

Strictly **FUN** Dancing

Newsletter

Winter 2016

Greetings everybody,

How efficient am I, it's only just turned November and I'm putting this term's newsletter out.

It has certainly been an interesting term this time around in so much as, due to the renovations taking place in the old part of the church, we have, as many of you know, had to conduct classes in the newer section of the building. This has been a real blessing in disguise for three reasons. The first is, I have not had to relocate classes to another venue, which could have led to such disruption that they may not have survived in their current format. The second is, that we have had the opportunity to experience a floor without an incline and thirdly, and most importantly, it helps us not to become conditioned into believing that we can only dance a group of steps provided we are facing a particular wall and décor etc. In other words, by not becoming reliant on referencing a step with a particular part of the room (or 'a' room for that matter), your dancing improves, you become versatile and of course more confident, particularly when at other venues. Well done everyone!

Christmas Ceilidh (pronounced Kaylee)
Friday 16 December 2016 - See Attached

It's a Gaelic word you know!

A Christmas party with a difference, it's a Ceilidh, of which the main advantage is that no one needs to be able to ballroom dance to attend and have a bit of fun; no one has to be a wall flower. Anyone can do it all you have to do is listen to what the caller calls, and just do it. They are great entertainment and I am sure fun will be had by all. Please do come and join us; bring friends too. Tickets can be purchased from me at £16 per person.

End of Term Drinks

The last day of term will be Thursday 15 December 2016. As in recent years we will conduct the beginners' class at the normal time of 6.45pm, followed by the improvers' class at 7.30pm. However, the improvers' class will have a general party feel, suitable for all levels, including those that attend the beginners class.

There will not be a class at 8.30pm; instead we will be taking a short walk over the road to the pub, 'The Crown', where the first round of drinks are on me.

Grafton Beginners Classes

Over the year I have, on a number of occasions, been asked as to what beginners classes I run at Grafton. I run two, the details of which are as follows:

Absolute Beginners - 7.30pm - 8.30pm on a Wednesday evening.
Designed for the person who has no previous experience of ballroom or latin dancing.

Experienced Beginners - 7.30pm - 8.30pm on a Tuesday evening.
A bridging class between Beginners and Improvers, designed for those who want to improve their repertoire and confidence whilst dancing under instruction in the larger studio.

New Website - Grafton

Can I say a big thank you to all those who attended the studio recently to participate in the social dancing, whilst Steve and Michael 'literally' ran around you, taking some fantastic shots for use on the website. Over a 1000 pictures were taken, some of which worked very well indeed. The effort was certainly worth it.

As for the website itself, it is still currently under instruction. It's a slow process as I cannot always visualise the end picture and, if I can, I can't necessarily transfer that image to the web designer (I have no doubt he is quite frustrated with me by now), but it is coming together and when it is, rest assured, you will be the first to know.

Winter Break - Start/Finish Dates

The last classes before Christmas will be held on **Thursday 15 December 2016**. (See above - End of Term Drinks)

We will be closed for 2 weeks.

7.30pm (Improvers) and 8.30pm (Intermediates/Advanced) classes resume on Thursday 5 January 2017.

6.45pm (Beginners) class starts on Thursday 12 January 2017

Hope to see you soon and have a wonderful festive season.

With the warmest of regards

Paul and Team