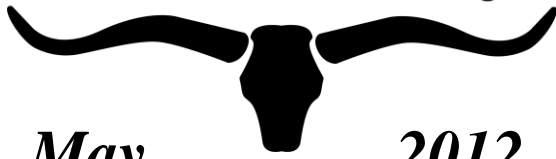


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Texan Dudes Line Dancing



**May 2012**

## **Wanted Poster**

*Welcome to the hot May news, Can't you feel that summer is just around the corner? So...It's that time of year. As soon as the sun starts shining its time to start planning your summer holiday. Sun, sea, sand and Sangria, it's got to be done.*

*Last year Lavinia and I managed a weekend break in Paris and, as nice as that was, we have booked a proper break this year.*

**We are taking an 8 day holiday between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Inclusive!**

*In the mean time here is a date for your diary, our next dance!*

***The Queens Diamond Jubilee***

***Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012***

***Friern Barnet School***

*Yes its time to paint the town Red, White and Blue for the Jubilee celebrations. We have sent an invitation to HRH and told her to get out her cowgirl boots and join us. (No corgi's allowed Marm, health and safety) See ya there!*

### ***Inspiration***

*Did you watch the London marathon? Wasn't it really inspirational! The rain came but the weather failed to put a damper on the event.*

*Talking of running, Lavinia has once more signed up for the Trent Park 'Race For Life' on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012. If you fancy joining her on this fun 5k event she would be more than happy to see you there.*

## ***Illnesses and More***

*As we enter May its worth casting our minds back over the last three months. There have been instances during the life of the Texan Dudes when various classes have suffered because of injury and illness to dancers.(Not as a result of dancing I hasten to add!) There have always been 'peaks and troughs' in numbers attending class and this is all part and parcel of running such an organisation. Sometimes, for whatever reason, only a few dancers would turn up and we would run a class at a financial loss. It has always been the case that class numbers will be an uncertainty. As already said, this, although our livelihood is all part and parcel of doing what we love to do.*

*However, financial loss pales into insignificance when we hear of the problems and illnesses which have stopped our dancers from joining us. The catalogue of calls and messages about the problems encountered by our dancers has been relentless for over three months.*

*Sprains, strains, pains, surgery, breaks, long term illnesses, family problems, bereavements all added to the uncertain financial climate. What an endless catalogue of worry and woe it has been for some of you. Dancing your cares away or at least forgetting them for a few hours is our aim but sometimes this mountain is just a little too high to climb. There is so much to look forward to in the months ahead, The Queens Diamond jubilee celebrations, the Olympics, our dances and much more. We sincerely hope that the summer sunshine will bring a change in fortunes for all our dancers which have, or are, still suffering. We look forward to the day when everyone is back on 'their spot' on the dance floor, dancing their cares away.*

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## ***Dancing Magic***

*Do you remember your first dancing steps? Maybe it was standing on your Dad's feet as he danced around the room with you? Magic, and nothing has changed. Doesn't dancing and watching dancing just fill your heart with joy? There are times when I get so emotionally overwhelmed I just can't speak. (Yes me!)*

*We have just watched a re-run of Riverdance from Beijing in China and it was just magical, inspiring, uplifting. When you watch Gene Kelly dancing and 'Singing In The Rain' don't you just want to dance? He transports you to time when you were so young and so in love, a soaking was a mere trifle not to concern yourself with.*

*Didn't those Hollywood movies just lift your heart? Watching Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers beautifully synchronised in a flowing dance routine of love, energy and passion. It must be love. Two people locked together, moving as one, they must be reading each others mind and anticipating each others needs and wants. Pure magic, truly magical!*

*Tap dancing has a special part in my heart, can I perform it? No! But I am in awe of those that can. When I know a tap routine is about to start I find myself holding my breath in anticipation. My heart beats faster with the excitement of what is about to unfold before my eyes. It is impossible to remove the smile from my face when I watch tap dancing.*

*Many years ago Lavinia introduced me to 'Sleeping Beauty' at Covent Garden and I was stunned at the beauty, elegance, grace and athleticism. AND.. What of the film and dancing which some feel was the catalyst for our line dancing*

*of today? 'Saturday Night Fever'. John Travolta was an inspiration for lots of guys, YES, it is OK for a bloke to get up and dance! Dads at the wedding of their daughter may put their own interpretation on John's moves but hey, what the heck, that's what dancing is all about. You! enjoying yourself!*

*I know I am repeating myself (again!) but bear with me. The first 'tricky' dance I ever taught was Midnight Waltz and having taught it I put the music on and off we went into the dance. I counted the dance in and proceeded to dance, calling the occasional instruction. Just one wall into the dance I was quite literally overwhelmed with emotion, couldn't speak, couldn't dance. Watching the dance, which I had just taught, being performed so beautifully was for me, a very special and magical moment and lives with me today. All of Lavinia's excellent tuition teaching me to teach could not have prepared me for such a rush of feelings and emotions. Best of all, I still get 'The Rush' today!*

*Music has the ability to tug at our emotions. It has the ability to remind us of our loves, our childhood, and our lives, including those sad occasions. Dancing gives us a vehicle by which we can demonstrate those emotions, joy, happiness, as well as sadness. What a lethal combination.*

*I want to finish this piece by saying that I wish you could all see yourselves dancing, as we do, from the stage. Having been privileged to teach you a dance it really can be an emotional roller coaster ride watching you perform it. A rush, and sometimes, pure magic!*

**Happy Stomping**  
**Dance Like No One Is Watching**  
**Lavinia & Mick**

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