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DANCEZING NEWS

'A Right Royal' Social Night – Saturday May 19th

Tickets are now on sale for our 'Right Royal' Social Night – the perfect evening for Dancezing Queens and Kings!

At this royal ball we will be dancing your requests – with something for everyone from beginner to intermediate level.

Please bring your own champagne and canapés. Banquet tables can be reserved – just let me know © Royal attire is optional, tiaras and crowns perfectly acceptable.

Venue: Caterham Community Castle, High Street, CR3 5UE

Doors open @ 7.15pm - dancing until 10.30pm

NEVER BEEN TO A SOCIAL NIGHT BEFORE?

If you have never been to one of our social nights before you may be wondering what they're like and whether you would enjoy it or not. Read below to see what Jenelle, one of our new dancers, thought of her first social night:

"I just assumed that the social night would be for dancers with loads of experience possibly dancing for years and years but I am so glad I went. I didn't think I would feel comfortable either on or off the dancefloor – I was worried that either I wouldn't know the right steps or what to say to other people. But everyone was incredibly friendly and it was nice to learn names to go with faces and fabulous to see the different levels of dances. It made me want to keep learning and keep dancing. I am so glad I went and can't wait to go again.

I even took my husband who was pleased to see the results of what I'd been doing over the last few months – he was very impressed and we both agree I'm much better with company with the proper music and cues than on my own in my kitchen or living room! He's looking forward to going again (which might have something to do with the cupcakes!) and wants to see me on the dancefloor for all the dances!!" Jenelle



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AIL HONEY



I run 2 reading groups & we have recently read a debut novel by Gail Honeyman called 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine'.

It is the best book we have read in ages. Everyone loved it. It made us laugh a lot but also cry. It got 10/10 from everyone. There is a waiting list for it at the library but worth waiting for.

Very unusual story.

Hazel Milcoy





We put this photo, taken at our Spring Social, on our facebook page and asked for captions. Here are the great captions people have come up with so far.

Sue Oldershaw – "Pretty Flamingo"

- Claire Purkis "They haven't got a leg to stand on"
- Claire Purkis "One of us doing it on our own would just look silly"

Christine Hegner – "Simple Simon says...."

Christine Haug – "Let's go to the Hop"

Lesley Hollands – "Hopping Mad"

Pauline Miles – "Abs in and Hold!"

I know that not all of you have facebook so I thought I would share it in this newsletter. If you can think of a caption, feel free to email it to me. There will be a prize for the best caption

Email your captions to me: nicola zuaiter@yahoo.co.uk



Our weekend breaks are tailored specifically to our dancers. This means that everyone has the opportunity to dance, regardless of whether they are a beginner who has only just joined our club or an intermediate level dancer who has been dancing for years.

You will find that our club is very friendly and everyone is made to feel welcome. Our experienced dancers love helping our new dancers.

Non dancers come along to our weekend breaks too – quite a few of our members bring along partners and friends, who are made equally welcome. We tend to find that they enjoy socialising together while their partners are on the dance floor ©

Read what one of our dancers, Sally, has to say about her first experience of a Dancezing weekend break.





SALLY'S TRIP TO CORBY

"When I saw the 2018 Weekend Break to Corby advertised my first thought was this sounds great, I will definitely give this a try! As the date got closer I started to feel apprehensive of the unknown but kept telling myself: 'you are going and you will make the most of the weekend'.

Nicky very kindly arranged a car lift for myself and Julia with Alex. We made contact by email and text to make arrangements for being picked up. On the Friday we met Alex and it was then I realised that I had seen and spoken to her at a previous Dancezing event, which was great. Alex made us feel very much at ease and our journey to Corby was a comfortable and pleasant one.

We arrived at the Rockingham Forest Hotel & once checked in we headed straight to the bar where we were greeted by Nicky, Denise and lots of smiling faces. I immediately thought how relaxed and friendly everyone was and this feeling continued throughout the whole weekend.

Great to see so many dancers on the dance floor in Corby. Such a lovely atmosphere – we had a great time and we are looking forward to 2019 already ©



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We had the Red Social evening on the Friday in the beautiful ballroom, this was great fun with dances for beginners, improvers and intermediates from Dancezing and Lets-Danze. Lots of dancing, chatting and giggles.

At the Saturday morning workshop, Nicky and Carol taught us some new dances and everyone was in good form. The afternoon was free to whatever one wanted to do. Some of us went to see an English Heritage property, Kirby Hall, an Elizabethan Country House and gardens. A great place to explore and well worth a visit.



The theme for the Saturday night event was 'Through the Decades' which was amazing. The dancers definitely went to town and the costumes were brilliant, in fact so good that some of the dancers were unrecognisable! Another great night was had by all.

After our final dance party on the Sunday morning it was time to leave for our journey home, feeling weary but very happy!

Company – everyone was so helpful, nice, friendly and happy.

Dancing – dances over the whole weekend were arranged from beginner level up to intermediate level. It was a great pleasure for me to watch the experienced dancers glide around the room with such ease.

Hotel – could not fault it! The food was good, the room was comfortable and spacious, the staff friendly and helpful.

My first line dance weekend break has been a wonderful experience and I would like to say a special thank you to Nicky who worked so hard to make the weekend a fun and happy one.

Unfortunately due to a family commitment I am unable to join you all on the 2019 Dancezing weekend break – disappointed? YES! However, what I do know is that the craic will be good!



Alex, Shereen, Martin, Sally & Nicky on Saturday night – dressed up for the 'through the decades' theme

Sally Diamond

What's NEW?

DANCES

Here are our new dances for April. <u>Click on the dance title</u> to view the video & step sheet:

<u>Adventure 45</u> – a great, upbeat, 32 count 4 wall dance choreographed by Ria Vos and Jose Miguel Belloque Vane to a fab track – 'Best Adventure' by Leaving Thomas. No tags or restarts.

<u>See You Strut</u> – a fun 64 count, 2 wall, intermediate/advanced dance choreographed by Rachael McEnaney White to a great track by Adam Lambert called 'Strut'

You can look up dances on the website listed alphabetically:

http://dancezing.co.uk/a-z-of-line-dances/

or by level

beginner: <u>http://dancezing.co.uk/beginner/</u> improver: <u>http://dancezing.co.uk/improver/</u>

intermediate: http://dancezing.co.uk/intermediate/

We are excited to be holding our first '**beginner level' social** on 9th June. Everyone is welcome to join us - the program for the evening will be made up of beginner level line dances.

This social will be held in Warlingham Church Hall – a fabulous venue – with street parking and a car park nearby and a stage which means everyone will be able to see when we give instruction for dances. As always, we will happily give a 'walk through' of dances before we put the music on and we will call out instructions during the dance if required. We would love to see more of our beginners come along to our social nights which are good fun ⁽³⁾



WIN 2 FREE TICKETS



If you would like to be entered into a draw for 2 free tickets for our June social please write a few lines about your experience of joining our dance class as a beginner – as if you were describing it to someone who has never line danced before. We would like to use your reviews on our website.

Email your words to me at:

nicola_zuaiter@yahoo.co.uk to be entered into the draw. Good luck!

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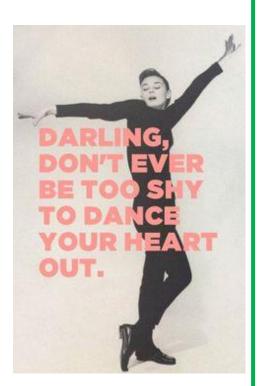
Beginner Level



SATURDAY 9th JUNE 2018

Doors open 7.15pm ~ dancing 'til 10.30pm

Warlingham Church Hall, 399 Limpsfield Rd, CR6 9HA



Introducing our new 'beginner level' social

All dances will be suitable for absolute beginners and beginners.

No experience is required, just a sense of humour $\ensuremath{\textcircled{\sc o}}$

This social night is a great opportunity for our new dancers to put into practice what they have learnt to date.

Instruction will be given, enabling everyone to join in the dances

All levels are welcome – what great exercise!

Tickets to be purchased in advance: £7.50

Bring your own drinks & nibbles Tables can be reserved

Parking available





Jenelle, Najma & Angie having fun at their first social night!

Well done ladies!

They haven't been dancing with us that long but they danced really well and joined in a lot of the dances ☺

Read what Angie thought of her first social night when she joined us in March at our Spring Social

I went along to my first Dancezing Line Dance Social on Saturday 24th March. I was a little daunted and didn't know what to expect but I've been attending classes for a few months and made some good friends so thought, 'What the hey?" If I didn't get to do much (or felt too intimidated) I'd just hang out with the friends that I knew would be there.

Well first off, I was pleasantly surprised to see that the stark hall in which my classes were held was transformed to a homey, lively dance hall with chairs and festive tables decked in spring colours edging the dance floor along two sides. Snacks and cakes could be seen in abundance on each table.

The dance floor was plenty big enough as Nicky had cleverly choreographed the evening so that line dances at each level alternated with each other so that everyone had a turn and dancers took turns sitting out in between, after they'd had a go at the ones they favoured.

Friends of dancers were welcome too and many came along to be entertained by the sight of their friends professionally executing sequences in between chatting and eating.

True to her style, Nicky gave a quick run through of each dance to refresh memories and gently encouraged the less experienced to have a go and a laugh. I was one of those for one or two of the dances and I can say I was very grateful for Nicky's inclusiveness and patience.

In all, it was a wonderful evening, full of dancing and laughs. My only moan was when it ended too soon for me.. *"I could have danced all night!"*

Angie

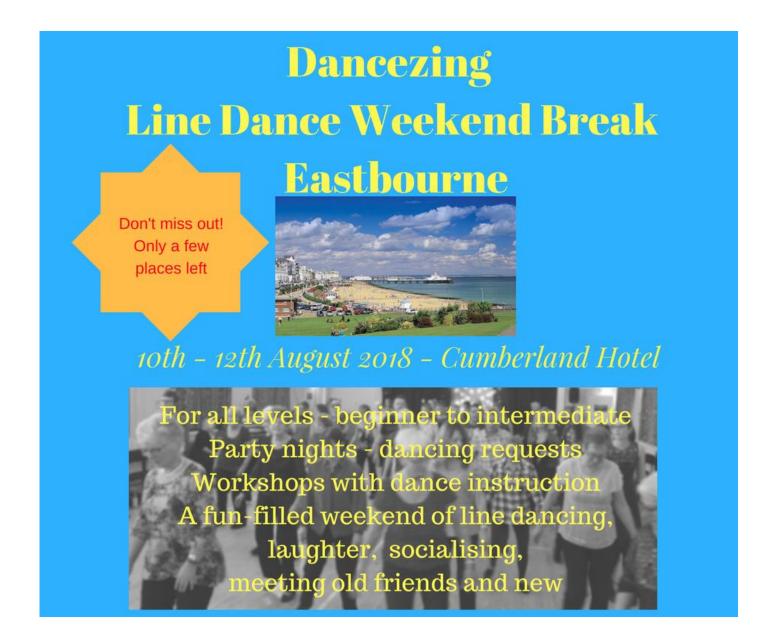


Our line dance weekend break in Eastbourne is just a few months away. There are currently around 50 of us booked and I'm sure we are going to have a blast!

One single room has just become available as someone has had to drop out and the hotel are allocating us a few extra twin rooms and doubles.

I will be confirming final numbers to the hotel next week, so don't miss out! If you would like to come along, please let me know & I will forward a booking form to you.

All levels will be catered for & everyone is very friendly – hope you can join us 😊





What Najma thought of her first Dancezing Social

I was so excited and nervous when my new found friend Angie said,

"Shall we? At least there will be a couple of dances we should be able to do now", she said "and we can watch the dances we haven't yet learnt".

With that it was decided, I was going to my first ever Line Dance Social. And what a lovely time I had.

As soon as I walked in there was a lovely welcoming atmosphere I don't know what I was nervous about! It's official - line dancers are a friendly happy bunch!

I was impressed by the number of dances I could actually dance! As for the rest I felt quite privileged for the opportunity of watching the more advanced dancers doing the complicated steps and so gracefully too. It was beautiful. In class I am so occupied concentrating on the steps that I never really get to appreciate how beautiful Line dancing is. Watching the advanced dancers has made me quite determined to further my skills and learn more dances.

I thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and a chance to get to know the people there a little better. My only regret, even though I was tired by the end of the night I could have carried on for a few more dances..... Its just too much fun.

Najma



Line dancing

Sometimes you may not be able to get to your regular class – don't forget you may be able to go to an alternative.

For example, Monday 8.15pm, Thursday 9.30am and Friday 6.30pm we cover the same dances so if you can't make one class, feel free to come along to an alternative.

If you are mastering dances and would like to move up a level, do have a chat with me about which class would be most suitable for you.

We have classes at all levels so everyone is catered for $\ensuremath{\textcircled{}}$



DANCEZING CLASS TIMETABLE 2018

Classes are open every week unless notified otherwise

DAY	TIME	LEVEL	VENUE
MONDAY	6.15 – 7.15pm	IMPROVER	Audley School CATERHAM CR3 5ED (free parking available)
	7.15 – 8.15 pm	BEGINNER + / IMPROVER	
	8.15 – 9.15 pm	BEGINNER	
TUESDAY	11am – 12.30pm	IMPROVER / INTERMEDIATE	WARLINGHAM Church Hall CR6 9HA (free parking nearby)
TUESDAY	4.15 – 5.15pm	NEW BEGINNER	OXTED Community Hall RH8 9NB (free parking available)
	5.15 – 6.30pm	BEGINNER + / IMPROVER	
WEDNESDAY	6.15 – 8.30pm	IMPROVER / INTERMEDIATE	Audley School CATERHAM CR3 5ED (free parking available)
THURSDAY	9.30 – 10.30am	NEW BEGINNER	CATERHAM Community Centre High St, Caterham on the Hill, CR3 5UE (free parking nearby)
	10.30 – 11.30am	IMPROVER	
FRIDAY	6.30 – 7.30pm	NEW BEGINNER	KENLEY Memorial Hall Godstone Rd, CR8 5AB (free parking available)
	7.30 – 10pm	INTERMEDIATE	

What a month! We waved goodbye to the snow and ice and had to bring down the fans from the attic due to the heat! Only in England!

We had a visit from the police in one of our classes – much to the delight of some of our ladies ;)

We have been joined by more new dancers which is fantastic. It's good to see that line dancing is not dying out. We have so many members for me to send emails to that I will soon be transferring to a new email system which should make it easier for me to send out updates. Please keep an eye out for an email from me that will give you instructions on how to sign up to the new system that will enable you to receive newsletters and regular bulletins about what's happening at Dancezing.

Keep dancezing!

Nícky X

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