

## April and May 2007

The Demo night, was again, huge fun thanks to you all. Everyone puts so much effort into it,

We had ten demo's this year, all the dances being written by those taking part, and the costumes are just getting better and better! It really is one of my favorite nights of the year. We finally managed our sumo demo with me and Jo roping Colin into it as well!!!! Thanks again to those who take part and those who come to watch, I hope you all have as much fun as I do!!

April always passes in a blur because of my work (its lambing time) for those who don't know me. But this year it was really awful, as my partner, Dan, was seriously ill in Katharine House Hospice, unfortunately he passed away on the 9th of May. Thanks to all of you who sent cards and flowers, your kind support makes things a little easier. Please bare with me in class for the next few months, dancing with you all keeps me sane so I will try to keep going!! Thanks especially to Jo, who not only has been a huge support at this difficult time, but even took over a couple of the classes, nerve wracking I know, when you're not used to teaching! She also DJ'd at the May Ball making a very good job of it to! Oh and not forgetting Sue and the girls who helped me and Mum together!

Thanks also to Keeley of In Touch dance our co host at the May Ball, they took a collection for Katharine House Hospice on the night, (without my knowledge) raising one hundred pounds, I have now put the Sideliners half of the profit into the fund as well. Thanks for giving so generously, but believe me it is going to an amazing place. and a very worthy cause.

The jointly run May Ball, seems to have been a great success, with many requests for it to be an annual event. Darren and Lana entertained us with three brilliant demos, and Darren also taught two dances, "Take it back" an easy one waller, and a harder two wall dance called "Tequila cha". Jo and Keeley had to do all the work, as I joined you all later in the evening, as a last minute decision. They both did an excellent job. Watch out for next years joint event!!