



DanceBasics NewsLetter



Monthly Dances

Held on the last Friday of each month (when possible!) at Crewe Crosville Club. Dancing is from 8pm until 11pm and tickets are £4 in advance or £5 on the night. Under 16's are welcome (as long as they are supervised by an adult). Dress is smart/casual! Future dates are;

- **Fri 16th May 2008**
- **Fri 27th June 2008**
- **Fri 25th July 2008**

Holiday Dates

There will be a weeks break in lessons from 2nd May to 9th May inclusive. All the details are included on the table opposite.

Medal Test Day Explained...

The next medal test day is booked for the **12th July 2008**. It is held at St Mary's Church Hall and exams are normally run between 11am and 5pm with individual times given out nearer the day. An independent examine assesses your dancing and gives you feedback (via a report form) on the areas that are good, bad or sometimes ugly!!

The exams are graded according to experience, so a beginner would take an 'introductory' award and only dance one dance, whereas a more experienced dancer would be expected to be tested over all 5 dances and show a good understanding of timing and technique. All dancers get a feedback report, a certificate and a plaque/medal. **Please ask us if you are interested!**

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Cancellation of Classes

There are a few dates that we need to cancel classes due to hall unavailability/holidays;

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
MON		5 th & 26 th May	
TUE		6 th & 13 th May	
WED KIDS	23 rd April	7 th May	
WED ADULT	23 rd April	7 th & 28 th May	25 th June
THUR		8 th May	
SAT KIDS		3 rd & 31 st May	21 st June (tbc - fete)

Dear Dancers,

Well it looks as though Spring might finally have arrived (at the time of writing anyway) and thoughts are turning to upcoming holidays. Well mine are (!) as we are taking a break from teaching and are about to take Jamie on his first trip abroad (gulp). We will be away from the 2nd to 9th May and the cancellation of classes is shown in the table above.

Please note that the May dance is in the middle of the month (16th), we were caught unawares with April and didn't have time to publicise it, so we'll make sure we have the May tickets ready in plenty of time!

Now is also the time to start thinking about whether you would like to go in for a medal. Please don't be put off by thinking that they are just for the more advanced dancer, there are plenty of 'introductory' medals that give you opportunity to dance a short basic routine for some constructive feedback.

Happy dancing,

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Manchester Ball of the Year 2009

Although it seems a ridiculously long way off, we need to start taking names for the Manchester Ball of the Year 2009! It's on **17th January 2009** at the Longfield Suite, Prestwich and will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Tickets are £41 which include dinner, dancing (to Ross Mitchell band & singers) and cabaret in the form of the City of Manchester Amateur Ballroom & Latin Championships.

This event is always sold out months in advance and we have provisionally booked a table of 12. So please let us know as soon as possible whether you are interested in going. Tickets don't need to be paid for until November!

Fun Competition 2008 Dates

The 2008 dates for our fun competitions (at Winsford Civic Hall) are;

- ⇒ Sun 22nd June
- ⇒ Sun 19th October
- ⇒ Sun 30th November

We are also waiting to hear details of a fun comp at Nantwich expected to be held in July....

Dance Cruise

There are still places left on our dance cruise. Sailing from Southampton for 7 nights on the Oriana (24th August). Dance workshops free of charge!