

Dizzyfeet Dancing

Newsletter



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James & Kelly back to Blighty!

It's been an up and down 6 months for us in terms of our competition results. We started the year in bright spirits but things didn't go as well as we would have hoped. An 18th place finish at the prestigious Star Championships was followed by positions of 33rd and 76th in the UK Open Rising Star and Open events - the exact same place as last year.



James, Kelly & Tommy

However, it wasn't all bad as at this competition we were watched by Tommy Sakuramoto from Japan who is the Chairman of the JBDF (Japanese Ballroom Dancers Federation). With his wife, Cherry, they were Japanese Champions and reached 2nd place at the World Championships. He liked our dancing very much and invited us to compete at his competition in Hiroshima in April. This was a wonderful experience, and our first trip to Japan. The competition went pretty well too, with us finishing 3rd from an entry of almost 100 couples. We had a fantastic time and we have to thank the organisers and fellow competitors for making us feel so welcome and treating us so very well.

It was then back to England to ready ourselves for the British Open Championships at the end of May.

With a spring in our step and a bit more confidence from the result in Japan we entered the 2 warm-up competitions that take place before the British.

We finished 4th at the English Open Championships, and 13th at the Imperial Open Championships where we were just 1 mark away from the semi-final. Although a little disappointed we took heart from our performances in both competitions and looked forward to the major event in Blackpool.



James & Kelly in action

Unfortunately we didn't have the best of times at the British, as we both felt that we could have performed better. The most frustrating thing is knowing that you could have done more. Both competitions had entries of over 200 couples, so our final placing of 18th in the Rising Star and 51st in the Open event are not bad reading but we wonder how different it could have been if we'd been more on song...

Straight from Blackpool we were off to Japan again for the JBDF Tour. This was another trip as part of the initial invitation that took us to Hiroshima. We were to dance in 3 competitions in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka giving us an opportunity to firstly get lots of competition practice and also to see plenty of Japan.

The first competition was held in the Budo-kan Hall, Tokyo which is famous for Sumo wrestling! The competition was watched by about 15000 people and also televised for national coverage, so it was quite a spectacle and event to be part of.

Sadly though, we missed out on the final which we found quite bemusing as in the past couple of weeks we had beaten all bar 2 of the finalists (it was an 8 couple final!). Even the couples that beat us seemed surprised. We picked ourselves up, and moved on to Nagoya for the 2nd competition. The same competitors also followed us and this time we did make the final, but only finishing in 6th place. It was a tough, gruelling competition - 6 rounds in a short period of time with no air conditioning in the venue. The final competition as part of the tour was in Osaka and the organisers had a special treat for the invited competitors.



James, Kelly and fellow competitors on the tour

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As part of the trip, the organisers arranged and paid for all of our accommodation and domestic travel around Japan. The final hotel of the trip was the Ritz Carlton - thought to be one of the very best hotels in the world! And it was sensational...! The fantastic hotel did go a little way to softening the blow of not making the final at the competition but I think we would have stayed in a Travelodge if it meant we could have won.

That ended our tour of Japan, and from there we went on to Australia to compete at the National Championships in Canberra. We did make the final here, finishing in 2nd place again behind the Australian champions. We have been Australia's No2 couple for the past 18 months, but we have now decided to switch back allegiances and from now on we will again be representing ENGLAND!

So what did we learn from our hectic trip away? That we need to be fitter, stronger, more competitive and better dancers. Oh and dancing for England might help too. The hard work starts here!

New Summer Classes Starting 18th July!

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All classes running for 8 weeks and cost £5 per person!

Fareham Classes
Start Sunday 18th July
Fitness First
Downend Road PO16 8TS

Beginners Ballroom/Latin:
7pm - 8pm

Open Ballroom/Latin Practice:
8pm - 8.30pm £1 if you attend either the beginners or improvers class

Improvers Ballroom/Latin:
8.30pm - 9.30pm

We have decided to rest the Salsa classes until September and in it's place we will now be running an open practice session with a chance for you to go through all of the ballroom, latin and sequence dances plus some Salsa moves too.

Social Practice:
6pm-7pm £3 per person

We are looking to recommence our Southampton classes in September. Please check our website for more information.



Dizzyfeet Social Events

Dizzyfeet Get Together

On the 14th May 2010, we had our first Dizzyfeet Social Event at Quindell Golf and Leisure Club in Whiteley. It was a great night, with dinner, dancing and entertainment by an excellent Eric Clapton tribute artist and who could forget the quiz! Lots of fun was had by all and we're looking forward to doing more such events in the future.

Throughout the evening photographs were taken by Jim Musselwhite of Closer Photography. A sample of the photos he took are on our website so please take a look and let us know if you would like any. For more information on his services please take a look at his website www.closerphotography.com

Easter Dance

On the 10th April we had a super evening with lots of dancing and fun had by everyone who came along. As usual, James was on the mic hosting the evening with his usual witty banter and Kelly was delightful as the host mingling with everyone and enjoying a chat or two. The highlight of the evening was a scintillating Latin American demonstration from Tom Parkes and Amy Dowden,

They entertained the crowd with a cheeky Cha-Cha-Cha, a dramatic Paso Doble and finished off with an extremely lively and vibrant Jive. Everyone loved their dancing and we may well ask them to come back again later in the year.



Amy hitting a pose



Our 'Easter Chicken' raffle prize

Dizzy Tip

Remember: If you both do the same thing wrong...



...it's right!!



All of us at Quindell

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CUDT Coaches - Paul Walker, Kelly Prouton, David Mallabone, James Prouton, Bruce Lait

As most of you will know, we are the ballroom coaches for the Cambridge University Dance Team. For the past 10 years or so they, along with Oxford and the Imperial College London, have dominated the University dance circuit and this last season was no different. It was neck and neck all year between the top 3 dance teams with no clear favourite for the coveted Inter Varsity Dancesport Championship title, held at the Empress Ballroom in Blackpool.

University Update

The day starts with the individual events from beginners right up to the advanced category. We had couples in almost all of the finals which was a great achievement. Once these competitions are finished, it is then the all important Inter Varsity Team Competition. Every University has an A, B, C and D team comprising of 2 couples for ballroom and 2 couples for latin. They then all compete against each other in the waltz, quickstep, cha cha and Jive.

It was an extremely exciting competition, which left both of us with a very sore throat from all the shouting. All of our team worked really hard and performed fabulously, but sadly we lost our title to Oxford as we came 2nd in all of the categories. I'm sure it will make the team even hungrier for success next season and our preparations are beginning in earnest to reclaim the title for 2011.

Medal Test Results

We had our 2nd Dizzyfeet Dancing medal test on 25th April. In total we had 21 exams on the day and all of our pupils had been working extremely hard in the months building up to the exam. The examiner assigned to our test was Miss Jane White from Swindon, who runs a busy social dance studio much the same as we do. She understood how all of the dancers were feeling and put them at ease with her kind words before each of them took to the floor.

Despite a few exam day nerves and jitters, all of the entrants passed with flying colours with 13 receiving Honours which is the highest mark you can get.

Our next exam will be in November, so if you'd like to take part please let us know. More information about medal examinations can be found on our website.



Love is in the Air

A special mention should be made of a couple who were married on Good Friday, 2nd April. Mr and Mrs Hugh and Claire Turner who have been pupils of ours for a number of years now and actually met at dance classes!



The happy dancing couple

They held their ceremony and reception on the HMS Warrior and we had the pleasure of putting together their wedding dance. It was a challenge to choreograph something to fit into what would have been the Mess hall, dodging the poles and cannons!

Nevertheless, they pulled it off seamlessly and we're sure it will be the most special and memorable dance they'll ever do...

Other News

Ray Rose launch 366 Dance shoes

Our excellent sponsors Ray Rose dance shoes have developed a new and exciting range of dance shoes for the social dancer called 366 Dance shoes. Without compromising on quality or comfort 366 Dance shoes come in a variety of styles and colours to appeal to those wanting something a bit different and stylish rather than the competition styles currently on offer.

For more information visit www.366danceshoes.com

Leena Teperi Dressmaker to Flavia & Kelly

Leena Teperi, bespoke dressmaker and designer to many professional dancers such as Kelly and Vincent & Flavia from BBC's Strictly Come Dancing is getting ready to launch her new website www.teperi.co.uk.

Leena is based in Guildford and has been making for Vincent & Flavia for seven years and Kelly for 3 years. She not only does dance costumes, she's also very creative and can put together beautiful dresses and outfits for any occasion - even wedding dresses. She is also capable of creating that something special that you wouldn't normally get on the high street.



Leena & Flavia

Call Leena on 01483 570 413
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PGS Come Dancing

We were again involved with PGS Come Dancing in April this year. This fabulous event was the best yet featuring some fantastic performances over the two nights, raising over £4000 for charity.



The judges score a perfect performance!

PGS, in conjunction with United World Schools, have been raising money to build and run a school in North East Cambodia. As a school community PGS have been running a number of events, including PGS Come Dancing to raise £10,000 for this cause. The £4,000 raised from the event meant they could start building their school in Cambodia.

After some careful consideration the judges passed their comments & scores on the various performances of Tango, Quickstep, Cha Cha Cha and Waltz and the audience voted for their favourite couple from each category. With such a lot of reaction from the crowd either agreeing or disagreeing with the judges remarks it was sure to be a close result.

It turned out to be an extremely tight affair, with only a few marks in it. After all the counting was done, congratulations went to John Cooper and Katie Norther for winning the staff competition whilst in the student category, it was a win for Damon Da Silva and Anna Pembury in the Years 7-10 competition and Edward Gove and Sally Paffett for winning the Years 12-13 competition.

We must not forget all of the dancers that took part but did not win. A big congratulations to all of the couples who put in a great deal of time and effort to pull off such fantastic performances for us all to enjoy.



The 2 student winning couples

We'd also like to mention what a pleasure it was to work with the organiser and host of the event Mr Jonathon Cooper who pulled everyone and everything together to make this a such successful event. We wish Jonathan, Miss Anna Howarth and Team 56@45 all the very best success for their venture in Cambodia.

All fundraising can be viewed on the website www.justgiving.com/56at45 and donations are much appreciated.

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Staff Competitors

The nights entertainment was extremely well supported with a packed out theatre. The dancers were split into 3 categories, Staff, Years 7-10 and Years 12-13.

Upcoming Events

Saturday Night Dance

On Saturday, 11th September we will hold a dance night full of all our usual entertainment and fun. The bar will be available, nibbles, raffle, dance cabaret and great music to dance to.

7:30pm till 10:30pm

£10 per person

To reserve your tickets contact James or Kelly
07818 403 290
info@dizzyfeet.com

November Medal Test

We have applied to hold our 2nd medal test of the year towards the end of November. As those of you that took part last time did so well, having another soon after gives you all a chance to progress quicker and learn all the new steps.

If you've not taken a medal before and would like to, this will be your opportunity to have your first go. Please do take a look at our website to get more information on medal test

examinations and let us know if you want to get involved.

Another Dizzyfeet Social Outing

Following on from our great night our recently to Quindell we are planning to repeat the fun a little later in the year. As yet place, date and time is still to be decided but please feel free to let us know what you'd quite like to do as a group. Whatever we end up doing it's sure to be great fun!



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James and Kelly are Professional competitive dancers and teachers. They offer a variety of services for people wanting to learn to dance. Whether it's for social occasions, a wedding dance, to complete medal examinations or competitions, they can help.

Their dance classes are a great social way to learn in larger groups, or for a more in-depth and tailored learning experience there are private lessons for up to four people from £17.50. James and Kelly also have a wedding dance package for those that wish to do a little more than the "two-step shuffle". For £99 you can give yourself and your guests a first dance to remember.

In addition, James and Kelly can also assist with staging and choreographing your event. Whether it's a school event or theatre production, James and Kelly have extensive knowledge and experience in bringing stages to life with dance. They are also available for your social dance, gala ball or school display, where they can perform their 5 dance cabaret show. They have performed at a variety of venues and are able to tailor a package to suit the needs of your event or function.

If you have any questions regarding any of the services James & Kelly offer, please do not hesitate to contact them and they will be happy to discuss your requirements and see how they can help.



Dates to remember

July

18th, Start of new Summer beginner classes

September

11th, Saturday Night Dance

October

15th, All England Dance Championships

17th, Imperial Dance Championships

20th-21st, International Championships

Don't get in a spin...
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www.dizzyfeet.com