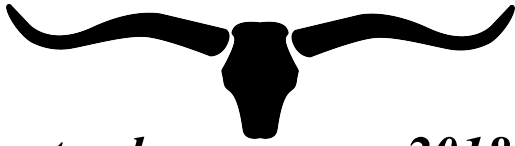


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September 2018

Wanted Poster

Wow,

This is a tough Wanted Poster for me to write.

I have been considering this for many months but have finally come to the conclusion that it is now time for a change, to cut back on work and also reduce time spent travelling.

As a result I am announcing my semi-retirement and will cease teaching at The Spotlight when a replacement has been found.

There are a number of reasons for this decision the first of which relates to the problems I have had with my health.

I continue having treatment (Injections) and have to have them until the end of 2019. These injections are affecting me in a number of ways which I won't bore you with. In addition, during the last month or so, I have had a couple of 'scares' that have required hospital visits, procedures, which were not much fun and lots of sleepless nights. You will understand that this is not conducive to running classes and trying to be 'up-beat', alert and happy during a class. I, we, do our best to disguise these problems from you but sometimes it is easier said than done. I am now hoping that these 'scary episodes' are behind me but nothing is guaranteed in this life.

There is also a feeling that it's time for a change at The Spotlight classes. A change of teacher is called for, hopefully this will add a new spark to the weekly classes and carry them forward for the next 14 years!.

I was considering waiting until much closer to the end of the year to make this announcement but I think that would be unfair on you the dancers, The Spotlight and anyone who takes over.

We will continue with the Spotlight classes until a replacement is found, until the end of 2018 if necessary, but, assuming a replacement is found earlier will hand over the reins that much sooner.

We have also felt, for over a year or so, that the line dancing scene has changed. It now seems acceptable to treat classes like a dance 'social'. I love teaching and, being of the 'old school', find some of these changes difficult to understand or accept. Basically, it's not like it was in the old days, nag, respect, nag, helping each other, nag, and another thing, nag, nag! So, as I don't want to sound like a moaning old fart its time for a change. I hope by cutting back on classes I will find it easier to accept these changes and not take them personally.

One of our dancers, Pauline, recently said to me that friends had advised her to retire. Basically so she had more time for her dancing. Soon after she was told she needed a new hip and should reduce her dancing hours. So, from looking forward to doing more of her favourite pastime, she was now told to curtail her activities.

Like Pauline we are both praying that this change will give us much more time together. Family and friends in Europe have been asking us for years to 'pop' over for a long weekend but because of our Friday morning commitment, we couldn't go. So, we intend to enjoy our semi-retirement like lots of you, dancing, long lunches and get-togethers with friends.

We will both continue with all the classes we have in the Barnet area.

At the moment there are no plans to change the scheduled party nights in 2018 but obviously we will monitor what happens in the coming months.

So, what of our time at The Spotlight?

What was supposed to be a two or three week 'cover' at The Civic turned out to be 14 years and what a fabulous 14 years. Teaching all of you Spotlight dancers has been an absolute joy. I hope you have enjoyed our company as much as we have enjoyed yours.

We will look forward to making the occasional Friday morning journey to Hoddesdon and joining you on the dance floor. We will also look forward to a coffee afterwards to catch up with all the gossip. Maybe some of you will even venture to Barnet to see us over there.

When we finally do move on we will miss you terribly but are confident that life and dancing will continue.

We'll probably be around for a while yet but in the meantime we must thank all of you for all the support you have given us over the last 14 years.

Replacement

The hunt is now on to find someone to take over the Spotlight classes.

Although Lavinia and I will have no input on the decision of who takes over we felt that, with your help, we could lend a hand in finding someone.

Lots of you attend other classes and maybe one of your other teachers has an urge to take on the fun of Wednesday and Friday morning classes in Hoddesdon.

The reason for announcing my departure early was to give the Spotlight time to find a replacement and, the new teacher a chance to get used to the classes.

The demolition of Wolsey Hall also means that there is very little chance of much dancing during December, thus cutting the time to find a replacement teacher.

If you have someone in mind please give them the name Grant at The Spotlight and the telephone number 01992 441946. This should be their first port of call.

If they would like to speak to us by all means give them our telephone number at the end of this newsletter.

Our Next Dance

Halloween Spook Night Saturday 13th October 2018

A couple of weeks early for Halloween but we thought this would be a fun theme to have.

We are back to Friern Barnet School and hope you will join us there for another fun filled, action packed, star studded, thrill a minute spooky Halloween dance evening. (Have I overdone it?)

Look out for the leaflet!

OMG !

September already, holidays almost finished and Christmas on the horizon.

Would you Adam & Eve it, two thirds of the way through the year already. It just occurred to me that the roads are now back to their congested state because the school holidays are over !

Charity Dance

The charity dance at Cheshunt Rugby Club was great fun but more importantly it was a huge success.

Kathi, Rita and Chris, who were all celebrating their birthdays by putting on this event, did a wonderful job. It takes a great deal of effort to decorate the hall, get all those raffle prizes together, organise hall, tickets and countless other things. In addition to the Saturday dance there were the coffee morning collections at Wormley, private donations, raffle draws at The Spotlight and Chris's ex employer, Barclays adding an additional £750.00 to the collection.

The net result of all this hard work provided a Grand Total of £1,980.00 being handed over to the Prostate Cancer charity. A fantastic sum which will be put to very good use in the fight against Prostate cancer.

A HUGE WELL DONE to the girls and everyone who supported this terrific effort.

Happy Stomping

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