DANCEZING NEWS







Better an oops than a what if

20 Years After My First Taste of Line Dance...

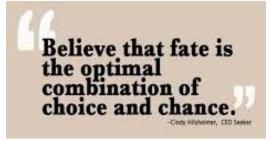
I can still remember that line dance class – everyone moved to the left and I went right, everyone moved to the right and I went left, as they went forwards, I went back!

I had overheard a couple of friends talking about a line dance class that they were going to & asked them if I could tag along. When they picked me up that evening, there were a couple of sparkly cowboy hats in the back of the car and they told me that I had to wear one to the class. I was ready to change my mind and go back home when they admitted that they were teasing me!

Not a cowboy hat or boot in sight, thankfully! The class had already been running for several weeks when I joined & I thought that I would never catch up. I persevered and after a few weeks the routines started to fall into place and I began to really enjoy myself. Sadly after a few months the class closed.

I missed the line dancing so much & searched for other classes. The only one I could find was based in Crawley and it was for intermediate level dancers. I was way out of my depth when I first got there, but the club was welcoming and there were dancers willing to help me out (line dancers are notoriously friendly) and with a lot of hours of practice in my kitchen at home I soon felt more at ease on the dance floor

Little did I know at the time that the line dance club I was attending was owned by Karen Jones – world famous instructor and choreographer of 'Islands in the Stream' – (a fabulous line dance that has won not only a 'Crystal Boot' award for 'dance of the year', but also for 'dance of the decade'!)









Another of our dedicated dancers who has been dancing with us for almost ten years is Sheila Vaux.

A big 'thank you' to Sheila for supporting my classes for such a long time. It means a lot to me @

Sheila has kindly found the time to write a few words:

Surely it can't really be 10 years ago that I saw an advert from Nicky about a new line dance class for absolute beginners she was starting up at de Stafford school.

I felt I needed a new challenge and said to my friend (DENISE!) "How do you fancy giving this a whirl?" Well, the rest is history!

It is so nice to escape from the house for an hour or two, (especially if Martin is going through a sticky patch) to clear my mind while getting some exercise for the body and the brain and at the same time having a little chat between dances (sorry Nicky!) Like everyone I occasionally have to miss a week or two but with the encouragement of fellow dancers I seem to catch up in the end. Keep on dancezing please Nicky!



Hmm, my three favourite dances from the past just have to be

1)Do the Hump - (ha ha sorry I know others weren't quite as keen as me!)

- 2) Pot of Gold
- 3) Rolling in the Deep

Dancezing & Let's-Danze Weekend Break

We had our 3rd joint line dance weekend break at the Rockingham Forest Hotel in Corby and it was a brilliant weekend. The feedback that we have received is that it was the best one there so far. I know that we had a bad experience with the hotel last year but they made assurances that we would receive good service this time and they kept their word and in fact exceeded our expectations.

We were delighted to have a group of 60 people. For some it was a reunion and for others it was their first experience. It was wonderful to be with such a happy, enthusiastic group of dancers all having fun and enjoying their passion for line dancing.

When we arrived we met up in the refurbished bar and had a great time catching up with friends and getting to know new people. At 6pm we settled down in the dining room for a scrumptious three course meal. The food and service was excellent and we finished in plenty of time for our dinner to be properly digested before we burnt off the calories on the dance floor.

We danced our socks off until past 11pm with some heading off to bed to get some rest before the workshops the next morning whilst others stayed up for an 'after party' and still managed to get up the next morning!



Dance Workshops - Saturday morning

In the first workshop of the morning, Carol taught '<u>Easy Moves</u>' – a 32 count, 4 wall beginner dance choreographed by Karen Holtom to the track 'Moves' by Olly Murs.

While most of the dancers were learning this, I took a small group of dancers out to revise an intermediate level dance '<u>Its YOUR Moves'</u> choreographed by Neville Fitzgerald and Julie Harris to the same music so we could dance it as a floor split later.

The second workshop, with instruction from me, was a fun, fast paced, improver level dance - 'We Love It!' choreographed by Rhoda Lai. It has some great moves in it and it's pretty nifty!

We slowed the track down for the first attempt. Everyone did a fantastic job and were soon dancing it at full speed.

Carol taught 'Pandora' choreographed by Tina Argyle, Kate Sala & Jamie Barnfield to the track 'With Me' by Lonestar. This dance was well received by everyone.

I finished the morning off with a beginner dance that has been extremely popular worldwide and won a Crystal Boot Award recently – 'I Close My Eyes' by Hazel Pace to a beautiful track – 'Ich Mache Meine Augen Zu' by Chris Norman & Nino de Angelo. This went down a treat & looked really lovely.

To view videos and details of these dances, click on the dance titles highlighted in blue.

We will be learning and recapping these dances in our classes over the next few weeks.

"Thank you so much for an absolutely fab weekend! Fun, friendship, laughter & dancing – what more could you want"



Saturday afternoon – free time

On Saturday afternoon, our dancers had some free time. Some were glad of the time to relax and put their feet up & others went out to explore places of interest nearby like Foxton Locks and Oakham.

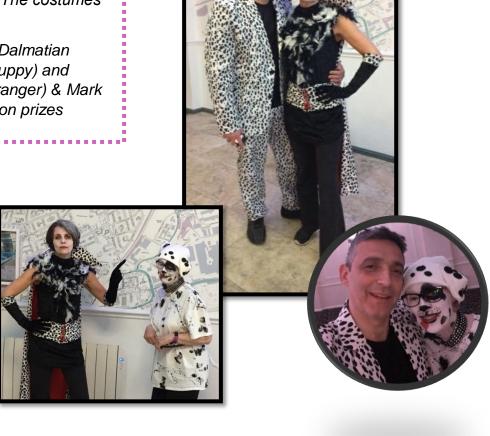
A group of us went for lunch at Normanton Hotel overlooking Rutland Water – stunning view! A few of us took a stroll along the water's edge – it was a bit chilly but a great way to unwind before heading back to the hotel to get ready for the 'themed' party.

Saturday Night Themed Social

The fancy dress theme for Saturday night was 'TV & film characters'. The costumes were absolutely amazing!

Congratulations to Penny (Dalmatian Puppy), Julia (Dalmatian Puppy) and Claire Purkis (Hermione Granger) & Mark Wiles (Harry Potter) who won prizes









Saturday Night Themed Social

We were also joined by Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, Compo and Nora Batty who all won prizes for their amazing costumes. We didn't capture a photo of all of our celebrities but they all looked incredible. We have a video of the fancy dress parade - take a look by <u>clicking here</u> or use the following link: https://youtu.be/1fvPWEH607!

See which other famous characters you can spot...

Despite the fact that we danced until midnight, everyone was still up and ready for more dancing on Sunday morning! Such stamina – absolutely amazing!



Dances Play List

A Double Whiskey Act Like A Man! All I See Is You Are You Missing Me

Better When I'm Dancin' Black Coffee Boom Boom Bang Bored

Bosa Nova Caribbean Pearl Celtic Duo Champagne Promise

Chill Factor Clueless Coastin' Cowboy Charleston

Dance Like You're the Only One Dancing in the Dark Damn!!!!!

Do You Remember Down On Your Uppers Easy Moves Electric Slide

Elliot's Dream Expectations Eyes For You Festival Reel

Feel Better When I'm Dancin' Feel the Way I Do Funky Sole

Gently Does It Groovy Love Gypsy Queen Havana Cha

Havana Ooh Na Na Hey Senorita Honey I'm Good I Close My Eyes

I'll Be There Islands in the Stream It's YOUR Moves Kill the Spider

La Fiesta Cubana The Lemon Tree Let It Swing Life Changes

Lipstick, Powder & Paint Little Charleston Little Rhumba Little Zou Bisou

Lonely Drum Love Me Or Leave Me Lucky Sevens Maverick Shuffle

Mamma Mia! Why Me? Meet Me There Missing Nimby EZ

Old Time Rock & Roll Baby Out of Our Heads Pandora Precious Time

Pretty Little Galway Girl Primer Beso Rebel Just For Kicks Rita's Waltz

Rocket to the Sun Roots Ruby Ruby Smokey Places

Stroll Along Cha Cha T-Bone Shuffle Tell the World The Bomp

The Queen The Real Deal Tongue Tied Up Until the Dawn

Vanotek Cha We Love It! Well Do Ya? Whiskey Bridges

Yes I Do Your Heaven!

How many dances?!







We now have our next line dance weekend break to look forward to in Eastbourne this July.

One twin room has just become available due to a cancellation so please let me know if you are interested.

All single and double rooms are currently sold out. If you would like to go on the waiting list, please let me know and I will contact you if any rooms become available.

Line Dance Weekend Break <u>Eastbourne</u>





26th - 28th July 2019 - Cumberland Hotel

For all levels - beginner to intermediate
Party nights - dancing requests
Workshops with dance instruction
A fun-filled weekend of line dancing, laughter,
socialising,
meeting old friends and new



Tickets are now on sale for our next social night – details are on the next page. Some of us are celebrating 'big 0' birthdays this year so the theme is 'through the decades'. Fancy dress is optional. We will be providing cake and nibbles.



'Through the Decades' SOCIAL

SATURDAY 23rd March 2019

Doors open 7.15pm ~ dancing 'til 10.30pm Caterham Community Centre, High Street, CR3 5UE

A fun night of dancing your requests!

Dancing for all levels ©

Beginner level to intermediate level dances with instruction.

Join us in celebrating some 'big 0' birthdays.

Cake & nibbles will be provided



Theme: through the decades. Fancy dress optional

Tickets must be purchased in advance & are available at classes or by email: nicola zuaiter@yahoo.co.uk.

Or call Nicky: 07802 894556 £7.50 dancers, £4 non dancers Tables can be reserved ©



Dancezing Line Dance Demo

A huge 'thank you' to the ladies who joined me on a cold, damp, foggy night to visit Warlingham W.I.

We demonstrated Coastin' and Islands in the Stream before inviting the ladies to join us on the dance floor for some line dance instruction.

They learnt 'Rocket to the Sun' and 'Do You Remember' and were brilliant!

We all enjoyed tea and biscuits afterwards and our visit raised a donation of £50 for 'Epilepsy Research'





Dancezing Line Dance Demo

Our next demo and instruction will be on Tuesday 5th March at the Purley & District Townswomen's Guild at Purley United Reformed Church at 2.45pm.

Please let me know if you would like to join our team as it would be a great help especially when the ladies are learning the routines and the events are always great fun!

If you would like to find out more about the Townswomen's Guild – visit their website at the following link: http://www.purley-guild.com/index.html

THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY, JUST
REMEMBER, NO MATTER
HOW STORMY IT MAY
GET, IT CAN'T RAIN FOREVER.
THE SUN IS ALWAYS
ABOVE THE CLOUDS
WAITING FOR IT'S TURN TO SHINE
DOWN UPON YOU. BE STRONG
BECAUSE THINGS WILL GET BETTER.

Thinking of members of our Dancezing family who are going through a difficult time at the moment.

Your Dancezing family and friends are here to support you and we hope that brighter days will be upon you very soon.

CLASS TIMETABLE

DAY	TIME	LEVEL	VENUE
MONDAY	6.15 – 7.15 pm	IMPROVER	Audley Primary School CATERHAM
	7.15pm – 8.15 pm	BEGINNER + / IMPROVER	
	8.15pm – 9.15 pm	BEGINNER	
TUESDAY	11am – 12.30 pm	IMPROVER / INTERMEDIATE	- WARLINGHAM Church Hall
	1pm – 2pm	NEW BEGINNERS	
TUESDAY	4.15 – 5.15 pm	NEW BEGINNERS	OXTED Community Hall
	5.15 – 6.15 pm	BEGINNER + / IMPROVER	
WEDNESDAY	6.45 – 8.15 pm	IMPROVER / INTERMEDIATE	Audley Primary School CATERHAM
THURSDAY	9.30 – 10.30 am	BEGINNER	- CATERHAM Community Centre
	10.30 – 11.30 am	BEGINNER + / IMPROVER	
FRIDAY	7pm – 9.30 pm	INTERMEDIATE / GENERAL	KENLEY Memorial Hall



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Classes

New Beginners can join:

Audley Primary School – Mondays @ 8.15pm

Oxted Community Hall – Tuesdays @ 4.15pm

Caterham Community Centre – Thursdays @ 9.30am

Social Events

Saturday March 23rd (7.15pm – 10.30pm)

Saturday May 18th (7.15pm – 10.30pm)

Saturday June 22nd (7.15pm – 10.30pm)

Weekend Break 26th - 28th July (waiting list open)

Saturday October 19th (7.15pm – 10.30pm)

Tuesday 17th December (6.15pm - 8.45pm) - Christmas Party - TBC



EVEN THE GREATEST WAS ONCE A BEGINNER. DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE THAT FIRST STEP

Beginners

It's has been wonderful to see more new people joining our classes and everyone has been making great progress. In the beginner classes you will be learning dance terminology and different types of steps used in line dancing. This will ensure strong knowledge and good foundations allowing you to progress further with your dancing. Keep up the good work ©

Don't forget, you can look up details of the dances you have been learning with step sheets and tutorial videos where they are available. I hope that you will find this useful. These posts will be updated each week – click on the relevant link/s below:

Monday 8.15pm Audley School – http://dancezing.co.uk/2019/02/11/caterham-line-dance-class-for-beginners/

Tuesday 1-2pm Warlingham Church Hall - http://dancezing.co.uk/2019/02/26/warlingham-line-dance-class-new-beginners/

Tuesday 4.15pm Oxted Community Hall - http://dancezing.co.uk/2019/02/12/oxted-line-dance-class-for-beginners/

We will be covering the same dances in each of the classes so if you want extra practice, or you have to miss your regular class, please feel free to pop in to one of our other beginner classes.

Important Reminder

PLEASE do not walk across the dance floor while a dance is in progress. It could cause an accident and is very off putting for the dancers. If you are unsure of a dance & think you may have to step out part of the way through, start the dance on the end of a row so you can leave with minimal disruption. If you wish to join a dance already in progress only do so if you can easily join the end of a row. Thank you.



Line Dance Floor Etiquette

Let's stay safe on the dance floor and enjoy our dancing as much as possible by taking note of the dance floor etiquette.

If you are new, you may not be aware of the dance floor etiquette so I have included a short version as follows:

Even if you have been dancing some time, please take a read as we all need a little reminder sometimes.

- Always walk around the edge of the dance floor.
- Never walk through lines of moving dancers.
- When starting off the dance, go to the front so that others can fall in behind you.
- Never stay on the floor to talk if music is playing go off the dance floor to chat.
- When dancing near beginners be mindful and courteous and don't show off.
- Try to be helpful and welcoming to newcomers, visitors and guests.
- If the floor is crowded, take small steps, enjoy the company, but watch for collisions.
- If you bump into someone, smile sweetly and apologise whether it's your fault or not.
- Only start a different dance if there is room and you sense it is acceptable to do so.
- Don't be tempted to stop dancing to teach. Go off the floor to teach.
- Keep your head up, keep smiling and enjoy yourselves.

Please click on the following link and take a few minutes to watch a video about dance floor etiquette published by 'Linedancer Magazine': https://youtu.be/-wwLqgGChDA





DANCES

Here is a list of new dances that we have been learning in recent weeks. Click on the title of the dance to find the step sheet and a video

I Close My Eyes (Mon 6.15pm, Tue 11am)

Easy Moves (Mon 7.15pm)

Clueless (Tue 11am, Wed)

Honey I'm Lost (Wed)

La Fiesta Cubana (Mon 6.15pm, Tue 11am, Wed, Fri)

California (Fri)

Grafitti (Fri)

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IF YOU HAVE ENTHUSIASM

HENRY FORD

Line Dance Problems



Dancing a complicated routine and thinking:

"Oh my gosh - I now have to dance this on the back wall!"



https://www.facebook.com/Dancezing

We would love you to be part of our facebook community. We are a fun group of people! Come join the fun ©

Keep up to date with our latest news regarding classes, dances and events

We regularly list the dances that we have covered at a class

We will post if a class has to be cancelled for any reason

Details of events such as social nights and weekend breaks will be posted on here.

It offers a platform for you to ask any questions you may have regarding dances, classes or events or anything else line dance related.

You can post information or comments that you think may be helpful or interesting or fun – we love to receive your comments!

You can get involved with our discussions.

Please let me know if you have any news, stories, recipes or anything of interest to share in our newsletters. We love to read about interesting hobbies or holidays.

Thank you for your continued support of my classes. I am looking forward to another great month of dancing with you!







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