



EDGORTH OUTLAWS / ALAN B's NULINE DANCE 1997-2018

EDGORTH OUTLAWS 1997 Alan Birchall opened his first class for the local community in a church hall in the village of Edgworth near Bolton Greater Manchester. After a short period of the time the club moved to The Barlow Institute in the centre of the village. It was also during this period that Alan took his first steps into choreography, club numbers grew, and within a couple of years Alan had several classes in the Bolton area.

Together with another class in the area Alan started monthly socials at a local leisure centre with people travelling from Preston, Southport, Blackpool, Oldham, Ashton, Manchester & beyond to attend. The combination of the two classes covered all genres of the Linedance scene at the time.

Alan joined the local L.D.T.A. (Line Dance Teachers Association). At monthly meetings instructors from the area shared information on dances they were teaching so there was less diversity between classes. Each year the group got together to hold a massive 'Charity Day of Dance' at the Armitage Centre Manchester attracting around 1000-1500 dancers annually.

2001 - 2007 Alan's choreography grew in popularity & he was invited to teach at venues and events around the UK and abroad, the first of which was Sue Weston's monthly event in Kidderminster. Having a demanding full-time job Alan made the decision that his Linedance career would not evolve into a full-time one, but would continue to be enjoyed as and when he was free to travel.

During this period the committee at the venue where Alan ran his Friday night classes changed the rules of hire, requiring 12 months' rent in advance and cancellation possible without prior notice, so sadly the decision was made to close this class. Not long after Alan was invited to teach on Friday nights in Preston which he did for a several years. Alan was running his classes in both Bolton & Preston so dropped the name **Edgworth Outlaws** and became just **Alan B's**. An opportunity also arose to teach at another venue in Preston, so Alan started a class at Lostock Hall in Preston where he presently continues to teach with Jacqui Jax on Wednesday evenings.

2009 - 2011 Jacqui started an afternoon class at their Edgworth venue near Bolton. During 2010 changes in local council funding meant that The Barlow where 2 of the club's classes were still held, was threatened with closure. As luck would have it one of the club members knew of a venue not too far away, and in January 2011 Alan moved their Thursday Evening class to Astley Bridge in Bolton. This move coincided with Alan & Jacqui joining NULINE DANCE and all their classes going under the 'Nuline Dance' Banner becoming **Alan B's Nuline Dance**

2011 - 2018 Jacqui's daytime class continued at The Barlow for a couple of years under the new private ownership but a massive rent increase meant it's days were numbered and she found a venue in the nearby village of Bromley Cross moving the class to the Village Hall in 2013. After 4 years the Church closed & the land was sold so in June 2017 the class moved to its present venue another church in the village, St Andrews Church.

Over the years Alan & Jacqui's club/classes have become their 'dance family' sharing both the good and bad times. Alan's original club members have remained extremely loyal and continue to support their classes and events, welcome new members at all levels, and together with Alan & Jacqui are actively involved in taking Alan B's Nuline Dance into the future...

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