

39th Ball of the Year Torquay

The Old Time Dance Society Ball of the Year Weekend Torquay May 2024

In May over 80 members of The Old Time Dance Society attended the Ball of the Year weekend at Torquay, in the TLH Victoria Hotel. Although a few members arrived on the Thursday the majority came on the Friday and took advantage of the hotel facilities (the bar) while they waited for their rooms to be available. The weather was looking good for the weekend and everyone was looking forward to enjoying the delights of Torquay and the dancing.

David Last was our musician for the weekend and Christine and Robert Haywood got the weekend dancing underway as leaders for Friday night with a programme of Old Time favourites and they created a great atmosphere. The Ball of the Year on Saturday was led by Andrew Pigg and Paul Watkins. Wow what a night, they led off beautifully and it was a joy to watch two dancers at the top of their game especially when they led the Melody Foxtrot dancing solos from both ends of the ballroom in perfect formation. Paul Watkins and Jeanette Fletcher led the Stardust Saunter that was a master class in elegance. Andrew and Paul created a relaxed and fun evening that everyone enjoyed.

The Sunday night was a first for the Society, Linda Fouracres-Rogers led her programme with a different partner for every dance, not easy as her partners came from all parts of the Country so she only had limited chance to dance with them all before the evening. It proved to be an enjoyable evening and there were many who had tears in their eyes when Linda led the Dinky One Step with her husband Barry who due to his limited mobility has not danced for a few years. It was great to have some of our newer members joining in with the Set Dances each evening and enjoying them. The weekend would not have been the success it was, without the wonderful music of David Last.

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Picture: Above Saturday leaders Andrew Pigg & Paul Watkins with David Last



Picture: Left
Musician David Last
Friday leaders Christine & Robert Haywood

Picture: Right
Barry & Linda Rogers leading the Dinky One Step

