

Hello and welcome to our latest e-newsletter - we hope you find it interesting. Click on the links for more info:

Run/Walk on Saturday, 5 June 2010 at Thornbridge Hall, Derbyshire

– The FSI (Foundation for Social Improvement) is holding a charity fundraising day, mixing fundraising and family fun to benefit a variety of small charities. The Challenge is a fun run/walk with 4 km and 10 km courses suitable to all ages with a reasonable level of fitness. The route takes you through some of the most scenic parts of the Peak District, after which you can relax in the grounds of Thornbridge Hall, the country home of Emma Harrison (Chair of the FSI). It is free to take part in this challenge and there are limited spaces available so if you're interested, visit <http://www.thefsi.org/2009/11/challenge-2010/> or contact Marie at mrothwell@gbss.org.uk or 01444 416176 for a registration form and further details.

Fundraising Events 2010 – Do you have a place in the 2010 London Marathon? If so, would you run for GBSS? We desperately need fundraisers! And, actually, we don't mind what you do - walks, runs, cycle races, triathlons, golf days, coffee mornings, dinner dances, raffles, dress-down days at work, car boot sales, sky dives, bungee jumps, slimathons are all fabulous ideas and you'll no doubt have lots of others. Fundraising events not only help raise much needed funds to keep us going, they are also a good opportunity of raising awareness of GBS. If you are doing an event, we'd love to hear from you – please contact Marie at mrothwell@gbss.org.uk or 01444 416176.

Conference 1 - Group B Strep Symposium – 17 June 2010 in London

NW9 aimed at students, laboratory researchers, scientists, clinicians (particularly neonatologists, paediatricians, obstetricians & gynaecologists) and public health specialists, providing the latest updates in the field of neonatal disease. This is being held on Thursday, 17th June 2010 at the Health Protection Agency, Centre for Infections in Colindale, London - for more information, visit http://www.hpa.org.uk/web/HPAweb&HPAwebStandard/HPAweb_C/1195733796935. We'll have a stand there – please come over and say hello (and collect our latest information materials) if you attend.

Conference 2 – LSA National Conference – 22 April 2010,

Nottingham is entitled, From Vision to Action, and is for supervisors of midwives and those with an interest in supervision. See <http://www.jmdevents.co.uk/index.htm> for more information. We have a stand at this conference – if you'd like to come along and help man the stand, please contact Celia Sykes at csykes@gbss.org.uk or 01444 416176. And, of course, please come over and say hello (and collect our latest information materials) if you attend this conference.

Mother's Day, 14 March 2010 – Charity Cards provide a great range from over 50 of the UK'S leading card publishers at fantastic prices. The website makes it easy to find the right card for the right occasion – you can see close ups and read all the wording inside. Pick your cards and they deliver them to you. The best bit is if you choose GBSS as your charity, a percentage of the value of your order will be donated to GBSS. Please visit the site and have a look we are sure you'll agree it's a fantastic way to choose your cards and help raise funds.

<http://www.charitycards.co.uk/charities/gbss>.

If you prefer e-cards (and/or if you're running really late), check out <http://www.gbss.org.uk/shop> - they're free though of course we'd welcome a donation!

Would your organisation help us with fundraising? We're looking at new ways of generating funds for our vital work. Lots of organisations give only to charities supported by

a member of staff. If your organisation might donate to us, please let us know. We'll do the leg-work – what we need from you is who to write to in your organisation and for you to send an email to that person saying you support us. Contact us at fundraising@gbss.org.uk if you can help.

Do you have a story to tell? Would you be able to tell your GBS story in 100-200 words and send it, and a photo, to us at GBSS? We'd like to include some stories in a variety of places – on our website, in our printed newsletter and in funding applications. And would you be able to say how GBSS has been able to help you (if we have, of course)? This is a powerful way both of raising awareness of group B Strep and supporting our work. If you would like to help, please email Jane Plumb at jplumb@gbss.org.uk – and we promise we won't use your story/quote without your express permission.

Complete our surveys - if you haven't already, please complete our surveys at <http://www.gbss.org.uk/surveys> and help us be better informed and raise greater awareness about your views on preventing group B Strep infections in babies.

Twitter & Facebook - You can follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/GBSSupport>. You can also become a fan of GBSS on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Group-B-Strep-Support/98947320307>. And show your support for raising awareness of GBS on your facebook page by visiting <http://apps.facebook.com/fribbon/group.php?gid=2995&ref=nt> to add the GBS Aware sticker: 319 of us have so far! Facebook & Twitter will keep you up to date with what's happening at the charity, published articles and fundraising news. We'd love you to join us.

That's all for now – we'll be in touch again in a few weeks time. Please do get in touch with us if you'd like to – the phones are manned weekdays between 9 am and 3 pm. With best wishes from all of us here,

The GBSS Team

If you'd prefer not to receive e-mails such as this from us, please let us know by replying to this email with REMOVE in the subject heading.

Group B Strep Support

preventing life-threatening group B Strep infection in newborn babies

Tel: 01444 416176

Email: info@gbss.org.uk

Web: www.gbss.org.uk

P O Box 203, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1GF

Registered Charity: 1112065

How you can help today:

- **Download our leaflets & posters from our website**
<http://www.gbss.org.uk/downloads> and distribute them
- **Complete the surveys at** <http://www.gbss.org.uk/surveys>
- **Raise money for GBSS at no cost to you by making your search engine**
<http://www.everyclick.com/groupbstrepsupport>
- **Make a donation and support our work at** <http://www.gbss.org.uk/donate>