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## September 2021 Newsletter

Hello All,

Following recent Government Guidelines and also the successful return of our Adults Classes on Tuesdays we are planning to open lessons on Wednesdays and Friday from September 2021! (Yay!).

Thank you to all of our established dancers, who have been so patient. We also welcome all our new students eagerly awaiting their lessons – you are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you all in September. If you registered with us again last year prior to the second lockdown, there is no need to re-register although as with our new students, we will be asking you to complete a new registration form (except our Tuesday group who have already done this).

Our Tuesday lessons have been very successful and we have and will continue with precautions along similar lines as previously i.e. having hand sanitizer available at all venues, and operating a one way system of entry and exit (where possible). We would ask that students continue to attend just one evening per week at the moment as an extra precaution. Our Teachers will also be able to start partner dancing again *but with medallist dancers only* at this stage. Students wishes will of course be respected and we would ask that Teachers wishes are also. These continue to be difficult times and we are continuing to manage the changes gradually and positively.

In respect of the numbers returning to lessons, we are pleased to advise that everyone is able to attend a lesson on the evening of their choice. Although there is no current limitation on the number of students per lesson we will be restricting these a little until we are confident that it is safe to increase further.

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## **General:**

It goes without saying of course, that if you think you have symptoms of C-19 or have been in the company of someone that has, please do not attend lessons. Please advise Teachers if this is the case, so that we can notify other members of the class that you attend. You will need to stay in quarantine as indicated by Government Guidelines.

These are difficult and unpredictable times and we appreciate that some students will not feel able to return due to their own individual circumstances and this is entirely understandable. We will be happy to keep you updated on events as they change and hope that you will return to lessons as soon as you feel able. Please keep well.

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## **Dances:**

Our first 4 week course from week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September will be the Rhythm Foxtrot and Cha Cha Cha for our Beginners and Waltz and Samba for Intermediates.

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## **Social Dances:**

We have a social dance planned for 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Welwyn Civic Centre. Tickets are £8.00 on the night or £7.00 in advance. Free tea/coffee and cakes/biscuits will be available. Some of you might even want to dance .....

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## **Blackpool Weekend:**

We will not be making our usual October trip to Blackpool this year; preferring to wait and see how the health situation unwinds. We'll also have enough to think about with the return to lessons and medal tests!

Hopefully next year we will be able to plan a return to Tiffany's Hotel on the seafront at Blackpool and once again dance at the Tower Ballroom.

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

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## **Medal Test:**

We are working on the first medal test after our return and have set a date of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021. We anticipate this will be a smaller test for those that have returned to lessons in May 2021. Further details will follow. If anyone wishes to join our happy medallist clan, please let either Rodney or Annette know - we will be looking to review medal lessons *after* the medal test. This will give existing medallists and Teachers of course, time to get back into the swing of things.

A further medal test is also planned towards the end of November – details to be confirmed.

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## **Existing tickets:**

Any tickets bought prior to the pandemic (social, medal or private lessons) will of course be honoured. Please speak to any of the Teachers if you have any queries.

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## **Lesson Schedule:**

Pretty much as previously set. Copy attached for reference.

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## **Lesson Fees:**

Fees will remain as set previously. Copy attached for reference.

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## **Competition classes:**

These will be put on hold, certainly until the New Year when we will review the health situation and make future plans. We will keep our competition students updated.

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