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Order of Events



Drinks Reception

Welcome from tonight's host

Arlene Stuart

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Scottish Gymnastics chair

Brian G Ewing OBE



Starter

Red lentil soup

finished with vegetable crisps and fried sage

Main course

Roasted breast of chicken

served with glazed fondant potato, baby vegetables, truffled kale and thyme infused jus

Pumpkin and sage tortellini

with crumbled goats' cheese, charred asparagus, roasted peppers and butter sauce (vegetarian)

Dessert

Sticky toffee pudding

with salted caramel sauce and strawberry compote



Awards Ceremony

Volunteer of the year

Inclusion award

Official of the year

Wellbeing champion award

Spirit of gymnastics award

Young coach of the year

Community club coach of the year

Coach of the year

Junior gymnast of the year

Senior gymnast of the year

Club of the year

Lifetime achievement



Tonight's Host

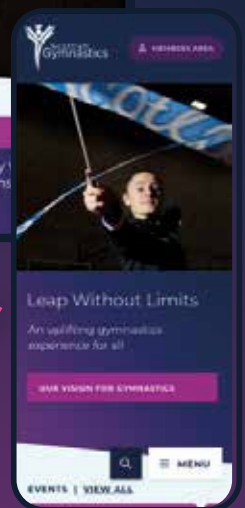
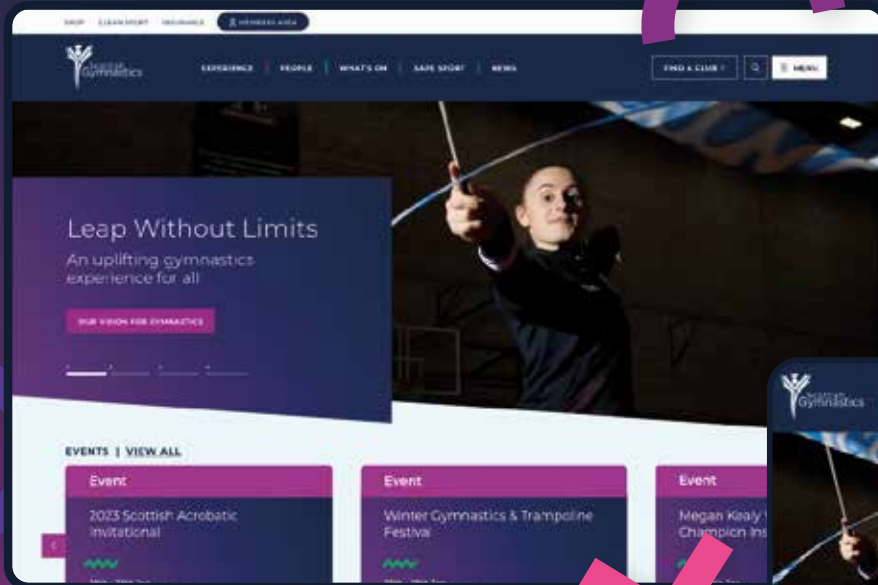
Arlene Stuart is a broadcaster best known for her breakfast show on Forth 1 and presenting on BBC Scotland's Landward where she travels the length and breadth of the country to bring the best stories from the Scottish countryside.

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Volunteer of the Year



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JIM JARDINE

East Kilbride Gymnastics Club

Jim's selflessness and dedication have had a lasting impact on East Kilbride Gymnastics Club over the years. His versatility and willingness to step into any committee position required of him have made him the backbone of the club. Whether it's fixing the heating, cleaning the exterior, or hoovering the sprung floors around the gym, Jim approaches every task with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. This passionate consideration for the facility translates to an equal amount of care for all members and visitors to the club. Since the club's move to a new gym, Jim continues to go above and beyond in his support.

KIRSTY ROSS AND JILL WATT

East Kilbride Gymnastics Club

For close to a decade, acrobatic competitions have been in the safe hands of floor managers Kirsty and Jill. This experience proved invaluable to the smooth running of the multi discipline Caledonia International in April. The floor managers learned about the artistic disciplines and how they would work with acrobatic. Their friendly and approachable nature ensures gymnasts waiting to perform feel comfortable and know where they need to be and when. They are always ready to answer questions and enquires from spectators. Alongside floor managing, Kirsty is the safeguarding officer, and Jill is a parent volunteer for fundraising at East Kilbride Gymnastics Club.

KERRY SWINBURNE

Saltire Team Gymnastics

Kerry has redefined the role of kit officer at Saltire Team Gymnastics and has been integral in developing the club's brand. She runs the club's online shop with a determination to provide club members with the best possible range of kit including leisurewear and accessories. Constantly looking to go the extra mile, Kerry's hand is always the first raised to offer support at club events. She has set up a pop-up kit stall at various events and organises event t-shirts for club organised competitions and camps. Kerry continues to inspire other club parents to get involved in organising other fundraising and social initiatives.

Inclusion Award



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SAPPHIRE GYMNASTICS CLUB

Sapphire Gymnastics Club recognised the lack of available additional supports needs (ASN) gymnastics classes after discussions with members' parents and siblings. Motivated by the challenge to provide the previously unavailable opportunity, coaches Michelle Bowman, Chloe McKay, Robert MacMillan and Sophia McKean not only started running weekly classes but set up a separate inclusive discipline for an ASN section within Sapphire.

The club worked with Glasgow Life and received advice from professionals, health workers and parents. After six months of preparation and raising money for equipment they set up the first classes in March 2024. There are now 36 members of the discipline at the club. The coaches have worked with the gymnasts from day one, developing strong relationships with them and their families. The facilities offered by the club include a sensory room and a chill out room with bubble machines, low lighting, soft furnishings, fidget toys, sensory toys and soothing music.



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RUTH GRIFFIN

City of Edinburgh Gymnastics Club

Ruth devotes a lot of time and plays a crucial part in ensuring the women's artistic programme and competition calendar runs as smoothly as possible. The technical committee chair has created a collaborative approach to working with Scottish Gymnastics staff members and excellently integrated the judge group within the technical committee. Despite the role being challenging, Ruth shows continuous commitment and passion and always has great contributions to ideas and discussions. Alongside this role, Ruth is a key member of City of Edinburgh Gymnastics Club coaching team as the club development officer.

LYNN SIMPSON

Flyers Trampoline Club

In a year marred by disruption due to the flooding at Bell's Sport Centre, Lynn remained a beacon of reliability. The chair of the trampoline and DMT technical committee provided equipment from her club's gym to allow trampoline and DMT competitions to go ahead at Michael Woods Sports and Leisure Centre. Lynn also stepped up to become competition coordinator at short notice and whilst judging at a major event. Lynn's dependability and support of the events team has been invaluable to the smooth running of the competitions during a challenging year.

STEPHEN TONGE

West Lothian Gymnastics Club

Stephen has been an active member of the men's technical committee and former panel for many years and is currently the judging coordinator. He organises the judging requirements at competitions as well as overseeing technical queries on the day of the event. He has filled in for other volunteers in the competition coordinator and pathway coordinator roles when necessary. In April he managed the men's judging delegation at the Caledonia International which included judges from the competing countries. Stephen is also a pathway development coach and always strives to support the men's programme as best he can.

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ORKNEY GYMNASTICS CLUB

Orkney Gymnastics Club has harnessed the transformative powers of gymnastics to create a supportive and inclusive environment in which every gymnast feels valued and empowered. Coaches Aneisha Rendall-Welsh and Jocelyn Tulloch set a great example of how to treat others and demonstrate exceptional coaching skills, dedication and commitment to gymnasts.

They ensure all necessary arrangements are made so every gymnast feels comfortable and has the chance to participate in the sport they love. Their empathetic approach has helped gymnasts achieve remarkable progress in gymnastics performance and personal confidence.

Aneisha went above and beyond to create a tailored support plan for one gymnast, incorporating techniques to manage anxiety. Jocelyn ensured this gymnast was always assigned a one-to-one coach to make her feel safe and so she could train with her squad. Alongside building strong relationships with gymnasts, Aneisha and Jocelyn provide support and reassurance to parents while inspiring other coaches.

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KATIE COULL

Hamilton Gymnastics Club

The first thing you will notice about Katie is her friendly, caring and supportive personality. At every competition you will hear her cheering gymnasts from every club. While continuing to compete herself, the FIG level gymnast coaches recreational, preschool and competitive gymnastics at Hamilton Gymnastics Club. She is a role model for younger gymnasts, using her experience to provide them with the best possible support in their journey. Katie's passion is not just appreciated by gymnasts, it never goes unnoticed by other coaches who can't help but feel inspired by her.

WENDY LUCAS

Hamilton Gymnastics Club

Wendy brings positivity, inspiration and year-on-year shows great leadership to help retain significant numbers of gymnasts in the sport throughout their teenage years and into adulthood. She is a great role model, and her passion and love of the sport is contagious to all those who work with her. Wendy upholds the values of being supportive, inclusive and aspirational and always delivers an uplifting experience to her gymnasts. In June Wendy was one of two Scottish coaches selected to become a member of the British Gymnastics Recreational Gymnastics committee.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

September 2023 - August 2024



Representing Great Britain

CAMERON LYNN

Coach: John Campbell
Discipline: men's artistic

FIG World Challenge Cup, Turkey

🏆 Floor 2nd

EMMA NELSON, ELLA GRACIE, SCARLETT HALDANE

Coaches: Maria Roche & Suzanne Fraser
Discipline: acrobatic

Gutenberg Cup

12-18 WP

🏆 Combined 1st

🏆 Balance 2nd

🏆 Dynamic 2nd

AVA FETTES

Coach: Melanie Stewart-Wills
Discipline: DMT

World Age Group Competitions

🏆 17-21yrs 2nd

PAIGE RUSSELL

Coach: Debi McPhee
Discipline: DMT

European Junior Championships

🏆 Junior women 2nd



Representing Scotland

CALLUM NEIL & AIDEN WARD

Coaches: Lisa Dyet, Brian Scott & Louise McFarlane

Discipline: trampoline

Loulé Cup

🏆 Men's team 1st

AMBER CAMERON

Coach: Melanie Stewart-Wills
Discipline: DMT

Loulé Cup

🏆 13-14yrs 3rd

KAYDEN CARSON

Coach: Ian Shields
Discipline: tumbling

Loulé Cup

🏆 Junior men 2nd

OLIVIA FOX

Coach: Dan Lannigan
Discipline: tumbling

Loulé Cup

🏆 13-14yrs 2nd

HAMISH CARTER

Coach: Josh Champion
Discipline: men's artistic

Northern Europeans

🏆 Floor 2nd

REUBEN WARD

Coach: Jake Seager
Discipline: men's artistic

Northern Europeans

🏆 Pommel 3rd

CRYSTELLE LAKE

Coaches: Rod Smith & Pauline Smith
Discipline: women's artistic

Northern Europeans

🏆 Floor 2nd

CALEDONIA INTERNATIONAL

April 2024

Acrobatic

SCOTLAND TEAM

🏆 Team competition 1st

KIERA BALLANTYNE & MAIREAD LOUISE MCFALL

Coaches: Kellyanne Farwell & Eilidh Dorrens

🏆 Youth WP 2nd

NOSA IDEHEN & IVY ASSAMOUA

Coach: Maria Roache

🏆 Youth WP 3rd

ERRYN STEWART, SKYE WILKIE & ANTONIA MCPHERSON

Coach: William Currie

🏆 Youth WG 1st

ANGUS DAVIDSON & LAYLA LIVINGSTONE

Coach: William Currie

🏆 IDP1 MxP 1st

POPPY PAIN, ROSA MORRISON & RUBY MELVILLE

Coaches: Maria Roche & Suzanne Fraser

🏆 IDP1 WG 3rd

NEIVE GRANT, DERIN SU ZENGIN & JAMIELEE MCNAB

Coaches: Michelle Diniz & William Currie

🏆 IDP2 WG 1st

LILY MCHALE, IMARA BEATTIE & KHLOE CAMERON

Coaches: Maria Roche & Suzanne Fraser

🏆 11-16 WG 1st

ABBIE MAILEY, MAISIE LYNN & SUNNY PHAM

Coaches: Kellyanne Farwell & Eilidh Dorrens

🏆 11-16 WG 2nd

ELLIE MONTGOMERY & LILLIA CLARK

Coaches: Kellyanne Farwell & Eilidh Dorrens

🏆 12-18 WP 1st

BETH GILROY, LILY SCHONEVILLE & AMELIA DAVIDSON

Coaches: Michelle Diniz & William Currie

🏆 12-18 WG 1st

HANNAH JOHNSTON, KATIE HENDRY & BELLE TEMPLE

Coach: Maria Roche & Suzanne Fraser

🏆 12-18 WG 2nd

EMMA NELSON, SCARLETT HALDANE & ELLA GRACIE

Coaches: Maria Roche & Suzanne Fraser

🏆 13-19 WG 1st

GEMMA RUSSELL & EMMA LOGAN

Coach: Michelle Diniz

🏆 Senior WP 1st

Men's Artistic

SCOTLAND TEAM

🏆 Team competition 1st

AARON GREGORY

Coach: Shona Grigor

🏆 All-around 1st

🏆 Pommel horse 1st

🏆 Parallel bars 1st

CAIDEN-JAY MALONE

Coach: Shona Grigor

🏆 Rings 1st

🏆 All-around 3rd

Women's Artistic

SCOTLAND TEAM

🏆 Team competition 3rd

BROOKE EVANS

Coach: Lauren Graham

🏆 Bars 1st

🏆 Floor 1st

🏆 Beam 2nd

🏆 Vault 3rd

Young Coach of the Year



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CLAIRE FERGUSON

Ayrshire Acro

Claire's self-motivation and persistence continues to provide gymnasts with the best possible opportunities at Ayrshire Acro Gymnastics Club. Claire knows the club the like the back of her hand, first starting as a gymnast aged seven before becoming a helper, assistant coach and now lead coach of the club's competitive section. Since stepping into this role last year, she has boosted club morale and helped raise the standard of performance. This was evident when a partnership she coaches won a silver medal at the 2024 Acrobatic, Aerobic and Rhythmic British Championships. Claire develops her own coaching skills and knowledge all while studying at university to become a lawyer.

CHARLOTTE HAMILTON

Dynamite Gymnastics Club

Charlotte's dedication and encouraging attitude has created a positive culture and athlete centred environment at Dynamite Gymnastics Club. Her countless achievements in the last year include being the personal coach to six members of the Scottish tumble performance pathway programme, three members of the national performance programme and four Scottish champions. Charlotte works tirelessly to make her club a place where neurodiverse gymnasts with additional support needs feel safe and comfortable, choosing only to see their potential. The assistant national technical lead for tumble is also currently pursuing her undergraduate degree in physiotherapy.

KARLA HILLCOAT

Dynamic Gymnastics Club

Karla has a natural coaching talent to be able to develop the technical skillset and self-belief of gymnasts she works with. Alongside coaching, Karla continues to compete at the highest level as a gymnast herself. She is part of the trio who won the gold medal in the women's group seniors' competition at the 2024 Acrobatic, Aerobic and Rhythmic British Championships. Karla continuously passes on her knowledge and expertise to those she coaches and is a fantastic role model for all young aspiring coaches and gymnasts. She ensures training sessions are fun for the gymnasts which is clear to see as they all love the sport.



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Community Club Coach of the Year



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GEORGINA DUFFY

Drumchapel Gymnastics Club

Gina has been at the heart of Drumchapel Gymnastics Club for many years. She has helped establish a strong togetherness at the club in which everyone feels like part of the family. This year she travelled to Italy with gymnasts to participate in Festival Del Sole for a once in a lifetime experience. Gymnasts from all over the world attended to perform in a celebration of gymnastics. Gina was at the helm of organising fundraising for the club so that gymnasts could attend. Gina volunteers as a coach at the club and is dedicated to creating an uplifting experience for every gymnast she coaches.

SHERYL HANSEN

Saltire Team Gymnastics

Sheryl is the head of recreational gymnastics at Saltire Team Gymnastics and adapts her coaching style to make sure that the gymnasts, at whatever level she is working with, feel included and supported. She creates a warm and friendly environment where gymnasts can enjoy themselves, build friendships and develop new gymnastics skills. Sheryl also leads the team of coaches working at various levels in the recreational section of the club. She sets a great example for the newer coaches to aspire to by her proactive approach to planning and encourages strong foundation skills and getting the basics right before gymnasts develop further.

GALE SCOTT

Linlithgow School of Gymnastics

For over 20 years Gale has made it her goal to provide a fun, safe and inclusive environment for gymnasts of all ages and abilities. As the lead coach for the advanced and teen recreational section at Linlithgow School of Gymnastics, she organises the themes of Gymfest displays and designs routines that are inclusive to all abilities. Gale has been attending Gymfest since she was a gymnast and strives to pass on her passion for the event to as many gymnasts as possible. She also creates a welcoming environment for other coaches to work alongside her and is continuously providing opportunities for them to progress.

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Coach of the Year



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SUSAN BRUCE

Balmoor Gymnastics Club

Susan started Balmoor Gymnastics Club in 2001 with the club now having 270 members. She never misses a class and coaches every member up to the age of 16. She provides a safe, healthy and fun atmosphere for the gymnasts. The club head coach always encourages gymnasts to try and achieve the next step in their abilities with many of them saying they feel more confident trying new skills when Susan is present. This is a sentiment shared by other coaches at the club who all look to her for guidance with any situation due to her expertise.

MANDY GORST

Irvine Bay Gymnastics Club

Mandy promotes a safe environment ensuring all gymnasts feel valued, respected and motivated to thrive. She lives and breathes rhythmic gymnastics and this passion shines through in her coaching at Irvine Bay Gymnastics Club. As the only qualified rhythmic gymnastics coach at the club, she works closely with all the rhythmic gymnasts. From spending her own time sourcing leotards for gymnasts to helping set up development rhythmic classes at the club, she always goes the extra mile. Mandy also judges at competitions and enjoys attending courses and workshops to allow her to introduce fresh ways of learning.

MELANIE STEWART-WILLS

Banchory Trampoline & DMT Club

Melanie is synonymous with double mini-trampoline (DMT) in Scotland. She has been coaching for 44 years and continues to go from strength to strength. Alongside being the national technical lead for DMT, Melanie was selected to coach for Great Britain at the World Age Group Competitions in November 2023. As well as coaching top-level gymnasts on the biggest stage, Melanie coaches beginners at local competitions. She organises local grassroots competitions and nurtures and encourages gymnasts to compete in them. Melanie always has her focus on the needs and supports everyone in the club.



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KHLOE CAMERON, IMARA BEATTIE AND LILY MCHALE

Acrobay Gymnastics Trust

The acrobatic partnership of Khloe, Imara and Lily have been in formidable form since becoming FIG gymnasts for the 2023-24 season. The increase in difficulty of skills and the requirement to perform two routines rather than one combined routine has only helped to further showcase the trio's talent. In their first season in the elite pathway, the Acrobay partnership won every event they competed in. This includes the British Gymnastics Pat Wade Classic with the highest FIG score of the competition - despite competing in the youngest age category - plus victories at the Caledonia International and Acrobatic, Aerobics & Rhythmic British Championships.

AVA FETTES

Banchory Trampoline and DMT Club

Ava is a role model to everyone at Banchory Trampoline and DMT Club and anyone who competes in double mini-trampoline in Great Britain. She has been part of the DMT Scottish performance programmes since they started in 2019, progressing through the age groups. Ava is the current 17-21 Scottish DMT Champion and came in fourth in the first qualifier for the British Championships and third in the second qualifier this year. She won silver at the World Age Group Competitions in November 2023 in the 17-21 category. Alongside these gymnastics' achievements, Ava secured herself a place at the University of Glasgow to study neuroscience.

PAIGE RUSSELL

JUMP Gymnastics Club

Despite only training double mini-trampoline for three years Paige has excelled in the discipline at her age group's highest level. After coming in fifth place at World Age Group Competitions last November, Paige won the silver medal at the European Championships in Portugal in April this year. Paige's dedication and passion for the sport have been a great inspiration to younger gymnasts at JUMP Gymnastics Club for whom she has become a mentor. This drive to motivate and support others has transcended gymnastics with Paige having also taken part in numerous charity events throughout the year to raise money for her local hospice.



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Senior Gymnast of the Year



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ETHAN CUNNINGHAM

JUMP Gymnastics Club

Ethan's return to double mini-trampoline after a major injury setback has been nothing short of inspiring. The JUMP Gymnastics Club gymnast competed in the 17-21 category at World Age Group Competitions last November and came in fourth place in the senior men's team category at the European Championships in April. He has since gone from strength to strength, winning the senior gold medal in both the DMT FIG Qualification Events in May and June. Ethan coaches multiple times a week and has just completed the first year of a Sports Science degree at the University of Stirling where he was accepted into the individual sports scholarship programme.

EMMA LOGAN AND GEMMA RUSSELL

Dynamic Gymnastics Academy

Emma and Gemma are always striving to improve their skill levels, difficulty and performance. This dedication has led to the Dynamic Gymnastics Academy acrobatic partnership flourishing at the highest level. Gold medals in the women's pair senior category at the 2024 Scottish National Acrobatic Championships and the Caledonia International were followed by an impressive silver medal at the 2024 Acrobatic, Aerobic and Rhythmic British Championships. The national performance programme gymnasts have also impressed on the world stage, coming in sixth place in the all-around final at Maia World Cup 2024 and placing in eighth in the final of the Rzeszów International Acro Cup 2024.

CAMERON LYNN

West Lothian Gymnastics Club

Cameron has consistently demonstrated his skill and dedication on both national and international stages. The West Lothian gymnast is the current men's artistic all-around champion, winning five golds over the six pieces. He reached the floor and pommel horse finals at the British Championships and the floor, high bar and parallel bars finals FIG Challenge Cup in Croatia. His achievements earned him an invitation to be part of a select group of gymnasts who were all working towards the Paris 2024 Olympics. Cameron's talents are not limited to his own performance, he is always available to offer guidance and encouragement to younger gymnasts.

Club of the Year



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EAST KILBRIDE GYMNASTICS CLUB

With over 1300 members involved in thriving competitive and recreational sections, East Kilbride Gymnastics Club continues to excel. Their competitive sections include gymnasts accepted into Scottish Gymnastics performance programmes plus medal winners at national and international levels. The club also runs recreational gymnastics sessions every day of the week, including dedicated classes for special needs children. To keep up with the growth of their membership, the club has secured satellite funding for a new venue in East Kilbride, specifically designed for peaceful additional support needs (ASN) gymnastics classes.

FLYERS TRAMPOLINE CLUB

Flyers was instrumental in helping Scottish Gymnastics run trampoline and double mini-trampoline competitions after Bell's Sports Centre was flooded in October 2023. The club's leaders helped set up competitions, moving their equipment to competition venues. They even donated a spring which broke on a trampoline during an event. Without their help, the use of their equipment and venue, the trampoline and DMT community would have been impacted. The team embodied the values and vision of gymnastics, which allowed gymnasts from different clubs to continue training and competing in events.

NORTH APEX GYMNASTICS CLUB

North Apex Gymnastics Club has grown to 190 gymnasts this year with a highly dedicated team of 19 inspirational coaches leading the way. The East Caithness club has been successful in gaining around £40,000 in funding through their project "Grow the Club". This allows increased gym time for members, the introduction of TeamGym and preschool classes to the area plus the purchase of new equipment. The club works closely with Wick High School and currently delivers sessions from the school. They aspire to one day opening their own facility.

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JEAN CALLAHAN

Jean has been involved with Falkirk School of Gymnastics since it was founded almost 40 years ago, as company secretary and coach. Over the years, she has enabled thousands of gymnasts and coaches to enjoy the sport and has continued entering teams at Gymfest as well as taking them overseas. Jean is a regular volunteer at both Gymfest and previously at Scottish artistic gymnastics national championships. She has been recognised outwith Scotland and was presented with the Nik Stuart Foundation Hall of fame award in 2023.

ROBERT CALLAHAN MBE

Robert has dedicated his life to the sport, establishing the Falkirk School of Gymnastics in 1986. He has enabled thousands of gymnasts and coaches to experience gymnastics at home and abroad. As well as running his club and coaching, he held senior roles on committees and the Scottish Gymnastics board. Robert has volunteered at events and is still an enthusiastic Gymfest volunteer. He is an honorary life member, received an MBE in 2005 for services to gymnastics, and the Nik Stuart Foundation Hall of fame award in 2023.

MIKE MCGHEE

Mike has been involved with trampolining for more than 60 years, as a trampolinist originally but it is as a coach and tutor that he is best known. He is the only international performance coach for trampoline in Scotland. He has tutored thousands of candidates through courses, guiding and mentoring them as coaches. Mike has coached several international athletes to world events. He is widely respected by his peers far and wide and is deserving of this award, as he heads into retirement from the sport this year.

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