

fine city Swelling

Norwich 2024

Weekend guide

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Welcome to FCS24!

We hope you have a fabulous weekend of music and dancing in our lovely city.

This is a quick guide to what's going on - more information can be found at finecityswing.co.uk.

A few notes:

- Please sign-in at the registration desk when you arrive and wear your wristband for classes and socials so we know who is who.
- FCS t-shirts will be on sale at the registration desk. Numbers are limited so don't delay!
- Feel free to bring water and energy snacks to class - we're hoping for nice weather so stay hydrated!
- We want everyone to have a great time, but if you encounter any problems, please speak to one of our committee members. More information on our safe spaces policy is here: finecityswing.co.uk/safe-spaces

Parties

Dance your socks off to our fantastic bands and DJs!
There will be water provided and licensed bars at all of the party venues.

Friday evening with DJ Pinball Paul

The Narthex

19:30 Party starts + registration desk opens

00:00 Party finishes

Saturday evening with the Basin Street Brawlers

Assembly House

Louis Marchesi

19:30 Party starts

20:45 Tribute and celebration
dance

21:45 Performance

23:30 Party finishes

23:30 Afterparty starts +
midnight(ish) snacks

01:45 Afterparty finishes

Sunday afternoon with Pete Long's Pocket Basie

Assembly House

15:00 Party starts

19:00 Party (and FCS24) finishes

Workshops & taster classes

We super happy to be joined this year by Jo Hoffberg and Felipe Braga, who will be teaching across the weekend. We also have some wonderful local dancers offering a variety of taster classes. You can find out more about all of our teachers [on the website](#).

All workshops and classes at FCS24 are open level to keep everyone together for the weekend, but we'll still be ensuring there is content to challenge dancers of all levels.

Dancers with a full weekend pass can take part in any of the workshops or taster classes. People with party-passes are welcome to drop in on the taster classes.

Saturday teaching schedule

Assembly House

09:45 *Registration*

10:00 - Three Pillars
12:00 of Jazz: Part I
- The "I"
- Jo & Felipe

Lunch break

13:30 - Culture talk -
14:30 Jo & Felipe

14:45 - Three Pillars of
16:45 Jazz: Part II -
The "Us"
- Jo & Felipe

Chantry Hall

12:30 - Open venue
13:30 for hanging
out, eating etc

13:30 - Cajun and
14:15 Zydeco -
Hank JD Sleek

14:15 - Open venue
15:00 for hanging
out, eating etc

15:00 - Musicality
15:45 and Play -
Paul Claydon

16:00 - How to dance
16:45 with anyone!
- Sarah Lewis

Workshops

Taster classes

Sunday teaching schedule

Assembly House

10:00 - **Sharing the Voice**
11:30 - Jo & Felipe

12:00 - **Three Pillars of Jazz: Part III - The Music**
14:00 - Jo & Felipe

14:00 - *Closed for party prep*
15:00

Chantry Hall

11:00 - **Collegiate Shag** - The Shagamuffins
11:45

12:00 - **Jazz tap** - Laura Jennings
12:45

13:00 - **Social Foxtrot** - Rhythm and Grace
13:45

13:45 - *Open venue for hanging out, eating etc*
15:00

Workshops

Taster classes

Workshops

We're incredibly excited to welcome the amazing Jo Hoffberg and Felipe Braga to teach for us this year. Their workshops will follow a progression of themes, but classes can be taken independently.

All of the workshops will take place at **The Assembly House**, in the **Noverre Ballroom**.

Three Pillars of Jazz: Part I - The "I"

Saturday 10:00-12:00

Improvisation and the freedom to express yourself. Not just solo jazz, but how to move your body rhythmically, find the groove, and get comfortable dancing without a partner.

Three Pillars of Jazz: Part II - The "Us"

Saturday 14:45-16:45

Swing, coordination, and balance. Connecting the 'I' to the 'we'. Once you've found yourself, let's find a partner and connect through the music. In this class, we'll focus on one rhythm and learn how to play, explore and improve with it.

Sharing the Voice

Sunday 10:00-11:30

The ultimate dancer can both speak and listen. In this class, we'll create balanced conversations where partners play off each other's creativity.

Three Pillars of Jazz: Part III - The Music

Sunday 12:00-14:00

Deepening your connection and rhythm. Are you dancing in rhythm? Are you comfortable playing with your rhythm? In this class, we'll get a pulse on where your rhythm is and ways we can explore.

Taster classes

Join our talented local teachers for one-off taster classes on a wide range of topics. Read more about our teachers [here](#).

Cajun and Zydeco

Saturday 13:30-14:15, The Garage

Hank JD Sleek

Join our local aficionado of all things Americana, DJ and teacher Matt Nunn, for a dip into the social dances of Louisiana. Perfect for the sultry summer evenings we're having this weekend (!).

How to dance with anyone!

Saturday 16:00-16:45, Chantry Hall

Sarah Lewis

Drawing on techniques from other partner dance forms (including contact improvisation, blues and tango), this workshop will explore ways to have a fun dance with anyone.

Musicality and Play

Saturday 15:00-15:45, Chantry Hall

Paul Claydon

As a swing dance teacher and DJ of national repute, Paul's musical expertise is second to none. Explore the connection between swing music structures and your dancing to open up a world of creativity.

Taster classes

Collegiate Shag

Sunday 11:00-11:45, Chantry Hall

The Shagamuffins

When the tempo goes up there is no substitute for the Shag... Ellen and Rob will show you some simple but sassy moves to dazzle on any dancefloor.

Jazz Tap

Sunday 12:00-12:45, Chantry Hall

Laura Jennings

Add some taps, shuffles and riffs to your Lindy Hop and solo jazz with a taster class suitable for beginners. Tap shoes are not required but if you have some, feel free to bring them.

Social Foxtrot

Sunday 13:00-13:45, Chantry Hall

Rhythm and Grace

The clue to Claire Grace's dance style is in her name! Learn how to sweep effortlessly around the floor when those elegant 1930s dance band tracks come on.

Venues

If you're staying near to the city centre, then all of our venues are easy to get to on foot. If you're coming from further away there are bus routes fairly near to each venue, and several car parks will be a close by. Our Google map of venues is [here](#).



The Narthex

Cathedral of St John the Baptist,
NR2 2PA

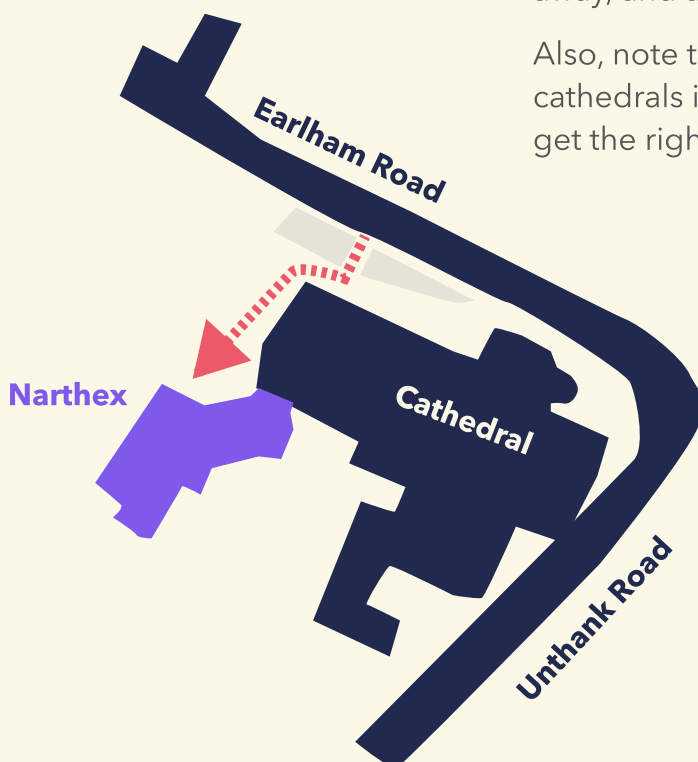
Friday night party

Located just a few minutes walk outside of the city centre, the Narthex is a part of the Cathedral of St John the Baptist.

The entrance is via Earlham road. Head up the steps near the main sign for the Cathedral and then go around to the right, through the car park, to find the Narthex.

There is free on-street parking not far away, and a bus stop right outside.

Also, note that we have two cathedrals in Norwich, so be sure to get the right one!



Venues



The Assembly House: Noverre Ballroom

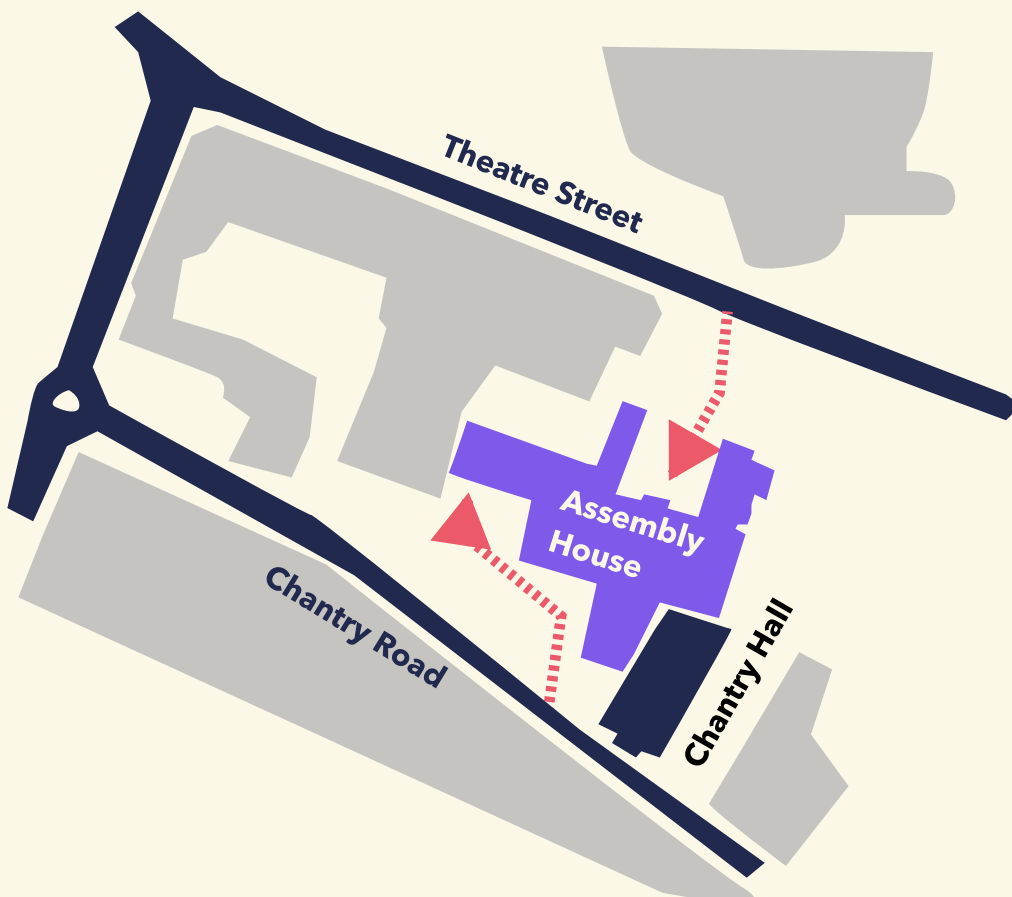
Theatre Street, NR2 1RQ

**Saturday & Sunday workshops,
Saturday night party & Sunday
afternoon party**

The Assembly House is a beautiful Georgian building located right in the centre of Norwich, near the Theatre Royal.

The front entrance is via Theatre Street, and the back entrance is on Chantry Road.

Note that vehicle access may well be restricted on Saturday afternoon, but taxis will be able reach the venue via Chantry Road. For pedestrians, if Theatre street is busy, please use the rear door.



Venues



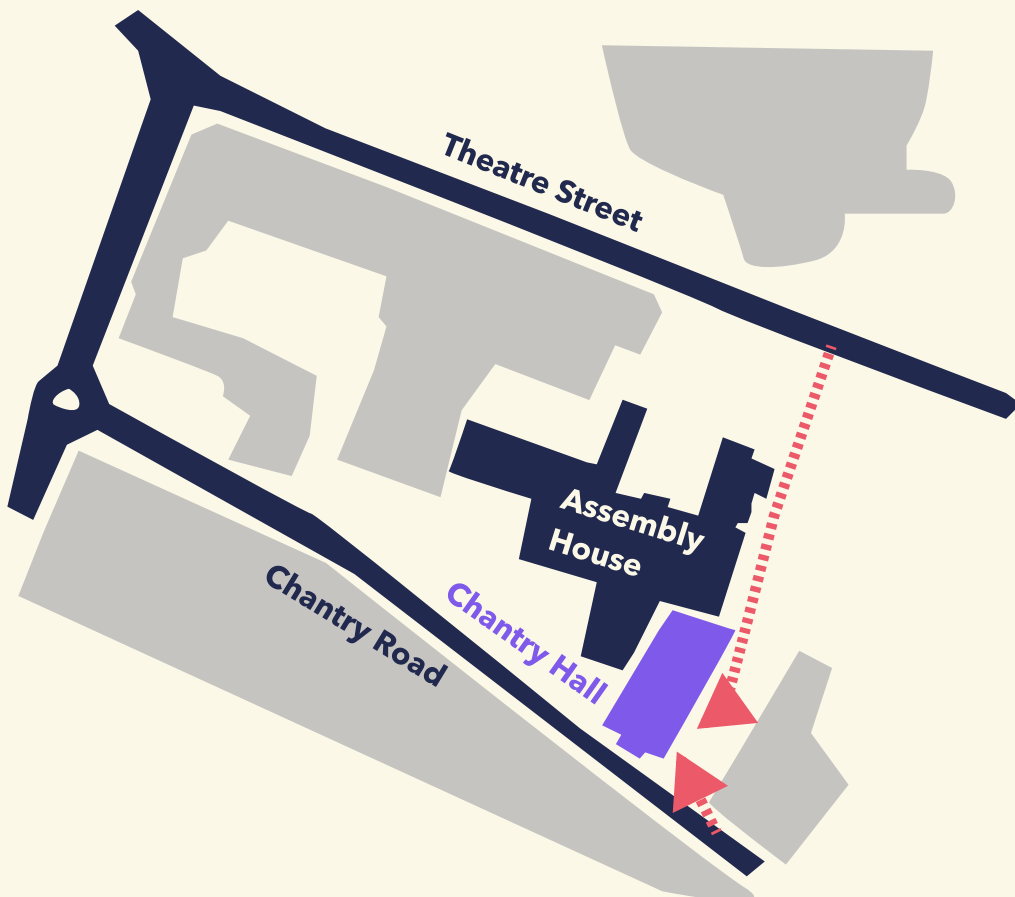
Chantry Hall

Chantry Road, NR2 1RF

Saturday & Sunday taster classes & hangout space

Our regular venue for monthly tea dances, Chantry Hall is situated right next door to the Assembly House. The entrance is close to the Assembly House car park and the Chantry Place shopping centre.

Note that vehicle access may be restricted on Saturday afternoon, but taxis will be able to reach the venue via Chantry Road.



Venues



Louis Marchesi

17 Tombland, NR3 1HR

Saturday night afterparty

An easy 15min stroll across the city centre from the Assembly Rooms. Head upstairs in the pub to find our late night afterparty.

There is no parking at the venue - if you have travelled by car the closest public car parks are St Andrews multistorey carpark or St Helens Wharf Pay & Display carpark.



Lord Mayor's Weekend

Norwich is having its annual Lord Mayor's Weekend event on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July: <https://www.norwich.gov.uk/lmw>. It's a big street party so the city will be buzzing with people and lots of fun - this year the theme is 'Norwich Loves You'!

It's worth noting that there will be some temporary road closures, so be aware of the information below, especially if you're driving.

Activities will include:

- A fun fair, music and food stalls on Saturday in Chapelfield Gardens, just around the corner from our venues.
- A carnival parade through the city centre and up Theatre Street (in front of the Assembly House) between 2pm and 5pm on Saturday. The parade route and nearby roads may be closed or vehicle access restricted, and bus routes may be affected. If Theatre Street gets too busy to use the front entrance of the Assembly House you can enter via the rear door, which is on Chantry Road (navigate to 'Chantry Hall' on Google Maps).
- After the parade there is a party and concert in Chapelfield Gardens from 5pm until late evening. There are also bands playing on stages in the city centre.
- On Sunday things calm down but from 2:30pm there will be a rubber duck race along the river (a bit further away from our venues).

Here's some travel advice from the council:

[https://www.norwich.gov.uk/info/20618/
lord_mayors_weekend_2024/4102/
travel_information_for_the_lord_mayors_weekend](https://www.norwich.gov.uk/info/20618/lord_mayors_weekend_2024/4102/travel_information_for_the_lord_mayors_weekend)

Getting around

Walking

Norwich is a nice city to walk around - we don't have many hills! If you're staying near the city centre then it should be easy to walk to all of the venues.

Cycling

You can hire Beryl Bikes around the city centre: <https://beryl.cc/scheme/norwich>

Driving and parking

Driving is normally fairly straightforward in Norwich, but be aware that temporary road closures and extra traffic due to the Lord Mayor's will affect the city centre.

You won't be able to park directly at our venues, but there are several car parks near each one.

Buses

There are regular buses to Norwich city centre - for more information visit [First Buses](#).

Taxis

We have a mixture of bookable taxis, and Hackney carriages that you can hail. The pre-booked taxis are on a fixed fee and usually a bit cheaper, and the Hackney carriages will charge you on a distance basis.

For bookable taxis [ABC Taxis](#) is the biggest taxi firm in the city. You can download their app to make booking easier. Others are available too, like [Courtesy](#) or [Goldstar](#).

If you plan to get taxis at all then we recommend booking ahead of time if possible as they can get busy.

Food

We can't eat our own food at the Assembly House unfortunately, and prices in their restaurant are on the pricey side so most of us locals will be eating elsewhere... Fortunately though, Norwich city centre has a wide-range of food options, from supermarkets to delis, cafés and restaurants of all types, with lots of vegetarian and vegan options.

Here are some places that our lovely committee members recommend:

- 33 In the Park - breakfast/lunch food
- The Bodega - New York-style sandwich stall
- Bread Source - artisan bakery and café
- Christophe's Crêpes - for a sugar hit
- Norwich market - a wide range of food stalls
- St. Benedicts Street & Pottergate - lots of restaurants and cafés, set in the Norwich Lanes
- The Waffle House - a Norwich staple featuring waffle-based savoury and sweet food
- Yalm - foodhall with a selection of kitchens and bars



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