

Strictly **FUN** Dancing

News letter

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Hello, Hello, Hello,

Firstly, I would like to welcome those of you that have recently joined the classes, and hope that what you have learnt and what you are learning, gives you the confidence to go out there and dance with your heads held high, whilst feeling that you can also keep fit within a friendly environment.

I would also like to thank the more established members for your continued support of classes, social events and gatherings, because without it, as I have said before, there is no, 'Strictly Fun Dancing'.

Website and Photos

Thanks to the assistance of a very good friend, the Website is slowly but surely being improved. One of the next projects we would like to tackle is the construction of a Gallery of pictures from various social events that have been held over the past three years. However, before we can proceed we realise that, understandably, some of you may have reservations about your images being placed on the 'World Wide Web'. Therefore, if you do not want your image placed on the website I would be grateful if you would email me with the words, 'No Photos'.

For those of you that are not on email could I ask that you drop me a short note, in writing, with the same two words 'No Photos', ensuring that it is clear who the note is from.

An Evening of Social Dancing - Friday 23rd October 2009

The venue is, as before, Beckenham Public Halls, which boasts a wonderful ballroom, accompanied by a licensed bar, that gives you the opportunity to start the weekend off with a bit of fun and dance.



Beckenham Public Halls
Bromley Road
Beckenham
BR3 5JE

Doors open at 8pm with the Last Waltz being played at circa 11.00pm. The start time is a little later than previous events to allow people more time to get home and prepare for the evening.
Price: £10 per ticket per person in advance, £11 on the door.

Christmas Party

The proposed date is Saturday 19th December 2009 at St Christopher's School, Bromley Road, in Beckenham. It is envisaged that the evening will include a dancing demonstration, cold fork buffet and a champagne reception. The facility does not allow us to sell alcohol on the premises however we will be providing each table with a bottle of red and white wine as well as a jug of water.

You are, of course, more than welcome to bring your own particular choice of refreshment.

The cost of the evening is yet to be decided and will largely depend on numbers attending. However, in order to avoid bombarding you with numerous social events all at once I will contact you again in a couple of weeks to find out who is interested in going.

International Championships
Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 15 October 2009



The 2009 International Championships are upon us. For those of you new to the classes this is one of the major competitions in the professional ballroom dancer's calendar. For this coming Thursday's competition I have purchased eight 2nd tier boxes from which, those attending, will have the opportunity to see the world's best dancers compete for the 2009 titles.

In addition, we have also arranged for transport home by way of a Routemaster bus, which will be ready and waiting to 'whisk' us back to Croydon, Shirley and Beckenham areas when the competition is finished.

I will be sending out a separate info sheet immediately after I have finished this newsletter for those who are attending this Thursday's event.



For those of you that are interested in joining us in 2010, the format will be the same as it is for this year's trip. In that I will be purchasing a number of 5 seat second tier boxes tomorrow (Wednesday 14th October 2009), from which you can purchase either a seat/seats, or a complete box. To give you some idea

of the cost, the 2009 prices were £29 per seat and £145 per box; there may of course be some variation with regard to the 2010 prices.

So, if you are feeling inspired and want to come along, please see Margaret to register your interest with the number of seats required or you can email me directly. Seat allocation will be on a first come, first served basis.

It is our intention to distribute the 2010 tickets January/February time, at which point we would also ask that full payment is made within two weeks of distribution. If, at a later date you find that you cannot attend the competition unfortunately, we will not be in a position to refund any monies, but we will make every effort to sell the tickets on your behalf.

Best regards

Paul and Team