



DJAM 2019

Dancers' Guide

Welcome to DJam 2019

Thank you for coming to DJam! For some of you, this is a happy return. For some of you, this may be your first DJam

Our aim is to create a perfect environment for enjoyment, learning, inspiration and socialising through swing dancing, no matter what people's dance experience or level.

DJam 2007 started out as a small Lindy Hop dance weekend held in a local school for 40 dancers and has gradually grown into a much bigger festival. This year we have 2 days and 2 nights of parties and core workshops in Lindy Hop as well as an incredible menu of tasters. We are delighted to be returning to beautiful Durham city where the venues are close together and hotels and cafes are within easy walking distance.

None of this excitement would be possible without your incredible energy and we are grateful for your support over the years. So many of you have made DJam what it is today; dancers from around the globe, world-class teachers and DJs, fantastic bands, creative photographers, talented technicians, brilliant bakers, dedicated volunteers and a very committed team that plans every single detail to ensure that we bring you the best possible dance experience.

Let's start the 2019 dancing year together in swinging style at this truly special weekend packed with learning and inspiration to transform our dancing.

Joo-Lee & Andy



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Where and when do I check-in?

Event check-in will take place from on Friday at the DJam Desk in Elvet Methodist Church Hall from 18:30 onwards. As this venue is not open before 18:30, if you arrive in Durham early, do relax in any of the cafes nearby until it's time to check in.

When you check-in, you will be given an event wristband, please wear it at all times.

If you are not arriving until the Saturday you can simply turn up to your class and ask a team member for your wristband.

What's happening when?

| When | What / Theme | Time | Highlights | Where | Dress Code |
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| Friday | Welcome Dance | 19:00 – 22:30 | Warm-Up class at 19:00 Teachers Welcome at 21:00 | Elvet Methodist Church | Dance T-shirt |
| Saturday | Masquerade Ball | 19:30 – 23:30 | Shim Sham battle Performance by the choreography class | Town Hall | Masquerade 1920's Glamour |
| Sunday | Vintage Tea Dance | 16:30 – 19:30 | Cake! | Town Hall | Vintage |

What To Pack, What To Wear

All DJam venues have wood floors so please pack suitable dance shoes. Check out the party themes for each night and perhaps bring a mask for the Masquerade Ball on Saturday night. You will get very warm dancing; do bring lots of spare clothing.

Where to Get Changed on Saturday

The staff at Freeman's Quay Leisure Centre DH1 1SW has kindly allowed us free entry on Saturday 26 January between 17:15-19:15 so we can get showered and changed in their 'Dry Side' changing facilities. Please make sure that you arrive before 18:30, as the doors will be locked and please leave by 19:15 when the centre needs to close.



Food, Glorious, Food!

There are lots of cafes in Durham city, all within easy walking distance of DJam venues. Water will be provided at all venues, but please help us to help the environment by bringing your own refillable water bottle.

Free tea will be available at the Sunday tea dance.

Alcohol Policy

Please help us to respect the rules of the venues by not bringing alcohol to any of the evening dances. For the Friday night Welcome Dance we are in the Elvet Methodist Church where free hot drinks will be provided. For the Saturday Masquerade Ball and Sunday Tea Dance, there will be a bar where you can purchase drinks.

Venues

- Elvet Methodist Church, 8 Old Elvet, DH1 3HL – Friday party, Saturday classes
- Masonic Hall, 36 Old Elvet, DH1 3HN - Saturday & Sunday classes
- St Oswald's Church Hall, Church Street, DH1 3DQ – Saturday & Sunday classes
- Town Hall, Market Place DH1 3NJ – Saturday night dance, Sunday classes & tea dance

Check your class schedule for the more information.

Travel Information

By Train – Durham is on the main east coast rail line and the station is a 10-minute walk from the city centre. Taxis are available at the station.

By Car - If you're driving leave the A1(M) at junction 62 and follow the A690 into the city centre.

City centre parking - Friday evening, Saturday evening and all day on Sunday on-street parking in the city centre is free, although spaces can be hard to find during busy times. Charges apply during the day on Saturday.

For Saturday, the Rotary Club runs a charity car park on Territorial lane off Old Elvet for £2 all day (first left after the Royal County Hotel). Alternatively Prince Bishop's car park is a large multi-storey car park within easy walking distance of all venues. Opens 6am – midnight.



By Air - Newcastle airport is the nearest airport

If you're flying in or arriving by train, why not post on the DJam Facebook event page and see if anyone else is arriving at the same time and share a taxi.

Durham Taxis

Paddy's 0191 3866662

Mac's 0191 3841329

Polly's 07910 179 397

Taster Classes

There is a wide range of exciting tasters to add some spice to your dancing menu. Check your schedule for more details.

Shim Sham Battle

New for DJam 2019, we have a Shim Sham Battle during the Saturday party.

If you want to take part in DJam's first ever battle simply join in with Team Cat or Team Cam. No need to sign up before hand. Everyone is welcome to take part and if you want to brush up your Shim Sham before hand there are 2 taster classes to get you ready. The judges will be looking for a Shim Sham that has energy, rhythm, creativity and PIZAZZZZZ!

Photography

Our official DJam photographers and will be snapping away all weekend, so dress to impress and don't forget to keep smiling! Please share your photos on the DJam Facebook page and tag yourself and your friends - we love to see you having fun!

If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know as soon as possible.

DJam T shirts

If you have ordered a T-shirt when you registered, simply collect yours from DJam Reception. There are a few T-shirts for sale (£16) if you'd like to check the remaining stock.

Stay Safe & Look After Each Other

We want everyone to enjoy the event and if you feel uncomfortable in anyway please speak to Joo-Lee or a member of the reception team. If you feel unwell or notice that someone seems to be unwell, please see a DJam Team member immediately. There is so much going on at DJam so please remember that you do not need to do everything.



Massage with Anna-Marie

Anna-Marie is a qualified massage therapist who is offering treatments to DJam dancers in the Masonic Hall on Saturday and Sunday from 09:30-16:30. The treatment room is situated near the bar area. Book your appointment by Whatsapp 07532767907. Cost: £15 for 30 minutes.

DJam 2020

Save the dates - DJam 2020 will take place between 24th – 26th January 2020.

Pre-registration will be open to DJam 2019 ticket holders. So fill in the form in your event pack and hand it to DJam reception with a £10 deposit.

Here To Help

Let's see if we can make your DJam wishes come true. Is there anything that you need? Do you have any comments or suggestions? Please speak to any of the DJam Team or share your thoughts on the comment cards and hand them to DJam Desk. The sooner you make your wish, the sooner we can wave the DJam Magic Wand!

