

**T D L D**

Texan Dudes Line Dancing



**April 2018**

## **Wanted Poster**

**Happy Easter,**

**We hope you receive lots of Easter Eggs and have a super holiday break.**



**Already the year seems to be racing away from us but having said that parts of the Country are supposed to have more snow over Easter.... OMG that poor chick! Our 'Belated' St. Patrick's Day dance was fun but because of the last minute change of date, quite a few couldn't make it. Although we were down on numbers we think that it would have been a lot worse had we had the dance on the freezing, snowing night of the 17<sup>th</sup>! Let's hope we can persuade a few more to join us at our next dance in Cheshunt on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

**Our holiday is just a few days away and we can't wait. We have not had a holiday break in over a year, the last being a week away in March 2017. You can see why we are getting excited.**

**The good news for The Spotlight dancers is that Joanna will be covering both the Fridays we are away, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April AND one of the Wednesday's the 11<sup>th</sup>. I'm afraid that all our other classes will be cancelled whilst we are away.**

## **Dance Dates & Venues for 2018**

*In the March newsletter we gave you all our dance dates for 2018. We are pleased to tell you that another date has been added. The additional date is a charity dance being arranged by some of our dancers. Full details of all the dances will be published closer to the dates but in the mean time, get these dates in your diary. They are all Saturday evening dates.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> June '18 – Cheshunt Rugby Club**

**28<sup>th</sup> July '18 – Friern Barnet School**

**\*\* Extra Dance \*\***

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 - Special Charity Dance  
At Cheshunt Rugby Club**

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct. '18 – Friern Barnet School**

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec. '18 – Cheshunt Rugby Club**

*Full details including themes, full address and directions will be out on leaflets closer to the dates. We hope you can join us.*

## **Missing Out**

*I was speaking to Chris, one of our dancers the other day and telling her that because Lavinia and I don't have children we are missing out in more ways than one. I know we miss out on the joy in having children but we miss out on presents and treats as well. Mother's day and Fathers day slip past us without a card, visit, treat or present.*

*It was at this time, around the 8<sup>th</sup> March, the world was celebrating 'International Women's Day' and I asked 'What about us guys' don't we deserve a day?' and what do you know, there is one!*

*International Men's Day (IMD) is an annual international event celebrated on 31 August. It is an occasion to highlight discrimination against men and boys and to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular for their contributions to community, family, marriage, child care and line dance tuition. (OK I made that last one up!)*

*So on behalf of all us hard done by, down trodden men, I am pleased to let everyone know about this date.*

## **Beginners Class**

*I wonder if it's only us that are being constantly asked for a beginner's class? And what do we do?*

*It is almost daily that we receive an email or telephone call asking when we are going to start a beginner's class.*

*All of this sounds really encouraging, almost too good to be true so I hear you ask the question. 'Why don't you start a beginner's class?'*

*The answer is that after 25 years experience we know what happens when we do start a new beginner's class.*

*The first thing is to contact those individuals that have been asking you to start a class and what do you find?*

*Say we start a beginner's class on a Thursday evening at say 7.30pm.*

*What we find is that:-*

*For 50% it is the wrong day*

*For 50% it is the wrong time*

*30% wanted a morning class*

*30% wanted an afternoon class*

*For 25% it is in the wrong location*

*For 25% it isn't on a bus route*

*50% Can't make EVERY Thursday*

*All of which is very discouraging if you are starting out on your career.*

*Lots of advertising, which is expensive, and planning is required before you start.*

*Picking the right time of year to start, the right location and start time is important.*

*After all of this you will still be unsure how many will turn up. Did you pick a day when England are playing in the semi final of the World Cup? I know THAT would be most unlikely but you see what I mean about forward planning and what could go wrong.*

*Once you have a number of dancers you hope that they will turn up every week and show a real commitment to continue.*

*You can see why we think long and hard before starting a new class and most importantly treasure the dancers we already have who turn up every week.*

## **Bespoke Artwork**

*We thought we would give one of our Monday evening dancers a 'plug'. Hannah will produce 'Bespoke artwork' for your home. Why not check out her website and see for yourself.*

*www.hannahpaints.com*

*If you place an order before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, and enter the code LINEDANCING you will receive a 20% discount and free shipping, so be quick. If you have any questions or requests feel free to contact Hannah directly.*

## **Sometimes Sad, Always Rewarding**

*Having been teaching for so many years the inevitable will happen.*

*We have some dancers who have been with us for as long as we have been The Texan Dudes. This is an achievement in its self but it does come with the knowledge that we are all getting older.*

*Age does present us with the inescapable truth that we can't do what we used to do. (No, that doesn't call for an explanation!)*

*As a result, some dancers decide that its time to hang up their dance shoes. This doesn't mean the end of their contact with friends they have made whilst dancing.*

*Friendships continue with get-togethers for a cuppa or a lunch or just a chin wag on the telephone.*

*The sad side to what we do is when we hear that one of our dancers has passed away. It may be someone we have known for years, someone who has become a friend, supported us and supported and encouraged other dancers in the class. Although sad, the rewarding side is knowing that we contributed to their well being by bringing dance, and in particular, bringing them and their line dancing friends together.*

## **Happy Stomping**

**Dance Like No One Is Watching**

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