesses enabling us to provide the new team hats and medals. Also many of you will have seen the new tracksuit tops,

sponsored by Hampsons Car Hire: they look great (it isn't too late to order one either) and the Club is looking to secure sponsorship for other items of kit as well as for the day-to-day running costs. Grantham Clothing can also supply tracksuit trousers to match the jackets, which could also have the Club's logo on. The price for these will be dependant on interest. If you think you may like a pair please could you let Vicky Gould know or leave you name at the desk (there will be no obligation to have a pair at this stage; it's just so we can judge interest).

### Trial night

On 29<sup>th</sup> April GSC will be hosting an open trial night from 4-5pm. This session is open to anyone no matter what their ability and swimmers will then be selected to join the Swim Club. If you know of anyone who may be interested in coming along please let him or her know. We are also still holding open trials every Sunday at 5pm for anyone interested in GSC.

### Buy.at

GSC is looking to set up buy.at on its website [www.freewebz.com/granthamsc](http://www.freewebz.com/granthamsc). Buy.at is a web shop containing an expanding number of retailers: Adams Kids, Tesco, Thorntons, Marks & Spencer, Sky, T-mobile, Egg, John Lewis the AA and more. It includes banks, credit card companies and utilities companies. GSC earns cash back for all online purchases made through our web shop. Buyers on the site pay **exactly** the same prices as shopping directly with the retailer and there are often discounts exclusive to the web shop. The Club then earns commission on these purchases – this would vary but could be as much as 15% of the purchase price or one off payment depending on the retailer. So please keep checking the notice board and website for developments on this.