



**Newsletter**

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The big news the quarter is: Jamie and Vanessa Le Tissier are now Professional. The downside for the rest of us is Jamie can no longer remain as Chairman of GADA and Vanessa will have to step down from her place on the executive committee. We will not see the back of them as they will continue to organize GADA they always have. GADA is Jamie's "baby" and he feels that he is better able to help the association by becoming Professional. Peter Symes has stepped in as Acting Chairman and will hold this position until the AGM. James and Claire and the other professionals will still be coming to Guernsey

### **AGM**

The AGM will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 at 7pm at Styx. There will be changes to the GADA committee so please come and have your say. If you have anyone to propose for chairman or a position on committee please let me know. I will need a proposer and seconder for each position. The Chairperson should ideally be from the executive committee. New members will be needed on both committees.

**Subscriptions are now due.** Many of you forgot to pay last year, therefore you are no longer members, but all you need to do is go to our website: [www.danceguernsey.co.uk](http://www.danceguernsey.co.uk) and find membership renewal forms there. For those of you without access to a computer, printed forms will be available from myself, Lez Le Tissier, GADA secretary or Sarah Moon, membership secretary. Subscription is still £15.00 per year giving you discount on classes and all functions.

## **Future Events.**

### **The Marlborough Trust Extravaganza will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010:**

It hasn't been decided quite what form this will take, but some dance demonstration will take place. There will of course be the usual gala dinner.

### **Martel Maides Dancefloor Challenge on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010:**

GADA has decided to hold the Dancefloor challenge in June this year. Celebrity dancers are being invited now but will not be named until closer to the event when their training starts.

### **The Yorkshire Guernsey International Dancesport Festival 2009**

The 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October was another successful weekend for GADA and the fifth Yorkshire Guernsey International Dance sport Festival. About 100 amateur couples competed in competitions ranging from Juvenile to Senior 11, beginners to International Standard and Latin. Robert Bellinger was once again Festival Chairman, with Branko Bohak from Slovenia as IDSF Chairman. James Taplin was Festival liaison officer and Claire Taplin compere. Ajudicators came from across the globe. Janet Elsbury was BDC scutineer and Guy Simon from Luxembourg, IDSF scutineer. Paul Fielding did his usual excellent job looking after the music. Once again the Guernsey public supported the whole festival, appreciating the opportunity to watch such a high standard of dance. The now traditional Saturday night's gala dinner dance included the semi-final and final of Guernsey Open Latin was a repeat of last years result with Gabriele and Antonella Goffredo, representing Italy winning. Marco Cavellero and Joanne Clifton, representing England, won the IDSF Open Standard. Sunday's contests had a repeat of the previous evening's result with the Goffredos winning the IDSF International Open Latin and Marco Cavellero and Joanne Clifton winning the Guernsey Open Amateur Ballroom. All results for the competition can be found on GADA's website: [www.danceguernsey.co.uk](http://www.danceguernsey.co.uk).

Preparations are underway for next year's Yorkshire Guernsey International Dancesport Festival which will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October .