



The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
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Jigs And More

Ian and Judith Muir visit Ellerslie

Ellerslie Youth Group were very lucky to have a visit from Ian and Judith Muir in August. Ian explained the accordion to the group and played for the dancing.



This inspired five-year old Sammy to draw an accordion, which he did from his memory of seeing it. Good memory, Sammy.

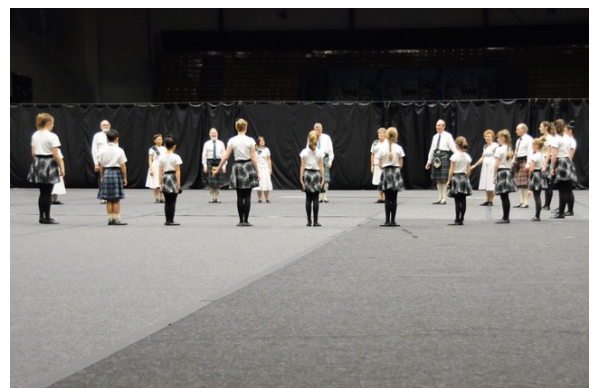


An accordion is a musical instrument that has keys similar to a piano. It makes sounds using air pushed and pulled through reeds using a bellows.

Milford Juniors at the Auckland Tartan Day Tattoo

My First Tattoo

At the start of this year my friends Hannah and Charlotte invited me to come and check out the Milford Scottish dancing classes. I loved it! It was really fun so I joined up. In July I got invited to dance in my first Scottish tattoo. It was really fun but really loud! We had to go to a practice to learn what we were doing. We did the Scottish Werewolf and the adults did another dance as well while we watched. There was a dance that we danced in a large circle, called Muckle Flugga and that was fun. We got to partner up with some of the older girls. It was really amazing being able to dance with them and learn new techniques. I liked seeing all the other performers but the Scottish dancers were the best. We also have an exam coming up in October which isn't very far away and we are working hard for it.
Felicity Wright (aged 9), Milford Juniors



See your name in print!

Don't forget - Jigs And More is for you!
Email us at jigsandmore@dancescottish.org.nz with a story or photo from your Summer School experience or summer holidays.
Closing date for the first 2019 edition is **Thursday 28th February**.

Upcoming Events

Rangiora Afternoon Tea Dance: Sunday 23rd September. Time and location TBA

Glendarroch Club dance: Saturday 29th September. 7.30pm at Carlton School Hall

Cambridge Ball: Saturday 27th October. 7.30pm at Cambridge Town Hall.

Auckland Weekend School: 2nd-4th November. Based at Takapuna Grammar School.

2018/2019 Summer School: Nelson - 28th December 2018 to 5th January 2019

Otago Region Easter Weekend School: 19th-22nd April 2019. Held in Owaka. More information will be included in the next edition of Jigs And More.

Queens Birthday Weekend: Saturday 1st - Monday 3rd June 2019. Katikati.

North Shore Tartan Day Tattoo: Sunday 14th July 2019 after JAM Camp.

North Shore Tartan Day Tattoo

Sunday 14 July 2019

from 1.30pm

Advance notice!

Each year Scottish country dancers perform at the North Shore Tartan Day Tattoo before a large audience.

In 2019, in addition to the usual display, a mass junior display is planned. Young dancers attending the camp will have an opportunity to take part in the mass junior SCD display at the Tattoo. Practice time will be arranged during the camp.

Participation in the Tattoo is optional. Full information will be available in conjunction with, but separate to, JAM Camp information.

Following the closing of the camp at midday, transport to the Tattoo will be arranged for interested juniors. Juniors who take part in the Tattoo will need to organise travel home from late afternoon onwards.

Adults attending the camp will also have an opportunity to participate in an SCD display.

More details at a later date.

Tokoroa Annual Dance

Tokoroa JAMs loved their Annual Dance

In August the Tokoroa Club held their Annual Dance. It was nice to have Sophia, a JAM from the Lochiel Club, at the Ball as well. Here are some comments about the dance from the local JAMs.

Zita said "My favourite thing about the Scottish Ball was the Brudenell Jig. It's the best dance cos there are rights and lefts in it and I did them ok." (Zita began dancing in March when she turned six and must have been happy she didn't stuff this dance up!)

Melinda's favourite thing at the Ball "was dressing up in a special white dress and dancing with my Gran. I love Scottish Dancing because of the beautiful music." Melinda began a few weeks before her sister Zita.

Bella also began dancing with the club this year. She liked that the adults came and asked her to dance and that she danced with a different adult in each dance.

While Petronella "just loved everything" she did single out the best things as the live music; the dances; and the fact that "if you made a wrong move you wouldn't get told off!"

Robyn wrote that the best things about the night were the dances; a new formation for her (3 couple rights and lefts - she has since written a dance in reel time incorporating this); the live music; the raffle prize she won.

Magdalene especially liked the music from Ian and Judith; the dances (her favourites were Flowers of Edinburgh and De'il Among the Tailors"); the prizes from the raffles; and her dance card. (Each of the newer or younger JAMs had a dance card that suggested the dances they would manage and

adults who knew those dances were asked to partner them.)

Hendrik thought it was really cool that there was live music from Ian on the accordion and Judith playing the keyboard. Hendrik's youngest sister, Augustine, enjoyed the ball too. She liked dressing up and she liked the blue jelly.

Anna came back from Hamilton for the dance and thought catching up with her family was fun. She appreciated the wonderful saying that the note changes in the music were really cool.

Ian and Judith commented on how great it was to see the young dancers participating and enjoying themselves. The Tokoroa Club was so lucky to have the Muirs play for its dance and thank them, along with the New Zealand Branch for making this possible.



Medal Test Results

Waikanae

Bronze

Ruby-Jean Willis	Lower Hutt
Li-Yin Lin	Lower Hutt
Sophie Hurnard	Manawatu
Amelia Lambert	Glendarroch
Caitlin Lambert	Glendarroch
Annalise Strachan	Glendarroch
Josie Herrick	Glendarroch

Bronze Bar

Thomas van der Gulik	Lower Hutt
Catherine van der Gulik	Lower Hutt
Katie Warner	Waikanae

Silver Bar

Emily Warner	Waikanae
Caitlin Tipping	Little Thistles
Jonny Bourne	Lower Hutt

Gold Bar

Emma Loader	Newtown
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Congratulations to all, and a huge thank you to stooges, organisers, examiners & parents!

Summer School JAM Scholarships

Congratulations to Edward Fish and Isobel Harris who the lucky winners of the JAM scholarships to attend the 2018/2019 Summer School in Nelson! Hope you have a great time ☺

More Photos from the Auckland Tartan Day Tattoo with the Milford Juniors



