



King's Birthday Weekend School 2025

Hosted by Cambridge SCD Club

Saturday, 31st May to Sunday, 1st June 2025

Weekend Programme

Saturday 31st May 2025

- 9:00 – 9:45am Registrations and morning tea at the Cambridge Town Hall
- 10:00- Noon Classes:
- Advanced Low Impact – Cambridge Town Hall – Gaye Collin
 - Advanced Technique – St. Andrew's Church Hall – Hazel Fish
 - Beginners/Intermediate – St Peter's Catholic School Hall – Helen Smythe
- Noon – 12:45pm Light Lunch to be served at the Cambridge Town Hall
- 1:00 – 3:00pm Afternoon classes
- 3:00 – 7:00pm Free time. There is a good selection of restaurants/bars within walking distance of the Town Hall for those who wish to dine out first
- 7:00 – 10:00pm Ball at the Cambridge Town Hall
- 10:30 – 11:30pm After-ball party at the Cambridge Town Hall. BYO beverages

Sunday, 1st June 2025

- 9:00am – Noon Musicians' class at the Cambridge Town Hall
- 1:00 – 3:00pm Combined Class
- 3:15pm Afternoon tea
- 7:00 – 9:00pm Ceilidh – (Theme: 1950's) being held at the Cambridge Town Hall (open to public)
- 9:00pm Presentations and supper

Whole School		Casual / Part-Time Attendance	
Adult	\$ 140	Saturday morning class	\$ 35
Adult (early bird registration BEFORE 14 April 2025)	\$ 130	Saturday afternoon class	\$ 35
Adult RSCDS members \$15 discount	\$ 125	Saturday Ball	\$20
		Sunday morning musicians' class	\$ 20
		Sunday afternoon combined class	\$ 25
		Sunday Ceilidh	\$ 15
Register online: kbws2025.waibopscd.org.nz			

Teachers:



Helen Smythe:

Helen has danced since she was a child when her Grandmother introduced her to dancing at the Cambridge Club. Helen got her provisional certificate around the year 2000 but gained her full certificate in the new system in 2017 after her family of three girls were a little older. She is a teacher in two clubs in the Waikato region - Cambridge and Lochiel. Helen loves to dance new and old dances and hopes to help newer dancers enjoy dancing as much as she does. It is all about fun, but you tend to have more fun if you can dance well together as a team.

Outside of dancing Helen is a Head of the Math department at Cambridge High School.



Hazel Fish

Hazel started dancing in the United Kingdom when she started school. Many years were taken up with ballet and tap and jazz.

Fast forward to coming to a small rural community in New Zealand in 2018 and the only dancing locally was Scottish Country Dancing. To appease everyone that has an opinion that homeschooled children do not socialise, SCD was one of the activities to which Hazel took her three young sons, and they loved it. Then Hazel took the chance to join in too.

Hazel completed her RSCDS Teaching Certificate in 2017, however opportunities to teach since have been limited by COVID restrictions. However, Hazel has now taught at an Australian Winter School and a couple of NZ Summer Schools. The 2025 King's Birthday Weekend School will be her first time teaching in the North Island. Hazel loves the shapes that dances make, and how the combination of flow and teamwork can create something beautiful to watch.

By day Hazel works as a pharmacy technician and she also qualified as a fencing coach - the stabby kind, not the picket fence round the garden kind!



Gaye Collin

Gaye came to Scotting Country Dancing at the age of 18 and was hooked from the start. Lower Hutt Club has been her base, and after gaining her certificate in 2011 she has taught the Lower Hutt club for two blocks of several years alongside her husband, Damon.

Gaye has taught Region classes and at Day & Weekend Schools. The **Advanced Low-Impact Class** is becoming a regular for her. Gaye has taught this level several times, most recently at the Winter School in Perth in September 2022 & the Auckland Summer School 2022/23.

Gaye's great passion is devising dances, and she has published five books. In April 2024 she was asked to teach a Deviser's Day in Christchurch, comprising two levels; a general class in the morning and an advanced class in the afternoon. After the experience she called it her **Deviser's Dream Day**.

Gaye's other interests are indoor bowls, card evenings with friends once a month, rugby, cricket and netball (just watching from the couch, balancing a class of wine). She also enjoys riding her E-Bike with Damon on easy grade trails, and spending time in their rather large garden, not to mention time with four lovely grandchildren.

Dance Selection Guide:

Beginner/Intermediate

For newer dancers who understand basic steps and formations and wish to improve their dancing technique. Although the class is geared towards adults, young dancers over 12 years of age who are disciplined enough to share a class with adults are welcome.

Advanced Low Impact

For dancers with a solid understanding of all steps and formations. Emphasis will be on execution of dancing through upper body technique and phrasing, with a mixture of good team dancing and some brain-challenging dances.

Advanced Technique

For dancers with a solid understanding of all steps and formations, who have high energy and are wanting to learn techniques to perfect their own personal dancing.

Note: The organiser reserves the right to change the tutors and the classes offered, depending on the number of registrations or other events, without notice.

Whilst we are not holding JAM classes this year, young dancers from about 12 years and upwards are welcome to join any class on the recommendation of their regular tutor

Cambridge Ball 2025 Programme – Kings Birthday Weekend

2025 King's Birthday Ball Programme			
	<u>Dance</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1	Maxwell's Rant	8 x32 Reel	3C in 4C set
2	Beach Dancer	8 x 32 Jig	3C in 4C Set
3	Sugar Candie	8 x 32 Str	3C in 4C Set
4	Eyemouth Harbour Reel	8 x 32 Reel	3C in 4C set
5	Chased Lovers	8 x 32 Jig	3C in 4C Set
6	Flowering Heather	3 x 32 Str	3C set
7	Toast to the Mousies	8 x 32 Reel	3C in 4C set
8	Luckenbooth Brooch	8 x 32 Jig	3C in 4C set
9	Bonnie Gallowa*	4 x 40 Str	4C Set
10	Scott Meikle	4 x 32 Reel	4C Set

Supper Break

11	EH3 7AH	8 x 32 Jig	3C in 4C set
12	The Sailor*	8 x 32 Reel	3C in 4C set
16	Dream Catcher	1x 96 Str	Square Set
14	Links with St Petersburg	8 x 32 Jig	3C in 4C Set
15	Montgomeries Rant	8 x 32 Reel	3C in 4C Set
16	Water of Leith	4 x 32 Str	4C Set
17	Farewell to Balfour Road	1 x 96 Jig	5C Set
18	Reel of the 51st Division	8 x 32 Reel	3C in 4C set