

Beautiful LDF Day!

This year's LDF national event raised lots of money and more awareness than ever! Read the two official reports here and we will continue to bring you more news from other events as they happen.



LDF DAY • MANCHESTER

Jamie Whalley, Sandra Speck, Steve Rutter and Claire Butterworth once again ran their annual fundraising event LDF Manchester at the Forum Hall in Wythenshawe, Manchester raising £1,259.

Jamie says: "The day started at 9am to set up for the 12 hours of dancing ahead. Once the stalls were up (Fancy Feet Blackpool, Maureen Growler and her LDF merchandise stall and John King of Kingshill Holidays) and a quick sound check, the doors were opened to welcome over 200 dancers from nine counties.

The DJ's for the day were John 'Growler' Rowell and Steve Rutter who kept the floor flowing throughout the day with a wonderful mix of dances. Our guest choreographers for the day were: Multi award winning choreographer Pat Stott, Neville Fitzgerald and Julie Harris, Adrian Churm, Alan Birchall, Charlotte Macari and Shaz Walton.

There was social dancing and requests interspersed between the workshops and our sponsored Dance-A-Mile which generated £250 of our total.

As evening drew in, the lights went down and the glitter ball began to spin - it was time to dance. Requests came in thick and fast. Our special guest for the evening was Tim Redmond, the singer of the LDF track 'Never Gonna Fall in Love'. We also had Rick Guard at the event - Rick wrote the track and had come to show his support. Tim has a new album called 'Soundtrack of our Lives' which is well worth the listen. £2 of each sale on

the night was donated to the LDF and this great album is available through iTunes and Amazon.

We were wowed by Nathan King who travelled up from Bridgend, South Wales. Nathan dances socially and competes for World Dance Masters and UKDC. This was his first showcase medley performance and he certainly had the crowds going on more than one occasion - check out the video and all the photos kindly taken by Ralph Dickinson Photography on our Facebook Page (search LDF Manchester).

We were then joined by the lovely Warren Conway who you will know as one half of Diamond Jack. Warren has a varied repertoire and was joined by Alan Birchall for a very amusing duet of 'All My Lovin'', then Sandra, Pat, Jacqui Jax and Shaz as his backing singers - The Wozettes!

The atmosphere was on fire so we decided to have a 'Beast off'. All the strapping men and a few women got on the floor to dance Rob Fowler's 'It's a Beast'. Everyone put money next to the person they liked the best. The dance floor was chaotic but all in good will. In the end that one dance raised over £120 in three minutes, with Nathan King getting over £40 alone.

Our next demonstration was from three times Line Dance World Champion and BBC1 Strictly Dance Fever finalist Paul Culshaw, who made everyone's heart flutter with his lovely dance. You will have seen Paul as one of the lead male dancers of the World



Dance Masters Elite Show Team at this year's Crystal Boot Awards.

As the evening came to a close it was fitting to finish with this year's LDF dance 'Fall in Love'.

Big thanks to everyone for donating all their time for free and supporting our event. We are already looking forward to LDF Manchester 2015 on 21st March 2015 at the Forum Centre, Wythenshawe once again. Discounted Early Bird tickets start at £10 for the full day and are already selling. Other options & group discounts are available."

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