

GADA Update April 2010

GADA has seen its most significant changes since being formed in 2004. Jamie and Vanessa Le Tissier have become Professional so are no longer able to hold their former positions. They have become our Advisors, Consultants and Professional Organizers. GADA wishes to thank our founders for all they have done for dancesport in Guernsey and look forward to working in association with them in future.

Lesley Le Tissier, the former secretary, has been made Chair, with Jonathan Garrity as her Vice -Chair.

It is with great regret that due to the present financial climate, GADA has to announce that there will be no International Dancesport Festival 2010. We all wish to thank Yorkshire Guernsey for five years of sponsorship and support without which no Guernsey festival would have taken place. It is hoped that an International Dancesport Festival will take place in 2011.

On Sunday 25th April, Northern Trust kindly sponsored the 3rd Children's Dancesport competition which took place at the Guernsey Grammar School. The fun afternoon was judged by Carol Parry, General Secretary of Allied Dancing Limited, and its former President. This year we included adult social classes as well as a child and adult competition. The juvenile and junior classes were 2 dance ballroom, waltz and quickstep, with a separate tango. 2 dance Latin, cha cha cha and jive followed by a samba then the children's favorite, star dance, which gave them plenty of scope to demonstrate their own interpretation of the music.

The Martel Maides Dancefloor Challenge is due to take place on Saturday 26th June. Our 10 GADA dancers are busy training with their "local celebrity" partners. Hanna Haarala has choreographed the Latin section and Craig Shaw has choreographed the ballroom. Tickets sold out in just over five minutes when they went on sale on 17th April. This year half the profit of the evening will support an new Guernsey Youth Centre.

Lesley Le Tissier