

## WILMA TOLMIE

Wilma lives in a small town called Monifieth in the North-east of Scotland. She is a Life member of the BATD and for 21 years was chairman of the BATD East District. She is also a Fellow member and examiner of the UKA.

Wilma commenced Highland Dancing at the late age in today's terms, of thirteen, and received lessons from the well known Dundee teacher, Alice Fox, and latterly Edith Bell. She developed a love for dance, and was soon out competing initially as a junior at the Highland Games in the East of Scotland, and then as an adult around Scotland as a whole, with a particular affinity for the North and North-East. Her pinnacle in competing was to gain the adult World Championship at Cowal in 1965.

She started leaching in Dundee when she was 16 years old and her hard work resulted in the class becoming renowned throughout the world. Wilma has trained countless number of champions who have won championships all over the world, her studio winning 12 world championships as well as Scottish, British, Commonwealth and European championships.

At local level, she was instrumental in founding the Dundee Highland Association and the Tayside Highland Dancing Association. She also recognised that through a common love of dance, young people from around the world could meet and share each other's culture in coming together at international events under the auspices of the CIOFF, an offshoot of UNESCO. Her answer was to help found the Tayfolk Dance and Music group and travel with them throughout Europe taking part in International Dance Festivals.

Wilma is on the SOBHD Technical Committee and for many years was convener of both this committee and the Judges Committee. She is now an

Honorary Member of the SOBHD and in 2008 was awarded the Atholl Clasp for her dedication to Highland Dancing and for her services to the Board having had a career which covers all areas of Highland Dancing.

Wilma still teaches and has a large school which specializes in Highland Dancing