

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE OR HOGMANAY CEILIDH 2020

After a successful Annual Dance and weekly dance classes being held via Zoom, Debbie and Kate thought it would be good to continue the theme and hold a combined New Year's Eve Zoom Dance or Hogmanay Ceilidh (Sheffield and Rotherham).

We were joined by dancers from Doncaster, Nottingham, Chesterfield, Southport and, of course, Finland.

Debbie gave us all a clear reminder about trip hazards, having enough space and just to do as much as we wanted.

Although the evening dance was slightly shorter than normal, this did not matter, everyone was grateful for an evening of pure enjoyment. Dancing was to the best bands around (Marian Anderson, Luke Brady, Nicol McLaren etc), pre-recorded of course, and all done from the comfort of your own home, so imbibing had to be taken carefully as we could all see what each was partaking of.

All the dances were recapped from first place and danced four times through with one exception, The Moray Rant. As usual none of the dances were difficult as both Debbie and Kate had taken into account the type of surface people would be dancing on. Partners came in different guises, ranging from an actual person, through to a blow up Elvis Presley. Unfortunately, Debbie's usual partner, Foxy, had to take a back seat this time as she was joined by her husband.

We went from St. Andrews Fair to a Trip to Timber Ridge, Midsummer Common (on a frosty night!! I ask you), the British Grenadiers somehow got in on the act. There was a short interval when dancers could refill and refresh, following which Bill Clement (MBE) started the second half, he is always welcome. There was a variation on the well known Duchess Tree called the "Duchess Sapling" which had a modified move to cater for "at home dancing". Shiftin' Bobbins, a good old favourite, plus a couple more dances and finishing with The De'il Amang The Tailors.

The evening was rounded off with Janet Beddus (Our soprano with the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus) taking us through the New Year/Hogmanay Anthem "Auld Lang Syne".

If you enjoyed the evening please consider making a donation to Rotherham Hospice as it would be greatly appreciated, especially in these difficult times when fundraising cannot take place. Donations are their only source of income. Please see their website on how to make a donation.
