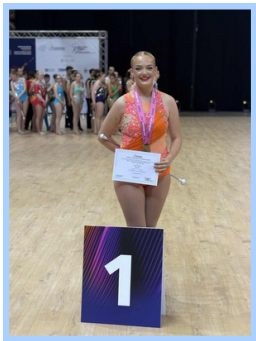


TWIRL *talk*



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Welcome to the 2nd edition of the United Twirl England Newsletter, Twirl Talk, your quarterly insight into baton in England. It has been a busy few months for our national teams in both twirling and majorettes, with some amazing results achieved in Spain and Italy.



NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS *2025*



TWIRL *fest* 2025

Baton Twirling Team Nationals in Bournemouth are fast approaching! Please take note of the following to ensure your music is submitted on time and tickets are purchased for our first-ever UTE Team National Championships.

 Entry form and full details are available on the website:
<https://unitedtwirlengland.org/competitions/>

Key Deadlines:

- Athlete/Team Entry Deadline: September 10th
- Music Submission Deadline: September 30th (File name format: Corps Name – Event – Age Division)
- Ticket Sales: Open September 10th – Close October 10th

Following Team Nationals, join us for three days of fun and learning at TwirlFest!

Coaches include European and World Champions:

- Elisa Gregori (Italy)
- Anna Zafra (Spain)
- Keisuke Komada (Japan)
- Shoshi Watanabe (Japan)

Private lessons will also be available across the three days. For more details, please contact Denise at: denise.pearse568@btinternet.com

New Events: Team Medley & Team Fusion

This year introduces two exciting new team events, each requiring 5 athletes. Teams will compete across the listed disciplines, and their final placements will be combined, the team with the lowest total score wins.

★ Each club may enter multiple teams of 5, but athletes may only compete in one team and must enter at their current competition level.

Team **MEDLEY**

- For athletes of ability levels C, D, or E
- Events:
 - 1 Solo
 - 1 Basic Strut
 - 1 Pompom Strut
 - 1 Duet (performed by 2 athletes)

Team **FUSION**

- For athletes of ability levels B, A, or Elite
- Events:
 - Solo
 - X-Strut
 - 2-Baton
 - Duet

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INTERNATIONAL

recap

2025 was a busy year for our national teams, with two competitions just weeks apart. A huge congratulations to all who competed, it is a fantastic achievement to represent your country, and we at UTE are extremely proud of you all. We would also like to thank our coaches, Dana Weston, Laura Letch, Katherine Robson, Anni Moorhead, Keith Lambert, Michelle Taylor and Emma Crossley for coaching our athletes, and Michelle Alderton, Team Manager, for organising the trips. Lastly, thank you to the supporters both at the competitions and at home, it really wouldn't have been possible without you.

IBTF European Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl Championships

A team of 17 travelled to Lleida, Spain, to compete in the first IBTF European Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl Championships. After a hot few days, the team achieved some incredible results, including the following:

- ★ Chantelle Halford – Finalist, Senior Freestyle
- ★ Georgia Langston – Silver Medal, Senior Rhythmic Twirl 🏆
- ★ Junior Freestyle Team – 5th place

IBTF World Majorette Championships

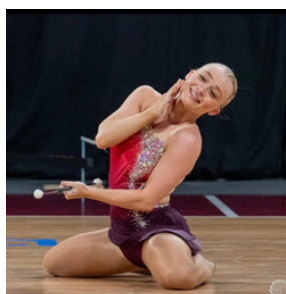
The majorettes had a very successful competition in Italy, showing huge improvement from their first championships in Liverpool. The coaches were extremely proud of all performances and results. The athletes especially enjoyed the swapsies with other countries, coming home with plenty of memorabilia. They also had the chance to return to the venue to support their England twirling friends and to watch performances from other countries live, an experience most had never had before.

IBTF Nations Cup and World Championships

Torino, Italy also hosted the IBTF Nations Cup and World Championships, a hectic but rewarding 10 days. England enjoyed great success, including:

- ★ 18 semi-finalists
- ★ 27 finalists
- ★ 6 podium places
 - Blake Littman, Junior Men, Level A 2-Baton - Bronze Medal 🏆
 - Elisha Howarth, Senior Women, Level B Solo - Bronze Medal 🏆
 - Blake Littman, Junior Men, Level A 3-Baton - Bronze Medal 🏆
 - Polly Howard, Senior Women, Level B 2-Baton - Silver Medal 🏆
- ★ 2 gold medalists (Nations Cup)
 - Leanne Bailey, Junior Women, Level B 2-Baton
 - Colby McGuire, Senior Men, Level A X-Strut
- ★ 7 top-10 placements (World Championships)

Well done to all who competed!





Team SPOTLIGHT



RIVERSIDE



Riverside is a small but mighty team based in Erith, Kent. They enjoy team days out and are currently looking forward to a road trip to a capybara café in Norfolk. The team has been running for 47 years, since 1978, with their current Club Director, Laura Holland, leading since 1985. Like many teams, Riverside began by performing at fetes and carnivals, with branches in both Fulham and Erith. Over time, they were presented with incredible opportunities that helped bring the sport to new audiences. In 1988, they performed at the American Bowl halftime show, and in 1989, they took part in the Special Olympics opening ceremony in Leicester.

Jessica has been twirling with Riverside for 7 years. Her favourite part of twirling is getting to do what she loves with her favourite people, including her younger sister, Katie. Her first international competition was at the Nations Cup this year in Youth Level B 2-Baton. Before travelling, Jessica was especially excited about competing and meeting other twirlers from around the world.



DATES FOR YOUR *diary*

SEPTEMBER

- 20th - SW Seminar Broadoak Academy Sports Centre, Western-Super-Mare
- 21st - SW Open Broadoak Academy Sports Centre, Western-Super-Mare
- 28th - UTE South Maltings Academy, Witham

OCTOBER

- 5th UTE North Barnsley Metrodome, Barnsley
- 22nd - 25th European Majorettes Cup, Porec, Croatia
- 24th-26th - UTE Majorette National Championships, Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool
- 25th-26th - UTE Baton Twirling National Team Championships, Bournemouth
- 27th - 29th - Twirlfest 2025, Bournemouth

NOVEMBER

- 29th - IOM Christmas Cup

2026 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th - 16th March - UTE Open Majorette Spring Championships - Norbreck
- 1st-5th April - IBTF Technical European Championships - Location TBC
- 2nd-4th May - UTE Individual National Championships - K2 Crawley
- 5th - 9th August - IBTF World Freestyle Championships - France
- 24th - 25th October - UTE Team National Championships
- October - UTE Majorette Europeans
- 20th - 23rd November - UTE Majorette National Championships

Check the website regularly for more information on competition dates

FYI - Information and dates will be coming soon regarding 2026 England Selections

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