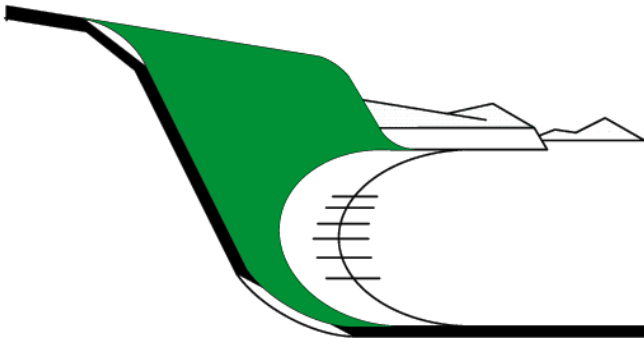


[gensecsji@outlook.com](mailto:gensecsji@outlook.com)



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF  
ST JAMES INSTITUTE



SOUTHBOURNE  
March 2018

The Trustees and Committee of the St James Institute would like to once again thank all user members and leaders for their support over the last twelve months.

Terry Hunt will be seeking re-election as Treasurer.

Gary Emberson, Genevieve Emberson and David Lowe have decided to not stand for re-election in the following posts Chairman, General secretary and Vice Chairman. These roles will be up for re-election at the AGM.

Over the last year we had the annual electrical PAT testing completed. Our roof has been repaired twice this includes the entrance roof due to stolen lead all have been repaired by Tim Robinson. The kitchen has been repainted by Malcom, thanks to him for his efforts.

The Institute is enjoying a high level of booking of the various Halls and rooms by User Member Groups which helps fund the ongoing maintenance and rejuvenation of the institute. All hire rates were reviewed in September and the committee decided to not increase the hire rates for 2018.

This year we have seen a new organisation join St James Gemma Mawson, who has also provided an update in the organisation section.

If any User Member wishes to hire the Small Hall on weekends or the meeting room on both weekends and evenings please contact the General Secretary. All organisations and hirers are required to sign an annual contract to ensure all are fully conversant with the hire regulations, health & safety and fire safety rules and the St James usage requirements. The hire rates at St James are kept as low as possible to ensure that all members of the community can afford to use the facilities; this also means we have to plan all improvements over a longer period of time. There are still many improvements required by the Institute in order to maintain a good standard of safety and comfort for the members. The Committee has an agreed five year modernisation plan of improvement.

Please visit the St James Institute Website at –  
<http://www.st-james-institute.org.uk/>  
Or mail the General Secretary at Email account –  
[gensecsji@outlook.com](mailto:gensecsji@outlook.com)

In the tradition of previous years, I again requested that our organisations provide an insight into their successes (in alphabetical order):

### **Adeline Dance –**

During 2017 Adeline Dance continued their success with ISTD examinations in social and amateur grades in the ballroom, Latin American, sequence, disco, Argentine tango and rock and roll style of Dance with all candidates passing with high marks and grades. Using these achievements the children and several adults took part in local and national competitions including venues at Gosport and Wimborne.

As well as activities for our keen dancers, our social pupils found their classes rewarding with complimentary comments made from fellow passengers on cruise ships and on holiday. Several new pupils joined us who also expressed their enjoyment of a new found hobby and wondered why they never started dancing before! It now seems dancing is acclaimed to be the best form of exercise so we hopefully look forward to a resurgence of dancing in the ballroom.

In November we again held the annual professional workshop on the selected sequence dances used for the forthcoming sequence competitions. Several local teachers attended and we were coached by the Sequence Faculty Chairman, Miss Jill Bush from Shoeburyness.

Terry continued his work for the ISTD with examining and judging appointments at several venues around the country.

We held several parties including our Christmas party, complete with Santa, and a successful fund raising event for Cash For Kids, raising over £200.00.

None of our events would have been possible without our dedicated team of helpers and qualified teachers and our special thanks go to Mary, Sue, Serena, Melissa and Jackie. We look forward to another year of fun and success in conjunction with St James Institute.

For further information please contact Terry or take a look at the website [www.adelinedance.co.uk](http://www.adelinedance.co.uk)  
Email: [info@adelinedance.co.uk](mailto:info@adelinedance.co.uk)  
Mobile: 079680566046

## **Bournemouth U3A**

Bournemouth U3A is a registered charity and run entirely by volunteers. The University of the Third Age is for people who want to keep active in mind and body and are no longer in full time employment. There are no examinations to face, no qualifications required or awarded, but members expand their knowledge, acquire new skills and make new friends. We have over 1000 members and offer an eclectic mix of well over 100 groups plus other regular leisure activities. People join us for companionship and to make new friends. We have a Coffee club, Lunching Around the World, Outings and Theatre trips. During the winter months we have our Monthly meetings with a speaker and these are open to anyone to come along. We could not operate without our dedicated group leaders or office volunteers who all willingly give their time and commitment to the organisation.

Our office is situated on the upper floor (open between 10am – noon weekdays) and is the hive of activity particularly at registration period in July. Our two popular table tennis groups for all levels use the small hall.

[www.bournemouthu3a.org.uk](http://www.bournemouthu3a.org.uk) Ph. 01202 420700

### **GEMS Circus Arts School**

We started our business in September 2017 and since then have gone from strength to strength in recruiting new students and facilitating Contemporary circus in the local area and County.

We offer classes in cheerleading, acrodance, circus skills and aerial arts.

In December 2017 we raised money for a local children's charity.

We are looking forward to 2018.

Gemma Mawson

### **Merton Table Tennis –**

The Merton Table Tennis Club have continued to improve the facilities on behalf of its membership during the year of 2017/18. The tables along with new nets and posts have been renewed where appropriate.

Further improvements are being looked into, mainly in the area of club administration.

The club web site continues to provide information for members of the public looking for a table tennis club to join, which has often lead to them becoming members.

While the majority of the members play in the league, we have a thriving social membership, along with a junior section that is showing signs of producing some very good players in the future.

Ron Watson  
Chairman

### **MLC Dance**

MLC Dance has continued to thrive teaching Ballroom , Latin American and Sequence to existing and many new pupils.

Both levels of the four week Beginner Courses on a Monday evening remain very busy and due to popular demand now include a daytime course on a Wednesday lunchtime.

A new advanced Ballroom & Latin American 'Variations' Course has been added to the Monday evening timetable.

Pupils have again entered Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing Examinations with 100% pass rates, including many members of the Beginner Courses.

The year culminated with the MLC Dance Christmas Party which was a great opportunity to unite the school as well as welcome non- members of the school.

The MLC Dance Award for 2017 was presented to Jacqui Nicol.

Private lessons are available with Michelle during the week by appointment.

For further information please contact Michelle  
Tel: 07990833994  
Email:Michelle@mlcdance.co.uk  
Website: mlcdance.co.uk

### **Snooker Club –**

With the improvements in the Snooker Club it has become more popular than ever with record table takings.

Membership is still only 40 with half being senior members. In the WCClark Snooker League we still dominate and last season achieved the lifetime goal of winning all of the Major titles.

We won the League again thanks to Warren Blamey, Lawrence Millington and James Sumner. Warren also won his Billiard title back while James went one better than the season before winning his first Snooker Individual title.

The Pairs was an all St James affair with Luke Spiller & Martin Pragnell taking the title. As a result of the success we now have 4 teams in the League for this season and at the half way stage the Club are top of both Divisions.

2018 sees preparation for a games room next to the snooker room and this will have both a Darts Board and a Pool table and be available as a Meeting Room.

Malcolm Gray (Secretary/Treasurer)

### **Thursday Afternoon Club –**

Thursday afternoons have been enjoyed throughout the year when Ballroom, Social Sequence and Line Dancing were presented for the dancers. Parties were held to celebrate Valentine's Day, Easter, Spring Bank Holiday, Summer, Halloween, Christmas and New Year when the dancers brought along a lovely selection of food for us all to enjoy during our tea break. New members would be made welcome any Thursday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. dancing is a good way to take exercise, burn calories and stay mobile.....

Happy New Year

Heather

And finally a big thank you to all the people who support St James and give freely of their time and energies to help us provide this service to the local community. The time has come for both Gary and myself to step aside. Our full time work and personal commitments making sustaining the input required for the Chairman and General Secretary very difficult. We truly appreciate all the support and help given from the committee over the years. I am sure St James will continue to flourish under new trustee guidance.

So again a great thank you to all that have supported me throughout the years I shall miss the interaction.

Genevieve Emberson (Secretary).

8<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Places People Play

# An Inspired Facility



Printed by Dayfold Printing