



March 2025 Newsletter

Hello All,

Now that you've all had plenty time to get into the dance groove after Christmas and New Year – we thought we'd update you on events at RDS.

Annual Medal Presentation and Social Dance:

To be held at Welwyn Civic Centre, Welwyn on Saturday 29th March 2025. This year we are pleased to announce a professional demonstration by young couple Zak Fisher and Gabriella Hughes for both Ballroom and Latin dances.

There will also be a bar and the usual fish/chicken/vegetarian supper and raffle. Please book your tickets soonest so that we can plan the event, food orders etc., in plenty of time.

Presentations will be made to all our students who have taken medals over the last year. We will also be presenting the Annual Achievement Award to both adults and children.

Social Dances:

Our social dances continue as last year – now held on 2nd Saturday of each month starting 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. The venue remains at Welwyn Civic Centre. 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.

We have begun teaching sequence dances in the hour before the social dances – starting at 6.30 p.m. If you'd like a refresher or to learn something new, come and join us. If there is a dance you'd like to learn, let us know, we'll do our best to include.

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Tickets are £9.00 on the night for the social evening and £9.00 for the sequence. Both lessons together are £16.00 so grab yourself a bargain!

Free tea/coffee and cakes/biscuits will be available – please bring your own munchies, glasses and mugs if you prefer a bigger drink. Bring a friend better still – bring 2!

Rainbow Classes:

Saturday mornings 7th September at St. John's Hall, Hitchin. 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

For 4 – 8 year olds. A chance for the little-ies – to learn very basic moves and a fun dance – for each colour, and build their own beautiful rainbow to display!

All are welcome! (*You have to be under 8 years though*)

For sale:

One pair of children's dance shoes – worn briefly – grown out of! In very good condition and looking for a new home.

Pics below. We also have the shoes with us so please let us know via e-mail or catch us directly in lessons if you're interested – we will forward your contact details to the seller for the financial exchange.



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Next Medal Examination: Sunday 27th April 2024:

This may seem a little while away, but it'll soon come round. Continue your hard work between now and then; we'll be looking to create our examination list by the end of March so please make sure you have this in your head to ensure you're ready in time. (Don't leave the

work until the last minute you know who you are)



This will be held once again at Welwyn Civic Centre. Details to follow.

Medal examination letters will be issued during the beginning of April for those of our students ready to take their tests.

Private/1:1 lessons:

We have limited space for 1:1's. If you think you need extra input for your test, let us know early, don't leave until the last minute! If you'd like some additional lessons just to improve what you're doing, that's okay too. Let us know and we'll see what we can do. If you wish to book a private/1:1 lesson please make arrangements for payment at the time of booking.

This payment will be non-refundable in the event you are unable to attend your lesson.

Lesson attendance:

As you are aware our medal lessons are small – this allows us to concentrate on students, so they can work and prepare well for medal tests.

We understand that families need breaks and like to have holidays and days out sometimes but would very much appreciate please, that you advise either the School, via the website or e-mail or your teacher individually, if you are unable to attend any particular lesson.

We have had a few medal lessons with a nil attendance. It is appreciated that most students will let us know in advance but if we're aware that a lesson slot will be fully vacant, we can offer this elsewhere if we know in advance. Hall hire costs are expensive and we need to reduce void periods as much as possible to make the School an operational success.

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 and has a direct impact on maximum usage of hall time available to us.

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Dates for your Diary:

29.3.25. Annual Medal Presentation and Social Dance.

27.4.25. Medal Examination.

2nd Sat
each month. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre (including separate Modern Sequence lesson).

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