

When did you start dancing with Johnsonville Scottish Country Dance Club?

In the beginner's class Feb 2020.

How did you get into Scottish country dancing?

I love dancing as not only is it fun; it's also a good form of exercise. I did come across a few dance classes/clubs when I was googling, or advertisements in FB. However they were mostly in the city and a little over my budget. So when I came across an ad in the local Herald NZ newspaper, I wrote in and was invited to come and join the 1st beginner's class which was free to get a feel of the dance. After completing my 1st day which to my surprise was about an hour and a half, I was just hooked in. Though it took me a while to understand some of the terminologies which Rod used explaining the formation of the dance, I did my best with the help of the experienced dancers.

What do you most enjoy about SCD?

Dancing. Having Fun and staying fit physically and mentally. A good way to start the week.

I guess it's the challenge in learning new dance and trying to "picture" the dance routine when it is briefed. When I'm able to do a dance with little or no mistake, that's an accomplishment. End of day it's about having fun and not to worry when mistakes are made (something which the experienced dancers still tell me 😊).

Tell us a bit about any Scottish connections you may have.

Don't think I have any. Maybe I should do a DNA test, might not know what I may find out about myself.

What sorts of activities have you been involved with at the club over the years?

Besides being in the Supper Team, I've helped out in washing table cloths after our Tartan night events. I also help by picking up club members around Johnsonville or Newlands who have no transport to attend Monday club nights and other events or classes.

What club activity stands out for you?

Monday's club night, where Rod walks us through the dance, briefly explains about the music. Club nights are extra fun when there's live band. It just makes a better ambiance.

Tell us something about your life outside of Scottish country dancing.

I assist my husband with his financial business from home Monday till Wednesday and put some time aside in the evening to practice my guitar before my lesson on Thursdays. I have just started a permanent part-time job at Summerset Paraparaumu as a Receptionist where I work on Fridays and Saturdays.

Apart from that, I'm a member with the New Zealand Malaysian Society where I'm the Secretary. The society meets up for a meeting every 6 weeks to discuss and plan activities for our members.

I enjoy the outdoors too. So on a good day, I will be out walking ensuring I achieve at least 7km. I enjoy cooking and trying out new recipes.