

CHAIN REACTION NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

STREET, SOMERSET, WEEKEND

This event was organised by Bernard Murphy of Pilgrim Promenades SDC from Plymouth. The callers were Tim Crawford from Canada and Ted Lizzote from the USA. From Chain Reaction were myself and Carol and Trevor and Chris. It was located at the Wessex Hotel in Street, near Glastonbury and was a Friday, Saturday and Sunday event. The Friday started in the evening with a plus dance including A1 and A2 star tips. Saturday morning and afternoon were A1 & A2 workshops as was Sunday morning and afternoon. Saturday and Sunday evenings were plus dances with A1 & A2 star tips. The dancing was really good with interesting choreography interspersed with Tim Crawford's usual wit. Worth going to for some good A dancing to different callers. The next one will be in November but there is more emphasis on the plus level and not quite as much A. Picture shows Tim on the left and Ted on the right with Bernard just in the left-hand background. The main attraction in Street is its large factory outlet shopping centre operated by Clarks shoes. You can spend a lot of money if you're not careful. I was extremely careful.

Brian H



VISITOR

It was lovely to have a visit from Rita last month. The photo below shows Rita, with Anne and Terry. Rita came up by train from London and was then going back with Di to dance at Dicey the next day.



ST PATRICK'S DAY

Chain Reaction's most recent dance on 17th March coincided with St Patrick's Day, so dancers were encouraged to turn up dressed appropriately in shades of green.



Following the refreshment break, Di and Terry treated us to a lovely rendition of 'Limerick, You're a Lady', a song written by singer/songwriter Denis Allen, who is based in County Limerick. His recording of the song went to number one in Ireland in 1979, staying in the charts for about a year. It has since been recorded by over forty different artists.

CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE GARDENS

Last weekend we had a family outing to Cholmondeley Castle, on the border of Wales. The grounds are truly beautiful and this weekend there was a big daffodil festival. I didn't realise how many varieties of daffodil there are. Each area had a title and a bit of information about the species blooming there, and all magnificently displayed. But tea was £3.40 a cup! *Jane*

ALLEMANDERS

Following my brief notification of the Alexanders' dance scheduled for July, here are the correct final details. We're not sure if we are 50 or 51 years old but whatever it is, Di is coming to call to help us to celebrate. Please join us if you can. *Jane*

ALLEMANDERS - Anniversary Dance

Thursday, 11 July 2024, 7:00 pm – 9:45 pm
Alford Sports & Social Club,
333 Manchester Road, Warrington, WA1 4NJ
(large car park at rear of building)

Caller: **Di Green**

Basic, Mainstream & Plus.
Raffle.

Admission £5 including refreshments.
Contact: Janet - Tel: 07729 840471 or
e-mail: janet0505@hotmail.co.uk

GHIC

On our recent holiday in Portugal Barry tripped over a loose cobble stone in the village and did a spectacular head dive into a stone wall. He badly grazed his head and hand and was a bit dazed. The wonderful Portuguese picked him up, put ice on his head, wrapped him in a blanket and bathed his hand. They then sent for an ambulance which took him to A&E to check for concussion. He was seen immediately, given meds, blood tests and a CT scan and kept for observation for an hour. Luckily all was OK and the GHIC card worked perfectly - no charges and no need to contact our insurance company. If you are traveling abroad in the EU and Europe do get a card, it is very well worth it. They are free and available on line. *Val*

FROM JANE

Everyone says how well I am recovering from my trip, but my balance is still a bit iffy and I'm afraid I will have to give up dancing at Chain Reaction. This is mostly due to having to drive a 60-mile round trip, but sometimes common sense (or direct instructions from sons!) has to take over.

SAMLESBURY MEMORIAL HALL

Some of you will be aware (mainly the C dancers) that over the past few months there have been issues for us accessing the hall on our arrival on Sundays due to the very large church group in the hall before us not vacating it on time - sometimes we can't get into the carpark! We have patiently tried to deal with this but it seems it has also been affecting other hall users who have complained to the hall committee. They have taken very swift action about both the hall and the carpark and I understand on our last Sunday when I was away there was a massive improvement and both the hall and car park were clear on time. Often cars were being driven out of the entrance and were forcing cars to reverse out into the lane. To prevent this from happening the hall committee have sent an email out to all hall users asking us to ensure we use the correct entrance and exits to the carpark (I know we all do). If any of you experience any problems with the car park access please let us know. Thanks. *Val.*

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Hope you all managed to adjust your clocks yesterday (or as in my case get someone "techier" than you to do it for you). It takes me several days to manage to show the same time in each room.



So it's now officially summer.
The temperature is 5°C.