

Strictly **FUN** Dancing

Newsletter

October 2010

Hello everybody, and a good day to you all,

Time is forever marching on and I cannot believe that the International Dance Championships at the Royal Albert Hall are already upon us, as is the next social evening and the preliminary arrangements for the Christmas party. Still, if I can keep one step ahead of it all with your support we can only go one way, and that's onwards and upwards!

International Championships Royal Albert Hall 21st October 2010



We currently have 3 seats available at £30 each for next week's competition. If you would like one, two or all three, please let me know either by phone, email or verbally when you see me; alternatively, you can always speak to mum when you pay.

For those of you new to the classes, at either, Shirley, Fairfield and more recently David Lloyd, this is one of the major competitions in the professional ballroom dancer's calendar. Over the last few years I have purchased a number of 2nd tier boxes (5 people to a box) from which, those attending, have the opportunity to see the world's best dancers compete for that year's titles.

Just like last year, excepting that this year it is at no extra cost to you, we have arranged for transport home by way of a Routemaster bus which will be ready and waiting to 'whisk' us back to the Croydon, Shirley and Beckenham areas when the competition is finished. I will be contacting everyone this week who's attending the event to confirm the number of people who require transport and therefore the route home.



For those of you that are interested in joining us in 2011, the format will be the same as it was for this year's trip. In that I will be purchasing a number of 5 seat second tier boxes as soon as the box office opens (which is probably this week), from which you can purchase either a seat/seats, or a complete box. To give you some idea of the cost, the 2010 prices were £30 per seat and £150 per box.

So, if you are feeling inspired and want to come along, please see Margaret to register your interest with the number of seats required, or alternatively you can email me directly with your requirements. Seat allocation will be on a first come first served basis.

It is our intention to distribute the 2011 tickets next January/February time, at which point we would also ask that full payment is made within two weeks of that date. If, at a later date however you find that you cannot attend the competition we will unfortunately not be in a position to refund any monies, but we will make every effort to sell the tickets on your behalf.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CLASSES WILL NOT BE RUNNING AT SHIRLEY ON THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2010.

Social Evening Beckenham Public Halls 29 October 2010

The next social evening for you to practice your moves and strut your stuff will be at our regular venue, namely the Beckenham Public Halls on the 29 October 2010.

For those of you that have recently started receiving the newsletter we run a social event at the Beckenham Public Halls once a quarter. The venue boasts a wonderful ballroom, accompanied by a licensed bar, and is an opportunity to start the weekend off with a bit of fun, a bit of dancing and a chance to socialize with like minded people.



Beckenham Public Halls
Bromley Road
Beckenham
BR3 5JE

Doors open at 8pm, with the Last Waltz being played at circa 11.00pm. Price: £10 per ticket per person in advance, £11 on the door.

Shirley Classes - Time change

Please note that we have moved the start time of the Intermediate class forward by 15 minutes. This means we now start at 8.30pm rather than 8.45pm and finish at 9.30pm rather than 9.45pm.

Grafton Dance Centre

This is something that I still need to explain a little more in detail about, as some of you were left scratching your heads as to what I was on about when I mentioned it in my previous newsletter. However, despite all my best intentions, at this precise moment time is, once again, working against me and so 'I aint done it yet'!

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party is set for Saturday 18 December 2010 at St Christopher's School in Bromley Road. We are intending to include a Chinese Buffet and with a bit of luck a double whammy dancing demonstration! Ticket prices are yet to be confirmed until we have some idea as to the numbers attending.

So for now, TTFN.

Paul and team