



Ringwood & Bournemouth Trampoline & DMT Club (Est. 1990)

Formal Notice of Club Closure

It is with regret that the club must give formal notice of its closure with effect from Friday 22 July. This session will be a farewell party to celebrate the achievements of past and present club members, parents and friends.

As some of you may know, Leigh and I have had a constant struggle with RHL management to first have the level of music reduced on courts nearby on Tuesdays, to their refusal to allow a trampoline on the Wednesday session. This resulted in the club being forced to give up Tuesdays and now the Wednesday session. Unfortunately, this makes the club unsustainable and nonviable. Following an emergency meeting after the last letter from RHL, the above decision was regrettably taken.

We have also been informed that after the restructure later this year, the club will be charged for storage of equipment, hire of the equipment we don't currently own and set up and take down charges. Whilst the club currently has a healthy bank balance, all the above make it impossible to continue to use Ringwood Health & Leisure.

One particularly irksome restriction from the management is that Leigh and I are forbidden to put our own trampoline out on Wednesdays, even though we are both qualified to do so, as they say the original booking was for DMT only. We have offered to set the trampoline up but they say their staff must do it for insurance purposes, but will not allow their staff to help unless I pay for a whole shift for a member of staff, which I refused. As we hire 3 courts there is ample room and coaches all over the country put their own equipment out. I was also their staff trainer for many years and as such am fully qualified to put equipment out in any venue. Both Leigh and I can no longer continue to take on these continuous battles with the centre. They have decided that our club and probably clubs in general are not a worthwhile asset (i.e. not viable) and have made this quite clear in recent letters.

Other Clubs affected

I know of two other clubs who have had to give up one of their sessions due to the excessive level of music, so we are not the only club to be affected, but as far as I know, we are the first club to close because of the centre's off-hand attitude to sports clubs. Their primary objective is the success of their Les Mills fitness classes and the past two years has shown that community clubs are not valued or encouraged at Ringwood Health & Leisure.

To add to the above problems, we do not know where Leigh will be employed in September or whether he will be able to make all the sessions he currently covers, and we do not want to let anyone down in September, due to further centre restrictions or coaching cover. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that we have taken the decision to close the club after 27 years.

Both Leigh and I are dreadfully sorry to bring about the closure of a club that started in 1990 with a one hour session on a Friday night, at what was then Ringwood Recreation Centre. It started with 5 members and rose to 70 the maximum it could take with the equipment and space we hired.

Successes and happier days

On a brighter note, on Tuesday 12 July **Nathan Bailey**, an ex-member of this club was named as the trampolinist to represent Great Britain at the RIO Olympics. Nathan trained under Rosie for 6 years before going to OLGA due to Rosie's work commitments. Everyone who knows Nathan is delighted for him and his amazing achievement.

Other successes for the club have included a 1st for synchro at World Age Games, numerous team medals for DMT at Europeans and World Championships in both Junior and Senior teams. Two British Champions and many 2nd and 3rd places at the British Championships. Three British Schools Champions and many team medals. Our club members have competed on 8 occasions in the Germany/GB Youth Match and have been selected for several Internationals on the way to World Age Game selection. Past club members are now on stage, and in Cirque de Soleil. Also a notable Parkour athlete followed by thousands on You Tube and others in the England team for Rugby and Tough Mudder races.

The structure of competition has changed several times over the past 5 years and recent successes have seen club members compete at the National NPD finals earlier this year.

Thank you

At this point Rosie and Leigh would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts, for the ongoing support, commitment and friendship given to the club and the coaches over the past 27 years. This includes current parents who do so much for the club and past members whose children have long since gone, but continued to give up their time. I have made lifelong friendships with parents and ex-members, visiting them in faraway places like Australia and We will always be grateful for your support.

What now

I have contacted all the local clubs in the past week to find out about available space in September as I am sure that you will all want to continue to train and learn new skills. I have had positive responses from all clubs and have provided the contact details below for you to contact the club of your choice. As we have funds in the club to distribute, we have agreed to offer to pay the first month's fees to your new club, to help you to settle in and alleviate the pressure of moving club at short notice. Both Rosie and Leigh will continue to coach after the club closure, possibly at your new club, as we do not want to stop doing what we have loved doing all these years in R&B TC.

Funds

The club has always been committed to training new coaches and judges and has previously agreed to continue to fund current and ex-members training courses. We are currently funding Jazmin Doble in her Level 2 trampoline course and this will continue as Leigh and I will hold a trust fund for future coach and judge development. We will have to sell the equipment but it's possible this will be to a local club where you are continuing your training.

Last sessions

The final session will be Friday 22 July at Ringwood Health & Leisure, which will be a fun session for the kids, and a meet and chat session for parents. This will be followed by the trampoline party at the new Trampoline park in Ferndown on Saturday 23 July at 10am, which the club have funded.

Please take these opportunities to chat to other parents and club members to discuss which club will be most suitable to you and which friendship groups want to stay together. Your new club may be able to accommodate some on the same sessions and same days.

Club Contact details

The link on British Gymnastics website to local clubs

<https://www.british-gymnastics.org/discover/trampoline>

Spiralls Trampoline Club & DMT Club

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Canford School

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Renascence Trampoline & DMT Club

Rob and Erika Thorn

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Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (and Corfe Mullen)

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Wimborne

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OLGA Trampoline & DMT Club

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Olga Gymnastics Centre

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Parkstone

Poole

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360air Trampoline Club

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