

52 Years of Tutoring Scottish Country Dancing at One Club! Beat that!

An afternoon tea dance held in June, was a memorable way to say "Thank You Mr Simmonds" from the Linden Scottish Country Dance Club. Dancers and past club members came from far and wide (Christchurch, Wellington region, Paraparaumu, Te Puke) to celebrate 52 years of continued tutoring by Ian at Linden Club. He took over the role from Hilda Brodie in 1960 and enjoyed it so much that it became a permanent part of his life.

The dances, chosen by Philippa Pointon who has succeeded Ian as tutor, highlighted Ian's love of melody and rhythm. Included in the programme were many of his favourites as well as *The Linden Anniversary Strathspey* devised by Ian for the 40th anniversary of the Linden Club in 1998 and *L for Linden* devised by him for the 50th anniversary, in 2008.

Music for these dances was composed by Peter Elmes who also composed and gifted to Ian a new piece, which he played for us on the day. Now the challenge is for Ian to write a new strathspey for this wonderful music! It was a delight to also have Merren Simmonds on the keyboard accompanying Peter for the afternoon. She has such a depth of feeling for the music which greatly enhances the enjoyment of the dancers.

The large crowd, from experienced dancers to our current newcomers, enjoyed the special occasion of beautifully flowing dances, goodwill, cheerfulness and heartfelt speeches topped off with cake and high tea to complete the day.

Ian's tutoring is well-respected and valued by all of us and the significance of his commitment was reinforced by Philippa who remarked "Don't expect me to be around for 52 years, I'll be over 100!"

We are all pleased that Ian is continuing to dance at Linden Club and his love of dancing gives a special quality to our Monday nights.



Ian Simmonds cutting his cake with Philippa Pointon and Peter Elmes behind.

Lower Hutt Scottish Country Dance Club Annual Dance

Saturday 3 September 2011 - 7.30 pm
Knox Church Hall, 574 High Street, Lower Hutt

Music by Catherine Fraser and Duncan Smith
(from Australia)

Admission: Adults \$15; RSCDS Members \$13; Students \$5

**	Maxwell's Rant	R	Book 18
*	Miss Hadden's Reel	J	Book 23
**	Anna Holden's Strathspey	S	Book 42
**	Scott Meikle	R	Book 46
*	The Merry Oddfellows	J	MMM
*	Monymusk	S	Book 11
**	The Hunting Horn	J	Archives
**	The Reel of the Royal Scots	R	Leaflet
**	The Gardeners' Fantasia	S	Book 46
**	Pelorus Jack	J	Book 41
***	The Montgomeries' Rant	R	Book 10

Supper

**	Mrs Stewart's Jig	J	Book 35
***	The Saltire Society Reel	R	Leaflet
*	The Balmoral Strathspey	S	Book 22
***	The Missing Turn	R	Book 46
**	Roaring Jelly	J	Foss
***	The Gentleman	S	Book 35
****	Best Set in the Hall	J	Greenwood
*	The De'il Amang the Tailors	R	Book 14

* for all. ** slightly more challenging. *** find a clever partner. **** only if you know it

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