

Strictly FUN Dancing

Newsletter

Winter 2017

Hello to one and all,

I will start this newsletter by saying a big thank you to all of you for your continued support of what we do here at Shirley and Dulwich. Not only for your continued participation in attending classes and various social events, but also to those who work with me behind the scenes, quietly beavering away and whose invaluable help I could not easily function without.

With regard to classes, I am very pleased how well they have swelled and how many of you have shown a distinct determination to learn and put it into practise. Having determination is the only way I know how to get results and maybe some of that has rubbed off on many of you? Perseverance is the key and the rewards are certainly beginning to show.

I would also like to add that, as individuals, we blossom at different times and in reference to a question that I was asked only recently, I cannot see a time when I become bored, frustrated or cease to enjoy assisting you in the learning process.

The TV show (you know the one to which I am referring) has certainly encouraged many to take up the activity, which is a good thing. I

believe it has done wonders for dancing's popularity and without a shadow of a doubt removed the stigma that befalls many men when admitting they either, watch it on the television or, horror of all horrors, actually partake. You may not know this, but it was 'International Man's Day', Sunday just gone and although I am not quite sure what that actually equates to, it is an opportunity, I feel, for us to add 'dancing' to a man's repertoire without fear of ridicule! So, there you are, the world has been put to rights again! :-)

Christmas Dance - Grafton **Saturday 16 December 2017 - See Attached**

Tickets are selling steadily; please do get in touch if you would like to join us. We have a Ballroom Cabaret by Frank and Luba who, I can assure you, will not disappoint. We also have a Licensed bar, so please note that all drinks will need to be purchased from either the bar or one of the drinks dispensers. Your co-operation on this matter would be appreciated. Nibbles will be on the tables but no food is being served, so please eat something before you arrive.

End of Term Drinks

The last day of term will be Thursday 14 December 2017. 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 rounds of drinks are on me.

No New Year's Eve Party

I am very very sorry folks but although it was mooted that I would be holding a New Year's Eve event this year, I will not. There are just too many items on my list of 'things to do' and I am not therefore in a position to offer you an evening's entertainment. I regard it as being a big responsibility to ensure your enjoyment when seeing the New Year in but with a young son in tow, coupled with the prep time involved, am not convinced that I can fulfil people's expectations this time around. You do however have my absolute word that I will make every effort to do something for you next year.

Price Increases

It has been a couple of years since class prices were increased and as a result have somewhat lagged behind what many other dance schools are now charging; the average is somewhere between £10 and £12. Obviously, I could catch up straight away but think it more sensible if I were to get there with small adjustments.

Therefore, there will, as of January 2018, be a small increase in fees as follows:

Beginners Class = £8

Improvers / Intermediate / Advanced Class = £9

2 x Classes = £16.00

3x Classes = £24

I will again review the figures this time next year.

Term Times

The last classes before Christmas will be held on Thursday 14 December 2017. (See above - End of Term Drinks)

We will be closed for 3 weeks.

All classes will resume on Thursday 11 January 2018.

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

With the warmest of regards

Paul and Team