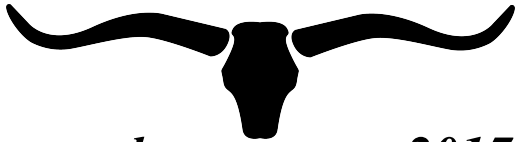


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**September 2017**

## **Wanted Poster**

**Hi everyone,**

**Welcome once more to the next newsletter. A quick question....**

**Have we entered some kind of time warp? Black hole ?**

**The only reason I ask is that 2017 seems to be disappearing at an alarming rate of knots!**

**Four months until Christmas ! I must be going mad !**

**OK before we start talking about Santa and Christmas tree lights lets get on with the news.**

**First I have to apologise as later in the newsletter we will have to tell you of news of class changes, and possible cancellations in the coming months. We cannot give you definite dates just yet but can provide you with news of what we expect to happen. But as I said, lets get on with the news....**

### **The Next Dance Date**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Friern Barnet School.**

**Parking & Entrance Crescent Road, N11 3LS**  
**Having had all our scheduled medical appointments all looks set for this dance to go ahead. We do hope you can join us on our return to Friern Barnet School.**

**We were tempted to have a theme of Doctors and Nurses but felt that was tempting fate so the theme is 'Check Shirts/Blouses', any colour as long as you have 'Check' on your person.**

## **Back In Time Again**

*The classes in Barnet and surrounding area were our first 'babies' and as such grew up with us. We took our first steps with them and took them to our heart. However, way back in July 2004 we were asked to provide cover for a class 'off our patch'. We were told it was a temporary thing, two weeks, maybe three, max four ! We duly turned up and muddled our way through countless dances we never knew, fumbled through count-in's for songs we had never heard and generally tried our best to provide continuity until the teacher returned. This was, after all, only a temporary situation. Our brief being 'just provide a class for the time being'.*

*I remember teaching the UK's No! dance to class in that first week, it was called 'Cliché'. 'Horror of Horrors!' it was Country and Western, apparently something not often done in this class. We were instantly, and wrongly tagged as ONLY teaching dances to C & W music. Hopefully we have now lost that tag but lord knows it took years, and years !!! Anyhow, it quickly became evident that we couldn't just keep things 'ticking over'. The whole situation demanded much more input, much more planning. There was also a need to teach ourselves dances this class knew, as well as new ones.*

*Luckily the majority of dancers understood the situation and helped us muddle through in those early months. I am sure that some were hoping for a return to 'the good old days', maybe some still do, and hand on heart, we never intended to take on the class full time. It just so happened that we adopted the class by default and likewise they adopted us.*

*Most of you have now guessed that the class in question was in Hoddesdon and after thirteen years we now feel very much at home. It has been a joy and we are proud that we have been able to provide a class for so long that so many appear to enjoy.*

*In the coming months there will be someone stepping into our shoes in similar circumstances. We are sure you will be as kind to them as you were with us.*

## **Important Class Changes and Holiday Dates**

**Ok, deep breath. After months of medication and 'procedures' this is the situation as we understand it.**

*We are still waiting for the exact date but the best 'guesstimate' is that I will start my radiotherapy at the end of September or start of October. It is seven and half weeks of treatment and I have been told to consider having a two week rest after it finishes. All of this will take us up to the end of November or thereabouts.*

*Including travelling and treatment it can take up to 4 hours every day and is five days a week. Obviously this means I will not be able to take the Hoddesdon classes. Vera and Teresa have kindly offered their services for most if not all Fridays whilst I am indisposed but this will depend on their other commitments. It doesn't look possible for them to do Wednesday mornings so that class may have to stop for the time being. Having said that, we will have a better idea towards the end of September and will keep 'The Spotlighters' informed as soon as possible. With regard to Monday and Wednesday evening classes at Woodside Park, these 'should' be OK to continue. Again, this depends on how I react to treatment but we are optimistic. I may have to take a nap during class but I hear you say I do that now! Tuesday morning class shouldn't be affected as Lavinia will take it as in the past.*

*Just to add to our woes Lavinia has been told that she requires a further operation on her foot. She has a constant ache/pain in her toe and it has to be 'fused' to end the pain. At going to press this operation has been scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> of November and 'should' coincide with the end of my treatment. Unfortunately, until she is 'under the knife', they will not know what her recovery time will be. Depending on what they do anything from six to twelve weeks, in a 'boot', are the figures being talked about. You can see that we are hurtling towards a stressful period and as such have been eyeing the calendar with a view to taking a week off before it all starts. Unfortunately we are still*

*unsure if it is going to be possible as we await news and a start date from the hospital. But now you know our predicament we are sure you will understand, and not be surprised, if we cancel a week's classes at short notice.*

### **Harlow Country Music In The Park**

*We duly made our way to Harlow and soaked up the sunshine and atmosphere of a lovely family day in the park. There were so many dancers who took our advice for a sunny picnic and wasn't it worth it. As promised there wasn't a cloud in the sky and we hope that those that did venture to Harlow enjoyed some of the acts on offer.*

### **Dance Etiquette and Good Practice on the Dance Floor**

*We have had a few newcomers join our merry band of dancers and it worth telling them and reminding others that we try to stick to line dance championship rules.*

- 1. Please, NO unchoreographed turns before the third wall.**
- 2. Please, DO NOT walk across a dance floor when a dance is in progress.**

### **Computer Problems Again !**

**My very smart, Smart phone has bamboozled me yet again.**

*Ok, this is what happened. My new telephone 'pings' at me with the message that I have received an email. So far so good. I read the message and all is right with the world, however. After I had owned the phone for a few weeks I had numerous email messages cluttering up its memory. So I decided all I had to do was to delete those that I had read, so that's what I did.*

*It was only this week that I discovered that, If I delete a message from say, one of our dancers asking a simple question like 'is class on tonight?' I delete that persons email address from my contacts ie if they were on the Wanted Poster list they aren't any more!*

**So if you no longer get the monthly newsletter, email us and I will reinstate you and promise not to delete you again !**

*Please, can someone loan me a five year old child to give me direction!*

### **Happy Stomping**

**Dance Like No One Is Watching**

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