1960’s/70’s/80’s

1961  Royal Albert Hall 6,000 seats insufficient for British Championship ticket demand.

1963  First ‘Champions All’ international.  
The AGA becomes the British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA).

1964  First full time Assistant General Secretary is appointed.  
Jim Prestidge worked with volunteer staff at CCPR offices in Park Crescent, London.  
1st professional National Coach is appointed.

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1972  Olga Korbut popularizes gymnastics at Munich Olympic Games.

1973  European Women’s Championships held at Wembley, London.  
The BAGA sets up Technical committees for Rhythmic Gymnastics and Sports Acrobatics.  
Avril Lennox becomes the first gymnast to be awarded the Winston Churchill Scholarship.

1975  First Artistic Gymnastics World Cup held in London.  
Avril Lennox wins Bronze in ‘Champions All’ international London.

1976  George Whiteley elected to FIG Executive Committee.  
Avril Lennox wins Silver in ‘Champions All’ international London.  
Avril Lennox becomes first Briton to qualify for Olympic Games Individual All-around finals.

1978  Avril Lennox is awarded MBE for services to gymnastics.

1979  Frank Edmonds replaces George Whiteley.  
Wembley hosts World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships.

1980  Queen Elizabeth Hall opens at NSC, Lilleshall.


1982  BG Technical function moves from Slough to Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

1988  Princess Royal opens new gymnasium at the LNSC.  
Women’s Pair (Tout, Carlisle) win bronze in World Championships, Antwerp, Belgium.  
Centenary celebrations for the BAGA. A History of British Gymnastics published.

1989  Bill Slater elected President and rescues Association from near bankruptcy.