



Gloucester Athletic Club

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Situations Vacant!

As previously mentioned, we are desperately short of volunteers! Not just coaching and officiating, but administration and general “hands-on” tasks – so you don’t necessarily need to be athletically-minded, you just need an interest in *your* Club or *your* child’s development.

Yes, we are appealing to the parents as well as our members!

Too many of our committee members and coaches are currently having to tackle more than one task at a time and whilst we are capable of multi-tasking(!), the wider we can spread the workload, the more efficient and proficient we can become at those jobs we have. As we all know, increased stress levels and workloads can lead to mistakes. Let’s try to help out!

Next year, Bob Purcell, plans to start a small Athletics Academy based at the track involving local schools and other youth organisations.

Hopefully this will get the track used more outside of club training times and recruit more athletes for the Club.

Additionally, it is anticipated that he will be spending a great deal more time working in partnership with the City Council to develop the sporting potential of the Blackbridge area.

In order to do this, he will need help in tackling some of his other jobs so we are looking for:

- **A Property Manager to look after the Clubhouse and club equipment.**
- **A Coach to take over the management of the Reception Squad**
- **A Disability Coach**
- **A Team Manager for the Avon League**
- **A Team Manager for Sportshall**

In addition the Club is always on the lookout for more **Field Officials, Track Officials, Timekeepers, Marksmen and Starters**

Training, support, and expenses all provided. Pay is not great, frankly, you will earn nothing during the week but there is double time at the weekends and the job satisfaction is FANTASTIC!!

In addition to the above, we are on the look-out for an **assistant Publicity and Press Officer** to help ease the considerable burden on Richard Blackwell. This role will be ideal for any student wishing to get into this line of work.

If you feel you can help or are interested in finding out more about any of the above positions, please have a word with either Bob or Rich at training or via e-mail and they will be only too pleased to "fill you in" – so to speak!

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Thinking of going away for an Easter break? Several Club members are heading over to Monte Gordo on the Algarve. This is mainly a "warm-weather" training trip but it is family-orientated; it's a great opportunity to meet athletes, parents, hangers-on, etc.

Whilst there are no definitive, organised arrangements, all members/families are welcome to join the group. Some people are heading out on April 1st, some on the 2nd and some on the 4/5th April. Some are staying for five days, some for seven and some for 10 – it's that informal!

The main base will be the Vasco de Gama Hotel in Monte Gordo, where the majority of the tourists will be staying.

If anyone is interested, please contact Ian 'Lofty' Summers either on mobile (07870 168914), e-mail (xccaptain@hotmail.com), through Facebook or see him at training. He knows all of the "ins and outs" and will be able to give you far more info than I can!

Please note that if any junior (under-18s) want to attend (and they are more than welcome) they MUST be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult guardian.

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Finally, I can't guarantee there being enough riveting news before the New Year to warrant another e-mail or Newsletter, so I will take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2015.

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