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Jigs And More

2017 JAM Committee

2017 has seen a few new faces joining the JAM Committee. Amberly Middlemiss and Saskia de Graaf are the new Youth Representatives, and Chris Totton has taken on memberships and registrations.

Amberly: My name is Amberly, and I've been Scottish country dancing for two years now. I started dancing at Milford when some friends invited me along, and I loved it from the very first lesson. It's been so much fun going each week with my friends. I'm a correspondence school student at the moment, and when I'm not studying I enjoy art, playing guitar, tap-dancing, drama, skiing, and writing. I'm excited to take on the role of Youth Representative with Saskia, and look forward to helping in any way I can!

Saskia: I started dancing at age ten when I joined the Ellerslie Youth club taught by Katharine Hoskyn. When I was 13 I started doing Medal Tests and have just completed my Gold Bar. My interest in dancing increased further when I attended the 2015-16 Summer School in Auckland where I made a lot of friends and thoroughly enjoyed the classes and evening socials. Over the past two years I have attended two Summer Schools and two JAM Camps. I also dance at the Auckland Highland Games every year. I

really enjoy doing demonstrations and sharing my love of dancing with others.

I am in my final year at school, and I also enjoy hobbies such as piano playing, embroidery, hand crafts, and a lot of reading.

Chris: I started dancing at the Tokoroa Club when I was 6 years old. But it wasn't until my early teens as I started dancing with the adults that I became more involved and attended all the evening functions. As well as the Saturday night dances I have attended most JAM Camps and several Summer Schools, in Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland.

Since moving to Wellington in 2010 I have become a familiar face to most clubs in the region, dancing at up to three clubs each week (and not always at the same clubs). I was part of the organising committee for the AWESome Weekend School (a weekend of dancing for ages 18-39), I am a current member of the Lower Hutt Club committee and as of 2016 I also teach at Kelburn Club. And now, of course, I am also part of the JAM Committee, taking over the JAM registrations and memberships.

Diane, Hazel and Amy have remained on the committee. Diane is the Youth Co-ordinator for the NZ Branch, so she leads the team; Hazel organizes Medal Tests around the country; and Amy has taken on the editing of Jigs And More.

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by **31 August 2017** with your story or photo.

Thoughts about JAM Camp 2017

Jonny (Lower Hutt): I was surprised when my class did 10 bar phrases!! But I did enjoy it.

Esther (Ellerslie): I really enjoyed JAM Camp. One of the things I particularly loved was going to the Thistle Ball. My best friend and I were going to put purple hairspray in our hair to make it like the flower on the thistle. I wore purple clothing. Mum put purple dots of facepaint on my cheeks. After putting the hairspray on, my hair felt really stiff. But the ball made it worthwhile!

Hannah (Milford): Masterton was quite cold at the start and end of day, but the delicious meals (including the hot chocolate) always warmed me up. The lessons were long and cold and at the same time fun. My teacher's (Linda Glavin) instructions during the lessons were loud and clear. I enjoyed the Ceilidh and the ball, and my favourite dance in the ball was Petronella. I think the best parts of the Masterton JAM camp was the combined class and the wonderful food!

Bonnie (Glendarroch): At JAM camp I really enjoyed listening to the people who sang at the ceilidh (they were good!). And I had super fun at the bumper cars and bowling on Saturday. At the ball my favourite dance was Petronella although I got a bit confused! Also a big thank you to the tutors who taught us over the weekend.

Emily (Waikanae): My favourite dance was Petronella because it is super tiring and I got to dance with my friends. It made the JAM Camp 10x as much fun. I also really enjoyed the ball because there were lots of interesting purple and green clothing.

Thomas (Lower Hutt): JAM Camp was awesome!! The only bad thing was the food was TOO GOOD. I loved the costumes at the Thistle Ball. Next time please choose a place with a playground!

Judy (Milford): I had a fantastic time at JAM camp - it was fun and well organised. During classes my teacher, Nicole Trewavas, taught me a lot of new dances! I made new friends and enjoyed the food! I look forward to attending the next JAM camp.

Isobel (Levin): This was my first ever Jam Camp and I am so glad that I went! Everyone was so friendly and I had an awesome time. Also the food was really good! It was great to have the opportunity to be tutored by someone different and Elaine really pushed us with new and complex dances. My favourite was "Reel of the Puffins." I loved meeting everyone and it was so nice to see other people my age who dance. Hopefully I can make it to Auckland in 2019!

Simon (Ellerslie): I enjoyed the camp a lot. Especially dancing the Petronella with Shadows, Doubles and whatever else was just hilarious. Thank you so much for an amazing weekend, also thanks to the other camp participants for letting me be a part of your community :-)

Edward (Waimate): Great to meet old friends and make new ones. It was great to have so many young dancers in one place, especially teenagers. I really enjoyed the bumper cars and bowling too.

Emma (Milford): I had a fantastic time at JAM camp. It was a great experience to be around so many other young people and to get the opportunity to do medal tests. My classes were excellent and the right level of challenge thanks to Elaine Laidlaw, who was a wonderful teacher; I especially enjoyed the birling, 10-bar phrase and excuse me dances. The highlight for me was the Thistle Ball and dancing some old favourites including Pelorus Jack and The Eight(nine)some Reel, with JAM variations of course! The atmosphere was really amazing and friendly, and I definitely appreciate being able to attend.

Katie (Waikanae): It was the best weekend that I have ever had away. I made so many new friends. My favourite dance was Domino 5.

Emelia (Milford): I really loved the friendly atmosphere at the lessons, even if you messed up it was fun. The people teaching and helping out were amazing, and I loved meeting

JAMs from other areas of the country who I would never have met otherwise.

Catherine (Lower Hutt): At JAM Camp we stayed right beside the common room! My favourite thing was to go next door and look for a partner to play soccer with.

Jennifer (Little Thistles): I enjoyed dancing De'il Amang the Tailors with no hands, because it was something different. I made new friends and got to know some of my old friends better. Outside of class my friends and I had lots of fun talking and playing games.

Anna (Tokoroa): JAM camp 2017 was as always fabulous! This time it was held in the beautiful cold Masterton. The Senior JAM class was made the best ever, with a million thanks to the superb Elaine Laidlaw. On the first day, straight after warm-ups, Elaine taught us how to birl properly. She told us that she had a major plan for us at some point during the weekend. That something was The Kandahar Reel, which kept us all on our toes, and literally too! It was refreshing for me to have had the opportunity to attend a class taught by Elaine, because she spent more time on tuning the fine points, rather than learning dances and performing steps.

Sophia (Milford): I had a great time at JAM camp! The classes were brilliantly challenging and enjoyable and it was so fun to dance with other young people.

Emma (Little Thistles): I had fun at JAM camp because it was a new place for me to visit. I liked hanging out in the games room in my free time. It was cool how it had soccer, pool and tennis tables and Sky TV. I had fun on the bumper cars. It was funny because people said I was a bad driver but that is only because I liked taking sharp corners. I learnt lots of new dances and had a ton of fun at the evening dances.

Medal Test Results

Masterton JAM Camp 2017

Bronze

Ellerslie	Hamilton Scottish
Emma Uren	Emma Bardsley

Simon Schafer	Waikanae
Siobhan McCallin	Katie Warner
Esther Hutchinson	

Glendarroch	Levin
Bonnie Herrick	Isobel Harris
Harriet Buchan	

Little Thistles	Lower Hutt
Olivia Kneale	Catherine van der Gulik
Poppy Glavin	Alyssa Koo

Bronze Bar

Ellerslie	Lochiel
Emma Uren	Caitlin Cooke
Simon Schafer	Abigail Cooke
Charles Adams	

Levin	Lower Hutt
Isobel Harris	Alyssa Koo

Silver

Lower Hutt	Waikanae
Jonny Bourne	Emily Warner

Silver Bar

Tokoroa
Tegan Shewry

Gold

Newtown
Emma Loader

Gold Bar

Ellerslie	Newtown
Saskia de Graaf	Helen Oliver
	Philip Oliver

Congratulations to all who completed medal tests at JAM Camp, and a huge thank you to stooges, organisers, examiners & parents!



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