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the only thing that changed was the style of Kristi's dress, which her dressmaker designed with lots of frills to cover her stomach. "We kept hoping that the pregnancy wouldn't show until after Blackpool and I was really lucky – the day after I stopped competing you could see a bump. I remember walking around Blackpool

thinking it must look obvious!"

Although she stopped competing, Kristi danced as much as possible throughout her pregnancy and was even practising the morning she went into labour. "I think being so fit meant I had a healthy pregnancy," she says. "Some people were concerned I might find it difficult because my stomach muscles

professionals, so they faced the challenge of juggling childcare with their intensive training regime and competition schedule. They took Glenn along to their competitions abroad and to some of their shows and by the time he was six months old he had visited 14 different countries.

"We were so lucky," says Kristi, "Glenn slept through

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were so tight but everything was fine. I consulted my doctor and he said there should be no problem continuing doing what your body is used to, and that problems start if you try to do something completely different. I don't

know if he realised I trained at such a high level, but I didn't have any problems."

Warren and Kristi were back on the floor three weeks after the birth and five weeks later they competed at the International Championships and again reached the semi-finals.

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Glenn is now seven years old and is also competing. "He had his sixth birthday party at the dance studio," explains Kristi. "Some of his friends' mothers thought it would be good for their children to go to classes here and when his friends started coming he wanted to come too."

Glenn now has a lesson every day and has won many Juvenile beginner competitions and developed the same passion for dance as his parents. "It's now great fun for us all to go to a competition," says Kristi. "He shouts for us from the sidelines and will even help to wipe our shoes and give us massages!" ●

**Left, Glenn Boyce with partner Natalia Tea de Larrinaga.**

