



All England Dance Update February 2008

Maureen Cox

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Maureen Cox of Emjay in a tragic car accident. Maureen was a great supporter of All England Dance at local, Regional and National levels. Our thoughts are with her family, friends and, of course, her pupils. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

AGM

At the AGM held in December we were pleased to welcome teachers who came along to represent the membership and, in particular, to put the teachers' views on the revised rules which were circulated in October.

The Committee considered all the points carefully and have agreed to the following amendments.

Schools may enter *two* groups per age group/discipline, both at Regional and National Finals.

A School with a Group placed 1st at the National Finals may enter that group *in the next Competition*, but then not for the following two Competitions (regardless of where it was placed at the 2nd National Final).

REGIONAL FINALS

The full list of all nominated festivals and rules is available on the website. We have decided that the Southern Regional Final will again be held at Fareham. Among other considerations, the Health and Safety issue of dressing room space (or the lack of it) at The Haymarket in Basingstoke precludes us from using that venue in future.

THE ROBIN WINBOW AWARD

We are delighted to announce that an award for the outstanding solo performance in the A, C & C Junior Modern Sections at the National Finals has been presented by Robin Winbow. This will be a bursary of £250 towards further training.

ArtsEd SCHOLARSHIP

ArtsEd will be awarding two scholarships at the National Finals for their 2010 Easter School. These awards will go to the winner and runner-up of the Senior Song and Dance Award. Our thanks to them for this generous award.

TEACHER MEMBERS

Teachers do **not** need to join All England Dance in order to enter local festivals. Once the dancer has qualified for a Regional Final, then the entry form will need to be countersigned by a Teacher Member. Membership is £30 per competition and can be taken out at any time. It includes a copy of the syllabus and free entry (programme) to all the Regional Finals, plus free entry to the National Finals in July 2009. You will need your photocard and a current renewal card to access the Finals.

An application form is available on our website.

If you wish to renew an existing membership, then you can simply send your cheque with an A5 stamped envelope to our Membership Secretary: Mrs Linda Lear, 6 Thorne Park Road, Torquay, TQ2 6RX

MOLLY LAKE AWARD 2008

This competition will be held on Sunday 19 October 2008 at the Campus West Theatre in Welwyn Garden City. 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 or from the address below.

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. The final decision on these has not yet been made – if there is a workshop that you think would be of benefit, let's hear from you. Application forms and further information will be on the website later in the year.

FESTIVALS

We are pleased to welcome the following festivals to the panel of nominated festivals. Details can be found on the website or in the syllabus.

	Regional Final
Croydon Festival	South East
Four Counties Festival of Dance	Midlands
Longwell Green Eisteddfod	South West
Peterborough Festival of Dance	London North
Suffolk Festival of Dance	South East