



January 2023 Newsletter

Hello All,

Hoping everyone had a good Christmas break and sending the very best New Year wishes to you all. Lets hope 2023 is a good one!

Back to the 'routine':

Rodney has now recovered from his surgery, and although there have been a few hiccoughs along the way, we hope all will be well for 2023. He's certainly ready to go in spirit!

New Medal lesson:

We have a new medal lesson on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 p.m. for 30 minutes. Come and join us.

Medal lessons are a way of improving your dancing - not just about footwork but also presentation, timing and technical details. Most of our students already learn the steps and figures required for early dance medals within social lessons – please don't feel that the medal 'arena' is scary or so different from what you already do. Our Examiners from the NATD are all human – they have all been where our medallists are and love to come to our examinations and see our dancers. They will make you feel welcome. So, if you would like to be a contender for the Annual Achievement Award or just want to improve the quality of your dancing, please let Rodney or Annette know.

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Social Dances:

The schedule of Social Dances planned for Saturday evenings at Welwyn Civic Centre will continue into 2023 – again please reference our website for further information. Come and practice your newly learned steps and routines in an informal environment; meet friends and relax. As usual, teachers will be available to help and support if needed.

Tickets are now £9.00 on the night or £8.50 in advance. Free tea/coffee and cakes/biscuits will be available. Bring a friend better still – bring 2!

Lesson attendance:

As you are aware our medal lessons are small – this allows us to concentrate on students so they are able to achieve more than they would do in a social lesson. We understand that families need breaks and like to have holidays and days out sometimes but would very much appreciate please, if you advise either the School via the website or your teacher individually if you are unable to attend any particular lesson. Our teachers all work full time in other roles and travel in some cases, quite a distance to attend lessons voluntarily – so to come to a lesson and find that no students attend can be frustrating for them.

Tuesday evening lessons:

Our lessons on Tuesday's will re-start from Tuesday 10th January 2023 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.. We plan for these evenings to be used for private and medal lessons only and our main social lessons will therefore continue on Wednesday and Friday evenings as already established.

Social Dance Lessons:

Our first 4 week course starts on 4th January 2023 for the following dances:

Beginners: Rhythm Foxtrot and Cha Cha Cha.

Intermediates: Tango and Jive.

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Medal Examinations:

Our next medal examination session is set for 19th February 2023 at the Civic Centre, Welwyn.

Medal examination letters will be issued by the end of January for those of our students ready to take their tests.

Medal Presentation:

Our Medal Presentation this year will take place on Saturday 25th March 2023. This year we Will be celebrating the School's 50th Anniversary so all are welcome. We are hoping to have an independent caterer this time around – offering a cold buffet selection (vegetarian/vegan options also) so will need take bookings soonest please to ensure affordability.

Join us to see who has won the Schools Annual Achievement Award and see beautiful trophies awarded.

Medals will be honorably presented by previous World 10 Dance Champion - Lorraine Kuznik who has joined us for Presentation celebrations previously.

We also have a Professional Photographer for the evening if you would like achievement photographs for the memorable occasion – either individually or by group or with parents/friends. Additional costs to be incurred for this – details directly from the photographer on the evening. Break out the party frocks and have a great time.

Raffle prizes and our usual fruit basket to be won on the evening.

Please let either Rodney or Annette know as soon as possible if you would like to join us on this prestigious occasion.

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Blackpool Weekend:



We are beginning to plan our usual October trip to Blackpool for **2023**. We are booked for Tiffany's Hotel on the seafront and also for a Tea Dance at the prestigious Tower Ballroom.

If you are interested – please ask Rodney for further detail.

We have a regular group that join us but all are welcome. Further details to follow.

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Dates for your Diary:

- 4.1.23. First lesson back after the Christmas/New Year break.
- 7.1.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 4.2.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 19.2.23. Medal Examination Session at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 4.3.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 25.3.23. 50th School Anniversary and Medal Presentation Celebration.
- 1.4.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 13.5.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 10.6.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 8.7.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 16.9.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 14.10.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.
- 11.11.23. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre.

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