

## Welcome to the Tring Swimming Club's newsletter

### Who are we?

- ❑ A friendly club based at Tring Sports Centre
- ❑ About 150 members aged between 8 and 60
- ❑ A junior club with children joining after and in conjunction with local lesson programmes
- ❑ An active Masters group of over 40 swimmers, and growing!
- ❑ Affiliated to Herts ASA and the ASA Eastern Region
- ❑ Have a close relationship with Maxwell Swimming Club, a performance club based in Aylesbury

### What's in this edition?

- ❑ A note from the coach
- ❑ Our sponsor – Peter Kemp
- ❑ Fund raising event
- ❑ Open water swimming
- ❑ Dates for your diary
- ❑ Summer swimming dates and times

### Key contacts

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- For any other enquiries, [www.tringswimmingclub.co.uk](http://www.tringswimmingclub.co.uk) >
- Contact us**

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### A note from the coach – Realising your full potential

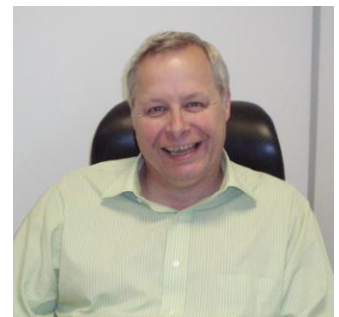
Congratulations to the Team Tring Swimmers who competed in Tring's first year in the Chiltern League. We are very proud to boast that Tring won the Division with some fantastic swims across all rounds! We are happy to receive a new addition in our trophy cabinet, due to your efforts. WELL DONE to all of you!!!

We would also like to congratulate the newly appointed squad coaches:

**Jan Stevens** is now the lead Coach for the **Silver Academy** Squad

**Lauren Parker** is our new lead Coach of the **Skill Development** Squad

### Our sponsor – Peter Kemp



<b>How long have you been involved with TSC?</b>	I've been a swimmer in the Masters group for 12 years since my eldest child started swimming – he's 21 now. I have 4 children, the youngest is 8 and should be joining the club soon. As a sponsor, I've been involved about 4 years.
<b>Why did you get involved as a sponsor?</b>	I'm dedicated to engage with the local community. When I found the club was struggling financially, and yet people were working just so hard trying to keep things going (and many were not even parents of swimmers!), I wanted to make a difference to move things forward. I wanted to bring stability to the club that was losing money and becoming unviable to continue.

<p><b>What value have you seen from the sponsorship to TSC?</b></p>	<p>The sponsorship has enabled the club to bring in expert coaches and change the format of the club to become inclusive and serve all swimming enthusiasts, irrespective of ability. This is really important to me.</p> <p>The consistency in coaching has provided the opportunity for TSC to get back <i>on the map</i> as a service to enable local people to just enjoy swimming, and to develop as much or as little as they want to. The growth of the Masters and Fitness session is proof of that, having doubled in attendees in a year!</p> <p>The sponsorship has also helped foster our links with TSC and Maxwell in Aylesbury. Many swimmers have been able to extend their swimming because of the collaboration between the two clubs and how well the fantastic coaches have facilitated this. Most certainly, this has been a major step forward for the club in recent years.</p>
<p><b>What would you like to see change in the way parents get involved with TSC?</b></p>	<p>The committee works tirelessly to keep the club going and if it is to survive and grow, new parents have to get involved.</p> <p>As a society, I believe that we should look after each other, and although many people are not necessary in the financial position to give money, there are so many ways that the club could be enriched from our parents' contributions in their skills and talents, experience and time.</p> <p>I think parents should focus on what they <b>could do</b> to contribute as human beings to benefit the masses. It's not a money matter often – finding out what needs doing could save the club hundreds of pounds! For example, broken lane lines – <b>can you mend these?</b></p>
<p><b>Apart from TSC, have you and your company supported other community services?</b></p>	<p>Yes. EnviroLogistics in particular, gets involved in all sorts of areas, such as providing free furniture to some of our local primary schools, giving financial support to maintain the local lollipop lady. We also provide products and financial support to Wilstone Village Hall, enabling the hall to be used by all people in the village. The hall is kept to a very high standard and in the past we have provided free of charge, chairs, tables and labour to help them as well as organising fund raising evenings.</p>
<p><b>Can you tell me a bit more about your company?</b></p>	<p>We have 25 people who work full-time, plus summer workers. I feel it is important to recruit people locally, and all labour is drawn from a 10 mile radius. I would also like to do more to help new school leavers develop good business and practical skills.</p> <p>We have offices in a number of locations (e.g. Pitstone, Leighton Buzzard) and 3 different businesses that focus on specific aspects of providing furniture for businesses and the community.</p> <p><b>PRS Furniture Ltd</b> – supplies new furniture to organisations <a href="http://www.prs-officefurniture.co.uk">www.prs-officefurniture.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>EnviroLogistics</b> – focuses on recycling, reselling and reusing furniture. Facilitates the distribution of furniture, e.g. to charities, schools, other businesses. There's increasingly new legislation on reusing materials and reducing waste. <a href="http://www.envirologistics.co.uk">www.envirologistics.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>ChairTree</b> – internet-based service providing high quality pre-used furniture. <a href="http://www.chairtree.co.uk">www.chairtree.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you buy an item of furniture from this site, £10 will be added to the club funds. Simply click on the link to Tring SC and provide your membership details and we will do the rest.</p>

## Fund raising event – by Eloise Moller Comic Relief – Swimathon

We would just like to share the news with everyone that after a very successful swimathon we raised over £300! As a club we swam the equivalent of swimming the channel 4 times over. It was a wonderful accomplishment and we hope that everyone feels as proud as we do about these results. Everyone that took part completed the swim and a great atmosphere was present that evening. It was so nice to see



all the swimmers doing what they enjoy, and having a laugh together but at the same time doing something amazing for those less fortunate. There were some brilliant socks that people wore to swim in, with some spectacular designs. Not to mention Britain's latest top models strutting their stuff!



**NOTE:** Next Fund Raising Event is the Wilstone Village Fete on SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE. Please come and support us.

## **STOP PRESS!**

### **New committee members and a fundraising team NEEDED URGENTLY!**

We desperately need more parents of new swimmers to get involved for the Club to continue and to move forward. Let us know what you could do to help share the fun and responsibility. Please contact Hilary Denton-Sparke [hilarydentonsparke@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hilarydentonsparke@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Open water swimming**

Please sponsor your fellow swimmers who are taking part in Open Water Swims during the Summer (11<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July), in order to raise money for your swimming club.

**Craig Oliver, Jan & Charley Stevens, Lou Griffiths, Judith & Carsten Holstein, Shelley Deverall-Roberts, Lauren Parker, Freya Flindell, Sarah Pritchard, Elly Sansom, Robert Jennings, Lucy & Michaela Colwell**

We are raising money for Pool Equipment. Depending on how much we raise this could be Stopwatches, Lane Lines and Starting Blocks. Please **SPONSOR** and wish us luck in our wetsuits!

**Sponsorship Forms** are on the noticeboard – please do your bit to help your club – Thanks!  
British Gas Great Swim series - <http://www.greatswim.org/>

Also, ROGER MOORHOUSE is doing the Cross Channel Relay swim in August (13/14), and is likely to do 5-6 miles. The swim is for Aspire (charity for spinal-injury rehabilitation) and it's a relay for 6 of us. My sponsorship page is <http://www.justgiving.com/Roger-Moorhouse>



Good luck, Roger! Let us know how it goes.

## Dates for your diary

May	21st	Gala	Peanuts League Round 2	SD & CA
June	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19th	Open	Level 3 , Maxwell Swim Club, Aquavale, Aylesbury	ALL
June	25th	Gala	Aylesbury and District	ALL
July	2nd	Gala	Peanuts League Round 3	SD & CA

**AGM – FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE** at 7pm at Tring School in the conference room near the school's reception. **LOOK OUT FOR THE SIGNS!**

**NOTE:** Remember to check the Noticeboard or website for up to date information

### STOP PRESS AGAIN!

This newsletter is circulated to over 200 members. If any local businesses would like to advertise its goods or services, appropriate to TSC, please contact a committee member on [tringswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:tringswimclub@gmail.com)

## Summer swimming dates and times

School finishes on Friday 22 July. Sessions during the summer holidays are as follows:

- Sunday evenings as normal - with the usual dedicated Masters session and usual Bronze Academy
- Tuesday mornings as normal
- Thursday as normal but with Masters included
- Friday evenings as normal
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Afternoons and Tuesday Masters - Cancelled**

There will be an **ANNUAL SHUT DOWN** for two weeks. This means there will also be **no swimming sessions** between **SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST and MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST.**



## A note of THANKS

Thank you to **Claire Griffiths** and **Helen Andrews** who have both stepped down from their regular teaching hours after many years of teaching and coaching our swimmers. We hope, however, that they will cover for us in the future.

Thank you also to **Amanda Mustill** for nominating TSC for the “Jeans Charity” from the Grass Roots company in Tring. More on this next time!

Tring Swimming Club is always keen to welcome new swimmers. If you can swim a few lengths of front crawl, or you are an experienced swimmer, just needing an incentive to get back in the pool, then come and try a session. Just have a word with Craig or Kevin anytime.

And finally....thanks to our sponsors

