

Event Guide



Oxford Swing Festival

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Welcome to Oxford!

A very warm welcome to the Oxford Swing Festival 2018! We have loads of great teaching and dancing planned for you!

To find out what's happening, please read this Event Guide.

During the weekend, if there is anything that you want to know, then just ask one of our organisers or volunteers at the Registration Desk!

Here are some contact numbers in case you need to get hold of us:

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For reasons of space we have not given biographies of the wonderful teachers involved in the 2018 Oxford Swing Festival. But you can check them out on the website:

oxfordswingfestival.com/osf2018/home/

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the Oxford Swing Festival happen, and especially the teachers, DJs, bands, volunteers, hosts and everyone who has given time and effort!

We couldn't do it without you.

The 2018 OSF Committee of Oxford Lindy Hoppers

Happy Dancing!





Safe Spaces Policy

Oxford Lindy Hoppers are committed to making sure that everyone enjoys our events in a safe and welcoming environment in which everyone can enjoy the dances that we all love.

We believe that we all share a responsibility to create an environment that reflects the joy of the dance, and to support our fellow dancers. We therefore request that you abide by our safe space policy based upon the excellent guidelines written by our friends at Shag-Pile: shag-pile.com

Bullying or abuse of any sort will not be tolerated.

Oxford Lindy Hoppers will not hire teachers with a history of unacceptable behaviour. We will treat everyone attending our classes and events with respect. We will eject anyone acting in an unacceptable manner. We will listen to concerns and to act appropriately and treat messages seriously and in the strictest confidence.

When attending our events please can you:

Be aware of your fellow dancers' comfort and the impact your behaviour can have on others whether deliberate or accidental. Speak up if something or someone makes you uncomfortable, for whatever reason. Saying something can help prevent others from suffering. Listen seriously if someone tells you something, and act appropriately. If you don't know what to do, ask someone else. If you see or hear something that doesn't seem quite right, talk to someone about it. Don't let someone's aura of 'status' or 'seniority' affect your decision making: if a teacher or anyone else does something bad, speak up. Consider your fellow dancers and drink alcohol in moderation

Consider other's boundaries when dancing on the dance floor

In general, refusing a dance without good reason can be hurtful; be generous with your dances, especially with beginners. However, if someone makes you uncomfortable, you don't have to dance with them, and you don't have to give a reason why. A simple 'No thank you' should suffice. If someone says 'no' to you, respect that decision and consider what you can do to make them feel more at ease.

If you're in class and you don't want to dance with someone in rotation, this is a sign that the issue should be addressed ASAP. Step out of rotation, and let us know your feelings in the break, or at the end of class.

You can talk to, or text, any of the organisers or email: oxfordlindyhoppers@gmail.com

Getting around Oxford

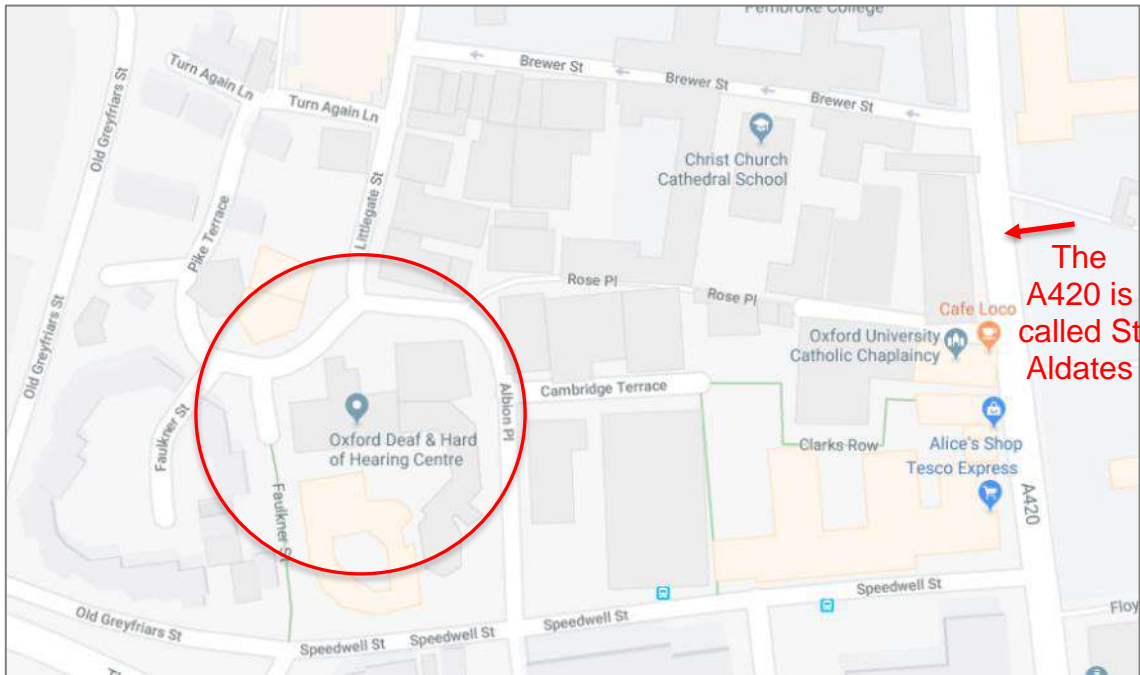
- On foot** Oxford is a relatively tiny city and it is easy to get around on foot. The class venues (EOCA, EOPS, SCFC) are in the heart of the cultural melting pot that is Cowley Road and close to many restaurants, pubs, supermarkets and cash machines. They are about 25 minutes' walk from the city centre. The Friday & Saturday night venue (Deaf Centre) is in the city centre close to a small Tesco (75 St Aldates, Oxford OX1 1RA).
- Bus** The main bus stops in the city centre are on Magdalen Street, High Street, Queen Street and George Street. For timetables check out: oxfordbus.co.uk Numbers 1, 5 and 10 go from St Aldates/High Street up to Cowley Road, stopping outside the EOCA (stop 'James Street'). The Number 5 can be picked up at the train station.
- Bike** Dockless Bikes have arrived in Oxford! Find out how to hire a bike, find one, and what rules and regulations apply to the many different schemes operating in the city here: <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/dockless-bike-hire>
- Car** Oxford is not car-friendly: best to use the Park and Ride sites around Oxford. Thornhill P&R is ideal for bus access to the class venue (get off at the St Clements stop). There is a Pay and Display car park at Union Street accessed from Cowley Rd side only (behind the Tesco on Cowley Rd), very close to EOCA & EOPS but beware, it is busy! Much on-street parking requires a permit: read the signs! For more details on parking in Oxford see: oxford.gov.uk/carparks
- Taxi** Taxi ranks are located at Gloucester Green, the railway station and Queen St. Here are some private hire taxis: 001 Taxis: 01865 240000 001taxis.com | Royal Cars: 01865 777333 royal-cars.com | ABC Radio Taxis: 01865 770077 radiotaxisoxford.co.uk





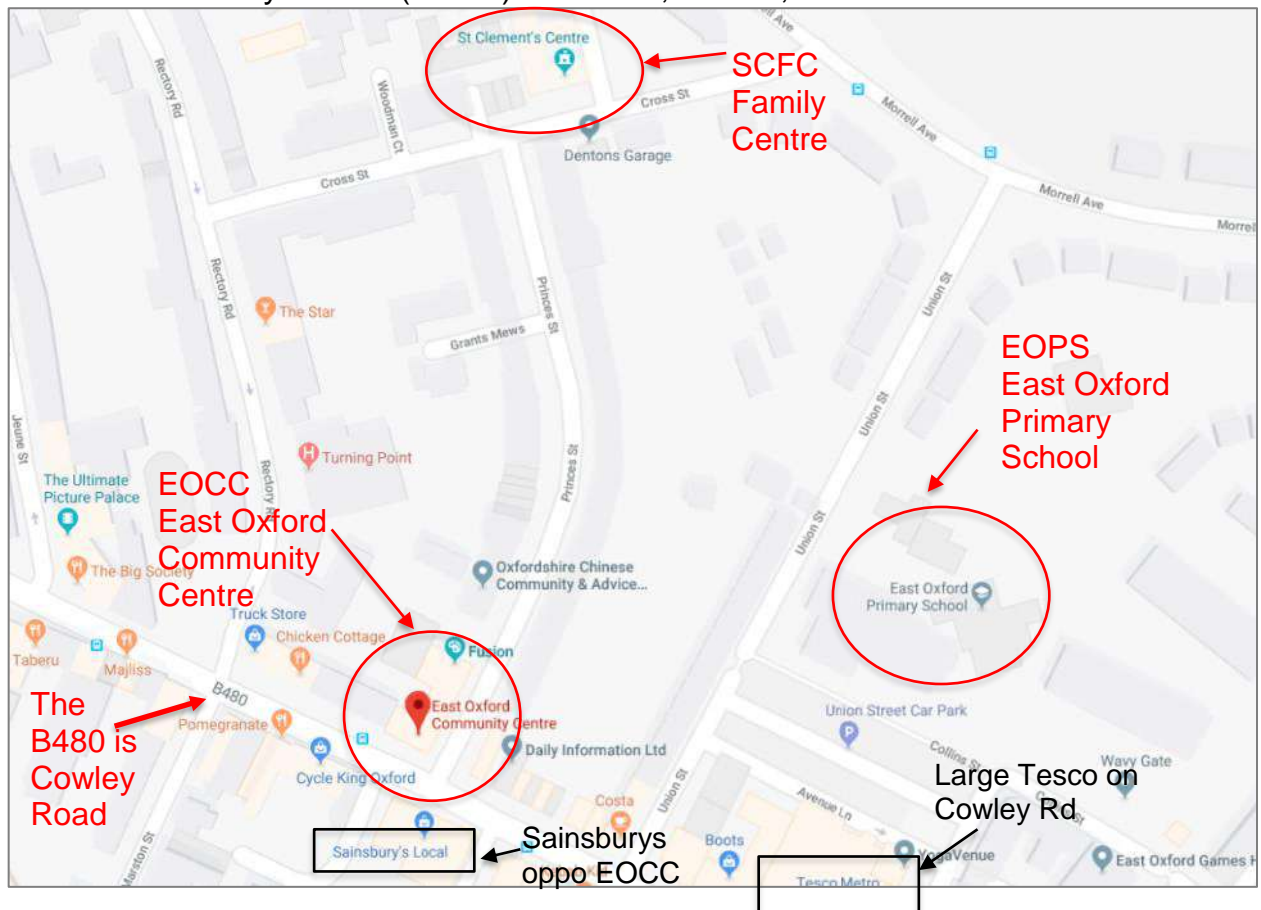
Venues

Friday and Saturday night **social dances** are both in the **Oxford Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre** (“**Deaf Centre**”), St Ebbes, OX1 1RL. This is located in central Oxford, at the corner of Albion Place and Littlegate St, near St Aldates.



Classes are held in three different places, all close together in East Oxford:

- East Oxford Community Centre (EOCC): 44 Princes Street, OX4 1DD (corner Cowley Rd)
- East Oxford Primary School (EOPS): Union Street, Oxford OX4 1JP
- St Clements Family Centre (SCFC): Cross St, Oxford, OX4 1DA





Registration Desk

The registration desk will be open all weekend – come to get your wristband, check your class times, the volunteer schedule, buy some merch, register for the Mix ‘n’ Match and then get your groove on!

The registration desk will be located at the Deaf Centre on Friday and Saturday night, and at the East Oxford Community Centre (EOCC) during Saturday and Sunday daytime.

NB, We have dedicated hang out space in the Lounge of the EOCC during the day.

Weekend Timetable

When	Time	Event	Venue
Friday Evening	19:00 - Midnight	Welcome Dance	Deaf Centre
Saturday Daytime	09:30 to 18:15	Classes	EOCC, EOPS, SCFC
Saturday Daytime	18:15 to 18:45	Mix ‘n’ Match Prelims	SCFC
Saturday Night	19:00 to 03:00	Party & Mix ‘n’ Match Final	Deaf Centre
Sunday Daytime	10:30 to 18:15	Classes	EOCC, EOPS, SCFC
Sunday Evening	18:00 to 22:30	Farewell Party	EOCC Lounge

Tracks & Wristband Colours

You have been placed into a particular dance track, and you must stick to it. Your wristband colour signifies your track and the schedule shows which sessions you should attend. Our Autumn class is split it into 2 separate groups: 1 and 2, with dancers placed randomly in either group.

Wristband colours		
Spring = Green	Solo = Purple	Autumn 2 = Red
Summer = Yellow	Autumn 1 = Orange	Winter = Blue
Organisers, Teachers, and Bands = Gold		





Evening Social Dances

Friday Welcome Party 19:00 – 00:30

Deaf Centre, St Ebbes OX1 1RL (corner of Albion Place and Littlegate Street).

In addition to our excellent DJs, we are proud to showcase the Melody Room Jazz Band: a fantastic local band who we love to dance to, and who will keep you swinging out.

There is a licensed bar at this venue

Saturday Night Party 19:00 - 03:00

Deaf Centre, St Ebbes OX1 1RL (corner of Albion Place and Littlegate Street)

Back on Saturday for their fourth OSF, The Last Chance Ragtime Band is a group dedicated to putting jazz on the dance floor. Their musical inspirations are the New Orleans Jazz Bands of Frenchman Street, and they play music especially crafted for swing dancers.

Our late Saturday Blues will come from Thomas Ford and Vince Lee. Both from the South West they have a reputation that travels far and wide.

Look out for our Festival Cake: there's no Oxford Lindy Hoppers event without cake!

There is a licensed bar at the venue

Sunday Night Farewell Party 18:00 - 22:30

East Oxford Community Centre (EOCC): 44 Princes Street OX4 1DD, on the corner of Cowley Road and Princes St

Dancing, chatting and relaxing in the EOCC lounge with danceable floor space.

If you want a pre-dance dinner the Cowley Road has a multitude of food and drink options.

There is a licensed bar at the venue





Easter classes

Blues: a four hour progressive mini track

Blues music covers many styles and tempos, from fast to very slow & groovy. Philippa and Vivien will build up from the basics to get you moving.

Flash & Trash

The Decavitas will show you some cool moves... Helpful for the Mix 'n' Match perhaps...?

Electro Swing

Robyn will give you a taster of top moves and tricks when dancing to Electro Swing!

Lindy Roots and pre-Lindy Swing Dances

Robyn and Moritz will show you the weird and wonderful world of 1920s dances, when people went crazy for Turkey Trot, Grizzly Bear and Peabody.

Collegiate Shag

Collegiate shag is taking the swing dance world by storm! Danielle and Simon will introduce you through this fast dance. There are two classes: you can join either (or both!).

St Louis Shag

Collegiate Shag's eight count cousin is just as fun, and Danielle and Simon will show that the footwork will be familiar to anyone who's done Lindy Hop and 30s Charleston.

Social Foxtrot

Fancy something a bit different? Eleanor & Matt will show the basics of Social Foxtrot. There are two classes: you can join either (or both!).

"How to learn good"

Cat will guide a discussion exploring the need for positive mental learning as well as physical.

Saturday Mix 'n' Match Competition

NB Prelims are at 6:15pm in the Family Centre; Finals are in the Deaf Centre at 9:30pm.



A Mix 'n' Match is a competition where you get paired up with a random partner for each section. It is friendly and free, open to all levels – so no need to hesitate, just register!

Just put your name down at the registration desk before 5pm on Saturday; you don't need a partner! There are only 20 spots available for each role, so get in there fast! You enter as an individual and will be judged on your leading / following ability while dancing with randomly assigned partners.

Important note: No aerials are allowed during this competition.

Full details about the competition are at the registration desk (where else?!)

Most important tip: Competitions can be stressful, but remember you are doing it to enjoy yourself. Results have nothing to do with your ability to enjoy the dance, or your potential as a dancer. So have **fun!**



Friday Schedule

From	To	Friday Welcome Party at the Deaf Centre
19:00	23:45	~9:15pm = Teacher Introductions

Saturday Schedule

From	To	EOPS Upstairs	SCFC	EOCC Upstairs	EOCC Downstairs	EOCC Lounge
09:45	10:45	Winter DecaVitas			Autumn 1 Robyn & Moritz	Hang out space
10:45	11:00	15 min break			15 min break	
11:00	12:00	Winter Robyn & Moritz	Summer Cat		Autumn 1 Vivien & Philippa	
12:00	12:30	30 min break	30 min break		30 min break	
12:30	13:30	Spring Jenn & Michael	Summer DecaVitas	Solo Cat	Autumn 2 Robyn & Moritz	
13:30	13:45	15 min break			15 min break	
13:45	14:45	Spring DecaVitas	Summer Robyn & Moritz	Solo Cat	Autumn 2 Vivien & Philippa	
14:45	15:00	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
15:00	16:00	Spring Cat	Autumn 1 DecaVitas	Winter Vivien & Philippa	Autumn 2 Robyn & Moritz	
16:00	16:15	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
16:15	17:00	Taster: Flash & Trash DecaVitas	Taster: Social Foxtrot Eleanor & Matt	Taster: Collegiate Shag Danielle & Simon	Taster: Blues 1 Vivien & Philippa	Taster: Talk: "How to learn good"
17:00	17:15	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break
17:15	18:00	Taster: Electro Swing Robyn	Taster: Social Foxtrot Eleanor & Matt	Taster: Collegiate Shag Danielle & Simon	Taster: Blues 2 Vivien & Philippa	Hang out space
18:15	18:45		Mix 'n' Match Prelims			

From	To	Saturday Night Party at the Deaf Centre
19:00	03:00	Start to 23:45 = Lindy music ~9:30pm = Finals of the Mix 'n' Match 23:45 to 03:00 = Blues music

Sunday Schedule

From	To	EOPS Upstairs	EOPS Downstairs	EOCC Downstairs	EOCC Lounge
10:00	11:00	Summer Robyn & Moritz	Autumn 1 DecaVitas	Winter Cat	Hang out space
11:00	11:15	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
11:15	12:15	Spring Helen & Al	Winter Robyn & Moritz	Solo Cat	
12:15	12:45	30 min break	30 min break	30 min break	
12:45	13:45	Spring Robyn & Moritz	Winter DecaVitas	Solo Cat	
13:45	14:00	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
14:00	15:00	Autumn 1 Robyn & Moritz	Summer DecaVitas	Autumn 2 Cat	
15:00	15:15	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
15:15	16:15	Autumn 1 Cat	Summer Vivien and Phillipa	Autumn 2 DecaVitas	
16:15	16:30	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
16:30	17:30	Blues 3 Vivien & Philippa	Solo Cat	Autumn 2 DecaVitas	
17:30	17:45	15 min break	15 min break	15 min break	
17:45	18:30	Taster: Pre Swing Dances Robyn & Moritz	Taster: St Louis Shag Danielle and Simon	Blues 4 Vivien & Philippa	
18:45	22:30				

TICKETS ON SALE

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