

## **GADA UPDATE SEPT 2010**

By Lesley le Tissier

After the significant changes that took place in GADA during the spring, we are now running smoothly again. The Tuesday and Friday evening classes are flourishing. Jamie and Vanessa le Tissier of LeTs Dance are now our regular Professional teachers and Christopher Short comes over regularly to teach our classes and give private lessons. In June, a medal test was held in Guernsey providing the first opportunity for our members to take their test without travelling to England. 68 tests were taken and examined by David Hipshaw. All age groups from juvenile to senior took part and we are delighted that there was a 100% pass rate.

The Martel Maides Dancefloor Challenge took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Beau Sejour Leisure Centre. The tickets sold out in 5 minutes, this was even faster than usual. Christopher Short choreographed and helped coach the ballroom section. Hanna Haarala choreographed the Latin. We were very privileged to have David Hipshaw, President of the Allied Dancing Association as a judge. The other judges were Toni-Marie Foster, Christopher Short and our sponsor's representative Keith Envoldsen. BBC Guernsey's John Randall and Kay Langlois compared the evening

The enormous amount of hard work and preparation gave a fabulous evening's entertainment whilst raising around £10,000. Approximately £5,000 will go to Martel Maides chosen charity Guernsey Youth LBG, which was formed in 2008 to provide a facility for young people of the island. GADA has risen over £30,000 for local charities since its conception in 2004.

The couples competing were as follows: Penny Elderfield (BBC Guernsey) & Tor Kellet-Smith; Mike Wilkins (BBC video journalist) & Celena Tabel; Carolyn Le Maitre (Island FM) & Jonathan Garrit; David Jeffery (vet) & Sandy Chick; Scott Ogier (politician) & Vanessa James-Le Tissier; Emily Falla (Orchard Publications) & Tony Penney; Vanessa Crispini-Adams (little Tree Project) & Jamie Le Tissier; James Greening (DJ) & Kirsty Chick; Russell Clark (Advocate) & Lyndsey Bromley and Hannah Beacom (Island Coachways) & Darren Dyke. James & Kirsty won the trophy, Russell & Lyndsey came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Vanessa & Jamie came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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