



January Newsletter 2018

Wishing All of Our Subscribers a Happy New Year Full of Love & Dancing!

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

Hi Everyone! **West Coast Swing UK** kick starts another great year of WCS next week! Now is a great time to start your WCS journey because for the months of January and February, we will be covering all of the WCS essentials from the absolute beginning upwards in our weekly FUNdamentals classes at Twickenham on Wednesdays. Sort of like a course but without having to commit to signing up for it!

Also, for the month of January only, you are welcome to bring a friend for free! Yes that's right, SwingClubCard© members can bring a new dancer to Twickenham on Wednesday nights as your guest! It's the perfect opportunity to bring some of your non-dancing friends who might be curious about what you get up to during week nights, weekends, public holidays...well basically all of your free time! :) The only rule is that it has to be a brand new dancer to our WCSUK venues. So get recruiting and help us share the WCS love!

Our full **2018** 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;

- **Sunday 7 January** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 10 January** – First Midweek Freestyle of 2018 – Twickenham
- **Wednesday 17 January** – First Wednesday Class of 2018 – Twickenham
- **Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 January** – Special Guest Teacher Workshop Weekend with Olivier Massart & Henriette Koefoed – Windsor
- **Sunday 4 February** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 7 February** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 24 February** - ICE Freestyle – Windsor (no workshop in February)
- **Sunday 4 March** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 7 March** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 24 March** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 25 March** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Sunday 1 April** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Monday 2 April** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Wednesday 4 April** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 28 April** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 29 April** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 2 May** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 6 May** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Monday 7 May** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 May** - Special Guest Workshop Weekend with Top International Pros Maxime & Torri Zzaoui – Windsor
- **Monday 28 May** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Wednesday 6 June** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 17 June** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 23 June** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 24 June** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Sunday 1 July** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 4 July** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 21 July** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 22 July** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 1 August** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 5 August** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 18 August** - WCSUK 13th Year Anniversary Party & Charity Fundraiser – Windsor
- **Monday 27 August** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Saturday 1 September** – London WCS Flashmob

- **Sunday 2 September** – Exeter WCS Flashmob
- **Wednesday 5 September** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 22 September** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 23 September** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 3 October** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 7 October** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 27 October** - ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 28 October** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 7 November** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 11 November** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Thursday 15 - Monday 19 November** – 8th Edition London SwingVitalational©
- **Sunday 2 December** - Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 5 December** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 8 December** - WCSUK Annual Christmas Party – Windsor
- **Sunday 9 December** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 12 December** – Last Wednesday Class of 2018 – Twickenham

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

2. January 2018 Guest WCS Classes with Catriona!

Guest Spots:

- **Tuesday 9 January** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – www.jiveplus.com/tueswcs.html
 - **Tuesday 23 January** – Catriona guest teaches for West Coast Swing London, Finchley – westcoastswinglondon.co.uk/
 - **Tuesday 30 January** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – www.jiveplus.com/tueswcs.html
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3. WCDF World Country & Line Dance Championships – WCS Workshops with Catriona, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 1-6 January!

I have been kindly invited to attend the 2018 WCDF (World Country Dance Federation) World Country & Line Dance Championships from 1-6 January in Eindhoven, The Netherlands and will be teaching WCS workshops and private lessons throughout the week! Check out www2.wcdfworldchampionships.com/ for full details of the event and please spread the word if you have friends in and around The Netherlands who you think might be interested in attending!

4. Second City Swing Monthly Masterclass & Freestyle with Guest Teacher Catriona, Solihull, Saturday 6 January!

**Special Guest West Coast Swing Masterclass
with**

**Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles
Followed by Pure WCS Freestyle**

18:45-Midnight, Saturday 6 January

Catriona will once again be guest teacher for this month's Masterclass hosted by James Bartlett and Zoe Rigby, founders of Second City Swing. Come join us for a themed Masterclass covering techniques and concepts essential in bringing you up to a competent social dance level, followed by a chilled WCS freestyle with friends!

Bentley Heath Community Association
Widney Road
Bentley Heath
Solihull
West Midlands
B93 9BQ

[Map](#)

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/387659855022017/

- **£20 Masterclass & Freestyle combined – paid in advance!**
- £25 Masterclass & Freestyle combined – paid on the door
- £10 Freestyle Only
- To book, email secondcity.wcs@gmail.com or call Zoe on 07852 556101

2018 Dates:

Saturday 6 January
Saturday 3 February
Saturday 3 March
Saturday 14 April (no masterclass)
Saturday 12 May
Saturday 2 June (no masterclass)

Saturday 7 July
No August Date
No September Date
Saturday 6 October
Saturday 3 November (no masterclass)
Saturday 1 December

**5. First Monthly Exeter WCS Workshop & Tea Dance of 2018
with Catriona, Sunday 7 January!**

**Monthly Exeter WCS Workshop & Tea Dance
with
Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles**

13:00-18:00, Sunday 7 January

If you've been toying with the idea of learning WCS, then now is the perfect time to start! Or if you've been dancing WCS for a while and would like to refresh your basics and perfect your technique, then this is also a great opportunity for you to get back into the "swing" of things!

Every month, Catriona teaches a 3 hour FUNdamental/Improver level workshop, the first hour of which covers all the tools and techniques needed to get you started on your WCS journey.

After a short break, the next 2 hours focus on concepts and patterns to help you progress your understanding and experience of WCS.

And we'll once again be offering a FUNdamentals review class with GPDIA (Global Professional Dance Instructors' Association) newly qualified Sally Fullwood for our newer dancers wishing to consolidate their basics in a more one-on-one setting.

The afternoon is topped off with 90 minutes of pure WCS freestyle and practice time from 16:30-18:00! All will be made welcome!

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Matford Lane
Exeter
EX2 4PS

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15-20 Minute Walk From Exeter City Centre

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/311809732641719/

Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/wcs-exeter/

- **£20 – Workshop if payment is received more than 7 days in advance**
- £25 – Workshop if payment is received less than 7 days in advance, availability permitting
- £5 – Tea dance only
- Free – Juniors up to age 18

To book, email cat@westcoastswing.co.uk or call 07881 641400. 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

2018 Dates:

Sunday 7 January

Sunday 4 February

Sunday 4 March

Sunday 1 April

Sunday 6 May

Sunday 17 June

Sunday 1 July

Sunday 5 August

Sunday 2 September – Exeter WCS Flashmob

Sunday 7 October

Sunday 11 November

Sunday 2 December – Annual Christmas Party

6. First Midweek Freestyle of the Year, Twickenham, Wednesday 10 January – Bring a Friend for Free!

You're all invited to join us for our first midweek WCS freestyle of the year in Twickenham! Brush up on your basics with Coleen or just jump straight into the social with regular guest deejays Roger Chin and Paul Abbott!

Also, for the month of January only, you are welcome to bring a friend for free! Yes that's right, SwingClubCard© members can bring a new dancer to Twickenham on Wednesdays as your guest! It's the perfect opportunity to bring some of your non-dancing friends who might be curious about what you get up to during week nights, weekends, public holidays...well basically all of your free time! :) The only rule is that

it has to be a brand new dancer to our WCSUK venues. So get recruiting and help us share the WCS love!

20:00-23:00, Wednesday 10 January

20:00-21:00 – WCS FUNdamentals with Coleen Man (small hall)

20:00-23:00 – Pure WCS Freestyle with Guest Deejays Roger Chin & Paul Abbott (main hall)

St. Mary's Church Hall
Church Street
Twickenham
TW1 3NJ

[Map](#)

Or check out our **Website page**;

www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/monthly-midweek-freestyle/

Free Street Parking After 6:30pm Or After 5pm In York House Car Park Across The Street

No Bar. Soft Drinks Available For Purchase Or BYO
Easily Accessible From Central London & The West
Short Walk From Twickenham Rail Station
Check out TFL or National Rail for journey planners

- **£10 – On the door with SwingClubCard© membership. Enquire on arrival + *Bring a Friend for Free!**
- £8 – Students & Seniors with SwingClubCard® membership
- £11 – Non-members
- Free – Juniors up to and including age 18

7. Special Guest WCS Workshop with Catriona, Essendon, Sunday 14 January!

**Special Guest West Coast Swing Workshop
with
Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles**

13:00-18:00, Sunday 14 January

Catriona will be guest teacher for this month's afternoon of workshops, tea and cake in Hatfield hosted by Kevin Flynn & Heather Cunningham of West Coast Swing London. Come join us for a complete 3 hour workshop working from the FUNdamentals up, covering techniques and concepts essential in bringing you up to a competent social dance level, followed by a chilled social tea dance with friends!

Essendon Village Hall
(10 minutes from Hatfield)
School Lane
Essendon
Hertfordshire
AL9 6HB

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Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/1850023701975887/

Or check out the **Website page**;
westcoastswinglondon.com/workshops/4562790222

- **£20 Workshop & Tea Dance, £5 Tea Dance Only!**
- To book, email westcoastswing@me.com or call 07778 650760

8. Special Guest Workshop Weekend with Top European Pros Olivier Massart & Henriette Koefoed, Windsor, 20-21 January!

I am delighted to announce that the fabulously talented **top European WCS Pros Olivier Massart & Henriette Koefoed** will be coming over exclusively for **West Coast Swing** from 20-21 January 2018 for an intensive workshop weekend!

Olivier Massart and Henriette Koefoed met in Boogie Woogie competitions when Olivier was dancing for Belgium and Henriette for Denmark! They partnered up in 2007 for the first big WCS events in France. Their swing style in Boogie made the transition into WCS quick and since 2008, they have competed, taught and performed at some of the biggest, most prestigious WCS events on the international circuit.

Olivier is also the event director of FOWCS (French Open WCS Dance Event) and is also the mastermind behind the Annual International WCS Flashmob routines along with his wife Virginie Massart!

With a special humour, Oli and Hennie are known for sharing their passion for WCS with a good balance of technique and fun!

To read more about Olivier & Henriette, check out www.swingerz.be/english.html

To see Olivier & Henriette dance, check out www.youtube.com/watch?v=61SxfLI4EcU

Olivier & Henriette have some availability for private lessons throughout the workshop weekend. Email cat@westcoastswing.co.uk as soon as possible for availability and prices!

For those looking for accommodation, check out this deal! Once again, I have managed to secure a rate of £70 for a double or twin room at the Holiday Inn

London-Heathrow, just off Junction 4 of the M4 and very close to Heathrow airport, including full English breakfast AND parking!

www.hilondonheathrowm4j4hotel.co.uk/

This rate is for Saturday 20 January! Email groupreservations@him4j4.co.uk quoting "West Coast Swing UK" to benefit from this offer!

Multi-Level Special Guest Workshop Weekend
With Top European WCS Pros
Olivier Massart & Henriette Koefoed

12:00-23:45, Saturday 20 January 2018

- **12:15-12:45: General Dance Technique Class with Mandy Henderson**
- **13:00-15:00: Workshop 1 – “Stretch & Go” (Beginner/Improver)**
- **15:30-17:30: Workshop 2 – “Rhythm & Soul” (Improver Plus)**
- **17:30-19:30: Break For Dinner**
- **19:30-23:45: Party/Social with music from Graham Burke & Guest DeeJay Paul Abbott plus special performance by Olivier & Henriette!**

12:00-19:00, Sunday 21 January 2018

- **12:15-12:45: General Dance Technique Class with Mandy Henderson**
- **13:00-15:00: Workshop 3 – “Build Your Dance To The Music” (Improver/Intermediate)**
- **15:30-17:30: Workshop 4 – “Mortal Combo” (Intermediate Plus)**
- **17:30-19:00: Pure WCS Tea Dance**

New Windsor Community Centre
Hanover Way
Dedworth
Windsor
SL4 5NW

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Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/january-special-guest-workshop-weekend-with-olivier-massart-henriette-koefoed/

- **£85 – Full weekend package – All 4 workshops + Saturday Night Party**
- £75 – Any 3 workshops + Saturday night party
- £70 – Any 3 workshops only
- £60 – Any 2 workshops + Saturday night party
- £50 – Any 2 workshops only
- £35 – Any 1 workshop + Saturday night party
- £25 – Any 1 workshop only
- £12 – Saturday night party only – spaces limited so pre-booking essential!
- £5 – Tea dance only – drop ins welcome
- Free – Juniors up to and including age 18

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9. Crystal Boot Awards – SwayD Boots Available for Purchase, Blackpool, 26-28 January!

I have been kindly invited to attend the 2018 Crystal Boot Awards from 26-28 January at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool which can only be described as the Oscars Ceremony of Line Dance! I will be bringing with me a consignment of all the latest ladies SwayD "Magic" Boots available for purchase! Check out www.crystalbootawards.com for full details of the event and please spread the word if you have friends in and around Blackpool who you think might be interested in attending!

Happy Dancing! Love Catriona

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