



December Newsletter 2018

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

Hi Everyone! Our remaining **2018** dates and our full **2019** dates are already updated to our website "WCSUK Key Dates" pages and "Calendar" page but for easy reference, you can view the main ones here;

- **Sunday 2 December** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Monday 3 December** – Soft Launch Party – Monday Class – Farnham
- **Wednesday 5 December** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 15 December** – WCSUK Annual Christmas Party – Windsor
- **Sunday 16 December** – Last Sunday Workshop of 2018 – Windsor
- **Wednesday 19 December** – Last Wednesday Class of 2018 – Twickenham

- **Sunday 6 January** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Monday 7 January** – First Monday Class of 2018 – Farnham

- **Wednesday 9 January** – First Midweek Freestyle of 2019 – Twickenham
- **Wednesday 16 January** – First Wednesday Class of 2019 – Twickenham
- **Saturday 19 January** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 20 January** – Sunday Workshop – West Drayton (January only)
- **Sunday 3 February** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 6 February** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 23 February** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 24 February** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 6 March** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 10 March** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 March** – Special Guest Workshop Weekend with Top USA Pro Michael Kielbasa – West Drayton
- **Wednesday 3 April** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 7 April** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 20 April** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 21 April** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Monday 22 April** – Easter Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Wednesday 1 May** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 5 May** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Monday 6 May** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Saturday 25 May** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 26 May** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Monday 27 May** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Sunday 2 June** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 5 June** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 June** – Special Guest Workshop Weekend with Top International Pros Maxime & Torri Zzaoui – West Drayton
- **Wednesday 3 July** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 7 July** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 20 July** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 21 July** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Sunday 4 August** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 7 August** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 17 or Sunday 18 August** – WCSUK 14th Year Anniversary Party & Charity Fundraiser – Day TBC – Windsor
- **Monday 26 August** – Bank Holiday Monday Social – Twickenham
- **Wednesday 4 September** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 7 September** – London WCS Flashmob
- **Sunday 8 September** – Exeter WCS Flashmob

- **Saturday 21 September** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 22 September** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Wednesday 2 October** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Sunday 6 October** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Saturday 12 October** – ICE Freestyle – West Drayton
- **Sunday 13 October** – Sunday Workshop – Windsor
- **Sunday 3 November** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 6 November** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Thursday 14 – Monday 18 November** – 9th Edition London SwingVitational!
- **Sunday 1 December** – Sunday Workshop – Exeter
- **Wednesday 4 December** – First Midweek Freestyle of the Month – Twickenham
- **Saturday 7 December** – WCSUK Annual Christmas Party – West Drayton
- **Sunday 8 December** – Sunday Workshop – West Drayton (December only)
- **Monday 9 December** – Last Monday Class of 2019 – Farnham
- **Wednesday 11 December** – Last Wednesday Class of 2019 – Twickenham

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

2. December Guest WCS Classes with Catriona!

Guest Spots:

- **Tuesday 4 December** – Catriona guest teaches for West Coast Swing London, Finchley – westcoastswinglondon.co.uk/
 - **Tuesday 18 December** – Catriona guest teaches for Jive+, Islip, Oxford – www.jiveplus.com/tueswcs.html
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3. 8th Edition London SWINGvitational – Event Review + Invitation For Feedback!



SwingV...what can I say! It takes weeks and weeks of early mornings and late nights to organise, then like a flash it's over! But this 8th Edition did not disappoint! This year's event had a certain calmness to it which was different to previous editions. I attribute this to the smooth and seamless transition to our new hotel and to the professionalism of our 2018 staff who just stepped in and did what they do best! It's true, the hotel ballroom is not ideal, especially for comps and shows. It could do with more depth. However, on many other aspects, it was a perfect fit!

There are many people I must give thanks to for all of their help and support throughout the event itself. Huge thanks go out to our registration staff, our deejays, our judges, our scoring staff, our videography and photography crew, our set up and decorations crew, our vendors, our hotel staff and of course our world class international WCS pros for all of their efforts throughout the weekend! Huge congratulations go out to all of our competitors for their bravery and good sportsmanship! And special thanks go out to my SwingV team who surprised me with this gorgeous bouquet and candle as a personal thank you for hosting the event!

As an Event Director, I don't do this for the money (that's for sure); I don't do this to garner praise; I don't do this to compete with anyone else or any other events. I do this because I want to create an event that I myself would want to go to. I do this for the challenge of putting all the pieces together to create a beautiful dance environment that attracts good people with good intentions and a positive dance spirit. I do this because I believe I can offer something different, not necessarily better, but something special. Throughout the many years I've been in this business, I've realised that it doesn't matter how well you plan things or how much money you throw at it, that something special only happens because of you guys, the attendees! It's the spirit of the people that make an event! So I thank each and every one of you that came along and trusted in me to put on a good show for you. And to the two individuals who took it upon themselves to criticize me, the event and every decision that I made, you really hurt me. But you didn't break me. The show must go on!

To all participants, you're invited to complete our short feedback form here. Feel free to include what you enjoyed about the event and please be kind and constructive with any other feedback! "Management" that will be reading this is me (Catriona) and me alone so I'd appreciate your sensitivity! Thank you!

<http://www.londonswingvitalional.co.uk/feedback-form/>

4. Exeter WCS Workshop & Christmas Party with Catriona & Friends, Sunday 2 December!

Exeter WCS Workshop & Christmas Party with Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles

13:00-18:00, Sunday 2 December 2018

You're all invited to join us for our last monthly WCS workshop of the year & Annual Christmas Party at the Coaver Club, Exeter on Sunday 2 December 2018!

Catriona will be teaching a 3 hour FUNdamental/Improver level workshop, the first hour of which will cover 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. As usual, we will be offering a FUNdamentals review class with GPDIA (Global Professional Dance Instructors' Association) qualified Sally Fullwood for our newer dancers wishing to consolidate their basics in a more one-on-one setting.

The afternoon will be topped off with an extended 2 hours of pure WCS Christmas freestyle time for everyone from 16:00-18:00 with special guest deejay Ryan Buck! We will then be heading to Exeter Quayside for dinner & drinks. It's an open invitation!

Coaver Club
Matford Lane
Exeter
EX2 4PS

[Map](#)

Free Onsite Parking
Fully Licensed Bar
Complimentary Tea, Coffee & Snacks
Easily Accessible From M5
15-20 Minute Walk From Exeter City Centre

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/359149554820423/

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 2 December – Annual Christmas Party

2019 Dates:

Sunday 6 January

Sunday 3 February

Sunday 10 March

Sunday 7 April

Sunday 5 May

Sunday 2 June

Sunday 7 July

Sunday 4 August

Sunday 8 September – Exeter WCS Rally

Sunday 6 October

Sunday 3 November

Sunday 1 December – Annual Christmas Party

5. Finally...Mondays Are Back! Soft Launch Party Night with Catriona, Daniel & WCSUK Team, Farnham, Monday 3 December!

Unfortunately, our Monday night classes in Hammersmith have been on hiatus since February 2017 due to teacher injury. The venue required a retainer payment to hold the night open for us but it was too expensive and therefore not an option.

However, I am delighted to announce that finally, after a very long and delayed refurbishment, our new venue is ready! Our new location is the fabulous Farnham Memorial Hall in Surrey which boasts a beautiful new dance floor, state-of-the-art sound system, kitchen facilities for our party nights, free parking and extra function rooms if we outgrow the main hall! We're also relaunching with a new format encompassing Line Dance instruction alongside our regular WCS instruction to make the night even more fun and informative!

We warmly invite you all to join us for our Soft Launch Party Night on Monday 3 December 2018 where we will get to test out the facility, do a couple of fun classes, then dance the night away with music supplied by team member Paul Abbott! Our

official regular class night will commence on Monday 7 January 2019 where we will run for a trial period of 8 weeks, after which we will decide whether it is viable to continue! We can't do this without you so please spread the word and come along to support us if you can to ensure the night is a success! Thank you!

19:30-23:00, Monday 3 December 2018

19:45-20:30 – Fun Line Dance Class
20:45-21:30 – Fun WCS ICE-Breaker Class
21:30-23:00 – WCS Soft Launch Party

Farnham Memorial Hall
Babbs Mead
West Street
Farnham
Surrey
GU9 7EE

[Map](#)

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

Free Parking
No Bar. Soft Drinks Available For Purchase Or BYO
Easily Accessible From A3
Only 1 Mile From Farnham Rail Station
Check out TFL or National Rail for journey planners

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/1924438747646931/

You can also check out our **Website page** here;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/our-classes/new-mondays-farnham/

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

6. Zero Gravity Freestyle with Guest Teacher Catriona, Bristol, Friday 14 December!

**Last Zero Gravity Freestyle of 2018
with
Top UK WCS Pro Catriona Wiles**

20:00-00:30, Friday 14 December 2018

20:00-20:45: Beginner WCS Class with Catriona
20:45-21:30: Intermediate WCS Class with Catriona
20:45-21:30: Beginner Review Class with Jim
21:30-00:30: WCS Freestyle

Almondsbury Sports and Social Club
10 Gloucester Road
Almondsbury
Bristol
BS32 4AA

[Map](#)

Tea, coffee & snacks will be provided
There is a bar but feel free to BYO alcohol
Free parking
Easy Access

Check out our **Facebook advert** for quick updates;
www.facebook.com/events/2128494427432834/

- ***Special Offer!* Click "Going" on Facebook and save £1 on attendance! Offer ends Friday morning of the event!**
- £15 Two Lessons + Freestyle
- £13 One Lesson + Freestyle
- £10 Freestyle only

7. West Coast Swing UK Annual Christmas Party, Windsor, Saturday 15 December!

Join Catriona & All at West Coast Swing UK for Our Annual WCS Christmas Party!

19:30-23:45, Saturday 15 December 2018

You're all invited to join Catriona & all at **West Coast Swing UK** for our annual WCS Christmas Party! Plus wear a Christmas-themed jumper and receive a £5 credit voucher to be used at any WCSUK 2019 regular ICE freestyle or Sunday workshop!
Merry Christmas!

19:30 – Fun "ICE-Breaker" Line Dance Class!
Followed by freestyle until **23:45** with Resident DeeJay Graham & Guest DeeJay Richard James!

Why not make a weekend of it!

Stay over & join us for our last monthly Windsor WCS workshop of 2018 on Sunday 16 December! FUNdamentals & Improver Packages Available!

New Windsor Community Centre
Hanover Way
Dedworth
Windsor
SL4 5NW

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

Free Onsite Parking
Full Licensed Bar
Complimentary Hot Beverages & Festive Snacks
Feel Free to Bring a Plate
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www.facebook.com/events/302658583900717/

Or check out our **Website page**;
www.westcoastswing.co.uk/whats-on/wcsuk-annual-christmas-party/

- **£30 – Any workshop package & Christmas Party combined**
- £27 – Any workshop package & Christmas Party combined – Students & Seniors
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8. Last Monthly West Coast Swing UK Workshop & Tea Dance of 2018 with Catriona & WCSUK Team, Windsor, Sunday 16 December!

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with
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& WCSUK Teaching Team**

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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/266881210846963/

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Happy Dancing! Love Catriona

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