

## Newsletter

### September 2010

Greetings fellow dancers,

Please accept my apologies for leaving this email / newsletter so late in the day before sending it out. It was my intention to have had this done and out to you by mid August, but as some of you are already aware Anna and myself have only recently taken over a dance studio in Dulwich which has engulfed far more time than expected with emergency repairs and renovations being necessary. Anyways, here it is, better late than never.

### Fairfield Halls

Having had the meeting with the new Chief Executive it would appear that he isn't as enthused with the idea of ballroom dancing taking place at the Fairfield as his predecessor was. His view, and I can understand the position he's in, is that there is insufficient revenue earned from the evening's attendance and that it would be more cost effective if he were to close the building down for the evening rather than run at a loss; although he didn't have the figures to hand to be able to confirm. However, following my representations regarding the time it takes to

build classes up we have agreed to continue running until the end of the year when the situation is to be reviewed again.

As regards the 7pm Class we are intending to split it if required according to abilities. Carolyn will take one class and I, the other one. This way those of you that have been coming for the first half of the year will be able to progress on to the next level and new starters will start to learn from scratch.

The 7.45pm class will continue with the same format.

# Beginner's Class - Shirley -Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010

A reminder that the 10 week Beginner's Class is due to start this week so please tell friends and family or anyone interested in wanting to learn to dance what we do and when.

I would also like to congratulate those of you that have progressed up the ranks from the Beginner's to the Improver's Class. Well done!

I also have to mention, and at the risk of getting it wrong and being considered a killjoy or something; although I am asking very nicely, that when you come in for the Improver's Class to please remember that the Beginner's Class is still in progress and that the noise generated by you meeting and greeting (which I do not want you to stop doing), can at times be a little distracting for the individuals in the Beginners Class. So, could I ask that you consider the noise levels being generated when coming in on Thursdays. Sorry, but thank you in advance.

#### Grafton Dance Centre

Currently the Grafton operates almost 7 days a week and amongst other things includes classes and social events. Every Saturday we run a Social evening, and, as those of you who were in attendance at Thursday night's class already know, are intending to give you each a ticket that allows entry to the Saturday Social on any Saturday of your choosing. Following that if you were ever at a loose end on a Saturday night you are always welcome to come and join us.

As for our own Beckenham Socials that are held on a Friday night at the Public Halls, I have every intention of continuing to run them providing enough people still want them; and that also goes for Thursday nights at Shirley.

See you soon.

Paul and team