



# THE JOY OF LDF

When Cath Hodgson started getting involved with the LDF she adopted the motto “together we CAN make LDF a reality” and here’s her report on how slowly but surely things are happening.

It hardly seems that exactly a year has passed between arranging a date for our Line Dance Foundation Day Of Dance and the actual event itself. Luke Craig led, I simply followed. Luke was instrumental to this day and I will never be able to express my gratitude enough to him for his sterling work to make the day happen. Luke remembers: “At one pm on the 16th October over a year of planning and advertising finally came together and when both of us stood there, we had the biggest smiles on our faces as more and more people came in and took to the dance floor.”

On the day, dancers ventured from near and far to support our day of dance and raising valuable funds for the Line Dance Foundation. There were several larger groups in attendance, including Texas Rose, the Selby Flashers and a substantial group of Cath’s Kickers.

Alan Birchall opened the event with ‘Committment’ and over 120 people came on the day. Amazing!

Luke gave me his impressions about our live artists: “First act of the day was Nancy Ann Lee with a great mix of Line dance songs and superb country tunes. We also had the Thrillbillies performing their usual crazy antics. This duo really know how to keep dancers going, with smiles on all the faces. They certainly helped ‘make’ the event!”

As for me, I really couldn’t get over that so many people had turned up, it was an absolute joy to see everyone on the dance floor having a great time. The floor filler of the whole day, both by

music request and as played by The Thrillbillies in one of their sets, was ‘Blue Night Cha’.

I invited Grrrowler and his lovely wife Maureen to the event last year and they came along to show their support. Maureen even took part in the bingo, holding aloft a stick from her chair to show that she was participating. They are a truly amazing couple with bucket loads of passion for Line dancing.

The event was supported by a lot of local people from Harrogate, Ripon and Knaresborough and it was a real treat to watch the partner dancers taking their spaces on the floor. Alan was, as usual, a real star with song after song filling up the dance floor and Jacqui was the usual ‘rock’ offering me assistance during the course of the day. Again, these two people really showed commitment as they always do. We are lucky to have them in our midst for sure.



Thanks to each and every one of you that supported the event, I have no doubt we will see quite a few of you next year. Please do me the honour of giving yourselves a pat on the back for being a part of raising an incredible £710 for Line Dance Foundation.

Finally a massive thank you to The Cairn Hotel for hosting the event. And guys make a note in your diary! As we will do it all over again on 14th October 2012.

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