



Twisted Tails & Twisted Thistles Highlights & Performances 2015



- Arabic Dance Society Pleasance Hafila
- Strut Your Stuff Hafila
- Holistic Ways Festival Edinburgh
- Holistic Ways Festival Glasgow
- Drummond Cultural Event
- Ballantrae Summer Festival
- Muchty Hafila
- Kinghorn Hafila
- Dusherra
- Holistic Ways Festival Edinburgh
- Dabke Fusion
- Alloa Hafila
- EED Hafila
- Sharon Kihara Showcase Show



2015 was a year of great change for Twisted Tails. Sadly, Sharyn and Helen do not dance with us now, although we hope both may come back some day! We have a new more relaxed sister troupe, Twisted Thistles, which is a lovely group full of lovely people and open to any students, whilst Twisted Tails has become a smaller group intent on improving performance skills.

We had our usual performance favourites: Pleasance, Kinghorn, Dusherra and some exciting and challenging performance opportunities at Holistic Ways Festival and Ballantrae. We had our first outing as Twisted Thistles at a fabulous and unique opportunity to dance with a live band, collaborating with another Drummond adult ed class. Twisted Tails had a lovely skirt dance to perform this year and as Twisted Thistles we rehearsed hard and done an amazing performance at Dusherra, cramming in basket, fan veils, sword and our wonderful chevron dance. The crowd at Dusherra were lovely, we were a big hit and Nick joined us for the first time looking amazing in his new costume.

We all studied hard this year and it started with amazing workshops in Oxford with Kae Montgomery from FCBD and Steph, Sharyn and Susan had a great weekend. Loli and Susan travelled to Newcastle for fabulous workshops with the amazing Kristine Adams again of FCBD. Loli, Helen, Janis and Jackie all attended Tribal Goddess full of amazing workshops and great fun. We had 2 fun workshops on new steps and lovely meals and chatter together after. And Julie joined us...yay! Steph is going on GS and TT next year in Barcelona, Susan re-newed her Sister Studio status after a private skype with Carolena herself! And, Liz, Jane, Loli and Susan have gone back to bellydance roots with workshops from the graceful Juliana Brustik.

We had some nice publicity this year with an article in prestigious Oasis Bellydance magazine, written by yours truly :) A lovely photograph of Twisted Tails from a few years ago in ATS magazine and coverage of us all at Dusherra in Edinburgh Evening News.

The year ended with a fun night at the Raqs Casino show, the showcase for Sharon Kihara weekend. It was a great night and the lovely Liz joined Twisted Tails for a folky Banjara dance.

2016? A year of more change I think and maybe...just maybe.... Julie will be back!