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May 2022 Newsletter

Hello All,

Pleased to have seen so many of you continue to enjoy our lessons! Since December we have hosted another extremely successful medal test – the 3rd since we've been able to re-open - followed by our annual Presentation Dance for all successful medallists and social dancers alike.

Our Annual Achievement trophies for 2022 have been awarded to the following:

Adults: 1st place – Molly Prutton
 2nd place – Rachael Andrews
 3rd place – Charlotte Corbey-West

Children: 1st place – Ellie Willis
 2nd place – Hollie Adkin
 3rd place – Lilia Edwards

These trophies are awarded to our medallist students that have achieved the highest average scores in medal examinations for the year. Well done to you and of course to all our medallist – you should be very proud of yourselves – we certainly are of you!

We have continued to structure our medal examinations providing times for students to attend for their examinations in tranches, rather than having everybody in attendance at the same time. We have received positive feedback on this revised format and feel it avoids excessive waiting times and continues to keep everyone as safe as possible. We would thank you for your support in continuing with this plan.

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Covid – 19:

We're pleased to hear that the Government has recently relaxed restrictions for Covid-19. Our venues continue to provide sanitiser and we also have our own supply. Students are of course also most welcome to wear face masks if they choose. Our Teachers continue to dance with medallist pupils only and use sanitiser between students.

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.

Hitchin Town Hall – Wednesday evenings:

Hitchin Town Hall has now re-opened. The new floor has been tried, tested and approved.

We have therefore returned to our lessons there as previously;

- Children's lessons between 6 – 7 p.m.
 - Adults medal lessons 7 – 8 p.m.
 - Adults social lessons - Beginners 8 – 9 p.m.
 - Intermediates 9 – 10. p.m.
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Lemsford School Fete:

Rodney's Dance school is pleased to have been invited to take part in their school fete this year. This will be held on bank holiday Monday – 2nd May 2022. We have invited a number of our medallist students – both adult and child – to present demonstration pieces. Looking forward to the day and hoping the weather is kind to us.

If anyone is in the area on this day, you are welcome to come along and support both the School and Rodney's Dance School. There will be lots of other attractions on the day.

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Social Dances:

We also have a new schedule of Social Dances planned for Saturday evenings at Welwyn Civic Centre – 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 £8.00 on the night or £7.00 in advance. Free tea/coffee and cakes/biscuits will be available. Bring a friend better still – bring 2!

Medal Examinations:

Our next medal examination session is set for 3rd July at the Civic Centre, Welwyn with a subsequent session booked for November – venue to be confirmed.

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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New Medal lesson:

We are pleased to advise that there will be a new medal lesson starting on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 p.m. for 30 minutes. Commencing 4th May 2022. Lessons are £6.00.

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 know.

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 are looking to take holidays particularly now that Covid restrictions have been lifted 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.

Dates for your Diary:

- 2.5.22. School fete at Lemsford.
- 4.5.22. New adult medal lessons begin.
- 7.5.22. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre. 7 – 10.30 p.m.
- 11.6.22. Social Dance at Welwyn Civic Centre. 7 – 10.30 p.m.
- 3.7.22. Medal examination.

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29.7.22. Last lesson before Summer Holidays. We will not be running Summer School these holidays as Rodney will be recovering from surgery.

Please note that from 7th July onwards, Rodney's medal lessons will be cancelled until his return on 6th September. (Yay!).

All social dance lessons between 8th and 29th July will be hosted between Annette, Cathy and Nicola (you'll need to be on your toes)

6.9.22. Return to all lessons! (Yay! – again). Back to normal again.

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