

## 'STREET' DANCING

A five day holiday with old time dancing every evening, was held at the picturesque Somerset Town of Street, from Sunday 5th till Friday 10th July 2015. The holiday was organised by the English National's President **Fred Boast** and his wife **Joyce**, assisted by **David & Wendy Griffiths**, with the music provided every evening by the excellent **David Ingle**.

Our hotel for the week in **Street** was the well-appointed Wessex Hotel, very central for visiting many other places of interest such as Wells with its ancient cathedral, Taunton, Bath, Weston-Super-Mare, Cheddar Gorge and not forgetting the Magical & Mystical town of Glastonbury with its very "laid back" alternative life style.

One of the main attractions of Street is 'Clarke's Village', a huge shopping centre, built on the site of the Old Clarke's Shoe Factories, and is now a multitude of Factory Outlet shops of every description (with discounts of up to 70% - WOW)

So, each morning, after a hearty breakfast the ladies, having discussed tactics & agreed a strategy, advanced to the front line. So armed with credit cards and shopping bags, led the assault on the Clarke's Village shops!!

Even under very hot weather conditions, their dedication to duty was nothing short of admirable, and with the valiant support of their menfolk, who kept them supplied with Ice Creams, even under the most difficult of conditions, ensured that the battle was won! - it made us all proud to be British!!

Every evening we had a full programme of Traditional Old Time Dancing in the magnificent Ballroom and over 5 nights, we danced **100 different dances** as well as having 2 morning teaching sessions where we taught - **Camellia Tango, Clarendon Saunter, Granchester Saunter, Tango Quadrilles** and the **County Gavotte 1965** (not the 2014 imposter of the same name)

On Wednesday evening, the Trelawney Tango was led by **Tony Forrester & Pat Jephson**, but just before they started, **Tony** reached for the microphone, and after a short announcement, publicly committed himself to Pat, and to register and signify their commitment to each other and to Old Time Dancing produced a beautiful ring and presented it to a very happy and surprised Pat!!! Needless to say the rest of the evening became a celebration party.

Also, staying at our Hotel was a party of Dutch Holidaymakers, who were very fascinated by English Old Tim Dancing, so of course we invited them to join us. They were so appreciative, that on our return home, we received an email thanking us all for our hospitality and they hope to meet up with us when we all go to **MAASTRICHT** to see **ANDRE RIEU** next year. (anyone interested in joining our group please contact Fred Boast)