

35 years ago ...

... in 1983 Julie Evans founded The Julie Sianne School of Dancing.

As a talented and promising dancer training at Laine Theatre Arts, Julie's dance career was brought to an abrupt halt when it was discovered that she had curvature of the spine.

Undaunted by this setback, Julie decided to transfer her talent, energy and passion for dancing into teaching. This also provided a wonderful showcase for her skill as a choreographer.

Starting her school in Byfleet with a single jazz class of 15 students, Julie's drive and commitment meant that her one class quickly expanded.

Within a year she had added classes in ballet, modern and tap as well as the original jazz class.

To read more about Julie visit www.juliesianne.com

Dancer Julie bounces back

ALTHOUGH serious back problems have prevented Byfleet dancer Julie Evans from returning to stage school she has the success of her own school to cheer her up.

Julie, 17, of Church Road, was featured in the Herald in June when she started Saturday morning dance classes to combat the boredom of being at home with a back complaint.

She used to attend Laine Theatre Arts at Epsom but had to give it up when it was discovered she had curvature of the spine.

Now Julie has accepted that she won't be going back to the school to which she won a scholarship.

"I've been to see an osteopath, a physiotherapist and even a homeopathic doctor," said Julie.

"But I'm not going back to the school. Even if I did get better my back would be so weak that with all that dancing I would just get into the same state again.

Career

"I can still do all the dancing. It's just that I can't do it for long periods.

"I had wanted to have a career as a professional dancer first before starting my own school, but I'll just have to see how things go."

Meanwhile the school has proved a success.

What Julie started off as one

By STEPHANIE SMITH

morning a week for pocket money has now turned into a four-day week thriving business.

The growth has taken place over just four months and Julie said: "I'm really pleased it has taken off."

She teaches modern jazz as well as ballet and last week started a tap class.

Her next move is a baby class for the three to five year olds, but she needs more support before it can start.

The school has been named the Julie Sianne School of Dancing.

At the moment Julie is preparing four Byfleet girls, Tamsin Sessions, Alison Brown, Claire Fordham and Teri Wheeler, to compete in the Kingston Festival of Music and Arts which takes place on the first three weekends in November.

"They will be up against girls of a far higher standard than they have been before — girls who have been dancing for most of their lives," she said.

"It will be a good experience for them to see girls who have been dancing so long and I hope they enjoy themselves."

Two of the girls, Alison and Teri, had never done any dancing before they went to Julie's classes and the other two had only a little experience.

Anyone who wants to go along to Julie's classes can ring her on Byfleet 47159.



Julie Evans