

Stockport School of Gymnastics

30th Anniversary

April was the month when competitions started with a vengeance. Nothing for 3 months, then 3 in a month as Grades played out.

First up was the Regional Grades 1 to 4, held at Wigan to select a representative team for Greater Manchester County for the Regional Finals. All of our gymnasts passed their Grade and Leah Kidd was selected for the GM Team at Regional Grade 1.

We moved onto the National Grades and this year was a record entry for SSoG. It was a good competition with all gymnasts passing.

The final competition was just for Leah Kidd as she took part in the Regional Grades finals, again part of a winning team.

Meanwhile, back at the club, the preparations continue for the 30th Birthday celebrations and with the construction of a new U Pit.

May 2016 Newsletter

SSoG Calendar 2016

3rd to 6th May

Installation of the U-Pit at the Newby Rd facility.

14th/15th May

North West Floor and Vault Championships at Wigan. First Regional competition of the year for the Competition Squad gymnasts.

31st May to 10th June

Half Term Holiday camp and Open Play scheme. See details on the website and page 2.

5th June

Stockport 'Easter' Competition at the Newby Rd. Centre. No eggs this year, but still the same good fun. Must sort out a new name.....

18th/19th June

NW Open at Wigan.

25th June

The 30th Birthday Celebrations. Activities during the day at the Newby Road facility and a party in the evening at the Britannia on Dialstone Lane. See more details on page 5.

2nd/3rd July

The Frank Williams Recreational Competition at the Newby Road facility. More than a dozen clubs will be taking part in the largest gymnastics competition in Stockport. I'm pretty sure this is the 15th year that we have run this competition

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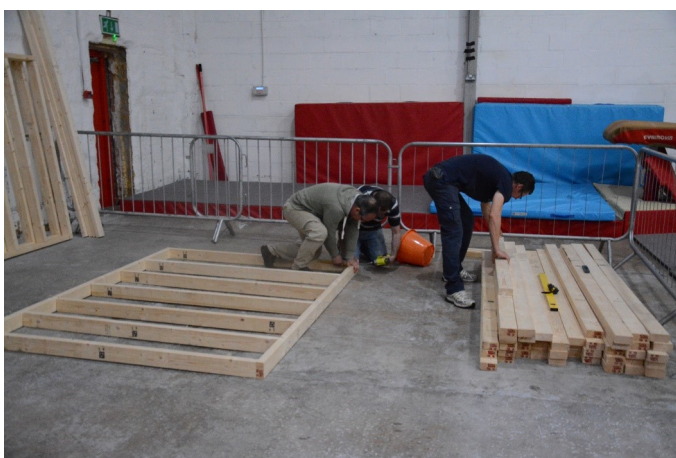
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The AGM

U Pits at Newby Road

The build has started and by the time you read this newsletter it is likely that the installation will be complete. The structure is not far off ready and the final fit out with the foam and bars will be done at the start of May. The boarding out takes place over the Mayday bank holiday. During May the stairs and carpet will be added and finally during June the safety railings will be fitted. All in time for the do on the 25th June.

A big thanks to Aidan for the detailed design and leading up the construction and to all parents who gave up their time to meet the schedule. You can look back with some pride at the difference the U pit will make.



Any spare space in the newsletter is an opportunity to show another photo from the past as we reach 30 years! This one is from 2005 and was of the float in the Stockport Carnival. Lots more pictures online in our history pages.



Half Term Activity May/June

We are running Open Play and Holiday Camps in the next half term holiday from Tuesday 31st May to Friday 10th June. Full details and booking forms are on the club website. Book before Thursday 12th May at 6pm.

Holiday Camps

Tuesday 31st May	Full day	9-3:30pm
Wednesday 1st June	Full day	9-3:30pm
Thursday 2nd June	Half day	1-4pm
Friday 3rd June	Half day	1-4pm
Monday 6th June	Half day	1-4pm
Tuesday 7th June	Full day	9-3:30pm
Wednesday 8th June	Full day	9-3:30pm
Thursday 9th June	Half day	1-4pm
Friday 10th June	Half day	1-4pm

Open Play

We also run open sessions for children aged 0-6 years and under 108cm tall. All sessions are run from 9:30 until 12pm

Thursday 2nd June

Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June

Thursday 9th June

Friday 10th June

No need to book, just turn up and play. All details are on the club website.

Greater Manchester Grades

The Club and Regional Grades were held on 3rd April at Robin Park Sports Centre in Wigan. It was quite an event with all scoring being done by GYM DATA with online scoring on big screens. Congratulations to Leah Kidd who was selected to represent Greater Manchester County in the Regional Grades finals at the end of the month. All SSoG gymnasts passed their Grades as follows:

Regional Grade 1

Megan Dooley, Lily Hallsworth and Leah Kidd.

Regional Grade 2

Anna Marsh and Charlotte Cleaver.

Regional Grade 3

Elyce Pearson.

It would have been good to see a few more gymnasts in the competition from SSoG, but the low entry reflects that we have younger gymnasts concentrating on the competitions later in the year and more gymnasts on the National route.



Other News

Avery Caines and Alex Norris have started a new Tricking Class on a Tuesday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00. Tricking fuses traditional gymnastic and acrobatic tricks, with kicks and leaps made famous through martial arts and brought to worldwide attention by festival performers and stunt actors. BG call it FreeG and we are advertising it as a Tricking Session. Not sure what we are talking about? Look up Avery on YouTube.

Life Leisure have put up the cost of I'd Wish I'd tried sessions from £1 to £2.50. It will be interesting to see if this has any effect on numbers. It still represents a good value exercise class. The price rises start in May after the Bank Holiday.

We have started to allow online payments for the Adult Beginner Gymnastics using PayPal, Debit and Credit Cards. Looks like the technology and the website can

handle it so we will start to roll it out across all of our activities. It has some great advantages for our members, albeit that it gets a bit more complicated for us seeing where the money in the account has come from and what class it is for. It ain't cheap either!

The SSoG AGM happened on the 27th April at the Newby Road Facility and the new Board was duly elected, looking very much like the

old board. Attendance was low, less than 4% of the membership so no long report here of proceedings.

A big welcome this month to 4 gymnasts joining us from Manchester South due to the retirement of their coach, Jackie Warburton. We hope that Caitlin Mathieson, Daisy Broadbent, Ella and Jenna Kenyon will settle in and be successful in competition with SSoG. Welcome.

North West Grades

Our biggest entry ever for National Grades and all gymnasts passed as follows:

Grade 2

Grace Haughton and Amy Robinson.

Grade 3

Ruby Hewitt, Charlotte Wells and

Martha Yates.

Grade 4

Heather Davenport and Millie Hewart.

This represents a step change in club aspirations with the harder moves now routine. Never taken so

many pictures with perfect shapes. Well done all gymnasts and coaches involved.

It was also the first outing for the new club leotard and it looked good together with the 2016 tracksuit.



Regional Grades Finals

The NW Grades finals for 2016 was held at Wigan on the 23rd April and SSoG were represented by Leah Kidd, who was part of the Greater Manchester Team. Great day for Leah with a clean performance on each piece, beating her scores in the heats. Her team won Grade 1 and Greater Manchester won the over-all Team Shield. Well done Leah.

30th Birthday Celebrations

Hopefully you will be aware that we are celebrating 30 years of gymnastics in Stockport. From 1986, the club founded by Frank Williams and Brenda Smith, has provided classes for all and competition training for girls in the borough of Stockport.

Now it's time to celebrate and we have chosen Saturday 25th June for our parties.

We start at the Newby Road facility during the day from 11.00am to 15.00pm

There will be displays performed from various groups with Stockport School of Gymnastics Face painting and glitter tattoos, candy floss, popcorn and slush puppy machines and the cutting of the ribbon to officially the opening of the venue.

We are hoping that all of the classes that use the centre will put a display together from Pre-School through to Adult Gym. It would be great to get a flavour of what everyone is doing.

Then in the evening we move to the Britannia Hotel on Di-alstone Lane for the party. Arrival drinks and photos from 7pm with the official start at 7.30pm. There will be a buffet dinner followed by cake and cupcakes. We have a live band and DJ. There will be a raffle and some very short speeches.

We do hope you can join us and there will be details of how to



get your tickets in the very near future. It will be all done online with ETickets at £10 for adults and £5 for children. We hope that the website will go live mid May and you will need to move quickly as demand will be high.

Meanwhile a couple more archive photos. On the left a school display in 2010 and below Chloe Astley, Chloe Andrew and Carla Mansfield at the NW Floor and Vault in 2007

