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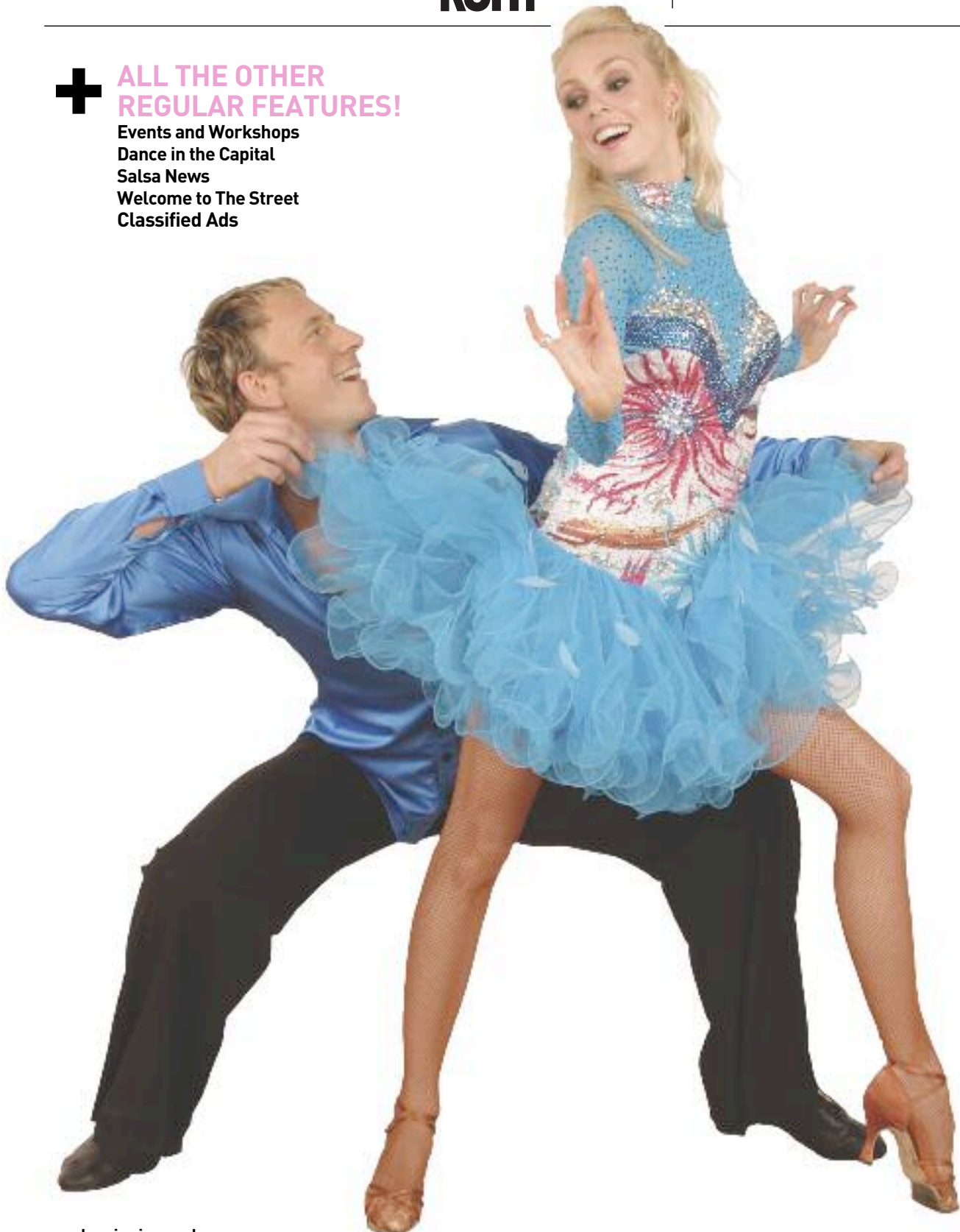
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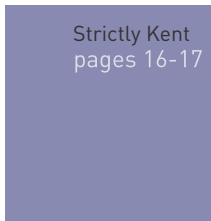


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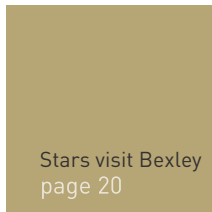
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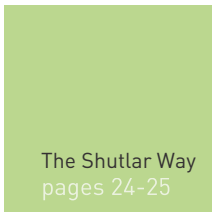
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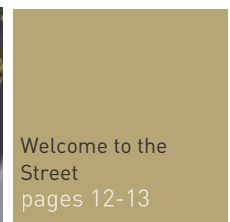
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Star of Lord of the Dance visits Bexley

Young dancers from throughout Bexley were thrilled when eight-times solo world champion and lead dancer from the global sensation Lord of the Dance, Catriona Hale, adjudicated a dance event staged by the Courtney McMahon School of Irish Dance on Sunday 29th March.

Catriona was not the only world class dancer to attend this dancing spectacle. Talented musician and former solo Irish Dance World champion Dean Crouch played music for dancers and, former solo Irish dance world champion Julie Loughlin joined Catriona on a panel of adjudicators that also included Maria Sweeney.

The impressive contemporary performance auditorium at Townley Grammar School was the setting for a day of competition. Dancers ranged in age from five to sixteen and, in experience and skill, from nervous and excitable novices, to highly accomplished performers. They were dazzled by the collection of silverware, trophies, medals and sashes that were up for grabs. Everyone was awarded at least two medals, and many went home with a fine haul of trophies. A key aspect of the event was dancers benefited from feedback on their individual performances from renowned experts, which should help them to develop as dancers and performers.

The Mayor of Dartford, Cllr. Ian Armit and his wife Lynne attended the event and presented awards to the winners of the championship competitions.

The mayor said, "Lynne and I had a really great time. It was really great to see the youngsters not only performing to what in my humble and un-informed opinion was a very high standard but also seeming to enjoy themselves. Their dedication was obvious but what impressed me most was the support the dancers had for each other and the discipline that Irish Dancing requires and instils."

Dancers in the championships were delighted to receive awards from the Mayor and Mayoress of Dartford. Lily Adams was the winner of the Under 8 age category, Poppy O'Connor was placed first in the U10 category, Eleanor Hobbs won the U12 competition and, Chloe Flynn took the title in the U13 & Over classification.

Ellena Nsajja, aged 9, had a fantastic day, taking first place in the Heavy Jig and Hornpipe, third in the Under 10 solo championship and first in the fiercely contended Treble Reel Championship.



Civic dignitaries Cllr. Ian Armit, Mayor of Dartford and his wife Lynne, Mayoress of Dartford pictured with young champions, from left to right, Lily Adams, Poppy O'Connor and Eleanor Hobbs.

The Courtney McMahon School of Irish dance will be performing at Dartford's Mick Jagger Centre in June as part of Dance for Life, a fundraising initiative by the British Red Cross. The dance school has got off to a flying start, raising £500 for the appeal over the St. Patrick's Day weekend earlier this month. A further £500 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society at a civic celebration of Irish culture, co-hosted by the Mayor of Bexley and the Courtney McMahon School of Irish Dance.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Irish dance or, joining a class, should visit www.courtneymcmahon.com for more information and teachers' contact details.

Sadler's Wells Global Dance Contest

Sadler's Wells, the world's leading venue for international dance, is going global in its search for new talent with the launch of an online dance contest open to anyone over the age of 18, anywhere in the world. The competition will run annually for 4 years, with a winner receiving a cash prize and the chance to perform at Sadler's Wells 'Sampled'.

All entrants need to do is upload a short film, (30 seconds to 3 minutes long) on to YouTube and then enter the competition by 17 July 2009 for this year's round. Ten entries will be selected by the panel of judges.

In the second stage of the contest, the shortlisted entrants will create a longer piece of 5 minutes or more to submit for a public vote. The outright winner, announced in November, will receive £2,000 and be brought to London from wherever they live, to perform at Sadler's Wells 'Sampled'.

All winners from each of the four years of the contest will perform their work together in London in 2012.

Speaking at the launch, Alistair Spalding said that the short listed entrants and the winners will be given every support and guidance in the creation of their new work. One of the main aims of the competition is to identify new talent and nurture it. "Not everyone is lucky enough to receive formal dance training or to perform on stage and I'm incredibly excited that Sadler's Wells can offer the potential stars of the future a chance to demonstrate their creative skills. The lucky winners will have a truly remarkable opportunity to perform alongside some of the greatest names in dance today and perhaps begin a career not otherwise imagined."

Arlene Phillips said that given the extraordinary global popularity which ballroom dance has achieved through 'Strictly Come Dancing', she was excited by the possibilities of bringing other dance styles, contemporary in the widest sense, to wider, family audiences via the web. She added "Once word gets out on this, I think it's going to be bigger than anyone ever imagined."

You have until 17th July 2009 to enter your video in any kind of dance - hip hop, ballet, flamenco, tap, contemporary, street dance, tango, salsa, samba or anything else that you can think of. You can dance on your own or in a group, it's up to you.

For more information and to enter visit www.globaldancecontest.com