## LOCK DOWN PURSUITS -

 SPRECHEN SIE DEUTCHE? BY PHILIPPA MFor some time before the madness of 2020, I had been thinking of trving to learn a language from scratch, to see how hard it was, starting, as it were, with a blank canvas. My son acquired a German girlfriend in 2019. She spoke perfect English, and I thought it would be a friendly gesture if I tried to reciprocate by learning some German, of which I previously knew not one word. Like many of us, the thought of joining a class, with all the potential for humiliation, was daunting, so instead I downloaded a free app called Duolingo. This app offers tuition in a number of languages. I only have experience of German, but can heartily recommend it. Starting from absolute basics, you can proceed at your own pace in private, practising speaking and listening skills, and written translating.

Since lockdown started on 23rd March, I have spent about 20-30 minutes every day (including Christmas!) on the app, and the progress I have made is very satisfying. It is very user-friendly with a highly practical focus - we have concentrated on the vocabulary for sightseeing, transport, restaurants, shopping, jobs, hobbies and health, rather than dry grammatical rules. Inevitably my confidence has grown. I recently started watching Unorthodox on Netflix, partly set in Berlin, and was thrilled to be able to understand the dialogue, without resorting to the subtitles. Also, my son's girlfriend is very much a fixture so I have not laboured in vain!

A recommendation from Jackie A:
I don't know if you have Netflix, but if you do (and have the time) I'd recommend Marilyn
 Hotchkiss' Ballroom Dancing and Charm School. It's very quirky but so sweet!

## DANCEZING - DANCES \& STEP SHEETS

I received this lovely message from Dick. I was amazed when I read it and it certainly got me thinking about how many dances I have learnt in all the years that I have been dancing!
"I always print out the step sheet of any new dances that I have learned from you, and as usual I printed off the latest, 'Modern Romance' and put it in my folder.
When I first started coming I didn't know you could get the step sheets on line so I would rush home from class and write them down from memory.
The folder is getting quite full now and I have realised that I have just passed the 100 mark. So since I have started dancing with you (three years next April) you have taught me 100 dances - thank you!!"

## How many dances Shadarids do you know?



When I teach a new dance in class, I put details of that website, including the step sheet, so you can print it of If you don'ł have a printer, feel free to ask me and I wi you.

## TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS - BEGINNER

Click on the dance title to view the tutorial video

BEGINNER LEVEL
Do You Remember Ruby Ruby.
Maverick Shuffle
Honey I'm Good
Lipstick, Powder \& Paint The Lemon Tree Until the Dawn MD Honky Tonk Bonaparte's Retreat Coastin'
Little Rhumba
Simply Mambo
Stand Up \& Boogie
Precious Time

Gently Does It
Feel the WayI Do
Dance Monkey.
South Sea Shuffle
Primer Beso
Cowboy Charleston
Jo ' $n$ ' Jo Tango
Cha Cha Espana
Begin to Swing
Special Delivery.
Nothing Compares
Under the Sun
Champagne Promise My Pretty Belinda

Bye Bye Mambo
Love You Cha
Piano Man
Cooler Than Me

Click here to access a practice video with 10 beginner dances

| TUTORIA | DANCEVIDEOS - IMPROVER |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crystal Touch | Guetta's Party. | Late Night Call - ELD 19/11/20 |
| Keep Young | Stitch It Up | Cecilia - ELD 24/11/20 |
| La Fiesta Cubana | Pot of Gold | Half Past Nothin' - ELD 1/12/20 |
| What A Man Gotta Do | Elliot's Dream | Jamaican Love - ELD 8/12/20 |
| Mack the Knife | Quando When Quando | Modern Romance - ELD 12/1/21 |
| Senorita La-La-La | Playboys |  |
| Black Coffee | Bumblebee \{New!\} |  |

Waltz Across Texas - ELD 19/11/20
Yes I Do! - ELD 24/11/20
Emergency - ELD 26/11/20
Tush Push - ELD 11/12/20

Sunrise
Click here to access a practice video with 9 improver level dances

| Chill Factor | Tough Love | Moves | Up - ELD 24/11/20 |
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| Faithful Soul | Shakatak | Drip Droppin' | Wow Tokyo - ELD 1/12/20 |
| Clap Happy | SXE | Graffiti | Wintergreen - ELD 12/1/21 |
| Vanotek Cha | Nancy Mulligan | Rolling_Stone |  |
| Caribbean Pearl | Liquid Lunch |  |  |

## DANCEZING WEEKEND BREAK 2021 \& 2022



We had so much fun on our past weekend breaks and I am really looking forward to when we can go again. Sady our breaks last year had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

The following dates are provisionally booked with the
Cumberland Hotel in Eastbourne, so you may want to pencil them into your diary:

Weekend commencing:

- Friday 1st October 2021
- Friday 1st April 2022


## BRAIN TEASERS

1.What always ends everything?
2.I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter but you can't go outside. What am I?
3. I have seas without water, coasts without sand, towns without people and mountains without land. What am I?
4. A man shaves several times a day but still has a beard. Who is he?
5. What coat is best put on wet?
6. How much dirt is in a hole that measures $\mathbf{2}$ feet by $\mathbf{3}$ feet by $\mathbf{4}$ feet?
7. You see a boat filled with people. It has not capsized but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?
8. Many have heard me but nobody has seen me. I will not speak until spoken to first. What am I?
9. What can you hold in your left hand but never in your right?
10.


