



September Newsletter 2018

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

Hi Everyone! 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;

- **Saturday 1 September** – London WCS Flashmob Rally
- **Sunday 2 September** – Exeter WCS Flashmob Rally
- **Wednesday 5 September** – Special Line Dance Night with Daniel Trepas + Mini WCS Social!
- **Wednesday 12 September** – Special Line Dance Night with Daniel Trepas + Mini WCS Social #2!
- **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 – Windsor
- **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
- **Wednesday 12 December** – Last Wednesday Class of 2018 – Twickenham
- **Saturday 15 December** - WCSUK Annual Christmas Party – Windsor
- **Sunday 16 December** - Sunday Workshop – Windsor

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

2. **West Coast Swing UK 13th Year Anniversary Party & Annual Royal Marsden Cancer Charity Fundraiser Update!**

WOW! What an incredible day we had in Windsor on Sunday 19 August, celebrating our **West Coast Swing UK 13th Year Anniversary Party!** I was particularly thrilled to see such a full dance floor for the Line Dance workshops! Really made me smile!

This annual event is a huge operational undertaking so there are some very special people to thank for all of their help; Paul Abbott & Janette Fox (venue set up, door & deejaying), Coleen Man (Flashmob Rally workshop & judging), Fabienne Henshall (judging), Justin Petersen (comp deejay), Lee Easton (line dance class & comp scoring), Graham Burke (resident deejay), Femma Anderson (photography), Ned Gould (videography), Gale Vincent & Clare Nethercott (baking), and last but not least my amazing boyfriend Daniel Trepatt (line dance classes, judging, performance & general event preparation...plus completing the construction of my 4 metre wide wardrobe)! Haha!

Massive Congratulations must go to all our WCSUK Annual Awards recipients;

- Most Improved Female – **Anne Ligez**
- Most Improver Male – **Sumihiro Yamazaki**
- Dancers' Choice Favourite Female – **Lindsey Rowatt**
- Dancers' Choice Favourite Male – **Ari Henemulla**
- Dancers' Choice Favourite Deejay – **Paul Abbott** (with a staggering record 89% of the votes!)

Massive Congratulations also go to our Royal Marsden Cancer Charity "Jill & Jack" contest winners, aptly renamed by Lee Easton;

- 3rd Place – "She'll Pyne For A Guy" (**Sheila Pynegar**) leading "Paul What A Butt" (**Paul Abbott**)
- 2nd Place – "Heather Punishman" (**Heather Cunningham**) leading "Flenky Vinn" (**Kevin Flynn**)
- 1st Place – "Susan D-Minor" (**Susan Minor**) leading "All Roads Lead To Roman" (**Roman Lavrov**)

I am delighted to reveal that we have **raised £1193.60 to date plus an undisclosed amount that was put into the tamper-proof Royal Marsden charity box** which has totally smashed our goal of £500 by way more than double! And the donations are still coming in! So on behalf of myself, the WCSUK team and the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, **I would like to thank each and every one of you** that came along to support on the day and those that have made donations in person or via my Just Giving page! If you'd still like to donate, here's the link;

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catriona-wiles3

Roll on 2019!

3. September Guest WCS Classes with Catriona!

Guest Spots:

- **Tuesday 11 September** – Catriona guest teaches for Evolve WCS, Milton Keynes – www.evolveswing.com/
 - **Tuesday 18 September** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – www.jiveplus.com/tueswcs.html
 - **Tuesday 25 September** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – www.jiveplus.com/tueswcs.html
 - **Friday 28 September** – Catriona guest teaches for Club Jive, Addlestone, Surrey – www.clubjive.com/
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4. International WCS Rally Flashmob 2018 Update!

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

On Saturday 1 September in London, a fabulous group of dancers convened at the Southbank Centre then moved on to perform multiple times at multiple locations and landmarks including the Southbank itself, St. James' Park, in front of various monuments and telephone boxes (haha), ending up outside Buckingham Palace! Can't wait to see the finished product filmed and edited once again by Ned Gould!

Then on Sunday 2 September in Exeter, an equally fabulous group of dancers convened at the "Mill On The Exe" where we performed on location before heading down to "Double Locks" at the other end of the picturesque Quayside! 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. Special Line Dance Nights with Daniel Trepap + Mini WCS Socials, Twickenham, Wednesday 5 & 12 September!

The main hall at our Twickenham venue is unfortunately closed for refurbishment for the first two weeks in September, meaning we won't be able to run with our usual WCS format during that time. However, we've come up with the next best thing! The small hall is still available so...you're all invited to join us on Wednesdays 5 & 12 September for two special nights of Line Dance with multiple World Champion Daniel Trepap! He will put you through your paces with a review of a few favourites plus teach a couple of new Line Dances for your repertoire! Many of the top WCS dancers in our community including the UK's very own Catriona Wiles, Paul Warden and Lee & Fabienne Easton have extensive Line & Country dance backgrounds which no doubt contributes to their success as WCS dancers. So don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the best in the business! We'll also throw in some WCS tunes for good measure too!

20:00-23:00, Wednesday 5 & 12 September

20:00-22:00 - Line Dance Tuition with Daniel Trepap
22:00-23:00 - Mini WCS Social + Line Dance Practice

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

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Check out our **Facebook pages** for quick updates;

Wed 5 Sept - www.facebook.com/events/731313970593962/
Wed 12 Sept - www.facebook.com/events/449712278852359/

Or check out our **Website pages**;

Wed 5 Sept - www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/monthly-midweek-freestyle/
Wed 12 Sept - www.westcoastswing.co.uk/our-classes/wednesdays/

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

- **£9 – On the door with SwingClubCard© membership. Enquire on arrival**
 - £7 – Students & Seniors with SwingClubCard® membership
 - £10 – Non-members
 - Free – Juniors up to and including age 18
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6. WCDF UK Open – SwayD Boots Available for Purchase, Liverpool, 7-9 September!

I am looking forward to attending the World Country Dance Federation (WCDF) Line & Country Dance weekender for the first time from 7-9 September and will be bringing with me a consignment of all the latest SwayD "Magic" Boots and Footwear available for purchase! Check out www.ukopendance.com/start.html for full details of the event and please spread the word if you have friends in and around Liverpool who you think might be interested in attending!

7. Norway Westie Fest with International Pro Line Up, Trondheim, Norway, 13-16 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, 13-16 September 2018! 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
- Olivier & Virginie Massart
- Lee Easton & Fabienne Henshall
- 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.

8. ICE – West Coast Swing UK's Chilled Monthly Social, West Drayton, Saturday 22 September!

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

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

20:00-Midnight, Saturday 22 September

Pure Uninterrupted WCS Freestyle with Resident DeeJay Graham Burke & Guest
DeeJay **TBA!**

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/1675713052556449/

Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/ice-2018/

- **£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

2018 "ICE" Dates:

Saturday 27 October
Thursday 15-Monday 19 November – 8th Edition London SwingVitational
***Date Change:* Saturday 15 December – WCSUK Annual Christmas Party**

9. Monthly West Coast Swing UK Workshop & Tea Dance with Catriona & WCSUK Team, Windsor, Sunday 23 September!

Split-Level West Coast Swing Workshop

with
**Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles
& WCSUK Teaching Team**

13:00-18:00, Sunday 23 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/2264082663621633/

Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/monthly-workshops-tea-dances-2018/

- **£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

2018 Workshop Dates:

Sunday 28 October

Thursday 15-Monday 19 November – 8th Edition London SwingVitational
Date Change: Sunday 16 December – WCSUK Annual Christmas Party

10. Midland Swing Open – SwayD Boots Available for Purchase, Slough/Windsor, 28-30 September!

I have been kindly invited once again by organizers Lee & Fabienne Easton to attend the Midland Swing Open (MSO) WCS event from 28-30 September and will be bringing with me a consignment of all the latest ladies SwayD "Magic" Boots and Footwear available for purchase!

I am also looking forward to being back on the judging panel alongside some of the best WCS dancers in the business!

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!

11. SwingV On Tour...8th Edition London SWINGvitational, 15-19 November 2018...Dedicated Newsletter To Follow!



"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://youtu.be/WoUYH84p-7c>

Happy Dancing! Love Catriona

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