

Newsletter 2008

New Years eve, and we are again doing the music for Bridget and Margaret's party. This was our second year so we can't have been all that bad last year!! Once again it was a great fun night, due mainly to the hard work of our hosts. There was a real mix of music for all, with lots of lovely food, tea and coffee, and plenty of fun and laughter.

Long may this New Years event carry on, and if you were there, thanks for a great evening, and if you weren't there ask us about it, and get yourself a ticket for this New Years Eve!!

We decided this March to run a social in aid of Marie Curie Cancer fund. Kate Sala wrote a dance to Mika, (The Daffodil dance) which we all learnt on the night, and we managed to raise £ 261.50. Its for such a good cause that we will no doubt do it all again next year. Thanks to all who, supported the night, and thanks to those who gave donations, because they were unable to come.

Six of us headed off for the weekend to Southport, (one of the best line dance weekends)..... Until next year, that is, when 'The Sideliners' hit Torquay!!!! Joking aside, this really is a great weekend, loads of dancing, lots of dances to learn, a little bit of shopping, (mainly at the Linedancer dance shoe stall, how many pairs between the six of us, girls??!!) the beach a stone throw away, and they give you enough time to just about recharge your batteries before dancing into the early hours. Maggie has her troop of Irish dancers there, for the showcase on the saturday night, and as always is a great host.

We had, shall we say, 'one' of our Fish & Chip nights, at the end of April. Some of our regulars had gone of on holiday, so missed it, but we are sure, there will be a couple more before the end of the year!! A night of dancing, friends to chat with, and fish & chips, it could not get any better!

Demo night

Its here again!! After weeks of whispers, costume making, practicing, giggling, and in our case hysterical laughter, as we got to grips with the hand jive. the demo night arrived! Seven demos to look forward to, and it was good to see a great audience, with visitors, both non dancers and dance friends from other clubs. The standard just keeps getting better and better, and so do the costumes, (check out the photos and videos,) Everyone looked amazing and once again all had written their own dance.

We started with 'The Highland Dames' dancing to Donald wheres your trousers. 'The Friday Girls' looked great dressed in tartan, and the dance was fun to watch. No one knew, till the demo night, that they were being judged! with each team receiving an engraved trophy, and the eventual winning team a Sideliners Challenge Cup. 'The Croughton Girls' Emily, Claire & Pip, entered our demo night for the first time, with a dance written to Mika, dressed as giraffes! Then came the first of two demos by our regular wednesday girls. Six of them danced to

Dhoom Dhoom, dressed in sparkly sari's. and the dance went down really well with the judges, who by this time were getting more and more confused as every team seemed to deserve the cup!!

Next was Tracy and Paul, dancing beautifully together starting with a line dance, then drifting effortlessly into a ballroom cha cha.

The Friday Girls burst back on, to do their second dance of the night. Dancing to Y.M.C.A, with all the correct costumes, they looked great! and did a great performance, was again sending the judges into huddle!

For their second demo, our 'wednesday Girls', in a team of nine this time! took to the floor as 'The Inmates of the Funny Farm' We had the farmer and his wife, a sheep, a cow, a pig, a dog (who turned out to have the same name as my little collie Jess!!) a horse, a chicken and a scarecrow! the costumes were brilliant, and the dance which was very funny, even had the chicken laying an egg on someones lap!! This was the decider for the judges who all agreed they had won the cup.

'The Posse' which consists of Us, the girls, and of course Colin! then did our rendition of Grease...With Jo as Danny and Colin as Sandy, with the rest of us as Pink Ladies or T Birds. Colin even changing his moustach to a lovely pink to match his t shirt!

This is, our thrid year of demo nights and it really does keep getting better and better.

Mainly due to the amount of work that goes into the costumes (think some of our lot could take this up as a full time job, they are so good!!) finding the music, working out the dance, and finding the time to all get together and practise, we know takes alot of effort, and we thank you all for taking part, you prove time and time again, what a talented lot you are! I hope you all have great ideas for next year? I know there are a couple of things already being banded about in our camp.

A big thank you once again, to all those who took part, or came to watch, its good fun eh?? Here's to next year, don't forget theres a challenge cup up for grabs!!!