

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH DANCE COUNCIL

AN INSIGHT INTO BRYAN ALLEN - THE MAN

Bryan Allen, a former dance champion has, with his wife Ann Baker and their staff, been teaching dancing in Leicester since 1978, first in Church Gate, as the Dance Centre and for the last thirteen years as 118 Dance Studio in Charles Street. The studio covers the full range from Beginners to Champions and from the age of around 3 years to 83 plus! Social dancing and Medal Tests also feature in the studio's calendar.

Although involved with training some of the world's leading competition dancers, he is very active in all levels of the studio and enjoys enormously that special feeling when working with new beginners and young children. He keeps to the fore his view that dancing is good for everyone, socially, physically and mentally.

Bryan Allen has written reports, reviews and articles for Dance Today, formerly the Ballroom Dancing Times, since 1972, edited a number of books, written for Dance News for very many years and for the last twenty-two years the weekly "Instep" column, an independent view of topic affairs. In addition he has reported for twenty-seven years on the meetings of the British Dance Council. He has also attended and reported on the meetings of the World Dance Council, giving him long experience of the international aspects relating to dancing around the world.

Bryan feels that there is much that can be done by the British Dance Council to publish itself and dancing generally and intends to work to that end. It will need more active participation by the teaching organizations than has sometimes been evident in the past. Sales and Marketing are words that also apply to our industry! The legitimate aims and aspirations of separate organizations have to be related to the overall good.

With such a busy calendar Bryan has little time to devote to activities outside of dancing, but should any spare time present itself he enjoys reading, supporting Aston Villa and keeping up with today's technology with the help of the young children in his dance studio. He also loves enjoying Italian food and Italian wine in the company of friends.