Welcome to the
Swim & Save E-zine

STA Launches New Swimming Academy in Rochdale
STA is creating a new swim academy in the Borough of Rochdale after signing a four-year contract with Link4Life (the trading name of Rochdale Boroughwide Cultural Trust). The Link4Life Swim Academy will launch in April 2012.

Louise Raines has been appointed by STA to be the Academy’s new swim co-coordinator. Read more

Retirement Plans on Hold
In March, Alan Siddons resigned his position as STA’s Business Development Director citing personal reasons for his decision. Read more

STA Active in Middle East
STA’s Irene Joyce has just returned from the Middle East where she was involved in teaching STC (B) to 40 school PE teachers. This initiative was organised by The Ministry of Education in UAE, as part of its aims to develop a sport environment where teachers are continually improving their knowledge and skills for the benefit of school programmes. Over the last twelve months, the Tamimi Global Company has also been active in the Middle East, training more than 100 pool and beach lifeguards with STA’s lifesaving qualifications in Saudi Arabia. Read more

Mandatory Tutor Updates
In accordance with Ofqual and SQA requirements, STA have now introduced new unitised Swimming and Lifesaving qualifications. In order to deliver the new qualifications ALL STA Lifesaving and Swimming Tutors will need to complete an online update in order to maintain the validity and status of their Tutoring qualification. Online updates are available from www.trainsta.co.uk. Click here for a step by step guide on accessing your Tutor update.

Unique Member Benefits with STA Roadserve
STA has teamed up with Roadserve to offer members great savings on vehicle servicing, repairs, MOT and Tyres – and best of all by becoming an STA Roadserve member for just £11.99 a year (RRP £59.99) you need never talk to a garage again. Read more

STATA Olympic Torch Bearers
Congratulations to STA Tutor Anna Delargy who has been chosen to carry the Olympic Torch as it makes its journey through Astwood Bank in the West Midlands on 1st July 2012.

Facebook Chat
If you are missing out on all the interesting conversations and debates on Facebook, click here and ‘Like’ STA.

New STA Courses
A Moderators Course is being held at Anchor House on 12th June. Contact Yan Kowal on 07719 669 567 for details. A STA Pool Plant Tutors course is also being organised at Oldham Sports Centre on 21st – 25th May. To reserve your place contact STA’s Claire Lowbridge on 01922 748 384 or email claire@sta.co.uk

Pre-requisites apply for both courses.

'Mum’s List'
STA member Mr St John Greene (known as Singe) has made Amazon’s bestselling book list following the publication of his beautiful story ‘Mum’s List’ on 2nd March. The book came about after Singe sadly lost his wife to cancer a few years ago leaving him to bring up two small boys on his own; before she died she gave him a list of 100 things that he and their boys should do after her death - ‘Mum’s List’. See Singe’s interview here on ‘This Morning’.

Members News
STA would like to feature more news from members in the eZine – if you have a good news story that you would like to submit for consideration, please email us here

The National Co-ordinating Committee that represents Swimming for People with Disabilities is hosting a CPD accredited conference on 13th and 14th October in Ascot. The unique event is run for independent, forward thinking people who work with swimmers who have a disability and will feature poster sessions to help teachers share successes and ideas. For more information click here

Important Course Updates
For the latest on monitoring visits and data protection guidance for STA Course Organisers and Tutors click here. A new facilities health, safety & welfare check sheet has been created, which needs to be completed by all course organisers prior to course(s) commencing. To download the form click here.