

CHAIN REACTION

NEWSLETTER

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FROM BOB & NORMA

Could you please thank everybody for the thoughts expressed on the card we have received? We do hope to turn up one weekend but I will only be as a spectator as I don't think you could find a caller or 7 other dancers to match me for speed. Norma should be OK. Thank you again.

Norma and Bob

A2 WORKSHOP SUCCESS

The A2 workshop was attended by 17 keen dancers on a very warm Sunday afternoon. Luckily the room had plenty of ventilation and we had a constant supply of drinks to keep us going. The newer A2 dancers completed the A2 program and all coped very well with everything that Di threw at us. As always she made the afternoon challenging and interesting for all levels, especially the all 4 couples and all 8 concepts. Two squares danced all afternoon with only short breaks between tips so we all worked very hard. Unfortunately David W suffered a migraine and was unable to attend - the rest of us got headaches from Di's choreography!

Thanks to everyone for supporting the event and especially for helping our new dancers. All the help preparing the room and clearing up afterwards was much appreciated.

A big thank you to Di for all her hard work and for making the afternoon so enjoyable, and to all of you for making it another successful workshop.

From CR Committee

LYTHAM WEEK

Message from Jill Woodall

This is a reminder for anyone who has paid a deposit and is attending the full Lytham week that the balance is due by 1st July.

Just to keep you "in the loop", here is a bit of Lytham trivia FYI: as part of the standard receipt email which I send to dancers when they've paid their final balance are the following sentences:

"This year's theme for the Thursday party night is "**mix & match bright rainbow colours**" - whatever you like!

Remember to bring your **club banner** if you would like to display it in the main hall.

Campers/Caravanners, please note: If you are bringing a **tent with cooking facilities**, it is essential that you let us know. This is for legal purposes with regard to the Exemption Certificate for camping and caravan events.

The campsite will not be open this year until Monday, 6th August. This is because the Women's British Open Golf Tournament is being held at Royal Lytham & St Anne's (for the first time since 2009) and the site is used for parking."

As always, day and part-day visitors will be very welcome at Lytham. Hope to see you then, if not before.

Jill

READERS' CORNER

For those who have nothing better to do than sit in the garden in the sunshine, you may want to try something from our Recommended Reading List.

- 1) A Cliff Top Tragedy, by Eileen Dover
- 2) A Young Man's Guide to Dating, by Caesar Titely
- 3) At The North Pole, by I. C. Blast
- 4) Better Gardening, by Anita Lawn
- 5) Bullying Is Wrong, by Howard U. Lykit
- 6) Carpet Laying, by Walter Wall

Notes from the Committee

Diary dates

Please remember to put **our Summer Dance** in your diary. Susan Ellis, President of the BAASDC has told us she will be coming. The Summer Dance usually gives a good boost to our funds which will be particularly important this year as our costs have increased and our numbers are down a little. Please support us if you can.

Lune Valley Hoe-Down Saturday, 7th July, at Halton

As we are all aware the number of square dancers and clubs is falling and as an A & C club we are very dependent for future members on the hard work done at the mainstream and plus clubs. Our own numbers are dropping for various reasons and as far as we know there are no potential new members. Lune Valley are holding a Hoe-Down to try and attract interest in square dancing and to get new members in the autumn. Please try and support them if you can as our future depends on new dancers and also in helping plus dancers to improve so that in the future they can join us.

15th Birthday Dance, 6th October, A1/ A2 in the afternoon and **LV Birthday dance** in the evening – our second joint venture which will be a great day of dancing and hopefully attract a few visitors.

The BAASDC are committed to advocating reducing the use of **single use plastics** and have asked that clubs consider this. We are considering not using plastic cups during club meetings as cups are available and most people bring their own. We may need to have plastic ones available at dances for any visitors, especially in hot weather.

Here is another of Sheila's super recipes you may like to try. A savoury one this time, for a change.

MINI CHEESE AND ONION TARTS

Ingredients:

Pastry

100g/3½ oz plain flour

¼ tsp salt

5½ tbsp butter/2oz cut into small pieces

1-2 tbsp cold water

Filling:

1 medium egg, beaten

100ml/3½oz single cream

50g/1¾oz Red Leicester Cheese or whichever cheese you have/like (I use strong cheddar)

3 spring onions, finely chopped

Cayenne pepper

1. To make the pastry, sieve the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter with your fingertips, until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. You can also use a food processor. Stir in the water and mix to form a dough. Form the dough into a ball, cover with cling-film and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
2. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface. Using a 7.5cm/3 in biscuit cutter, stamp out 12 rounds from the pastry and line a patty tin.
3. To make the filling, whisk together the beaten egg, single cream, grated cheese and chopped spring onions in a mixing jug. Season to taste with cayenne pepper. (I don't usually use cayenne pepper).
4. Carefully pour the filling mixture into the pastry cases, using a spoon to make sure each pastry case has the same amount of filling as some of the ingredients sink to the bottom of the jug.
5. Bake at 180°C, 160° Fan/350°F, Gas 4 for about 20-25 minutes, usually 20 will suffice. Transfer the tartlets to a cooling rack. Can be served warm or col

DICEY SQUARES

Not being a "C" dancer, I have only just heard of Dickey Squares. Brilliant name! Good to hear that you are doing so much for "C" dancers up and down the country, Di.

Viking Squares campout

We arrived early on a very wet Friday and with the forecast of wet all day we proceeded to set up camp in the pouring rain.

At the Viking campouts they quite often set a theme so if you want to you can decorate your home for the weekend be it caravan, motorhome or as in our case a tent, with as much or as little decoration that takes your fancy. This year the theme was red, white and blue to celebrate the royal wedding and birth.

Not wanting to be outdone we set about putting up bunting, balloons, flags, solar powered lights and a couple of window boxes as well. And just to make sure we even took our own guard in the form of St George in his own sentry box AKA utility tent.

Simon and Trudy Fielding were our callers for the weekend and we had a great time dancing mainstream and plus. Nick Wright was cueing for the round dancers. All in all we had a very enjoyable weekend.

There was also the return of the walk around the village quiz; this is quite a challenge, with some of the clues being cryptic and some you need an IQ of about 200 to work out. But still very satisfying when the penny drops and you get the answer.

I almost forgot we won the prize for the best decorated home, a bottle of wine and a framed embroidered certificate.

Philip and Heather



And here is the reason why this month's newsletter is in full page layout, rather than our usual two columns.



Well done, Philip and Heather, for such an excellent campsite display. I do like St George guarding the toilet tent. I hope he has the courtesy to step outside when necessary!