



Walter Child Clark



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An Inspired Facility



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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 and Genevieve Emberson have decided to not stand for re-election in the following posts; Booking Secretary and Treasurer. These roles will be up for re-election at the AGM.

Over the last year we had; the whole of the internal building redecorated, a new alarm system fitted, the carpets have been cleaned, new curtains made for the dance hall and our boilers underwent a total overhaul and were fixed. We purchased a new water boiler for the kitchen and a sound system for the main hall. We also have replaced the outside fence.

We have rebranded the institute's logo and upgraded our website. We are taking measures to go Green as a charity including reducing our paper waste and having all members use reusable cups.

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 2019.

This year we have seen two new organisations join St James; Abada Capoeira and U3A XChurch dance group who has also provided an update in the organisation section. The committee room is now hired out to the Snooker club.

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

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

Adeline Dance –

During 2018 Adeline Dance Studios again continued to teach many dance types including Ballroom, Latin American, Classical Sequences and Argentine Tango to all ages at all Grades. We enrolled several new children particularly in the under 8's class and the Adult beginner Ballroom and Latin American classes were very successful.

In the ISTD Medal Examination all candidates passed with Honours and on our social scene the Christmas party was enjoyed by all.

Our team looks forward to another year of fun, progress and success.

For further information please contact Terry or take a look at the website

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Bournemouth U3A

Retired but not retiring?

A chance for older people to share their wealth of knowledge.

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 1100 members and offer an eclectic mix of well over 120 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.

Tel: 01202 420700

www.bournemouthu3a.org.uk

GEMS Circus Arts School

The school has gone from strength to strength this year, we saw two new teachers join the school, new classes added to the timetable.

We were selected to represent our region in a National Circus event in London and one of our talented Aerialists was exclusively picked to audition for Britain's Got Talent.

We are looking to expand even more this year.

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

www.gemscircusartschool.com

FB: @gripelevatemoveshine

Instagram:@gemscircusartsschool

Merton Table Tennis –

The Merton Table Tennis Club have consolidated their activities over the past year.

We have introduced online form filling for members and prospective members and those wishing to play in either of the two leagues we support.

Further improvements have been made to the financial administration of the club.

While the majority of the members play in the league, we have a thriving social membership which has had to create a waiting list in order to ensure that members can get a game without waiting for too long. In addition, two of the social members have joined league teams for the remainder of the season, with a further two looking to play from next season.

The junior section has produced two new league players, who have averages of 70% & 80% respectively, in those games they have played in.

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

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.

The advanced Ballroom & Latin American 'Variations' Course continues with great success in a Monday evening covering one dance per course.

For those wanting to add Popular Sequence to their repertoire, a Wednesday lunchtime course is running.

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 2018 was presented to Robert Brannan.

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

For further information please contact Michelle

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Snooker Club –

2018 saw a complete makeover of the club which can still boast the best tables within the area. So much so we have three professional players practising for the forthcoming qualifiers. Surinder Gill became Dorset Snooker Champion and consistently makes century breaks on any of the four tables. On the league front, the "A Team" won the WC Clark League Championship again! And also the K.O Cup giving enormous starts. Carl Davies (Flopsy) got to the final of the Billiards individual and teamed up with Lawrence Millington to win the pairs. The second team won division two for good measure.

The club has a good gathering of all standards of player and an overall friendly atmosphere. It has also taken over the small committee room which has now got both a Pool table and Dartboard available if the snooker tables become too busy.

Thursday Afternoon Club –

Over the past year a very lively group of our Thursday afternoon dancers have enjoyed ballroom, jive and sequence dancing. Tea or coffee and biscuits were enjoyed, and special occasions celebrated with sandwiches and homemade cakes etc. provided by the dancers.

Heather

Abada Capoeira Teaching

This form of martial art is a popular Sunday activity at the Institute and has been running for over 6 months.

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.

Thank you for your continued patience and support whilst we have changed over trustee roles.

Gemma Mawson (Secretary)
8th March 2019