

Dear fellow club members,

I regret to say that for only the second time since the track reopened in 2012, we need to increase our track fees. Our number one priority is the preservation of the track into the future and never again allowing it to degrade to anything like the extent as happened prior to our taking over its management. Like every other organisation we see our costs rising. For example, the entire project of works in 2012 which included two extra lanes on the home straight, floodlighting, re-siting of the LJ pits, new throws cage, new track surface, new entrance from Podsmead Rd etc cost around £140,000. The current estimate to replace just the track surface, the life expectancy of which is around 20 years, exceeds £200,000. We have been prudent, and we have considerable reserves, but we can't again risk the future of Athletics in Gloucester.

So, at our latest board meeting it was unanimously agreed that we need to increase the track fee for Gloucester AC members to £2.50 per session and to non-members £5.00 from April 1st. We apologise for this as we recognise the financial pressure on all households currently but, thanks in great part to the essentially voluntary nature of our activity across the board, Athletics is still one of the cheapest and most accessible of all sports.

Kindest regards

Bob Purcell  
Chairman GATM Ltd

## **Fund Raising**

### **Spring Open Meeting**

Gloucester AC will be hosting a Spring Open Meeting on Sunday 28th April at Blackbridge, with track events from 60m up to 3000m plus long jump, shot put and discus. There will be electronic timing for all races, so please put the date in the diary as this meeting will be popular! We will need volunteers to help out on the day as this is the main source of fundraising for the club, so please get in contact with Steve on [sensiblesteve@hotmail.com](mailto:sensiblesteve@hotmail.com) to offer your help. Thank you

Kind regards  
Steve

### **Haresfield 5k August 14th**

The 5k race from the Beacon Inn Haresfield. raises about £2000 for the club.

We will need help from all sections of the club to promote this well. I think last year the funds raised helped buy a new pole vault pole

If you can help speak to me after training or email me on [gloucestershireaaa@athletics4u.co.uk](mailto:gloucestershireaaa@athletics4u.co.uk) .

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	Meeting	day	date	location	U13	U15	U17	U20	senior	masters
	Lower YDL	Saturday	20th April	Newport	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	<a href="#">Gloucester AC open</a>	Sunday	28th April	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<a href="#">Brewers Games</a>	Monday	6th May	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	<b><u>Some schools will be competing in the ESAA Schools Cup on May 7 &amp; May14</u></b>									
Exams	County Championships	Sunday	May 12th.	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Midland T&F League	Saturday	May 18th	Nottingham	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Lower YDL	Sunday	May 19th	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Schools County Championship	Saturday	June 8th	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
	Avon League	Sunday	June 9th	Yate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Midland T&F League	Saturday	June 15th	Technical event	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Lower YDL	Sunday	June 23rd	Yate	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Cheltenham Open Meeting	Wednesday	July 3rd	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Cheltenham Open Meeting	Wednesday	July 10th	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	ESAA Championships and Saturday 13th July	Friday	12th July	Birmingham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
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Midland T&F League	Sunday	14th July	Yate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cheltenham Open Meeting	Wednesday	July 17th	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Midland U20 T & F Championships	Saturday to Sunday	19th to 20 July		No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Masters Track	Sunday	21st July	Yate	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	
Cheltenham Open Meeting	Wednesday	July 24th	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
SW T&F Championships	?	?	Probably Exeter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	as senior	
England Athletics Age Groups Championships	Friday to Sunday	26 to 28 July	to be confirmed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
Midland Age group Championships	Saturday to Sunday	August 10th & 11th		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
Avon League	Sunday	11th Aug	Yate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Midland T&F League	Saturday	17th August	Rugby	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Midland T&F League	Saturday	7th September	Birmingham	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
GAAA Championships 3000m/ 10000m	Friday	13th Septemebr	Gloucester	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Avon League	Sun	Sept 8th	Gloucester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Avon League	Sun	Sept 29th	Yate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	