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What can we say?

The sun shining, daffodils in bloom, a Royal wedding, summer just around the corner and lots and lots of line dancing fun planned. Isn't life grand!

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the sun and cloudless sky as much as we did. (The garden has never looked so good so early in the year!)

Lots of news for you so lets press on.....

Our Next Dance

Saturday 11th June 2011

*Friern Barnet School,
Crescent Road, N11 3LS*

The theme has yet to be decided but get the date in your diary so as not to miss out.

Watch out for the leaflet.

Our Last Dance

We couldn't let the newsletter pass without thanking everyone for the fantastic support on the 16th April 2011, what a turnout. The numbers really did take us by surprise, our apologies if you didn't get your usual table or spot on the dance floor. (We promise to do better next time)

The Day After The Night Before

We thought we would share this with you.

At home, after a Saturday evening dance we usually indulge in a glass or two. (Maybe more!) We are usually hungry, (We don't eat much before a dance evening) so normally have a bite with our glass of wine. Nothing strange about this practice but both find it impossible sleeping in after a dance.

It is not unusual for both of us to wake up after maybe 3 hours of shut eye. We can go to bed at 3am (or even later) and be wide awake at 6am.

We are both the same insofar as we wake up analysing the previous evening's dance and can't get back to sleep because of it. So at 6am we are asking questions of ourselves. Did we do the best for all the dancers there? Could we have included a dance we didn't do? Did we include a dance we shouldn't have? Did everyone have a good time? Can we do anything better the next dance?

The list is endless and I can't remember a Sunday morning after a Saturday night dance which hasn't found us having a cup of tea after a maximum of 4 hours sleep! (No matter how late we retire to bed or how much we have drunk!)

I suspect that we are not the only teachers that go through this dissection of the previous evenings events. It is an important part of learning for the future, I just wish we could get a few more hours sleep on the Saturday night!

On the other side of the coin we often hear that you find it hard to sleep after a dance evening. Apparently some of you have such a 'buzzy' night dancing you are too 'hyper' to get to sleep! This of course is a different matter and we are happy to give you such a sleepless night.

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Young At Heart

There was a fantastic story in Linedancer magazine this month, no not our one but one about a 90 year old line dancer.

Margaret Robson was born in February 1921, in an age where the Internet and computers belonged to science fiction dreams. Margaret was always a dancer. She learnt ballroom whilst a teenager. "We did not have a car so it was either bus, train, bicycle or walking...we did what we had to do to get to venues." (This gal was a born line dancer!) It was thanks to her love of dancing that she met Ron, who would become her husband and whom she refers to as "the love of my life." Margaret may be a woman with a thousand interests but she loves Line dancing. Sure, she has seen some changes over the years but she does not mind what the genre, style and whether pop, latin, rock or classical as long as she can dance. She says: "I love dances like Rebel Amor or a waltz, anything where I can do some good hip action! (Ninety years young and still giving it large! Amazing!) Line dancing is very special to me. It keeps my brain and me alive. While I think of my steps I have no time to worry about anything else. It is just a matter of leaving your troubles at the door, think of nothing else, live for the dance you are doing" (Aren't these great sentiments) What an inspiration this lady is, as are a number of our own dancers. It is inappropriate to mention names and ages (Being a gentleman!) but we have a number of dancers who are in their late 70's and some approaching late 80's. What a joy it is to have them with us. What an inspiration they are to us and to their fellow dancers. What a huge contribution each and everyone of them make to their class and the Texan Dudes club.

There are times when we all reflect on what we will be like in our later years. We will have to aim high if we are to be anything like our young at heart line dancers and, if we are, we will be blessed.

Weekend Away News

The deposit cheques were banked on the 28th April 2011, as planned. We will be writing to each and every one of you around the middle of August advising of what you have asked for and giving full details of the weekend.

We will also include what your final balance will be, which will be payable one month before departure. (Mid September)

The weekend is sold out but if you want to be put onto the waiting list please complete a form and let us have it. (No deposit will be required unless we can get you into our party) We are sorry if you missed out but we must draw a line on the numbers we are taking. We have taken all the room allocations the hotel have and have hit our target for the amount of space on the dance floor.

New Beginners Class

BSC Club, Mays Lane, Barnet

Although the new beginners class has started at the BSC club it is still not too late to entice your friends and neighbours to come along.

Bank holiday Mondays have disrupted the start but this may not be a bad thing. It gives us another opportunity to entice newcomers to our flock.

Monday the 9th May will be the next available date for attendance. We will be advertising in the local paper but if you know someone who would like to give it a try, send them along.

Happy Stomping

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PS: Broxbourne Christmas lunch date has been set for Friday 9th Dec 2011. Get it in your diary.