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# NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the May edition of our Newsletter, we have a few important events coming up, so please keep your eyes peeled on the notice boards and website; we will however add them to the newsletter as we go along. If anyone has an article they would like adding to the newsletter, please email me at the address below.

Here's a letter from our Head Coaches:-

**Fellow members, colleagues, friends,**

You may have heard a rumour that myself and Paul are leaving Mansfield Swimming Club – well I'm very glad to say that it's not true, however, we do need to tell you that we will be stepping down as Head Coaches as from the end of this swimming year. This decision has not been taken lightly and is a decision we feel we had to take due to work and family commitments. We would like to assure you of our commitment to Mansfield Swimming Club and let you know that we will be joining the ranks as volunteer coaches assisting the new Head Coach, when appointed.

So, what happens now? The Committee will be advertising the post both internally and in the Swimming Times and they hope to be able to fill the vacancy for the new swimming year, which we're afraid, will mean that you will have to put up with us for the remainder of the swimming year.

How do we feel about this? Well this letter has to be one of the most difficult letters we have had to write. We feel sad that there are not enough hours in the day or indeed that we don't have enough energy to carry on as Head Coaches. We care greatly about the Club and especially our dear swimmers. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach them over the last few years and we really are honoured to have been part of their success. We would very much like to remain part of the Club and are looking forward to becoming volunteers when we can relax more and continue to enjoy coaching. We have enjoyed our time as Head Coaches and look forward to the new Head Coach coming along bringing new ideas and new passion into the club.

Myself and Paul have been actively involved in swimming for 10 years now as teachers, NOVA coaches and finally Mansfield Swimming Club Coaches and we now feel that we are at a time in our lives when we want to slow down, buy a caravan, some knitting needles for me and a pair of tweed slippers for Paul. Well, not exactly but a little less rushing around would be fab.

I, that is me Gail, will continue to coach for NOVA Centurion both for the Development Squad and the A Squad so the links between Mansfield Swimming Club and NOVA will remain very strong. As for our new sessions in the new swimming year, we don't yet know, that's something we will discuss with the new coach.

As you know, we are currently restructuring the club and will be keen for the new coach to adopt that restructuring so the club can carry on with little disruption. Both the Committee, Paul and I will be working with the new Head Coach to ensure fluidity and continuity.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last three years and here's to a successful future. If you have any questions or concerns, just ask, but please remember, we will still be very much around, in fact, this could be a bonus for MSC as we will have a new Head Coach and two new volunteers, how wonderful!

**Gail & Paul Stockton**

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## Dates to remember – 2008

May - 5<sup>th</sup> (Water Meadows) - Closed  
26<sup>th</sup> (Water Meadows) - Closed

**Club Championships** (Sundays at Water Meadows only)  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

### Summer Holiday

Water Meadows – closed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August, returning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September.  
Rainworth – closed after the session Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – returning Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### Christmas Holiday

Water Meadows – last session Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, returning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.  
Rainworth – last session Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, returning Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

### Membership Fees

May we remind swimmers and parents' that membership fees are now grossly overdue. For those of you who haven't paid, could we please have your completed forms and payment on your next visit to Water Meadows or Rainworth? Failure to make payment will result in swimmers being turned away due to lack of membership. Thank you.



### Club Championships

Its that time of year again! Club Championship entry forms can be found on the door at Watermeadows and Rainworth or you can download via the website. Please note that the closing date for entries is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May so hurry and get your entries in.



### BBQ

Our annual BBQ and swim session is scheduled for Rainworth Leisure Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> June and tickets will go on sale in the next couple of weeks. Please come along it will be a great evening, Gaza is booked to do the disco, and all we need to do now is get the sausages.



### Happy Birthday!

Alexander Roberts, Alisha Palmer, Amy Wells, Amy-May Wood, Angela Holmes, Bethany Smith, Charlie Hayes, Charlotte Pindar, Daniel Humphries, Ellie Evans, Emily Clapham, Emily Gee, Emily Henson, Emma Savage, Holly Gregory, James Price, Jane Radford, Katie Banks, Kelsey Radford, Kirsten Pinson, Lauren McGarry, Nikki Randall, Oliver Hemsall, Philip Robinson, Sian Catton, Sophie Cann, Thomas Baker, Victoria Marren, Vidur Sharma.



**Who wants to win a box of chocolates?** The first swimmer from the birthday list above who emails me with their name and membership number will win a box of chocolates. Winner will be announced on the notice board and in June's newsletter.

### And finally.....



I can't respond to any emails today, something has crashed on my computer and the mouse is missing. . .

