

# Strictly **FUN** Dancing

## News letter

March 2009

Hi Folks,

Here are the 'term end' and 'restart' dates for dance classes at Shirley Methodist Church.

Beginners Level 1, 10 week Starter Class 6.45pm - 7.30pm

Due to the fact that we were unable to open for two weeks because of the power cuts, we have decided to extend the time period so that the current ten week course will now finish on

**Thursday 26 March 2009.**

The next Level 1, 10 week Starter Class, resumes on

**Thursday 16 April 2009.**

Also, due to the amount of enquiries received by people wanting to attend the course it has been decided to continue the Starter Class for the foreseeable future. It will continue to run, as it is now, for ten weeks, followed by a break and then by another ten weeks and so on.

Beginners Level 2 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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Intermediates 8.45pm - 9.45pm

The last classes before the Easter break will be held on **Thursday 2 April 2009**.

Classes will resume on **Thursday 16 April 2009**.

All class prices will remain the same.

### **Beckenham Dance Studios - Tuesday Night**

We were recently informed that the dance studio in Beckenham has been completely demolished. Having had discussions with the organizers of a venue local to Beckenham High Street, although they have availability it is only on a Wednesday. Due to the fact that I personally have work commitments elsewhere on a Wednesday evening this could prove difficult until they can be re-arranged. Watch this space for further details.

### **Social Events**

#### **Past - Christmas Party 18 December 2008**

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you who were able to attend the 2008 Christmas party and for the emails of support that were received throughout the following days. I would also like to say a special thank you to all those who helped to make it run as smoothly as it did. Namely: Anna, Carolyn, Mum, Terry, Eric, Graeme and last, but by no means least, (because without her none of this would have been possible) Cathy, who, amongst many other things, provided us with the use of the venue.

#### **Up and Coming - Social Evening Friday 15 May 2009**

Yes, we have finally managed to arrange a Social Evening at Beckenham Public Halls, giving you the opportunity that you have all been waiting for, which is to put into practice what you have been learning over the

recent months or years. Beckenham Public Halls boasts a wonderful ballroom and also comes with a licensed bar. Hopefully we can make it a night to remember and be the start of something much bigger.



Beckenham Public Halls  
Bromley Road  
Beckenham  
BR3 5JE

It is my intention that we start at 7.45pm with the last waltz being played at circa 10.30pm. This may be subject to change, depending on final arrangements yet to be agreed with the organizers. I will of course inform you of any changes, if any, nearer the time...

**International Championships**  
**Royal Albert Hall**  
**Thursday 15 October 2009**

The International Championships are still a long way off but planning for the evening has already begun. For those of you new to the classes this is one of the major competitions in the professional ballroom dancer's calendar. By attending this evening's competition you will have an opportunity to see the world's best dancers compete for the 2009 titles.

We have purchased seven 2<sup>nd</sup> tier boxes, each with five seats per box. The seat prices are £29 each or you can purchase the whole box for £145. However, although I am prepared to sell boxes, I would be keen to see at least four people to a box. If we sold every seat there is only a maximum of 35 seats available.

Seat allocation is on a first come first served basis. Some people have already reserved tickets but we will be confirming with them if they

still require the seats before allocating the tickets. We would also ask that full payment be made within two weeks of tickets being allocated. 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.



With the 'prize giving ceremony' taking place at about midnight, this does mean that people catching trains have to leave early. In order to avoid this happening again we have arranged for the Routemaster bus to collect us with a drop off in both the

Shirley and Beckenham areas. We would ask that if using the service, if each person was to give a donation of £5 we will put it towards the cost of the driver.

So, if you are feeling inspired and want to come along please see Margaret to register your interest and the number of seats required.

Best regards

Paul and team