

New Dancers Celebration 2016

From Diane Bradshaw

The Lower Hutt Club hosted the Wellington Region New Dancers Celebration in October this year. We were fortunate in being able to use our preferred venue of Knox Church on High St, Lower Hutt. This venue allows us plenty of room for dancing and also allows us the space to have supper in a separate area. The local band was Roaring Jelly (Lynne Scott, Jean Malcolm and Richard Hardie) who did a wonderful job.

We decided to use the Wellington colours of yellow and black for our theme, and then because of the colour theme, also decided to use bees. John Gregory provided the large model of the Beehive for the back of the stage which looked magnificent. Thankfully for us, he just happened to have one tucked away from a previous Summer School, waiting for another use. Lower Hutt club members were very creative in decorating the hall with bees and flowers and there were also mini beehives on the supper tables. Decorations were provided by Andrea, Elizabeth, Angelica and Diane and the programmes, invitations and name badges were designed by Glenna Matcham.



The bee-themed stage decorations (photo: Diane Bradshaw)

Our MC for the evening was Damon Collin, who was impressed at the standard of dancing by the many new dancers who attended their special event.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to make the event such a success and thanks to everyone who attended, especially all our new dancers. As usual the New Dancers Celebration was the biggest event of the year and it was wonderful to have up to 14 sets on the floor. We look forward to seeing our new dancers' progress in future years.

Closing date for the next issue
Saturday 18 March 2017

From the Recordshop

Dorothy Wilson, Box 612, Blenheim 7240
Email: recordshop@dancescottish.org.nz

As briefly mentioned in my October Recordshop News Flash to members, there are to be four new CD releases late November/December 2016. I hope to have all four titles in stock by mid December.

Marian Anderson's Scottish Dance Band:

"Sunday Class 2" – 16 SCD tracks + a Polka + Auld Lang Syne sung by Alex Hodgson. \$30; and

"Music for Belfast Platinum Anniversary Dances" – 14 SCD tracks incl. 2x32S +2x32J Medley and a 4x32 waltz. \$30.

Andy Imbrie & the Reel of Seven "The Magic of Summer School"

– 14 SCD tracks + a waltz; this CD consists of recordings made live at Auckland 2015/16 Summer School – popular dances incl.

Best Set in the Hall, The Gentleman, Shiftin' Bobbins, The Hunting Horn, etc + The Magic of Summer School! A special souvenir at a special price - \$20.

And, finally, something slightly different ...

Nicol McLaren & the Glencraig S D Band

"Sunday Class Christmas" – 14 tracks + a cool-down waltz. Well-known Christmas carols, songs from musicals, pop songs, children's favourites and traditional winter melodies. Sets for reels, jigs, strathspeys, both traditional and slow air, in a range of barring, incl. 8X40, 3x48, as well as plenty of 32-bar combinations. \$30.

Currently there are 65+ titles in stock in the Recordshop

Stuck for a Gift Idea? Recordshop Gift Vouchers are available, minimum value \$30-00.

Happy Christmas to everyone. I look forward to seeing some of you at Ilam Summer School.

Dorothy

Summer Dancing

Outdoor dancing will be held on **Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 January and 1 February**, at Riddiford Gardens, Lower Hutt, in front of the Hutt Library. If wet, at St James Church Hall, behind the library.

All donations taken will go towards local dancers attending the upcoming JAM camp.