Calendar Activities

HOGMANAY



Hogmanay is the name for the Scottish celebration for New Year. One of it's main traditions is called 'First Footing', this starts at the stroke of Midnight and describes the first person from your household to enter a friend or families house. The 'first footer' would usually bring a symbolic gift, traditionally a lump of coal or dram of whisky that would be given to the host for good luck. Tradition prefers the first footer to be a man with dark hair!

Another Hogmanay tradition for good luck is called 'Redding the House'. To do this you need to thoroughly clean the house and pay all of your bills and debts!

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Materials;

- Glass jars with their lids.
- Paper, napkins, doilies.
- Photographs and Newspapers Clippings
- Felt Tips and Embellishments
- Poster Paint
- String, elastic bands or ribbon

Fill your jar with diluted poster paint and swill around the edges until the inside of the jar is covered. Leave to dry thoroughly.
Discuss with your residents what they would like to put in the jar, this could be photocopied photographs, small objects, news clippings, quotes and memories from the year. Use the reflection questions as prompts, you can also write answers on the back of the prompts and put them in the jar too.

Once the jar is dry, fill it with the items and put the lid on, To make the lid more attractive you can either rubber band a dollie around it or use a circle of thin patterned paper or napkin as a decorative covering. Decorate the outside with pens and embellishments, then add you label and name.



AULD LANG SYNE

Set to a traditional folk song, Auld Lang Syne is a poem written by the Scottish Poet Robert Burns and sang to mark the New Year, the traditional Hogmanay song is sang across the world at the stroke of midnight.


Bing Crosby Singing Auld Lang Syne


The meaning behind Auld Lang Syne

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Reflection Questions

Whose company have you enjoyed this year?

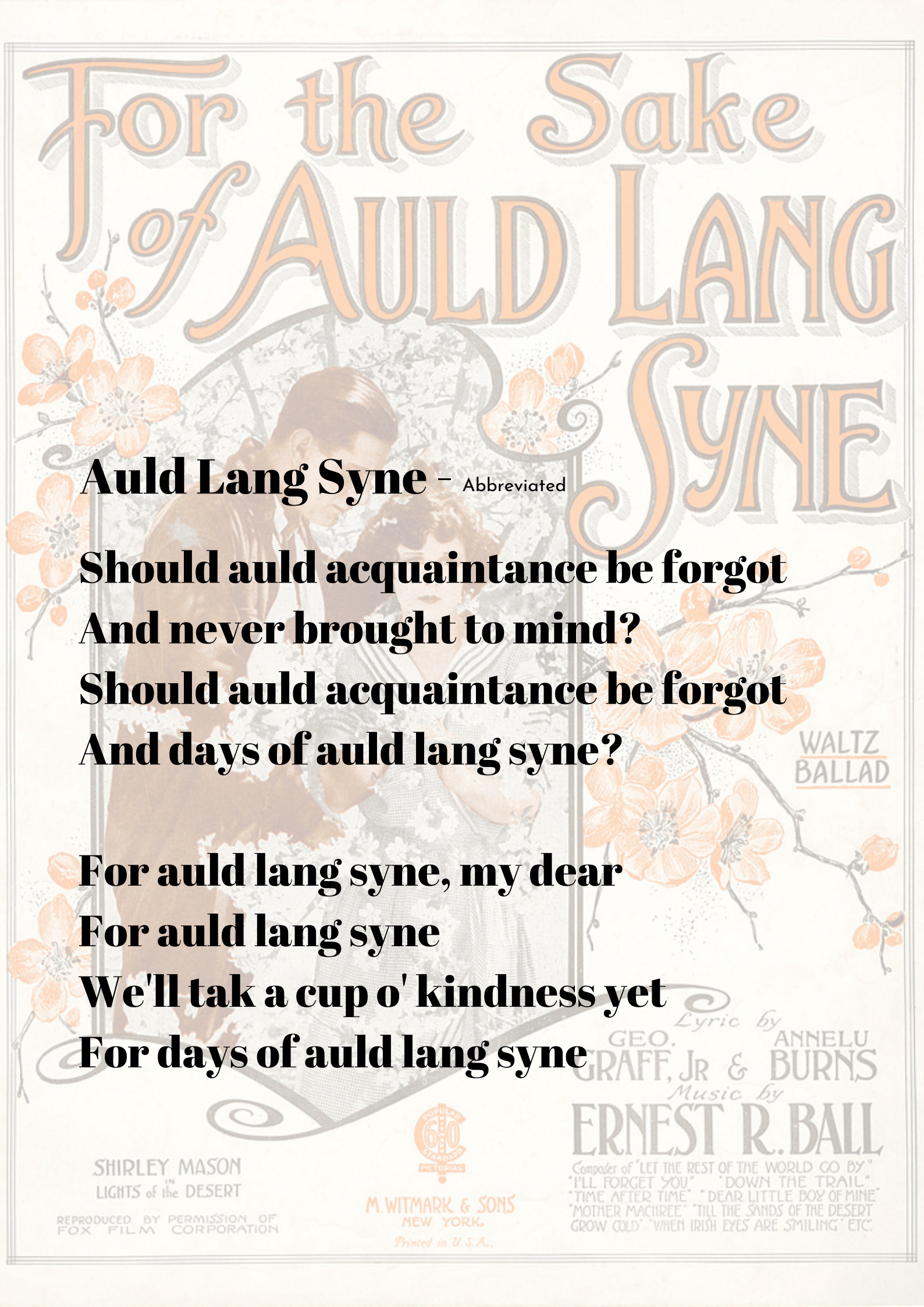
What or whom brought a smile to your face this year?

What TV have you enjoyed this year?

Have you tried out any new activities this year?

What has been your favourite outfit this year?

Have their been new babies in your family this year?



Auld Lang Syne – Abbreviated

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For days of auld lang syne