

# Newsletter

### Winter 2015

Welcome back the festive season,

I cannot believe Christmas is upon us once again, the difference this year is that I am determined NOT TO LEAVE my Christmas shopping to a last minute dash that it usually ends up being..... I am absolutely sure of it......well that's my intention anyway.

I am pleased to say the vibes remain good in the various classes and are always a joy to teach. Attendance has remained steady with many of you coming on a regular weekly basis, essential if particularly in the Beginners class, you want to jump those initial and what may seem very high, hurdles. Personal progress can feel slow at times, especially if we see others striding ahead, but just remember and as it was explained on Strictly Come Dancing: We are like a bunch of flowers, some of us just bloom earlier than others!

So, there you go, a few words of wisdom to prepare you all for the New Year and a fresh start to your dancing!

Speaking of progress I am also very pleased to acknowledge that those of you that did step up earlier this year from Beginners to Improvers

have made the transition quite successfully. I am also aware that some are still finding their feet but on the whole it's moving along nicely and those little hiccups will resolve themselves in time. So, well done, stick with it.

By the way, if you are not sure when the right time to move up from one class to another is, please don't hesitate to ask.

# Last Thursday (17 December) of Term at Shirley

The structure of classes in the final week will be as follows: There will be the normal Beginners class from 6.45 - 7.30pm.

There will be a mixed ability class from 7.30pm - 8.30pm where I will do a mixture of Sequence and Line dancing - useful if you are intending to join us on the Saturday at Grafton.

Following that I would like to invite you over the pub (The Crown) - first round is on me!

Needless to say there will be no 8.30pm Class on that day.

### **Prices**

I am afraid there will be a small increase in class prices from January 16. They will be as follows:

Beginners Class = £7 Improvers / Intermediate / Advanced Class = £8  $2 \times Classes - 13.50$ 

### Up and coming - Grafton - 7 Village Way SE21 7AW

#### Saturday Social - Grafton - 19 December 15

No booking required, come along and enjoy yourself. Remember to bring your own alcohol! - I stress this is **not** a Christmas Party rather a gathering of people who are dancing to music just before Christmas!

On the final week of instruction we will deviate from the normal plan and will instead be teaching other dance styles as follows:-

#### Monday 14 December 15, 8.30pm

Modern Sequence - the dances being 'Saunter Together' and 'Mambo Magic'

#### Wednesday 16 December 15, 8.30pm

Kate Wiseman of Swing Patrol will be joining us again for a class of 'Swing Dancing'............ For those of you not exactly sure what that is, it is Lindy Hop which is similar to Rock n Roll and Jive, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine! (The evening is suitable for beginners)

I would invite you to all of the above.

# Shirley Winter Class - Start/Finish Dates

The last classes before Christmas break (except the 8.30pm Class) will be held on
Thursday 17 December 2015.

All classes resume on Thursday 7 January 2016.

Best regards and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

Paul and Team