

# DANCEZING NEWS FEBRUARY 5TH 2021

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If you need some inspiration as to how to spend your time during lock down, (when you're not dancing of course), take a look at p2 The cover photo was submitted by Val – what an incredible sunrise!

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# LOCK DOWN PURSUITS -SPRECHEN SIE DEUTCHE?

# **BY PHILIPPA M**



For some time before the madness of 2020, I had been thinking of trying 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 <u>Marilyn</u> <u>Hotchkiss' Ballroom Dancing and Charm</u> <u>School</u>. 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

do you know?

When I teach a new dance in class, I put details of that new dance website, including the step sheet, so you can print it off from there If you don't have a printer, feel free to ask me and I will get a copy i you.

# TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS - BEGINNER

#### Click on the dance title to view the tutorial video

#### **BEGINNER LEVEL**

Do You RememberRuby RubyMaverick ShuffleHoney I'm GoodLipstick, Powder & PaintIne Lemon TreeUntil the DawnMD Honky TonkBonaparte's RetreatCoastin'Little RhumbaSimply Mambo

<u>Simply Mampo</u> <u>Stand Up & Boogie</u> <u>Precious Time</u> Gently Does It Feel the Way I 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 Rocket to the Sun Bye Bye Mambo Love You Cha Piano Man Cooler Than Me



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

Click here to access a practice video with 10 beginner dances

# **TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS - IMPROVER**

<u>Crystal Touch</u> <u>Keep Young</u> <u>La Fiesta Cubana</u> <u>What A Man Gotta Do</u> <u>Mack the Knife</u> <u>Senorita La-La-La</u> <u>Black Coffee</u> Sunrise <u>Guetta's Party</u> <u>Stitch It Up</u> <u>Pot of Gold</u> <u>Elliot's Dream</u> <u>Quando When Quando</u> <u>Playboys</u> <u>Bumblebee</u> <u>New!</u>

Late Night Call - ELD 19/11/20 Cecilia - ELD 24/11/20 Half Past Nothin' - ELD 1/12/20 Jamaican Love - ELD 8/12/20 Modern Romance - ELD 12/1/21

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

# **TUTORIAL DANCE VIDEOS- INTERMEDIATE**

<u>Chill Factor</u> <u>Faithful Soul</u> <u>Clap Happy</u> <u>Vanotek Cha</u> <u>Caribbean Pearl</u> <u>Tough Love</u> <u>Shakatak</u> <u>SXE</u> <u>Nancy Mulligan</u> <u>Liquid Lunch</u>

<u>Moves</u> <u>Drip Droppin'</u> <u>Graffiti</u> <u>Rolling Stone</u> Up – ELD 24/11/20 Wow Tokyo – ELD 1/12/20 Wintergreen – ELD 12/1/21

#### <u>Click here to access a practice video with 9 intermediate level dances</u>

### 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. Sadly 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

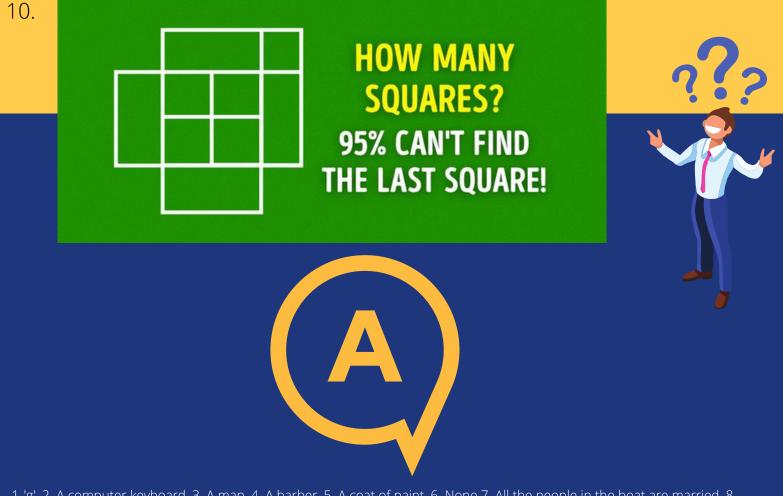




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### BRAIN TEASERS

- 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 2 feet by 3 feet by 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?



1.'g', 2. A computer keyboard, 3. A map, 4. A barber, 5. A coat of paint, 6. None 7. All the people in the boat are married, 8. An echo, 9. Your right hand, 10. 11 squares, 11. It's on the 6th row