

David Proudly Presents
THE BULLEN SCHOOL OF DANCE
(Established 1896)
The 71st Annual Gala Weekend
Incorporating
The 'Gold Cup' Invitation Titles
David's Birthday Extravaganza

The Norbreck Castle Hotel
Queens Promenade, Blackpool FY2 9AA

Saturday 10th May & Sunday 11th May 2025

With your Host – David
Hostess & Compere - Caroline Roberts
Guest MC's: Duncan & Hannah Trever

Music
Ashley Frohlick & The Blackpool Empress Orchestra
The Duncan Trever Sound
Jon Canning

Featuring
** The Bullen School of Dance Titles **
** The 'Gold Cup' Invitation Dinner Dance **
** Dance Workshop with Fabio & Amy D'Angelo **
** The Bullen School of Dance 71st Sequence Gala **
** Cabarets from the Stars of Classique '24*

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Programme at a glance

SATURDAY 10th MAY

9.00 am to 5 pm

***The Bullen School of Dance Open Jubilee Titles
&***

7.00 pm to Midnight

***David's 'Birthday Extravaganza Gala Dinner & Dance
featuring the return of the renowned Invitation 'Gold Cup'
Titles***

Starring Ashley Frohlick & The Blackpool Empress Orchestra

Supported by the Duncan Trever Sound

Guest MC's Duncan & Hannah Trever

***Plenty of General Dancing to the finest Dance Orchestra in
the world***

SUNDAY 11th MAY

10.30 am to 12 Noon

Dance Workshop with Fabio & Amy D'Angelo

12.30 pm to 5.00 pm

The Bullen School of Dance 71st Sequence Tea Dance

With Guest MC's Duncan & Hannah Trever

and an array of Guests

Music by Easter Recording Artiste – Jon Canning

Presenting Star Cabarets from 'Classique Awards' 24

Tickets from Organiser

David Bullen FADA, MUKA

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The Bullen School of Dance

Was established by John Bullen (David's Grandfather) in 1896 in Liverpool by the Everton Football Club, and is now probably the oldest Dance School in the world.

John & Gerald Bullen moved the School to Southport in 1936 taking over a large detached house with a Dance Studio in Lyndhurst Road, Birkdale. That is where Gerald met Betty who attended the dance classes as a pupil, and after a very short time, they got married.

Gerald was one of the founder Members of the Allied Dancing Association Ltd. based in Liverpool.

Gerald & Betty were quite content with running daily dance Classes to cater for Old Time and Ballroom and quite frequently hiring the Studio out for Special Occasions.

David became more interested in helping at the School as far back as 1954 mainly putting the music on for all the various dances at the Studio.

David's main achievements are being presented with the Carl Alan Award for services to Dance in 1982 and becoming President of the Allied Dancing Association in 1985/1987 and again in 1991/1993.

David also started Social Formation Teams and won the British Title for 7 years. He was also the first to introduce Social Dance Competitions and he was the first Person to win all 3 Sections in an Inventive Dance Competition which was at the IDTA Congress in Blackpool.

In 1952 Gerald & Betty presented their first annual Old Time & Sequence Ball at the Floral Hall, Southport with over 600 attending. Music was usually provided by the Tommy Nightingale Band

Many other Schools also presented their Balls at the Floral Hall. Sadly, there is only The Bullen School of Dance still operating and up to 2019, the Annual Sequence Gala was always held at the Floral Hall.

Due to Covid, there was a gap of 2 years in 2020 / 2021, and because of the closure of the Floral Hall, David started the Annual Gala once again in 2022 at the Marine Hall in Fleetwood and in 2023 & 2024 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel when everyone enjoyed the excellent afternoon tea.

In 2025, it will be The Bullen School of Dance 71st Gala, which will be a very special 2 day event at the recently refurbished Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool on Saturday 10th May and Sunday 11th May 2025 which will also incorporate David's Birthday Extravaganza.

SATURDAY 10th MAY 2025

9.00 am to 5.00 pm

(Doors open 8.15 am)

THE BULLEN SCHOOL OF DANCE OPEN TITLES

(Established 1896)

(Ballroom, Classical Sequence, Latin)

Brand new Awards Including

*The 'John Bullen' Cup * The 'Gerald Bullen' Cup*

*The 'Cecilia Bullen' Cup * The 'Betty Bullen' Cup*

*The 'David Bullen' Cup * The 'Pauline Bullen (Hare)' Cup*

The 'Lyndhurst' Cup

Please consult separate Syllabus for full details

7.00 pm to Midnight

DAVID'S BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

GALA DINNER & DANCE

Featuring

The return of the Invitation 'Gold Cup' Titles

Starring

Ashley Frohlick & The Blackpool Empress Orchestra

Plus The Duncan Trever Sound

Hostess: Caroline Roberts

Guest MC's Duncan & Hannah Trever

Ballroom, Sequence, Latin, Party Dancing for all tastes

Menu

Freshly poached Salmon and Prawn Platter

served with marie rose sauce (Gluten free)

Supreme of Chicken

wrapped in bacon served with brandy cream

served with the Chefs selection of Potatoes & Vegetables

Delicious Eton Mess

(Gluten free / Veg)

Tea / Coffee

(Vegan / Vegetarian Option available on request)

(Limited number of Dance only tickets from 8.30 pm)

SUNDAY 11th MAY 2025

10.30 am to 12 noon

Everyone is invited to a Dance Workshop

Featuring

Fabio & Amy D'Angelo

**Demonstrators of David's 3 Winning Dances in
2023 / 2024**

**Well sought after Lecturers & Adjudicators
throughout the world
(Tickets limited)**

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12.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

David

Requests the pleasure of your Company

to

**THE BULLEN SCHOOL OF DANCE
71st SEQUENCE GALA**

Popular programme for all tastes

Featuring

Guest MC's Duncan & Hannah Trever and an array of Guests

Hostess: Caroline Roberts

Music by Easter Recording Artiste – Jon Canning

Supported by

The Duncan Trever Sound

Large Dance floor * Popular Programme

Great Music * Licenced Bar

Reserved Tables

Optional Afternoon Tea served to your Table

BOOKING FORM OVERPAGE

THE NORBRECK CASTLE HOTEL

This major Hotel overlooking the sea on Queens Promenade has recently undergone a major refurbishment programme

All Guest rooms are en suite with TV, Tea/Coffee making facilities

There are lifts to all floors

The Hotel also boasts a Coffee shop, Bars, Lounges, Health Spa

24 hour Reception

Car park for over 800 Cars

(All our Guests receive special Car Park Rate of £3.00 per day)

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THE NORBRECK & BALLROOM

This fabulous Ballroom is one of the largest and most elegant Ballrooms in the North West. The adjoining Norcalympia is huge with a massive dance floor.

The huge Dancefloor is surrounded by large carpeted areas with Tables and Chairs

There is a Licenced Bar open at all times during the Dancing Programme

There will be Table Reservations at all Dances

The Dance Programmes will be arranged with everyone in mind and will cater for all types of Dancer

Hotel Residents will receive FREE Car Parking.

Special B&B rates are negotiated with the Norbreck Castle Hotel

@ £36.00 per person per night sharing a Twin/Double room

Child sharing Twin / Double £18.00

Double room for sole occupancy @ £20.00 extra per night

Sea View rooms are available @ £10.00 per room per night

All Bookings to be made direct with Central Booking Office

Tel. 0161 923 0300 quote code DBNB525-

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TICKET BOOKING FORM

Please reserve the following places to The Bullen School of Dance Gala

Name/s

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

Address

Postcode

E.Mail

Ticket Requirements – All prices are per person

SATURDAY :-

THE BULLEN SCHOOL OF DANCE TITLES

£20.00 or FREE if attending Saturday Dinner Dance

Number _____

DAVID'S BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

& GOLD CUP TITLES DINNER & DANCE £59.50

Number _____

Or £30.00 Dance only from 8.30 pm

Number _____

SUNDAY:-

FABIO & AMY'S WORKSHOP

£12.50 or FREE if attending The Afternoon Sequence Gala

Number _____

BULLEN SCHOOL OF DANCE 71st SEQUENCE GALA

£28.00 Incl. Full afternoon Tea

Number _____

OR £12.50 DANCE ONLY

Number _____

OR

2 DAY TICKET COVERING ALL EVENTS £70.00

covering All Events over Saturday & Sunday Programme

Incl.. Saturday Dinner Dance and Sunday afternoon tea

Number _____

Please complete this form and return to David Bullen via Email or Post

Apartment 12, 188 Lord Street, Southport PR9 0QG

A Deposit of £20.00 per person is required Payable by cheque to The David Bullen

School of Dance OR Bank transfer to The David Bullen School of Dance

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