

# SWING NORTH



HEP TO THE HIVE

2024

## INFO PACK



**NOTE:** This is version 4 of this document. We've probably forgotten something, or things may change. We'll upload any updated versions [here](#).

### WELCOME TO MANCHESTER!

The Swing North volunteer team is ready and waiting for you. We can't wait to share all that our city has to offer, and to make memories with you; on and off the dance floor.

### INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

It's not too late to come and join us. Our booking sites are still open for [weekend passes](#), [single parties](#), and [add-ons](#).

### BOOKING CLASSES & PARTIES

If you want to book any extras, you can do so [here](#), subject to availability. You may be able to pay at our Info Desk on arrival for a class or party, subject to availability, but booking online will help to reduce queues, and guarantee entry.

# GAINING ENTRY

Our volunteers will be asking to see your booking confirmation email, each time you enter a party or class. Please make it easy for them, by having it ready. You can either...

- Print the email(s) and carry the hard copy around with you.
- Screen shot the part showing the booked elements, and show that on your phone.
- Show the booking confirmation in your phone's email app.

*You may have more than one email, if you booked different elements separately, so please be sure to show the one that shows the thing you're attending.*

*If you have bought the ticket from somebody else, make sure that they forward the email to you.*

Order Summary		
ITEM DESC	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Hep to the Hive - Summer swing dance weekend</b>	1	£102.00
Parties: Saturday & Sunday		
Role: Lead		
Saturday 1pm Class (2 hrs): Lindy Improvers with Molly & Stef (+ £15.00)		
Saturday 3.15pm Class (2 hrs): Lindy Faster Dancing with Cat & John (Int) (+ £15.00)		
Saturday 5.30pm Class (1 hr): Dips & Tricks with Joe P & Diana (+ £8.00)		
Sunday 1pm Class (2 hrs): Lindy Improvers with John & Stef (+ £15.00)		
Sunday 3.15pm Class (2 hrs): Lindy Int/Adv with Molly & John (2 hrs) (+ £15.00)		

**Can't find the email?** Try searching your inbox for *swingnorth*. If you still can't find it, no problem. Just [send us an email](#) (ideally before the weekend!) and we'll send you a screenshot of your booking that you can either print out, or save to your phone.

## SWAPS & REFUNDS

You're very welcome to sell or swap your place for any or all of your booked elements. Just forward the booking email or a screenshot to the other person, as they'll need this to gain entry.

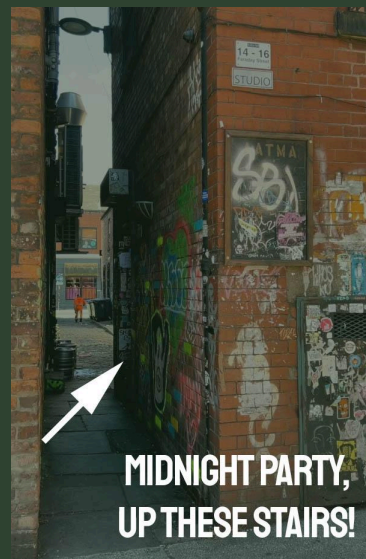
Sorry, but our volunteer team doesn't have the ability to swap or refund bookings, and Swing North operates a no refunds policy, so as to reduce the admin burden on our volunteers.

## VENUES

The **Friday Night Party** is in The Storehouse at [Whitworth Locke](#). Head down the stairs to the basement.

Nearly **everything else** is at [Hallé St. Peter's](#). The parties and larger classes are in the main space on the ground floor. Some classes are in the Victoria Wood room upstairs, or around the corner at [Hallé St. Michael's](#).

The **Saturday Midnight Party** is at [Aatma](#).



## WATER & BEVERAGE NEWS

Please bring a water bottle and a travel mug, as we won't be offering disposable cups.

Friday's venue has a bar, run by Swing North's volunteers. Please support it, as it helps us to cover the event costs (which are a lot!). You can ask them to fill your water bottle, and they'll happily oblige.

On Saturday and Sunday, you can fill your water bottle in one of the kitchenettes in the main space. During the day, you can also make yourself a tea or coffee, if you promise to clear up after yourself! Each venue also has its own bar. You must not bring alcoholic drinks which have been purchased from elsewhere.

# GIVING FEEDBACK

This is covered below under Code of Conduct, but we feel so strongly about it, we're putting it here too!

Times when it's appropriate to offer feedback on the social floor...

- If the other person asks you for feedback.
- If the other person has caused you pain or discomfort.

Times when it's appropriate to offer feedback during a class...

- If the other person asks you for feedback.
- If a teacher has asked you to offer feedback.
- If the other person has caused you pain or discomfort.

Here are some useful phrases for classes...

- "May I offer you some feedback?"
- "I'm not looking for feedback right now, thanks"

When offering feedback, try using the words 'I' or 'We', rather than 'You'.

"Maybe we need more of a pulse" is far more effective than "You're not pulsing enough!"

# FRIDAY SCHEDULE

2000-0000	Friday welcome party with The Gelatos <u><a href="#">Whitworth Locke</a></u> <i>Got a scene T-shirt? Wear it!</i> Forgot to book? Buy your ticket <u><a href="#">here</a></u> .
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# SATURDAY SCHEDULE

1000-1200	Solo Jazz with John & Stef. 1 hour with each. <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  Balboa Basics with Tina & Rob <i>Victoria Wood</i>  Shag Basics with Joe & Caroline <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
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1200-1300	Lunchtime social dancing <i>Cutting Room Square (inside if wet)</i>
1300-1500	Lindy Improver+ with Molly & Stef <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  Balboa Improvers with Tina & Rob <i>Victoria Wood</i>  Lindy ELEF with Cat & Rebecca <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
1515-1715	Lindy Faster Dancing (Int) with Cat & John <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  Lindy Basics with Rebecca & Rob <i>Victoria Wood</i>  Shag Improvers with Niomi & Caroline <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
1730-1830	Dips & Tricks with Diana & Joe <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  <b>Panel Discussion</b> led by Corina Kwami. <i>Join us for an interactive discussion on the importance of exchange between different styles, interaction between musicians and dancers and grounding our understanding in jazz's living culture; then and now.</i> <i>Victoria Wood (Free with a weekend pass)</i>  Blues Dance taster with Niomi & Jo <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
1830-1930	<b>See it, Swing it, Sorted</b> with Rathish & Alexandra A guide for watching and recreating. <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
1830-2000	Hallé St. Peter's & Victoria Wood Hall CLOSED <i>Please take all personal belongings, or move them to the cloakroom area in Hallé St. Peter's.</i>
2000-0000	<b>Saturday night Party</b> with Corina & The Big Easy <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i> Wear something nice and/or bee themed.

<b>0000-LATE</b>	<b>Midnight Party</b> with Paolo & The Outsiders <i>Aatma</i> (7 min walk) Forgot to book? Buy your ticket <a href="#">here</a> .
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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<b>1100-1200</b>	Rhythm & Musicality with Corina Kwami <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  Balboa connection & flow with Niomi & Jo <i>Victoria Wood</i>  Collegiate Shag styling with Caroline & Joe <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
<b>1200-1300</b>	Lunchtime social dancing & Makers Market <i>Cutting Room Square (inside if wet)</i>
<b>1245-1445</b>	Collegiate Shag Improver+ with Niomi & Joe <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
<b>1300-1500</b>	Lindy Improvers with John & Stef <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  Lindy ELEF with Cat & Molly <i>Victoria Wood</i>
<b>1505-1605</b>	St. Louis Shag taster with Niomi & Jo <i>Hallé St. Michael's</i>
<b>1515-1715</b>	Lindy Intermediate /Advanced with Molly & John <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i>  Lindy Improver+ with Cat & Stef <i>Victoria Wood</i>
<b>1715-2030</b>	<b>Sunday Party</b> with Paolo Fuschi & The Outsiders <i>Hallé St. Peter's</i> Change your T-shirt, wipe your armpits...go!

## LUGGAGE & PERSONAL ITEMS

You're a swing dancer. You love to scatter your stuff around a venue. We see you, and we get it!

BUT...can you please try to keep large items and bags in the designated areas, and away from the dance floor, during the socials; and avoid putting things on chairs. All personal property is brought into our venues at your own risk.

Lost property will be available at our Info Desk until the end of the social on Sunday, so please check for your stuff there, before you leave.

## CODE OF CONDUCT & SAFE SPACES

Everything that we do at Swing North, is guided by our [Manifesto](#), which also forms our Code of Conduct.

*"We look out for harassment and abuse in any form, and report these to a member of the [Swing North Safety Team](#), or [S.T.E.P.S. network](#). We take such reports seriously, in accordance with the [S.T.E.P.S. Code of Conduct](#)..."*

Please familiarise yourself with the [full document](#), before you get here.

All rights of admission are reserved, and in extreme circumstances, Swing North may ask you to leave the event without refund, if your behaviour is deemed to be at odds with our values.

Details of Swing North's Safety Team, can be found [here](#). We want you to have a great time at our event, so if something (or someone) is bothering you, please give one of our friendly safety team a shout, who can each be easily identified, by a green and yellow ribbon.

## PHOTOS & VIDEO

We'll be taking some photos and video throughout the weekend, and plan to publish some of these online and/or in print. We encourage you to do the same. If you'd rather not appear in these, the easiest solution is to move behind a camera, when you see it pointing towards you.

If you have a strong desire not to appear in any photos or video, while it's difficult to achieve this, please contact us before the event, and we'll try our best.

## CHILDREN & DOGS

While we like both species, we're sorry but we can't allow under 18s or four-legged companions in our venues. Service dogs are of course welcome, and awesome.

## FIRST AID

Swing North's First Aiders are Rebecca, Natalie, Pakitina, Hephzibah, Hannah & Kevin. If you need help finding them, please refer to the Info Desk, or one of our volunteers.