

## CHAIN REACTION

### Newsletter June 2018

Thanks to all of you who rallied round so promptly and inundated me with news and photographs of your outings. It was terrific.

#### WELL, WHERE **WAS** BRIAN?

David's "Where's Brian" prompted several answers, though none of them likely to be David's expected answer.

My own view was that, as David was in the front of the picture, then Brian was probably behind the camera.

Val suggested that Brian was still trying to get her and the others out of his car.

Brian said, "I can't find Brian".

Jackie thinks Brian was in the Gents.

Come on, then, David. Where **WAS** Brian? (See last page.)

#### AMSTERDAM

Whilst you were all busy dancing, I went on a Mini Cruise. It does sound rather grand, doesn't it? In fact it was a weekend only and we went to Amsterdam. Our coach took us to Hull on Friday and we sailed with P&O to Rotterdam, having an evening meal, entertainment in the bars, cabin berth and breakfast on the boat, then by coach to Amsterdam, where we spent a gloriously sunny day doing what tourists do: ie sailing on a glass boat round the canals and enjoying a lovely street market. The coach then took us back to the boat for the evening's meal and entertainment, another night on the boat, then breakfast during the sail back to Hull. On the way home we spent a few lovely hours in York enjoying yet more sunshine and a walk round the Shambles, eating ice creams (well, we were on holiday), watching the street entertainers, and finally back home on our coach. *Jane*

## NUTS IN MAY

Terry and Di were very pleased with the success of their weekend at Wellingore once again, where they had a lot of help from their own club members in running the weekend. They had 6 to 8 squares over the weekend, many staying on the campsite and others in nearby accommodation.

Philip and Heather sent this photograph of our club dancers with Terry and Di, whilst the report was sent in by Brian.



#### Nuts in May Campout 2018 - 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May

The weekend was organised by Terry and Di plus a few staunch helpers. It was at the village hall in Wellingore, a small village between Lincoln and Newark. The weather was absolutely fantastic for a campout, warm and sunny the whole weekend.

There was mainstream and plus dancing every evening with workshops at mainstream and plus, as well as plus workshops and A1/A2 workshops in the daytime.

There were a few C.R. Dancers there: Terry & Di of course, Trevor & Chris (in their new caravan), Heather & Phillip (in "The Beast" and giant illuminated marquee), and Brian & Carol (hotelling it nearby). Also Gill and Allan who many of you know from the Friday plus evenings at Lune Valley.

A great long weekend of dancing, socialising and sunbathing for many, well worth booking for next year.

*Brian*

## BRIAN HOLMAN

Unfortunately Brian suffered an injury to his leg last month, and we all wish him well and back to dancing soon. It was good to see him last week, even though not dancing.

## THANKS FROM NELL

*For those of you who may not have seen the card we received from Nell, here is the content:*

Dear Friends

I would like to thank you all so much for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy shown during this difficult time. Your support was greatly appreciated and of great comfort to me.

Your presence at Roy's funeral service meant a great deal to me as I know all of you had quite a long distance to travel.

Sadly when Roy's health deteriorated and he was not able to attend the club any longer, he missed the friendship a great deal. As you know he loved to socialise and tell stories of his past adventures.

Thank you once more for all your kindness.

I hope to see you all in the near future.

*Nell*

## “GUARDS! GUARDS!”

Several of us were disappointed not to have been able to get to see the last play that David was in, especially as he told us – afterwards! – that we had missed seeing him wearing tights! We were most put out and we are determined to get tickets in time for the Little Theatre's next performance.

## COMING EVENTS

There will be an A2 workshop on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Halton, details of which are on the noticeboard.

## LUNE VALLEY NEWS

Val intended sending a report of the Lune Valley Dances but she ran out of time. However, you can see Carol's reports of the Mainstream and the Plus Graduations in the June edition of LSD.

## BRIAN HOTCHKIES at WARRINGTON

We had a super evening at Warrington dancing to Brian Hotchkies. He is so imaginative and formed us into all sorts of formations, with lines at right angles to each other, concentric sets, progressive squares, and everything worked because Brian made it work by going over again any bits that collapsed and explaining everything so clearly. One of our couples who had lived in Australia decorated a table with a fantastic display of everything Australian: books, photographs, appropriate soft toys and ornaments. It looked great.



We had a couple of visitors from York, and even two dancers from Germany. Unfortunately they had been delayed by thunder and lightning in Stuttgart so only arrived just as we were finishing. However, Brian, in true professional style, added an extra little tip at the end so that they could join in briefly.

Brian also made the evening special to the Allemanders by inviting our caller, Steven, to join him in a call.

Thanks go to Trevor and Chris for bringing Brian to us.

## LYTHAM NEWS

I believe that the “other” Lytham Festival is being held in July this year, so that's good news for us and there should not be any confusion with them this year.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Heather and Philip on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild, Finlay.

## OK, DAVID, WHERE WAS BRIAN???

### Where's Brian?



We've all seen the 'Where's Wally?' puzzles. Well, here's Chain Reaction's version for the Aberdeen Square Dance Festival:

Where's Brian?



Answer next month!

Here's the solution – you have to look at 'Wally 1' first (reproduced here from last month's newsletter), then 'Wally 2' for the answer. See next column.

## WHERE'S WALLY or WHERE'S BRIAN (2)?



Here he is, obviously practising Mini (not so) Busy. I know, I cheated a little bit – but it was worth it to annoy Brian! *David*

*(Editor's note – I think my guess was closest as I suggested that Brian was behind the camera! Jane)*