



Mini-project

Hogmanay in Scotland

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Hogmanay

- New year in Scotland is celebrated, as in all European countries, on the night of 31 December. Here the holiday has its name-Hogmanay. Why do Scots celebrate the New year, while most European countries walk widely at Christmas? The fact is that in 1651 the Church banned the celebration of the Nativity of Christ.



How to meet Hogmanay



- The family gathers together at the large dining table. 10 minutes before the new year, the owner of the house opens the back door. And as the chimes strike, the back door closes and the front doors open. It is believed that the old year should go, and the new-to enter the house.

How to meet Hogmanay



And what to do if the apartment has only one door? In this case, it is opened. People believe that they themselves will figure out who and when to leave and who to come.



new year's custom

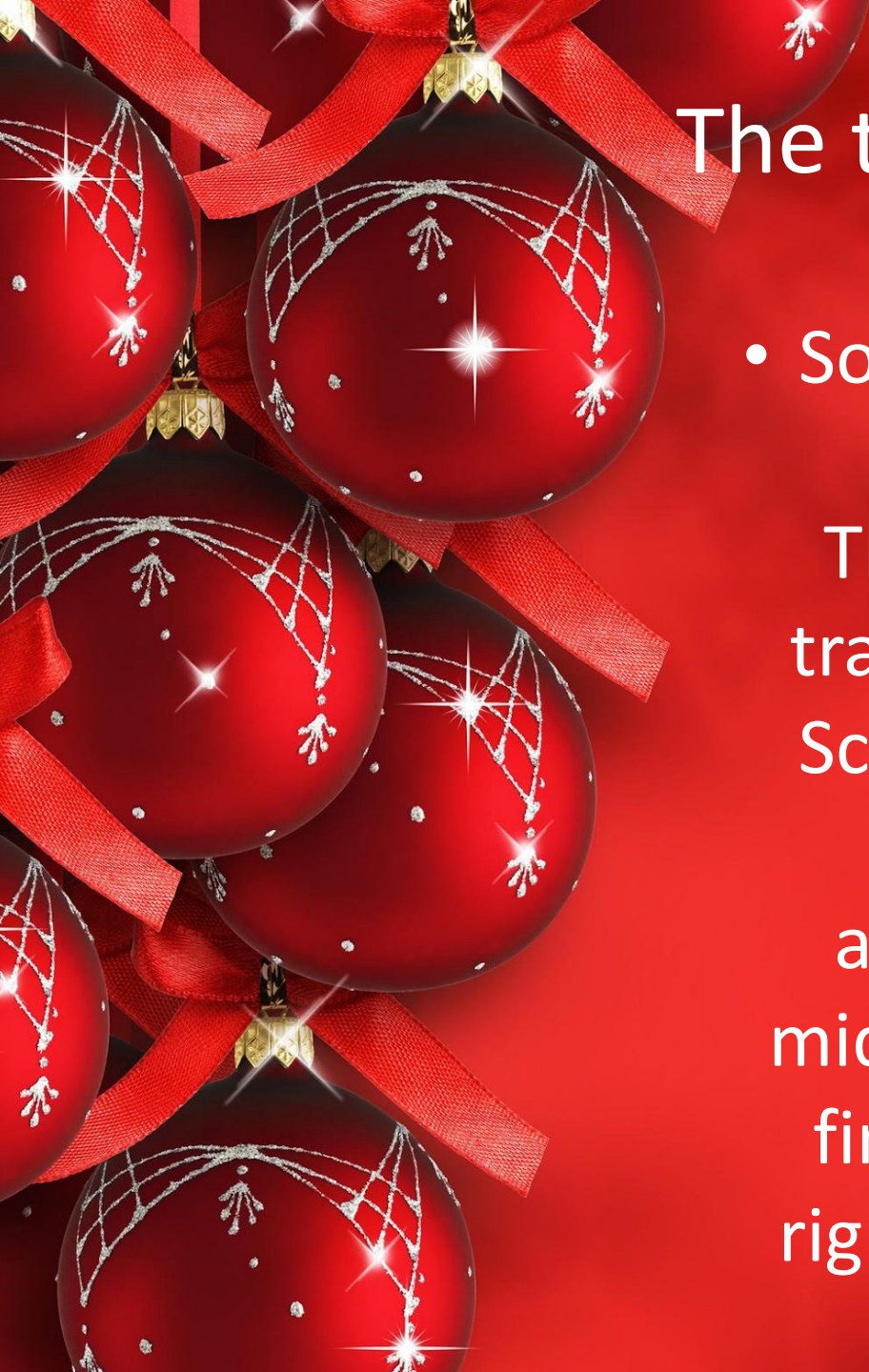
New year in Scotland is one of the favorite family holidays. With the chimes don't people sing the national anthem, and the song of Robert Burns For Auld Lang Syne. This beautiful new year's custom is accompanied by drinking whiskey.



The tradition of the first leg



- The Scots are a superstitious people. Therefore, they pay great attention to who will be the first to enter the house after the chimes. As for the New year in Scotland, all doors are open, the ability to penetrate into the house has any. All people hope that they will be visited by a young and pretty brunette. Or at least a dark-haired man.



The tradition of the first leg

- Some people even try to help their own happiness.

Therefore, there was even a tradition: in the New year, the Scots do not hire Santa Claus, but a brunette who walks around the house just after midnight. It is believed that the first man who enters has the right to kiss the girl who opens the door to him.

The tradition

- Today, this tradition is almost non-existent, but in the last century, everyone who entered the house of a Scotsman on new year's eve, was obliged to bring a coal. He threw it into the fireplace and wished the owners that the fire in their house never went out.



The tradition

- by tradition, the guest who came is obliged to give something to the hosts. It can be any souvenir, sweetness or a monetary gift.



the symbol of the holiday



The symbol of the holiday is fire. It represents the coming of the New year and the passing of the old. On new year's eve, the Scots arrange a festive procession with torches. Anyone can take part in this procession. People walk along the main street and then go into the harbour and throw their torches into the water.





- The Scots also have a tradition of rolling a burning barrel down the main street. It is filled with resin and set on fire. This torch symbolizes the passing year and its rebirth in the coming year.



How to prepare for Hogmanay

- Preparations for the new year celebrations in Scotland begin well in advance. There's so much to do. All Scots before Hogmanay suit spring cleaning. It is believed that everything old and unnecessary should be thrown out of the house. On the most honorable place is set up a green beauty-tree. It is also abundantly decorated with toys, lanterns and tinsel



Festive table

- The main decoration of the table is a boiled goose or baked Turkey. Mandatory dish-stewed Brussels sprouts. Apple pies, tortillas and cake are also prepared. It should have a round shape, and as a decoration it is applied to the Scottish cross or a symbolic image of crossed arms on the background of the mountains.





- Of course, no holiday is complete without drinking. Therefore, on the table must be a bottle of Scotch whiskey. But women prefer to drink punch. The same, only a soft drink is poured for children.



Carols

- On new year's eve, the kids dress up, gather in small groups and go around the houses of friends and acquaintances. They sing songs, read poems and get treats for it. Caring hostess specially for the New year bake cakes. And they are made of oak acorns. These treats in honor of the feast called Hogmany.



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