

The Banana Benders Bugle

November 2009

Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 28th. November.

Alexandra Hills Community Hall

Cnr. Finnucane & Windemere Rds,
Alexandra Hills.

Entry to car park off Windemere Road.
UBD Ref. (49th Edition) Map 184 J14

Rounds 7 pm.

Squares 7.30 pm.

Tea & Coffee available.

Supper Provided.

Admission: Society Members \$8. (*Please present Society Membership Card*)

Non Society Members \$10 Students \$5.

GOOD RAFFLES & LUCKY DOOR.

Proudly Hosted By Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club Inc.

QUEENSLAND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A trip from Hervey Bay to Cleveland in September proved a worthwhile journey, to attend the 29th Queensland State Square Dance Convention; it was 3 days (11th, 12th & 13th) of excellent entertainment. The large attendance on the first night was a nice surprise and brought big smiles to the organisers' faces (and mine), a good indication of what was to follow. Due to family commitments, I was unable to participate in any of the daytime activities, however the dance program for the evenings more than made up for it.

I would have liked more Clubs to have taken part in the Dress Sets, which after all, is the showcase of the evening, but those that did earned their applause. Thanks to Glenn Wilson and his Callers for making it a successful weekend.

The following Tuesday (15th), I visited Gumdale Grandsliders Workshop (Alexandra Hills), and met the many friends I made, when over the years, Alan Evans tried his best in teaching me Mainstream and Plus (I must have caused him a lot of frustration), and the following evening again for their Country and Western Night. Again a fun-filled night, a presage for the up and coming Christmas Dance, which being the last big one for the year, I encourage all dancers to come along and make this a big success.

In closing I ask you to watch out for details of our AGM Dance in March 2010 to make it a big first innings for the New Year. And I take this opportunity to wish all (including all States) a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

See You across the Square,
Alec Webster,
Queensland President

The Bugle:- burtrax@bigpond.net.au

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Noel Miller, Ph. 3841 6619

Variety night

Logan City Square Dance Centre

161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

7th November 2009

Commencing 7.30pm till late

Not just a square dance.....

Come along & join the fun of an old fashioned 60/40 style dance
(including square dancing).

Admission; \$8.00 Adults - \$5.00 children under 16

Proceeds to the Leukaemia Foundation

Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

Enquiries; contact Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717 or 0405 316 469

Email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

What a busy year we have had this year. Our four 5th Saturday of the month dances were well attended, and with a great atmosphere.

We started in January with our "Gold" theme, then May we had "School Days", August was "Black and Red" and October was "Halloween". As advised in the Bugle last month, we will not be holding a New Year's Eve dance this year. Our next dance will be on Saturday 30th January 2010 commencing at 7p.m.

For any further information you can telephone Margaret on 32852130 or Jan on 33859947.

Despite quite a number of our dancers having lengthy health problems this year, we have been well attended throughout the whole year, for which Margaret and I are very grateful. Our last club dance for the year is on 8th December and we invite everyone to join us for the afternoon commencing at 1p.m.

Our resumption date is not yet finalised but will be either 19th or 26th January 2010.

On behalf of Margaret, myself and our dancers, we would like to wish all fellow Square Dancers a very Safe and Healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jan Hay

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director how to determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer the patient a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket and ask him to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

You Are Invited to **CARINA CAROUSEL'S Christmas Party.**

Thursday 4th. December from 1 PM.

At

Carina Senior Citizens

1 Edmond St., Carina.

A plate towards afternoon tea
would be appreciated.

Information! Ring Shirley Bell 3324 9482

Black Friday Night

Fancy Dress. 13th November 2009
Starts at 7:30pm
Cost \$5.50 Adult
& Children \$3.00

Rambling Eights

Dancers and Callers
Welcome
Supper provided

St. Pius Hall
Golda Ave.
Salisbury

WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS

Another month has gone by and we have been busy with dancing.

A Club visit from Bar K CircleW and Suncoasters with Nev McLachlan on 14th October. A good night was had by all.

Visitors from Germany also. Lots of dancers travelling at present and some returning.

Club Xmas party on Wednesday 2nd December. Club returns Wednesday 3rd February 2010. Everyone have a good Christmas as we look forward to a great new year of dancing.

June and Margaret

TOWN & COUNTRY SQUARES

CHRISTMAS DANCE

SATURDAY 5th December,
7.30 - 10 pm.

UNITING CHURCH HALL

Cnr. Glebe Rd. & Eileen St.

BOUVAL.

See Club Report Page 5

Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners Square Dance Club

Seasons greetings to all Square Dancers from the members of our Club.

David Smythe will be our Santa person on Friday 11th. December, 2009 commencing with Christmas Tea at 6.15pm. Dancing will commence at 7pm. until late.

Our Club will close on this date, but we will **celebrate the New Year** 7.30-8 pm until late, late. Dancer always enjoy this night and their 2 suppers etc.

Club reopens on 29th January 2010 with Mainstream Dancing and Plus on 1st February 2010.

We will have our "Australia Day" theme on 29th January- Damper and Aussie Hats.

Do not forget our 21st Birthday dance on 13th March 2010, with Nev. McLachlan, who called at the 1st Birthday in 1989. We are looking for Dancers who were early members.

Please contact Maureen by telephone on 4121 7407, Jeanette on 4121 6302, or Helen on 4121 4617,

or kmeyerco@big.net.au

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rambling Eights Camp.

Lake Perseverance- March 19th- 21st.

The theme is "Carnival". We are thinking of bright outfits and bright music such as you see at Rio de Janeiro Carnival. I'm sure that the ideas are flowing already.

At the moment we are still negotiating with the State department who have not yet decided who will be allowed to cater for camps. We should have a registration form ready for distribution by the end of October. Details and forms may be obtained from David or Faith Pearce, Phone 07 3263 1408.

FROM THE EDITOR

Collating articles for a newsletter can be frustrating at times but the benefits vastly outnumber any problems. The rewards come when I get to correspond with a number of nice people who contribute to this newsletter and make it 'happen', and I'm human enough to appreciate people expressing thanks for one's effort with the Bugle. All suppliers of news are valued. Without contributors there would be no Bugle.

I thank all who have helped in any way this year and in particular the one and only Don Look. This man has almost infinite patience and willingly corrects all the boobos this slightly dyslectic left handed Libra makes. Thank you Don and Francis.

My thanks to Marjie's for her patience, advice and friendly critics.

May fortune's light upon you shine,
A day of peace and joy be thine,
and may each rolling day for thee
from trouble's cloud be set free.

Have a Happy and Holy Christmas.
Marjie & Noel Miller.

MORETON BAY SQUARES.

I was pleased to note I had misread Noel's email before the October edition, which led me to think the October Bugle would be the last of the year! Thus, I can now thank everyone from mainland Clubs who made our final theme dance of the year such a HUGE success!! It was a delight to see the place so full of eager, happy dancers.

Thank you everyone in the Club who contributed to making our 'Island-style Dance' the fantastic success that it was! What a "Grand Finale" to our major events of the year! 82 dancers had the most enjoyable time ever! 82 dancers! That's got to be a record for our recent history.

Our visitors were totally impressed by the Bay cruise, the friendship and joviality throughout the hall, and of course the wonderful Lunch! Our Raffle was a great success, thanks to generous contributions, once again, from Cornett's IGA Supa Store and Russell Is. Chemist, together with the many individual donations of prizes from our members.

Most were disappointed when it was time to catch the ferry home. However we were able to assure them that everyone is welcome to join us any Saturday morning at Russell Is. Rec. Hall 10 am - 12.15 pm, and no doubt many of us will see many of you at the Society Christmas dance at Alexandra Hills.

A Joyous and Holy Christmas to All with a Healthy, Happy, Dance-filled New Year to follow.

Patsy-May Ponting Ph. 3409 5576

Dementia—Short and Sweet.

An old couple talking while Rocking away in their favourite chairs.

Him; Whatever happened to our sexual relations ?

She; I don't know. I don't even think we got a Christmas card from them this year.

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TOWN & COUNTRY SQUARES NEWS

This year has been both interesting & exciting at our Club in Ipswich. We have welcomed approximately 40-50 new dancers, who now form the nucleus of our Club, together with three dancers who had danced previously.

Friendships have been forged. Websites exchanged, where additional information could be found, to accelerate their dancing skills.

Noel has been working to the bone to meet the almost insatiable demands of our members to learn and improve. A to visit firstly Lake Perseverance, B the State Convention and , of course the Armidale week-end. Some have already booked for Darwin.

One of our couples, Werna and John, are currently touring Germany, Holland and various other countries, but have checked websites for Square Dancing venues. They are e-mailing us of their progress.

We have yet to meet more enthusiastic, fun people. This must be the most satisfying result for any Caller. We should pause to thank David Pearce's Rambling Eights Club who have encouraged them with their hospitality when they visited, and also at Lake Perseverance, when they were still learning their mainstream.

Our ex-Plus members, who danced with us at Rochedale Town & Country Squares, invited us all to a B.B.Q. after the "After Party", at Armidale. What a great evening! We all enjoyed the camaraderie and bantering that is always hovering around George & Anne & the Perkins, Fay & Paul & Co. Some of these wonderful people have even offered to help us next year, as we hope to introduce plus, to those who are ready for it, as well as continuing our mainstream sessions.

We are now preparing for our Christmas Dance, which will be held at the Glebe Road Uniting Church, on the corner of Glebe Rd. & Eileen St. Booval, on the 5th of December, from 7.30 pm until 10 pm. For those who can make it, you will be made most welcome. For those who cannot, we wish you all a very happy & holy Christmas.

MERLE & NOEL MCKENZIE
PHONE: 3294 8797

HI FROM CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

A highlight of this month's news has been the celebration of a 90th birthday by Alma Grills. Alma still keeps in time with the beat of music and gives a bit of friendly cheek to brighten other members' day. Contributions of flowers and fresh vegetables from her garden are always very much appreciated by members with all funds donated to the Club.

Alma is such a busy little lady. In appreciation of her efforts and long membership, our Club celebrated with a decorated cake, and it was Alma's turn to be presented with a basket of orchids and kangaroo paw flowers complete with chocolates. Alma is most times the giver of flowers for a special occasion.

Our members shared a special evening of dancing at Maryborough's Heritage Hoedowners Club in aid of the Cancer Fund when Nev McLachlan was their guest caller.

We welcome back Pam and Ken into our Club and hope they will enjoy our company while they are here.

We were pleased to welcome Larry from Buderim as our visitor during the month.

Our Combined District Christmas Breakup was once again a successful weekend. There was much merry-making with members mingling and enjoying each other's company.

The hall was decked out with coloured lights and a tinsel decorated ceiling as well as Christmas trees. Although it is still a few weeks to Christmas, there was a festive atmosphere for the evening.

As the year 2009 is soon closing we wish all square dancers safe travel and the joys of a festive season however you choose to spend it. We look forward to hearing your news and activities again in the New Year.

Pam Garson

The moving finger writes, and having written moves on.

Nor all thy piety nor all thy wit, can cancel half a line of it.

Khayyam, Omar



**Sunshine Coast
Square Dance Centre
Home of Suncoasters Square Dance Club Inc.**

260 Dixon Road, Buderim, Qld.
WEEKLY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Saturday	Convention Rounds and Mainstream
Every Sunday	"A2" & "A1"
Every Monday	Intermediate Rounds and Plus
Every Tuesday	Learning Rounds, Mainstream Workshop, Learning Mainstream
Every Wednesday From 9.30 am	Learning Basics, Mainstream Workshop, Plus Workshop Clogging 5.00 pm -7.30 pm

CALLER Nev McLachlan

ROUND DANCE / CLOGGING CUER: Bev McLachlan

Tele (07) 5445 1238, Nev 0417 729 263, Bev 0427 135 442 Email: NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

For more details of our 2010 Year of Celebrations visit our

Salad Bowl Squares

The dancers who journeyed to Armidale are all back after another enjoyable weekend. Club is going along well with nearly three squares of dancers most weeks.

This Friday (30th October) is our Halloween night and we anticipate quite a number of ghosts, goblins, witches and other similarly attired dancers.

The beginners continue to progress through mainstream, with some tackling the easy Plus brackets that Kay puts on.

We are looking forward to the Society Christmas Party at Alexandra Hills. Our theme night in November – "Roaring Twenties".

AGM on December 4, and our final night for the year is the Christmas Party on December 11.

Happy dancing,

Chris Heyworth

BAR K RAMBLERS CIRCLE W

We have celebrated another social gathering since our last item. We meet at the Wharf at Breakfast Creek for a walk and breakfast. A great time was had by all in attendance.

Some members attended the State Convention and had a good time.

We are now in the process of organising a Story Bridge Climb for the 1st November, our Christmas Dinner, and planning meeting for 2010 to be held later in November.

Congratulations to Maurie Wool - a well-earned early retirement.

On behalf of all Club members I wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hope to see you on the dance floor at one of the many functions in 2010.

Bev McLachlan

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

It will be on for young and the young-at-heart as PARTY TIME hits us big-time with our year of Clogging coming to an end in preparation for the Christmas-New Year holiday break.

Come along and join the throng as we PARTTTTTY our taps off.

One and all are invited to attend Club Christmas functions, whether you are a regular dancer at that Club or not. Cloggers really are the friendliest people!!

Dates to remember for Christmas Functions-

CHUG-A-LUG (Greenslopes, Brisbane) Monday, 14th December from 5.15 p.m.

Frances 3391 6526, Shirley 3398 9658.

DOUBLE JINGLE (Lutwyche, Brisbane) Thursday, 10th December 9 a.m.-12 noon. Frances 3391 6526, Dian 3808 7919.

SUNSTATE (Runcorn, Brisbane) Thursday, 10th December, from 7 p.m. Olive 3345 3066.

HOOKEED ON CLOGGING (Dakabin, Nth. Bris.) Friday 11th December, from 7 p.m.

HOOKEED ON CLOGGING (Bribie Island), Monday 14th December from 7 p.m.

Dakabin & Bribie, Dell 3385 0375.

E.Z. CLOGGERS (Caboolture Showgrounds) Sunday 13th December, 5:30 p.m.

Stephen 0437 829 522.

GOLD COAST CLOGGERS (Scouts Hall, 224 Turpin Road, Labrador), Friday 27th November from 5 p.m. Diana 07 5578 4900.

MOONSHINE & RISE 'n' SHINE CLOGGERS (Mothar Mountain Hall, Cnr. Noosa & Shadbolt Roads, Gympie) Sunday 29th November, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Edith 07 5482 2306, Jenny 07 5482 1749

Please bring plates of goodies to help with catering at all the above functions.

ADMISSION FREE TO ALL THE ABOVE PARTY DANCES.

FIFTY PLUS CLOGGING in the beautiful Sherwood Room, Brisbane City Hall, Tuesday 7th December, 9:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m., then morning tea. (Last dance at this venue- new one in 2010 at 157 Ann Street, starting date TBA.) Plate of goodies appreciated. \$1.50 door charge.

Check your Club's day/night Party date and spread the news by word of mouth, a 'phone call or an email.

Lots of love and best wishes to newlyweds Stephen & Michelle Hope who were married on the Sunshine Coast at the end of October.

Got your 2010 Diary handy? STORM KING will be up and dancing at Joyner, Brisbane North, on the weekend of 12th, 13th, and 14th March.

The gals from Gympie will give you all the info. you require to be part of a great Clogging weekend. Call Edith on 07 5482 2306, or Jenny on 07 5482 1749.

Thanks to all those who so willingly gave me their valuable assistance during my crook knee period. We're getting there, and with a break over Christmas from dancing and Golf (sob! sob!) the new year should see everything up and running (well at least jogging).

Also much appreciated was the help throughout the year of my P.A. Don, (better not give him too much of a wrap or he'll be asking for a pay rise!), plus sincere thanks to those who supplied info for the Bugle articles.

Have a great Christmas-time, and may all your hopes and dreams come true in two-zero-ten.

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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APRIL 2ND - 4TH 2010

SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE, Buderim,
Queensland.



EASTER FESTIVAL

with **MIKE DAVEY & HOWARD COCKBURN**

Week-end Mainstream Dance Ticket \$ 20.00

Full Week-end Dance Ticket \$ 35.00

Includes Bottomless Tea/Coffee and Saturday night Supper

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY	7.00pm	Rounds	7.30 pm	Mainstream with Rounds	\$ 8.00
SATURDAY	10.00 am	"A1 & A2" \$8.00	2.00 pm	"Plus"	\$ 8.00
	7.00 pm	Rounds	7.30 pm	Mainstream with Rounds	\$10.00
SUNDAY	2.00 pm	Plus with "A" and Rounds	\$ 8.00	7.30 pm M/s with Rds	\$ 8.00

If you don't have to leave why not stay and enjoy a night of Plus dancing on the Monday night. Rounds starts at 5.45 and Plus Squares at 7.30 p.m. Cost is \$ 6.00 per person

BOOK EARLY = LIMITED POWERED SITES AVAILABLE FOR VANS OR TENT

Camping Costs are additional

For Registration and/or Reservation of Sites

Contact the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre Nev & Bev McLachlan

Phone (07) 5445 1238 Fax (07) 5445 6742 or write to PO Box 248 Buderim 4556

Its funny how things happen. I am in favour of a Queensland website but it has one huge problem. There is an enormous amount of work involved for someone who has the capabilities for such a project. That 'someone' is definitely not me. The Bugle stretches my ability on some occasions.

When I was asked to be the person to update the Queensland section of the Australian Square Dancing Web Site I had a smile to myself. I still have a bit of a chuckle when I think of the irony of it. Nevertheless the job has to be done and yours truly will 'have a go'.

PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE THIS REQUESTED INFORMATION WITH ANY INFORMATION THE SOCIETY SECRETARY MAY REQUEST IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

I need to know :- Name of your club.

Where the club operates.

Name of establishment.

Street name and number.

When each session starts and finishes.

The level of dancing at each particular session.

Who is the caller at each session.

Are any other types of dancing included in the club's activity. Details please

Contact person for club

Phone number & email address of contact person.

Best the club principle does this job, BUT, please don't put this off. We all know that if we don't do things like this at the first opportunity they sometimes never get done. Send info to burtrax@bigpond.net.au.

Thanks for your anticipated help.

Noel Miller

SUNCOASTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB.

Things are slowly starting to get back to normal, if anything that happens at Square Dancing is normal. Since our return we have had our Golden night in August, where we celebrate the Golden Anniversaries of 2 of our member couples, a Club meeting where we introduced a change of supper arrangements for regular Saturday night dances, our Fun Nights in September and October where we welcomed new prospective dancers for 2010, our annual Garage Sale (a major fundraiser for The Centre), and a Basic/Mainstream night in October where we gave the Tuesday night and Wednesday morning dancers the opportunity of witnessing firsthand what they can look forward to after Graduation.

What do we have to look forward to for the rest of the year? Halloween celebrations on 31st October, our AGM and Planning meeting in November, and our Christmas Party in December. AND of course all of our exciting functions planned for 2010 "Our Celebration Year".

Major road works are still happening on Dixon Road. We are going to get 2 bus stops out front so that the users of the Hall will be able to travel by bus from the Coast's CBD. At the same time they are raising the level of the road. Come up to one our dances soon to see all the changes.

We usually dance Mainstream on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays. Advanced dancing is Sundays at 4.00 pm, Plus on Monday evenings, Basic & Mainstream Workshop of Tuesday evenings and all levels on Wednesday commencing at 9.30 am through till 2.30 pm.

If you want to join us for our Christmas Dinner Dance bookings are essential as our meal is catered.

When you visit, if you have a tent or caravan, why don't you stay the night on our grounds? We have powered sights and hot showers and you can even use our swimming pool and kitchen.

If you haven't heard we had a fantastic time during our 3 months away, travelled over 20,000 km., had 2 blowouts with the van, and on day 100 broke the axle on the van just outside of Bundaberg.

We have convinced Graham & Margaret Brandon to make a trip to the Kimberleys and Bungle Bungles, an area not to be missed. So next year we will return with them on another 14 day Camping Safari, flying to Broome, using a 4WD bus to travel the Gibb River Road and beyond. Interested in joining us? then contact Bev or Nev.

On behalf of all Club members, I wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hope to see you on our dance floor at one of our many planned functions for 2010. See our ads in this month's Bugle.

Bev McLachlan

LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCERS Inc.

6th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

FEATURING CALLER

Jeff Seidel (S.A.)

13th FEBRUARY 2010

Logan City Square Dance Centre

161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon Plus 2.30pm - 5.00pm

Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm

Admission; **Afternoon \$7.00** per person **Evening \$8.00** per person or **\$13.00**
for both sessions

Juniors under (16 yrs) \$5.00 afternoon \$6.00 evening or \$9.00 for both sessions

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

The hall will remain open between sessions for those wishing to stay on.

Showers available. BYO basket tea or there are several food outlets close by.

New Year's Eve Dance

2009 (31st December)

Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

Logan City Square Dance Centre

161A Magnesium Drive, Crestmead

Theme; "The Sixties"

Come dressed in your favourite '60's outfit

Commencing 8pm

Admission; \$6.00 per person.

Come along and join the fun .

Supper too; a food contribution would be appreciated, thank you.

Enquiries; Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717;

email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

Rambling Eights Club News

Since the last edition of the Bugle our Club has been busy Partying! Yes, again!!
The reason for the Friday night party on October 9th was Christine Lucas' 50th Birthday.

The hall was decorated for the occasion, Sharyn made a cake, Hazel put together a very nice card and Club members brought special suppers. Christine has been Square Dancing for many of those 50 years as she started when she was only 15 or 16.

We have enjoyed the added company of dancers from "Town & Country" Ipswich several times over the past month. It is good to see some Club visitations going on.

Our visit to the Armidale Springtime Festival was another reason for some dancers to "Party" for the weekend. This year the festival attracted over 250 dancers, many of whom came from Queensland. Steven Turner was calling at his last weekend function and he did a wonderful job of creating Fun, Entertainment and Challenge for the dancers. Steve was assisted this year by a fellow West-Australian, Paul Long. Paul had fun with the dancers both on the dance floor and at the after BBQ Open Air, Bush Concert.

The Armidale dancers did themselves proud with their planning and running of this, their 33rd Festival. We look forward to heading that way again next October when Paul will be joined by Graeme Elliott as the featured callers.

Plans are well in hand for our "Spooky" "Black Friday" dance on November 13th. The Baileys and the Platt families are coordinating this special night.

Rambling Eights are heading down to Jupiter's Casino on the Gold Coast for our Club Christmas outing this year. We are booked in to experience the "Dance of Desire" show.

We will hold our last Friday night dance for 2009 on December 11th. Visiting dancers and callers are welcome to join us for this evening.

We start again on January 29th 2010. We have plans for our birthday party in February and our Camp in March.

To all those dancers who have visited Rambling Eights during the year, Thank you for coming along.

To those Clubs which we have visited, Thank You for your friendship and hospitality to us when we came.

Best wishes for 2010.

David Pearce