

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

Believe it or not our B.B.Q was the night that England flooded!! Due to this, alot of our regulars couldn't make it. But we decided the show must go on, so Jo and Sue took over the football club kitchen, and with help from Aunty, Sheila...and Me, the food went out, looking and tasting great! A good time was had by all those who managed to swim or get to us by boat!!!!!!

The first time we had loads of snow so alot of folk couldn't come... but Ed Lawton did. The second time, we had the folks there but NO Ed Lawton. Up until the night before our Ed social, we thought he was coming, it was only because we rung him, that we found out he wasn't!! Nice of him to let us know eh?

A little rant now!! Yes, we know how busy these people are, but surely if for ANY reason a choreographer cannot make an event for which they have been booked, they should have the decency to let the organisers know, and in plenty of time, so they can let people know or try to find someone else.

We are only a relatively small club, and hiring such folk is not undertaken lightly! We certainly don't hire you to make money, we hire you for our club members, and because we love our Line Dancing! Its ok now rant over!!!

Anyway, back to the Ed night that isn't. We sent out a frantic call to Kim Ray. A couple of E mails and a phone call later, and YES she was happy to rescue us and was on her way!!! The only problem we had after that, was that me, in my haste, gave her the wrong post code, and she ended up outside my house... about five miles away from the football club and us!!!!!! Sorry Kim but it was funny and bless her, she has a great sense of humour!! We had to tell everyone as they arrived it was Kim not Ed and....(you gotta love 'em) not one of them minded. The evening was great, thanks to Kim and her mates. She taught four good dances, laughed and joked with my lot, and was a huge hit. All our dancers loved Kim and the saying for the evening was... Kim is great and Ed who?

Over the last few months, we have introduced what we call "Chill out saturdays" We charge only a couple of pounds to come along, with nibbles if you like and just dance. We practise the new dances and revamp some great oldies, that seem all to often to get forgotten in the rush to keep up with all the new stuff. The latest oldies have been Mama Africa, Titanic, All week long, Peace Train... to name but a few, We put the old step sheets out, and then they picked what they wanted to do again. A good exercise in reading step sheets fast and getting to grips with the steps quick enough for me to be able to say them!! Phew!! good fun though, I know I have fun on these nights, hope the rest of you do? Please let us know your thoughts on these "Chill" evenings, do you enjoy them? do you want them more or less often? what dances etc??

October

For my birthday, Jo has bought me a days western riding in the New Forest. Brilliant!!! something I have always wanted to do. Thankfully, I have ridden horses for years... though there has been a bit of a gap since the last time I sat on a horse. So if I am walking like John Wayne in class you will all know why!!!!!! Thank you Jo, cant wait.. will let you know how I get on in the next news letter!!!!!!