

# Extravaganza

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## Through the Looking Glass...

**Welcome everyone!**

**A huge well done to everyone who took part in, helped backstage and supported us for our February show, *Urban Jungle*. I've had some wonderful feedback and everyone should be very proud of yet another great show.**

It seems such a short while ago we were celebrating Easter and now we are into our summer term and working on our next major project, ***Through the Looking Glass***.

Like last year we will be presenting a showing of 'work in progress', which will take place at **Millthorpe School on July Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**

This performance will hopefully raise money for **AidCamps India**. I used to live in India and know the problems and terrible conditions that many children have to suffer. I very much hope we can help and during the summer break my son and I shall be visiting a camp, where dedicated people from AidCamps India are trying to set up outposts of education.

If anyone would like to help raise funds, be involved in any way, or even send a donation directly to AidCamps India on our behalf it would be wonderful! Visit [www.aidcamps.org/group-aidcamps.htm#India](http://www.aidcamps.org/group-aidcamps.htm#India)



Last year we were unable to hold our usual annual Summer School, as I had a hip replacement operation! But as you all know, it was a wonderful success and this year we can continue our great tradition.

The dates for our Summer School are: **Monday August 2nd to Friday 6th** at Park Grove School.

For our new parents, our summer school is a fantastic week of fun and games with each day ending with our famous water fight!

The cost is £150 for the full week. A full morning or afternoon is £15. A full day is £30. The times are: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm every day. If you are interested and don't already have one, please ask me for a booking form .



**Gemma and Tia during *Urban Jungle***

**"Nullos Limos"**

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you tread on my  
dreams"

Also I would like to announce that my first book ***Fire in My Hands Through the Land of Colour***, has been published in America and will shortly be available here in the UK.

I will be sending out invitations for a book signing and launch! This first book forms the part of a trilogy and long time school supporter Jim Semlyn is developing a website ready for the launch, so that you can be informed of the latest developments... Watch this space!

As ever, thanks to **everyone** for all your wonderful support. Lesley Ann



**Lesley Ann Eden**  
Author of "The Eden Trilogy"

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*Beyond Belief In the Land of Rhythm*  
*Return: To the Land of Durga*

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Other great news, Sally Miller, a senior performer who has been with the school for very many years, has recently got married to Paul Ramsey!

Sally and Paul took part in the 'Strictly Dance Against Hunger Ball' last year and wowed us with their Latin steps.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Ramsay!

## Join the YSDD Friends - supporting the school

For just **£20** a year so much is achieved and many distant friends and family supporters are kept in touch with pupils' progress and upcoming events.

Our School stands out, not only for Lesley Ann's innovative work but also for all the behind the scenes voluntary support.

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## YSDD welcomes international student dancers

Twenty year-old Hong Kong born University of York student **Rachel Chan** joined our senior performers for our Urban Jungle show and this term we are also delighted to welcome 33 year-old **Antonio Tiberini** from Rome. A PhD student, Antonio came to York to improve his English and scientific skills as he works on his thesis for six months and, similar to Rachel, found us through our website.

In common with us all, Rachel and Antonio love to dance. Rachel began as a seven year old studying Chinese dance, Antonio began taking formal classes at 24 and currently dances in Rome at CED-Piccolo di Pietralata. Both also love to perform and will be taking part in our summer show at Millthorpe School.



*Rachel Chan and Antonio Tiberini in class*

Antonio comments: "I love to live in the UK, there are more opportunities than Italy... the worst thing is the weather!" Rachel too enjoys England and YSDD, "This is the best dance school in York... really enjoyable, like a big family."

Longer term plans could well see both Rachel and Antonio spending more time in the UK, Rachel would love to qualify as a dance and movement therapist and Antonio hopes to marry partner Marco here, a really good cook he may just open up his own restaurant.



*Rachel on stage with YSDD in Urban Jungle*



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 B Ed Music  
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**Secretary:** Val Hart  
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**Classes\*:** Park Grove community School, Park Grove, York.

Tuesday	5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Intermediate Dance Senior Performers
Thursday	3.35pm to 4.35pm 5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm to 8.00pm	Beginner Dance Beginner Youth Adult Tap Adult Jazz
Saturday	9.00am to 10.00am 10.00am to 11.00am 11.00am to 12.15pm 12.00am to 1.00pm	Elementary Dance Drama Group Intermediate Dance Advanced Dance

\* Check term dates with Lesley Ann or Val.

<b>Fees:</b>	
Beginner/elementary/drama	£ 6.00 per class
Intermediate:	£ 9.00 per class
Adult:	£ 6.00 per class
Senior Performer:	£10.00 per class
Advanced:	£ 9.00 per class
Pupils attending a dance plus drama class:	£11.00 single fee for both classes



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Courses are open to all, contact **Tel: 07971 230 716**



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