



SWIMMING

New timing board installed

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Deepings Swimming Club has installed a new electronic timing board after raising money through a sponsored cross-channel swim at its Deepings Leisure Centre home.

The timing board arrived just in time for the start of the club's annual championships, which started with the 400m freestyle and 400m individual medley races and continue throughout June.

The swimming club's previous timing board was about 20 years old and obsolete, which meant the club was unable to obtain spares to fix it.

The new board will enable the swimmers to continue developing their skills in the best possible environment and will also enable the club



Steve Tappern and Lynn Chapman with swimmers and the timing board on the wall behind

to host more galas, including the Rob Welbourn meet in October, named after the Paralympic gold medallist who used to swim for the club.

Head coach Lynn Chapman said: "We are delighted with the new timing board - it is perfect for our needs. On

behalf of the club, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make this possible, from the swimmers who put in the work to the people who pledged sponsorship money."

More than 100 swimmers, aged eight to 60, took part in the challenge on April

2, completing a distance equivalent to crossing the English Channel and back - or 2,832 lengths of the 25-metre pool - in just over two hours.

In addition to the money raised by the swimmers, the club is indebted to the support

of several local companies who contributed through crowd funding and donations: Perkins Engines, BGL Group, Deepings Round Table, News UK, Bakkavor, Shaws Coaches, British Sugar, Baker Perkins and Barclays Bank. Altogether the club raised more than £10,000 from sponsorship and donations.

Martyn Reynolds is chairman of Deepings Swimming Club. He said: "I would like to thank all those who gave both in terms of time and money into making this such a highly successful event, from the swimmers who completed the challenge to the parents, family and friends who sponsored them to all those who helped organise and put on this event.

"Special thanks to committee member Steve Tappern and his small team for getting behind and driving this event and, not least, the organisations who gave to this worthy cause."

Appeal for owner of lost earring

A woman who found an earring in Stamford is putting out an appeal to find its owner.

Barbara Howard, of Wittering, found it on the corner of Bath Row in Stamford at about 11.30am on Wednesday. Barbara said: "It could be sentimental, if I lost a piece of jewellery I would want it back." If you think you are the owner of the earring call Barbara 01780 591939.

Company sends out safety advice

Anglian Water is warning people that swimming at Rutland Water is "dangerous" as a heat-wave sweeps through the region.

The company, which operates several reservoirs is urging people not to swim anywhere but the designated area at the reservoir, unless there is a supervised event.



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