

# Strictly **FUN** Dancing

## Newsletter

**Winter 2018**

Hi everyone and festive greetings to you all.

I am pleased to say that classes are currently well attended with many email enquiries coming in on a regular basis. This is great situation to be in and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your on-going support, be it by attending class and or events, or in other ways that go on in the background which help to keep the whole show rocking and rolling.

On our return in the New Year, due to insulation work taking place in the usual hall (old part of the church), we may be holding classes (as we did before) in the worship area of the church. If so, we will enter through the double doors to the left of building looking from the car park..

I mentioned last Thursday that I may have to have a small operation on my hip - you may have noticed me limping around or wincing when it's caught me unawares. I say small because they have mentioned keyhole surgery as a possibility as opposed to a replacement which should mean a shorter recovery time. It is still early days and nothing is certain at present but it will mean Thursday classes will have to go on hold whilst I am incapacitated. Needless to say, I will keep you informed as and when I know more.

Dennis of Dennis and Sheila (second class) has been taken ill and has had, or is in the process of having, major heart surgery. I would like to take this opportunity to wish both Dennis and Sheila well and hope that Dennis makes a full recovery.

Thelma, is slowly recovering from her broken foot and intends to join us for the drink at the Pub on 13 December.

### **One to watch out for - King of Thieves**

Some of you know this already but we had some filming at the Grafton. King of Thieves - a film about the infamous robbery in Hatton Garden by four Senior Citizens who did it the 'old skool' way. The film starred, amongst others, Michael Caine, Ray Winston and Jim Broadbent and was released in September, this year. For those of you who don't know the scene shot, it included Sally Hodge of Dulwich Ballet School teaching a class of her students whilst Jim Broadbent and Tom Courtney discussed the fencing of the goods. It's only a small clip but it was a great experience for all concerned - our claim to fame!

### **New Year's Eve Party**

Please see attached advert. We will have drinks on arrival but there will not be a bar at this event, so please do feel free to bring your own. Please let me know sooner rather than later if you would like to attend as it will assist me with table plans etc. We would love to see you there.

### **Christmas Social - Grafton** **Saturday 15 December 2018**

There isn't a Christmas Party this year but there is the monthly Social on the date as stated above. It is the standard entry fee of £10. Come along if you would like to have a bit of dancing fun before Christmas.

If you are interested in dancing on a Saturday night the dates for next year (up to May 19) are now on the Grafton Website under Classes/Socials.

## End of Term Drinks

The last day of term will be Thursday 13 December 2018. 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. We will however take you through a couple of line dances and maybe a sequence dance which are very useful to know when attending the socials in Dulwich.

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. I hope you can join us.

## Blue Plaque - See attached

If you recall, I recently sought your support in respect of votes for a Blue Commemorative Plaque for Bob Burgess and Doreen Freeman, icons of the ballroom dancing world and owners of the Grafton from 1972 to 1998.

I have heard that people from across the world have already been voting. Your support is vital in achieving the desired result. If you have not yet voted and not entirely comfortable doing so by email, then not wanting to leave anything to chance, I am putting together a book which you might prefer to sign instead. I will be bringing it with me on the remaining Thursdays.

## Term Times

The last classes before Christmas will be held on Thursday 13 December 2018. (See above - End of Term Drinks)

We will be closed for 3 weeks.

All classes will resume on  
Thursday 17 January 2019.

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

With the warmest of regards

Paul and Team