

A Chance to Dance...

On tour to Blackpool Tower Ballroom

Jill Collins and Katie Sanders run 'A Chance to Dance' in Milton-u-Wychwood village hall on Monday evenings. Katie did a fine job of organising our weekend away. After many months



of being put through our paces learning sequence dances and revising our Ballroom and Latin it was time to go. Twenty of us set off to Blackpool. Some went independently but most of us took advantage of a trip up in a scout mini-bus ably driven by Ben, Katie's husband.

Magnificent Ballroom

Katie had really thought it out. From a 'Chance to Dance' goody bag with everything you could need for the journey and weekend; quizzes and sweets for the journey and even very useful blister plasters, to front row seats on the dance floor both days. On arrival we had a drive along the 'prom' to see the illuminations, followed by a warm welcome at our very comfortable hotel, just a short walk from a tram stop.

It was a privilege to have our front row seats both to watch some of the fantastic dancers and also to be able to join in many of the dances, hence the blister plasters. We also watched a wonderful performance by a professional dance couple.

Saturday was spent at leisure. Some of us attended a workshop in the ballroom where we learnt new steps to the Cha Cha before the dance started. The ballroom was magnificent.

Fabulous Darlings!

The next day, we again had front row seats for the afternoon tea-dance. This was a less formal affair; the ballroom had a different atmosphere by day. The beauty of the surroundings, the wonderful music and sharing the experience with our friends from our dance class was a wonderful experience and I felt quite overwhelmed by emotion. It was FAB-U-LOUS darlings.

Carol Squires

Coffee at the Shannons

Christmas kicks off to a good start when Liz and John Shannon host their charity coffee morning. This year we were greeted with the smell of mulled wine as well as coffee and cakes.

The sum raised for the various charities that they support is currently £720, although past experience shows that this sum may well rise.