



On Thursday 31st December farewell the Old Year

at the

HOGMANAY DANCE PARTY

of The Wellington Region of the New Zealand Branch of
the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society



Hogmanay is the traditional time for families to be together ... bring your family and friends to be part of the Wellington (the world !) Scottish Country Dancing family to welcome 1993 ! Come along to

Wellington East Girls' College,
Austin Street (southern end), Mount Victoria (see map)

from 8 p.m. on 31st December 1992 till 1 a.m. on 1st January 1993 !

Admission : Adult \$5# Families: 2 adults + under 16s \$12#
 Child under 16 \$2# 1 adult + under 16s \$7#

= plus a plate of finger food (appropriate size !)

Just a thought ... savoury food is popular in warmer weather .. cake wedges are tempting but a bit unmanageable ?!

Come prepared to be **F-E-D up** to the full with **Fun, Entertainment and Dance !**

The programme will include activities for all ages and provide for those who are not regular S.C.Ders.

Dances will be chosen from the following :-

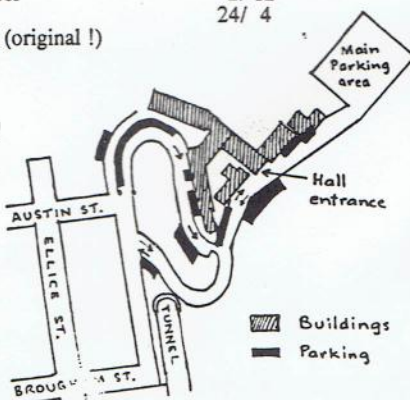
J	The Frisky	26/10
R	The Duke of Perth	1/ 8
J	The Hunting Horn	SCD Archives
S	The Wind on Loch Fyne	Dunedin Dances 1
R	The Reel of the 51st Division	13/10
J	St. Andrew's Fair	5-82/ 2
J	Hooper's Jig	Misc. II/99 More
S	Neidpath Castle	22/ 9
R	La Russe	Misc. 1/ Border Bk.
W	The St. Bernard's Waltz	
S	The Silver Tassie	Lfts/ 1
R	The Old Man of Storr	Chn/ 6
S	To Ane An' A'	Harbour City
R	The Eightsome Reel	2/ 12
H	The Sailor	24/ 4
	The Gay Gordons (original !)	

To get there ...

(join the suggested route where convenient for you)
exit from motorway into Ghuznee Street -
continue to end; turn right up Taranaki Street;
turn left at lights into Vivian Street - continue
on up steep hill - Pirie Street - and further,
almost to top; turn right into Austin Street -
continue to end. Either enter by gateway on
left (one way) or turn right then left into
main drive (two way); see map for parking.

Enquiries:

phone Edith or Bruce Campbell 388 0069



HOGMANAY 1992/3

Although a dancer for many years, I had never attended a Hogmanay celebration and apart from a very general idea didn't really know what it involved. Having been coerced onto the organising committee however I soon found out! Under the very able guidance of Edith Campbell things soon started to come together and the result was a great evening of fun, entertainment and tradition.

About 160 people attended, many of whom were non-dancers. To tie in with the Olympic Games held during the year we staged our own "games"-shinty (or curling) with hockey sticks and sweepers clearing the way; and an Olympic orange race "videoed" by a fellow team member. Both provided much hilarity and gold, silver and bronze medals were presented to the winning teams.

There was of course plenty of dancing, some old favourites and some for everybody to join in, such as The Grand Old Duke Of York. Thanks to the guest Teachers who briefed the dances for us. Entertainment included a wonderful mime of "Tam O' Shanter", as well as community singing of well-known Scottish songs. Thanks must go to Lynne Hudson for her excellent accompaniment on the piano accordion.

The highlight of the evening was the traditional Hogmanay ceremony. With each chime of Big Ben the message "A Guid New Year" was revealed on a large screen. Then Old Father Time with his hourglass was swept out the door, ably assisted by a swift kick or two from Mirth Smallwood! With the lights off a spotlight picked out a covered hoop through which was passed a baby (Stacey McIntyre, Lynne and Bill Hudson's grand-daughter who was then carried around the hall by Alan Burn our Region President. A loud knock at the door caught everyone's attention and Alan enquired was there. "First Foot" was the reply, and Alan enquired how they appeared and whether they were properly equipped. The reply was that the "fair comely woman" was indeed properly equipped, at which point First Foot (Dorothy Whyte) entered carrying a tray and followed by a piper. On the tray was a lump of coal, a bottle of whisky, a silver coin and a sprig of pohutukawa - for good luck, health and wealth throughout the new year. First Foot toasted the President and his guests, then invited everyone to

join in a toast to the new year.

For me the whole evening was great fun and a wonderful way to welcome in the new year with the Scottish Country Dancing "family". Thanks to Edith and my fellow committee members for allowing me to be part of it.

Shirley Kalogeropoulos
Wellington Club.

Quite an evening to be sure. Put on by the Campbell Clan and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The programme was just right, with some dancing and some entertainment. All of which was first class. Quite a number of our party were non-dancers and were heard to say "the best ever". Congratulations to the organisers.

Even though I noticed the absence of one of my friends, I just had no idea at all who was the 'horse' in the Robbie Burns skit, until she was 'un-frocked' and proved to be our own Margaret Bailey. Should have known by the perfection of the high prancing horse steps which were all part of the act.

Auld Lang Syne and the singing put us all in fine fettle and as midnight struck, to our amaxement the 'first-foot' was a fair-haired lady, and why not! Bill and Lynn's grandchild made a beautiful announcement of the arrival of the new year. A very happy evening was spent with all our friends and started off 1993 in fine form.

Elizabeth Brown
Linden/Plimmerton Clubs.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

The money saved for a rainy day, now buys a smaller umbrella!