

# Stockport School of Gymnastics

## July 2017 News



At the end of June Bev will be retiring from Club coaching. Don't panic, she will still be working at the Newby Road centre during the week and will be concentrating on judging at Regional and County competitions. Bev will be spending more time with her husband Maurice and a growing number of grandchildren. We know she will enjoy this time and wish her the very best.

Bev has been at the centre of everything we have done, from coaching, displays, judging, exchange visits, training camps and was key in taking the Newby Rd. centre from nothing to how it is today.

Bev, the club owes a massive thanks to you because volunteers and enthusiasts are a rare find and we have benefitted from all of your hard work for all these years. Thank you; it's been a pleasure working with you.

## SSoG Competition Calendar 2017

### 1st/2nd July

Frank Williams Competition at the Newby Rd. Centre. This is a Floor and Vault competition for recreational gymnasts.

### 16th July

Manchester South Comp being held at their gym. This is a 4 piece competition for Level 6, 5 and 4 gymnasts.

### 23rd July

Stockport Floor and Vault Championships at the Newby Road Centre. This is a competition for Competition Squad Gymnasts and younger club gymnasts, yet to do grades.

### 29th Sept – 1st Oct

Pink Ladies Comp in Durham. We have threatened to take the trip to Durham and enter this competition and this year we will have a good try.

### 7th/8th Oct

North West Team Challenge being run at Robin Park.

### 28th/29th Oct

North West Individual & Apparatus Championships (Out of Age) being run at Wigan.

### 11th/12th Nov

GM 4 Piece being held at Wigan. This competition selects the County team for the Inter-

Counties comp in Dec.

### 11th/12th Nov

English Gold Silver and Bronze Championships (Part 1). This is being held in Leicester and runs on similar rules to the NW out of age competitions.

### 19th Nov

SSoG Club Championship and Presentation Events to be held at Newby Rd and a local hotel.

### 2nd/3rd Dec

English Gold Silver and Bronze Championships (Part 2)

### 10th Dec

Inter-County teams, the last comp of the year.

## More on Bev Perkins

Bev has always been a little shy of being photographed so I do expect to get some flak for the next 3 pages, which go back over the last 10 years. There are examples of almost every area that she has been involved in from producing gymnasts and teams to win honours in competition to running the Newby Road Centre.

Bev first turned up at the gym with daughter Nikki who wanted to join our club. Bev became a coach very quickly and as well as being part of the club coaching team, religiously came in on Saturday mornings to help run the recreational sessions.

There was a break for a short period when she emigrated to Australia as Maurice was working there, but soon returned to SSoG and added judging to her skills.

When we moved from Dialstone to Newby Road in 2012 we had a shell of a building that needed to be filled with equipment and customers. Bev had a background in administration and wanted a new challenge so became the Centre Manager.

So in 5 years we have moved from a Leisure Centre Club to a Gymnastics Business with an increase in members of more than 5 fold. That's a great achievement, good work.

But all of this takes a lot of time in the gym and Bev will now have a precious extra 15 hours at home, including weekends. It's well deserved and thank you from us all.

## Mudders



The ladies fitness class took part in the Race for Like 5K Pretty Mudders event and from the photo it looks like some got fully immersed. Great fun and a good cause. Come and join in on a Tuesday morning, but without the mud.

## Gymnast of the Month



The gymnast of the month for May was Heather Davenport. This was all about competition performance and well deserved. Well done Heather.

## Judging

A big thanks to all of the parents that have volunteered to go on the Club Judge courses in August. Looks like we will have 6 judges for the next cycle, which should be enough, hopefully, but we could always do with more. If you are interested, then see Mike as there are still some places left on the October course.

There is also an opportunity for new judges to sit on the panels of the 2 July comps, great training.

## The Footy Comp

Gareth Martin's latest footy competition ran from Feb to the end of the season raised £72.50 for the club. Just one winner this time – Mark Billington won £72.50.

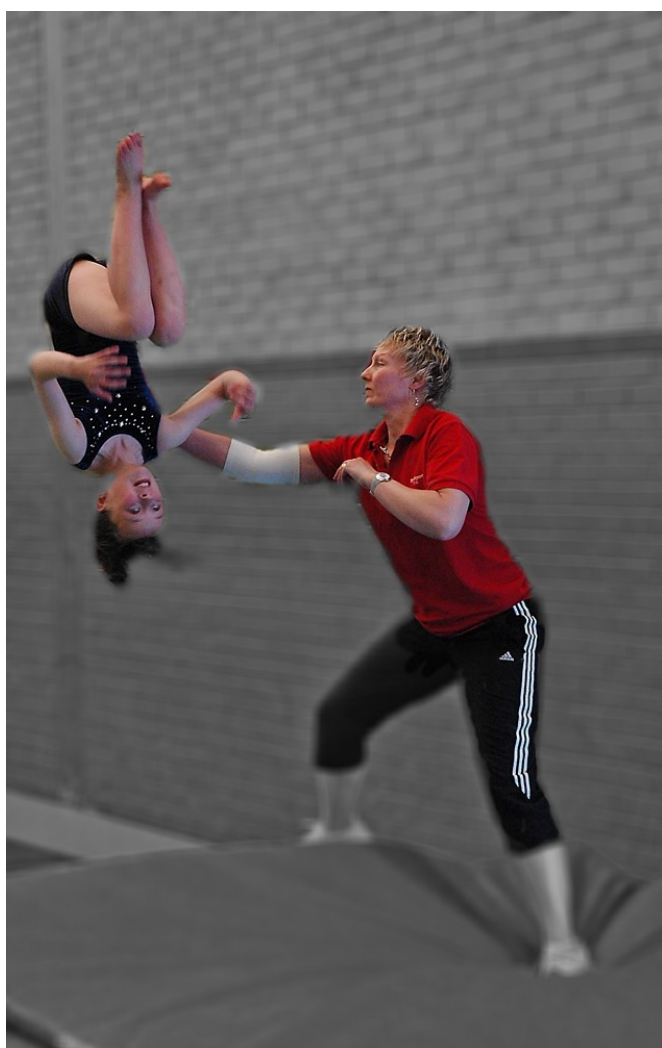
Thanks Gareth.



In the gym at Dialstone 2011



Parent's have a go day in 2007



Supporting Jess Todd circa 2004



Splits at Lilleshall in 2010



Gym Summer Barbeque



Bev's new reception, Newby Rd 2015



Grades preparations in 2011



Civic Reception in Armentieres circa 2003



Torkington Park Play Day



Parent's have a go day, a long time ago!



Organising a school display 2008



Pre-School Exams 2015



Gym Social in 2010



Well wrapped up (far right) for the Gym Christmas walk in 2006



NW Teams Comp in 2010



Grades Coaching 2011



French Exchange Party in 2006