

One year on, one year older - the Hills Group turned 21 – their second coming-of-age. The Saturday Group almost forgot its 24<sup>th</sup> birthday! Next year we will celebrate our nominal golden anniversary; we're Going for 'Gold' in 2026! PIFDG actually started in 1971 or 1972 or 1973; no-one's quite sure. I have put a lot of effort into drafting an anniversary book, a timeline, collecting videos (including Red Faces) and putting together an annual on-line photo album – yes one for each year!

Special thanks go to our regular teachers, Maria, Jenny C, Eve, John, Jennifer and Jenny Shah. Sara hasn't taught this year due to health issues. We send her and all our dancers who are struggling with their health our very best wishes.

Membership is up and attendance at Dalkeith Hall on Saturdays is steady. Thanks to Peter for his work on the playlists.

Monday continues as a no-teaching session and still has an enthusiastic core of dancers. Thanks to Pam W. and Jenny C. for preparing the playlists and to John W. for converting them for easy input into iTunes on the computer. Thanks too to Jenny and Eve for teaching an occasional 'feature' dance. We're still hoping to encourage a few more dancers on Mondays – we did after all have Tuna and her sister arrive from Turkey one Monday!

Thanks to Palenque and her dedicated group of dancers in Albany.

The only performances we've had this year were down in Albany and in Katanning – well done Palenque.

We took up Sara's suggestion to invite Roberta Schuchmann from Brazil to teach us some Israeli dances. The early May session was well attended and had a good vibe. She taught with great energy and great speed – it was a highly aerobic hour!!

Maria and Jennifer are now running a new Wednesday term-time session in Mandurah after a successful workshop in January. Jenny Currell and Jenny Shah are still sharing the Sunday South Perth class.

More thanks to JC for organising the new T-shirts and to the fashionistas for parading them regularly! Sessions now seem to have a fresher and brighter look!

Another Spring in the Hills in October; I think there were more 'flatlanders' there than Hills people – thanks again to Jenny Currell for sharing her garden for the traditional shared lunch.

As normal, my thanks go to the Committee and thanks to the many others who helped out along the way - unlocking the hall, setting up the equipment, organising the music and keeping it safe, flying the PID-flag, providing cake etc etc.

I hope that you have all enjoyed dancing with us in 2025, thank you for your support and I wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year! Our 50<sup>th</sup> year.