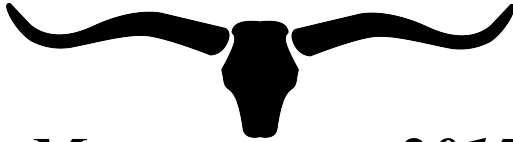


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Wanted Poster

Hello, and welcome to Summer!

Are we there yet?

One minute Spring and the next Summer, can that be right?

All I know is that as I write this newsletter the sun is shining and we are looking forward to a week lazing in that sunshine. (Hence why the newsletter is early)

We had a lovely Easter break, did you? We took the opportunity to go to the theatre to see Alfie Boe, Katherine Jenkins and Nicholas Lyndhurst in Carousel, a lovely evening out with friends and recommended.

When Lavinia and I were courting (Do people still use that expression?) we used to go to the theatre quite regularly, always a great evening out but, I am quite sure it wasn't as expensive as it is now!

There are lots of holiday dates to tell you about in the coming weeks so make sure you get all those dates in your calendar. There is nothing worse than getting yourself ready, getting to the venue and finding out class is cancelled.

Just as I finished writing the newsletter we received some very sad news regarding one of our long standing dancers.

John Woods

(Monday Evening Class)

I am sure that it will come as a shock to many of you that knew John, to hear that he has passed away.

He was dancing with us on the Monday evening before Easter and all seemed well. Before leaving class he said to me 'See you next Wednesday' that was because Easter Monday class was cancelled.

Just one week later, on the Tuesday after Easter, we received a telephone call from his wife Mary with the sad news.

John was a fit chap, spending lots of time on his allotment, he always looked the picture of health.

Mary tells us that John got up on the Easter Sunday, washed and dressed, and went downstairs to watch his beloved Tottenham Hotspurs on TV. She heard a cry and went downstairs to find him semi conscious and clearly in difficulties. She phoned for an ambulance which arrived within four minutes. Unfortunately they could do nothing to revive him and he passed away a short time later.

We have known John for something like 20 years and during that time he has supported our classes, been away on our weekends and supported our Saturday evening dances on many occasions.

He was always annoying me with his constant chat in class but I always liked John. He was a colourful, likeable rogue, a true 'cheeky chap' and there aren't too many of those around.

*At the time of going to print we don't have any further details but Mary tells us she will let us know the funeral arrangements when she can. We will obviously pass them on as soon as we can.**RIP John.***

A quick word from Kathi who tells us that the Friday morning raffle in aid of the Marie Curie charity raised £275.00. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making it a huge success.

More bad news I'm afraid
Tuesday Evening Class
Will Close at the End of May.

I am very, very sad to do this but it has been on the cards for a while, for a number of reasons.

Since the start of the year I have been concerned with the decline in numbers. The average attendance over the last 8 weeks has hovered around 14. (As low as 12 and as high as 19) This is the most expensive of our halls and meant I was paying more in rent than I was earning.

This is not the only reason.

The medication I have been taking has also not helped insofar as it makes me tired, weary is probably a better word. There is a possibility that I may go on to something even stronger. (I am hoping not)

I decided that I need to have a break.

Doing three night classes, plus two day time classes, 'on the trot', is probably not the best format. All of this made the decision for me.

You have given me great support for many years and I do not take this decision likely but sadly I have decided to close Tuesday evening class at the end of May. (30th)

I will wait until the end of May for a couple of reasons. Firstly to enable you Tuesday dancers to use your advance purchase tickets and secondly, because as there are two Monday May Bank holidays, it will give those dancers an alternative.

Health wise I think it will serve me better to have an evening off during the summer months before I start radiotherapy.

I really do hope that you can find another of our classes that suit you. If you have any questions or concerns please, please speak to either of us.

If you cannot come to any of our other classes, fingers crossed that you can, and you have any unused advance purchase tickets, we will refund your money.

I know this is not the best of news but I hope you understand.

Cancelled Class Dates

Firstly Our 8 Day Holiday

*Sunday 23rd April 2017 through to
Monday May 1st 2017 (Bank Holiday)*

Other Cancelled Classes

Tuesday Morning 9th May 2017

Monday 29th May 2017 (Bank Holiday)

A reminder that Tuesday evening classes will still be going on through-out the above dates in May.

Our Next Dance Date

Sunday 25th June 2017

At the 'Spotlight' in Hoddesdon

Yes it's true, not only have we booked the 'Spotlight' for a dance we have also decided to have it on a Sunday. A totally new venue and day for our dance we thought it was worth a try. We thought it would give our Friday morning dancers a bit of a break before they took to the dance floor once more. It also gave all of our dancers a chance to go out with their friends and loved ones on a Saturday evening. We do hope we can prise you away from Sunday TV for some fun with us on the dance floor.

Full details closer to the date.

On the TV ?

There is a very slim chance that a TV film crew will be with us on Friday 5th May.

IF, it goes ahead we are told they will be inconspicuous, in the background, and not expecting everyone to be dressed in cowboy outfits and Yee Haring.

As we understand it, it is a documentary about different forms of dance and the people who take part in that dance. We have heard this on many, many occasions before so can safely say.....

It probably won't happen !

Happy Stomping

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