



September Newsletter 2017

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1. West Coast Swing UK Important Dates for Your Dance Diary!

Hi Everyone! Our full **2017** dates are already updated to our website "WCSUK Key Dates" pages and "Calendar" page but for easy reference, you can view the major ones here;

- **Saturday 2 September** – London WCS Flashmob
- **Sunday 3 September** – Exeter WCS Flashmob
- **Wednesday 6 September** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 23 September** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 24 September** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 4 October** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 28 October** - ICE Freestyle – Windsor
- **Sunday 29 October** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 1 November** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham

- **Thursday 16 – Monday 20 November** – 7th Edition London SwingVitalational!
- **Wednesday 6 December** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 9 December** - WCSUK Annual Christmas Party – Windsor
- **Sunday 10 December** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 13 December** – Last Wednesday Class of 2017 – Twickenham

Check out our **Calendar page** at www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/calendar/ for regular updates!

2. **West Coast Swing UK 12th Year Anniversary Party & Annual Royal Marsden Cancer Charity Fundraiser Update!**

WOW! Huge thank you to each and every one of you that came along to support our **West Coast Swing UK 12th Year Anniversary Party!** What an amazing day we had celebrating 12 years of WCSUK! We got off to a bit of a slow start but by the end of the day, the dance floor was full and spirits were high! I had originally hoped to raise £500 from the day but we've actually more than doubled that and **raised a fantastic £1070 so far** from ticket sales, the charity "Jill & Jack" contest, personal donations and via my Just Giving page! These funds will be donated in full to the **Royal Marsden Cancer Charity in memory of my mum, Robin Wiles** and all our loved ones! So all I can say is **"Thank You"** to each and every one of you that contributed! None of this would be possible without you! It means a lot to me personally and please know that you're making a huge difference to the Royal Marsden too!

This day is a huge operational undertaking so there are some very special people to thank for donating their time and expertise for free; Paul Abbott & Janette Fox (venue set up and door), Coleen Man & Gareth Siret (Flashmob workshop & judging), Fabienne Henshall (judging), Justin Petersen (comp deejay), Lee Easton (comp scoring & deejay), Graham Burke (resident deejay), Clive Gidney (photography), Ned Gould (videography) and Gale Vincent & Clare Storm (baking)!

Huge thanks to our guest instructor from NYC, Exenia Rocco who taught for us and even sang a song after about 10 minutes rehearsal! It was also fun to dance to her very own tune available on Spotify later in the evening! And of course special thanks to our live duo, Simpl'US, Yannick Gioia & Nicolas Thomas for exceeding all expectations with both their sets! What a treat to be able to dance to live music that's been especially put together by artists who understand our dancing needs! Can't wait to have them back with us at "SwingV" in November!

Massive congratulations to all our WCSUK Annual Awards recipients;

- Most Improved Female - **Lindsey Rowatt**
- Most Improver Male - **Leo Burne**
- Dancers' Choice Favourite Female - **Anne Ligez**

- Dancers' Choice Favourite Male - **Gareth Siret**
- Dancers' Choice Favourite Deejay - **Paul Abbott**

Massive congratulations also to our Royal Marsden Cancer Charity "Jill & Jack" contest winners;

- 3rd Place - **Sally Fullwood leading Ben Brett**
- 2nd Place - **Mandy Henderson leading Richard James**
- 1st Place - **Susan Minor leading Edwin Smith**

If anyone would still like to **Make A Donation** to my fundraising efforts, my JustGiving page will be open for as long as the site lets me! Please click here - www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catriona-wiles2. Or you can make a personal donation that I will pass on in full at any time! Many thanks everyone!

3. September Guest WCS Classes with Catriona!

Guest Spots:

- **Tuesday 5 September** – Catriona guest teaches for West Coast Swing London, Finchley – westcoastswinglondon.co.uk/
 - **Tuesday 12 September** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – jiveplus.com/tuesdays-west-coast-swing
 - **Tuesday 26 September** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – jiveplus.com/tuesdays-west-coast-swing
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4. International WCS Flashmob 2017 Update!

The London and Exeter editions of the International WCS Flashmob were so much fun again this year!

On Saturday 2 September in London, a fabulous group of dancers (including some unexpected but very welcome Westie friends from Germany, Austria and Russia!) convened at the Southbank Centre where we performed several times inside and out. We then moved down river toward Tower Bridge, stopping along the way at multiple locations, performing in the bright sunshine with our biggest audiences to date! Can't wait to see the finished product filmed and edited once again by Ned Gould!

Then on Sunday 3 September in Exeter, an equally fabulous group of dancers convened at the Coaver Club where we made good use of our umbrellas before heading down to the Quayside, then on to Exeter Cathedral where we paddled our way through the routine! Not so lucky with the weather but we got great footage nonetheless! Again, really looking forward to seeing Ned's edit!

No doubt both videos will go viral again like they have done over the past couple of years! YouTube links to follow...

5. Norway Westie Fest with International Pro Line Up, Trondheim, Norway, 14-17 September!

Jennie Spanning invites you all back to the Radisson Blu Royal Garden Hotel in the centre of Trondheim for a fun-packed weekend at Norway Westie Fest, 14-17 September 2017! Enjoy WCS tuition, performances & [World Swing Dance Council](#) registered comps with a fantastic line up of International Pros;

- Maxence Martin & Virginie Grondin
- Maxime & Torri Zzaoui
- Lee Easton & Fabienne Henshall
- Semion Ovsianikov & Maria Elizarova
- Catriona Wiles

This event always attracts a large number of Brits so you'll feel right at home, whilst at the same time meeting lots of new friends! Check out www.westie-fest.com for full info and details on how to book.

6. ICE – West Coast Swing UK's Chilled Monthly Social, West Drayton, Saturday 23 September!

Innovation...Creation...Expression...

**Presenting ICE - Our Chilled Monthly
WCS Freestyle**

20:00-Midnight, Saturday 23 September

Pure Uninterrupted WCS Freestyle with Resident Deejay Graham Burke & Guest Deejay, his debut at ICE, Kevin Town!

Yiewsley & West Drayton Community Centre
Harmondsworth Road
West Drayton
Middlesex
UB7 9JL

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No need to book. Just show up ready to dance!

Free Onsite Parking
Fully Licensed Bar (Please Do Not BYO Alcohol)
Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Snacks
Feel Free To Bring A Plate
Easily Accessible From Central London & The West
Less Than 1 Mile From West Drayton Rail Station
Trains Direct To & From Paddington, Central London. Last Train Departs At 00:43!

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/1949560135303108

Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/ice-2017/

- **£10 – ICE only with SwingClubCard® membership. Enquire on arrival**
- £8 – ICE only with SwingClubCard® membership – Students & Seniors
- £11 – ICE only – Non-members
- Free – Juniors up to and including age 18

2017 "ICE" Dates:

Saturday 28 October
Thursday 16-Monday 20 November – 7th Edition London SwingVitational!
Saturday 9 December – WCSUK Annual Christmas Party!

7. Monthly West Coast Swing UK Workshop & Tea Dance with Catriona & WCSUK Team, Windsor, Sunday 24 September!

Split-Level West Coast Swing Workshop
"Musicality – Theory + Application"

with

Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles
& WCSUK Teaching Team

13:00-18:00, Sunday 24 September

New Windsor Community Centre
Hanover Way
Dedworth
Windsor
SL4 5NW

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Free Onsite Parking
Full Licensed Bar
Complimentary tea, coffee & snacks

Easily Accessible from Central London & the West
Just over 1 mile from Windsor & Eton Central or Riverside Rail

Please choose from the following packages to suit all experience levels;

"Improver Package" - 3 hours of tuition from Beginner to Improver Plus level with Catriona
or...

"FUNdamentals Package" - first hour of tuition with Catriona, followed by 2 hours of Beginner level tuition with one of the WCS UK Team

This is a gender-balanced event! So book early to avoid disappointment!

The Tea Dance is included in the price of either workshop package or you can attend just the Tea Dance from 16:30-18:00 for only a fiver! Complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits & fruit for everyone!

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/1516623065066338

Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/monthly-workshops-tea-dances-2017/

- **£28 – Any workshop package & ICE freestyle combined**
- £25 – Any workshop package & ICE freestyle combined – Students & Seniors
- £20 – Any workshop package if payment is received more than 7 days in advance
- £15 – Any workshop package if payment is received more than 7 days in advance – Students & Seniors
- £25 – Any workshop package if payment is received less than 7 days in advance, availability permitting
- £20 – Any workshop package if payment is received less than 7 days in advance, availability permitting – Students & Seniors
- £5 – Tea dance only
- Free – Juniors up to and including age 18

To book, email cat@westcoastswing.co.uk or call 07881 641400 specifying which package you're signing up for. Then choose from the following payment options;

- Option 1 – Make cash payment at any venue
- Option 2 – Pay via bank transfer. Email for details
- Option 3 – Send cheque made payable to C. Wiles

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Sunday 29 October
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Sunday 10 December

8. Midland Swing Open – SwayD Boots Available for Purchase, Slough/Windsor, 28 September-1 October!

I have been kindly invited by organizers Lee Easton & Fabienne Henshall to attend the Midland Swing Open (MSO) WCS event from 28 September-1 October and will be bringing with me a large consignment of all the latest ladies SwayD "Magic" Boots and Essie flat shoes available for purchase!

Check out midlandswingopen.com/ for full details of the event and please message me in advance if there is something specific you would like to order!

9. And We're Back...7th Edition London SWINGvitational, 16-20 November 2017...Places Selling Fast!



"SwingV" is back in all its glory!

Same fabulous atmosphere, brand new location! Dedicated newsletter coming soon!
In the meantime, please save the date and enjoy our incredible promo reel here -

<https://vimeo.com/203260529>

Happy Dancing! Love Catriona

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