

# Strictly **FUN** Dancing

## Newsletter

**Thursday 8 March 2012**

Hello, hello everyone,

A bumpy start to the year so far, with freezing temperatures, snowfall, incapacitating back injuries and the news that we can't use the hall at Shirley for classes on Thursday 8 March. Depending on how long you have been with us you may or may not be aware that every two years the church holds a fund raising book sale, the setting up of which means we are required to vacate the hall on the Thursday before the weekend it's 'booked' to run. We have in the past, as an alternative venue, used the Catholic Church in Bingham Road or have simply forfeited our time and therefore the classes. This year however, and with your approval, I would like to try something different!

Intrigued?

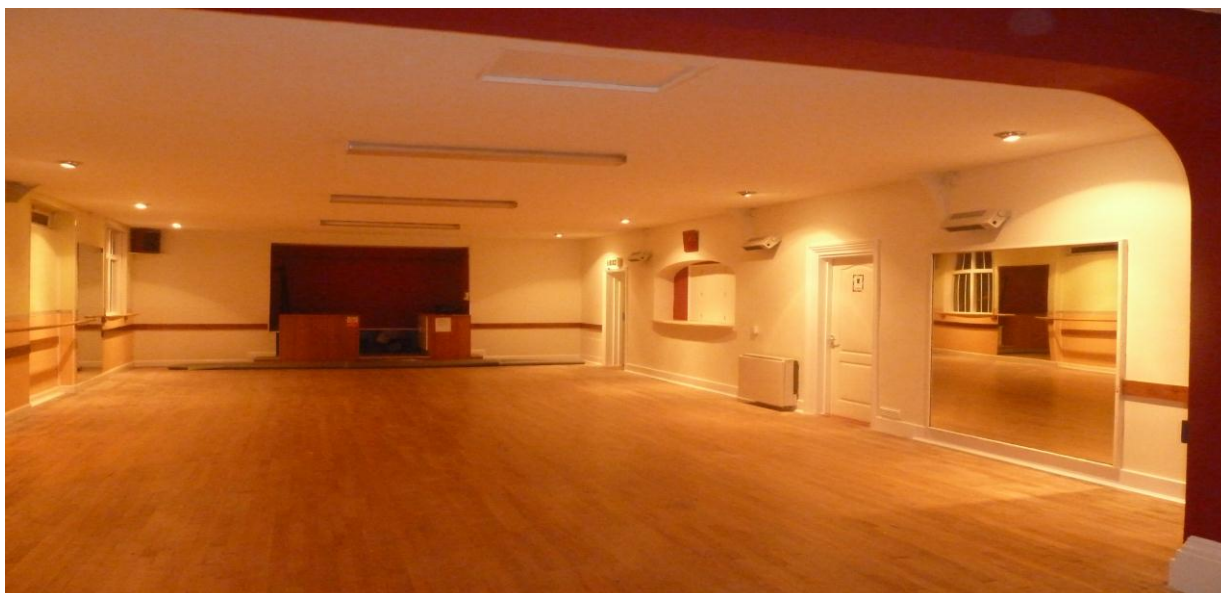
Then read on.

This is only a suggestion following an idea that sprung to mind after a couple of glasses of wine, but a suggestion all the same that would be great if we could make it a reality. I was thinking, that as the hall at the Grafton is sitting empty that particular evening we could, for one

night only, consider taking Shirley's Strictly Fun Dancing to it, albeit with a slight alteration to the format as follows:



The start finish times would be from 8pm to 10pm, the cost would be £7 per person which would include a cup of tea or coffee at the interval. We start with a little general dancing for 20 - 25 minutes followed by a group class that runs for approximately 45 minutes. We break for refreshments for 15 minutes after which we rehearse what we've learnt to music. Then for the remaining 20 minutes or so we have run up to 10pm with a little more general dancing.



The dance we choose to teach will be one of the popular Latin dances either Cha Cha Cha or Jive and will be geared towards a mixed ability group. If the level of experience varies too greatly then we will of course have two classes being run side by side but the dance will be the

same. For me the emphasis of the evening is about socialising and meeting people from other classes that you may not get a chance to meet in your own class.

I would also like to assure you all that the evening is purely for current and past attendees associated with Strictly Fun Dancing only, be they at Shirley, David Lloyd or Fairfield Halls.

The choice is yours ladies and gentlemen; the decision is in your hands. In my view I see it as an ideal opportunity to add a little spice and variety to the Thursday night classes. It means that we do not have to cancel that particular week's tuition and it will give those of you that have not yet attended our Dulwich studio the opportunity to experience its character and charm in person rather than just reading about it.



If you are interested, and I sincerely hope you do consider giving it a whirl, could I request that you please leave your name with mum at some point on a Thursday between now and 1<sup>st</sup> March or email me accordingly. Regrettably, I do have to say that in order to make it a viable possibility we would need to have sufficient interest in our little excursion in order for us to proceed. The final decision as to whether we do or don't go with it will be made on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, one week prior to 'D Day'.

I would also like to assure you that this is not to be considered 'the thin end of the wedge'; we are not intending to close Shirley classes and move everything to Dulwich in the foreseeable future!

For those unfamiliar with what the Grafton is may I refer you to the website [www.strictlyfundancing.co.uk](http://www.strictlyfundancing.co.uk) where, in the previous Newsletter section, you will find the Spring 2011 Grafton Dance Centre Special Edition Newsletter that explains all.

Best regards

Paul and Team