

# *All England Dance*

## *Newsletter – March 2006*

### **TEACHER MEMBERS**

Teachers do not need to be members of All England Dance to enter pupils at local festivals. Once a dancer has achieved 84 marks or more at a nominated festival and wishes to enter the Competition, then the **teacher will need to renew/join as a member**. There is a renewal slip below. Teacher Members receive a copy of the syllabus when they renew their membership, which is valid until December 2007.

### **SYLLABUS**

The 2007 syllabus has been published and, as mentioned above, teachers will receive a copy when they renew their subscription. We would draw your attention to the 'Notes for Teachers', which have been updated. You will also note that 'Modern Ballet' has been included with 'Contemporary' and that 'Contemporary (& Modern Ballet) Solos' have been added for Classes D & E (i.e. 13 and over). There have been an increasing number of entries that are not strictly Classical Ballet and we hope that these sections will now provide a new freedom of development for seniors and their choreographers.

### **TRIOS AND QUARTETS**

Teachers should bear in mind when preparing work for festivals that, at the Regional and National Finals, quartets will be programmed-in with trios. This means that a dancer may not be in a trio **and** quartet of the same age group and discipline, even with a different set of partners. ('Discipline' refers to the individual type of dance so it would be permissible to be in, for example, a tap trio and a modern quartet, but not a tap trio and tap quartet.) It is important to plan for this now rather than have a competitor faced with a difficult choice when the dances qualify.

### **MOLLY LAKE AWARD 2006**

This competition will be held on Sunday 22 October 2006 in Welwyn Garden City. We are giving plenty of notice to ensure that it is accessible for everyone, wherever they live. We will be providing transport from Luton and Stanstead Airports and flights are cheapest when booked early. Do encourage any dancers who are going for further classical training to apply – it's a great experience whether you are the winner or not. Further information and application form are available on the website. If you live in the area – why not come and join the audience? It's free!

### **WORKSHOPS**

We will again be running workshops alongside the Molly Lake Award in October. There will be a 'Song' workshop for those wishing to improve their vocal skills and a second for Contemporary Dance. Application forms and further information can be found on the website: [www.all-england-dance.org.uk](http://www.all-england-dance.org.uk) or from PO Box 312, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7RG.

### **FESTIVALS**

We are pleased to welcome Blackpool Festival to the panel of nominated festivals. They run in October and the Secretary is Mrs Marilyn Stewart, 178 West Park Drive, Blackpool, FY3 9LW (01253 761190)

*And, finally*, we hope you will find time to read the enclosed notes by one of our Panel of Judges, Bill Drysdale. Bill is an Honorary Patron of All England Dance and has served regularly on the panel of judges at the National Finals.

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**TEACHER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** (Please enclose a cheque/P.O for £30 payable to All England Dance).

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