

Dear all,

So the last newsletter we released was back in May 2007! We have been so busy since then that we have booked choreographers for our events right up until the end of 2010! So we thought we had better let you know what's going on in the world of Crazy Gang and what's new and upcoming.

Our Bath class will certainly be seeing a big change this year as we are planning on moving the class to a new location in the Bath area. We have started talking to other schools in the area and have already had a promising response from one of them. This looks set to take place at the end of February into the beginning of March, dependant on final negotiations with the Board of Governors and a caretaker to be assigned to open and close up for us. We'll keep you posted when we get more information. Until then we have asked Beechen Cliff School to keep the heating on throughout the evening... no hogging the warm patches!!!

Our Thursday class will also be seeing a slight change as we are now removing our kid's class from public view. Don't panic though, we are still going to run the class, we're just not going to advertise it anymore. The reason behind this is that the class started off as a beginner's class for all ages, and has progressed so much that they are now all at intermediate level. Well done guys! If any new members joined this class now, we think it would be too difficult for them to integrate from a beginner's perspective. We may re-advertise in the future, but we are just going to see how this pans out for now.

So prices... I know a few people almost expected the New Year to bring in new prices for our classes. At the moment we are keeping our class prices the same as last year, but rising fuel costs for heating and electricity are getting the halls a little bit itchy and they are thinking about putting up their hire fees. If any changes do happen it will most likely be at the beginning of April and only by 50p at most. We'll keep you posted on this one!

This year see's a whole new format to our social events calendar, with three new fantastic workshop days and evening socials. We have our first event coming up on 28th March with our guest choreographer Craig Bennett. All of these socials are now ticket only and held at Failand Village Hall which is just a short drive from Nailsea and Wraxall. If you've come to our Pink doo before then you'll find it a right doddle to get to Failand! Tickets start at £8 for the afternoon, £8 for the evening and £13 for an All Day ticket. The workshops start at 2pm and go on to 6pm then we have an hours break to 7pm and the social will take us right through to 11pm. You'll be able to stay in the hall during the break, but it just gives us all a chance to grab a bite to eat! As always we will have our popular raffle which will take place during the evening social. Tickets are **NOW AVAILABLE** so see Dom anytime to reserve your place, but please note that tickets will NOT be sold on the door on the day.

Our other social workshops will be on 13th June with Dee Musk and the other on 11th July with A&S. You can buy your tickets in advance for any of our social events.

We're also really looking forward to our all new and exclusive weekend event at The Wessex Hotel in Street. This hotel was recently taken over by the Durrant House Hotel that we already go to in November, and the Wessex has a lovely ballroom and dance floor. We have Paul McAdam coming to teach us some of his new dances alongside our very own Crazy Chris! We still haven't decided on a theme for this weekend yet, so please give us some ideas of what you would like to do... bear in mind that it will be Spring into Summer so it will no doubt be warming up! Answers on the back of a postcard please!!! For more information visit our Weekend at the Wessex web site at <http://weekend.crazygangentertainment.co.uk/WATW/>

As most of you will know by now, Dom has been working hard on a new web site that has got all of the local dance teachers and instructors working together. The new site is called South West Dancing at www.southwestdancing.co.uk and is the best place to find out everything that's going on in our area. We are still getting details in from all the teachers about their upcoming events, so these will be added as and when we get them. If you want to know more about South West Dancing then just sign up to the mailing list on the site. You will then get all the news and gossip as the site gets updated. Once you have attended an event, you can also go onto South West Dancing and upload your comments and give each event a Star Rating out of 5 stars.

Our very own Crazy Gang web site is ever more growing and we are constantly adding new details and dates to it as soon as we can. Don't forget to keep your eyes posted on our Social Events pages for all the dates, times and locations (these are on South West Dancing too!!!). Tasha Forrest is also adding all of our step sheets to our online dance sheet database, so let us know if there is anything you are looking for in particular and we will make sure it gets uploaded in the next batch. We try to give Tash all the latest sheets along with some oldies, so if its not there at the moment it will certainly be appearing soon! Our thanks go to Tash for all her hard work :o)

We'll sign off by wishing you all a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all at one of our events soon.

Love Crazy Chris and Dom Fairlie - Crazy Gang Entertainment