

Welly Ball Review - Give it some Welly!

You know St Andrews students have had a great night out when the streets are quiet the following morning.

Welly Ball 2019 was one of, if not, the best function the university has seen all semester. Its vibrant atmosphere reflected the huge amount of hard work and dedication the committee put into creating it.

Not only did the wellington boot attire prove to be exceedingly comfortable, it also turned out to be weather appropriate. Unfortunately, the evening was accompanied by a slight drizzle. However, that didn't put a damper on anyone's spirits. The evening was nothing short of smiling happy people. Everyone was energetic and anxious to enjoy the festivities.

Under twinkling lights, a sea of white tables filled the room and excited students weaved among them eager to find their seats. With the tables spaciouly spread throughout the three rooms, guests had plenty of space to mingle in-between courses and visit their friends sat nearby. Once everyone was seated, a stylish student jazz band filled the barn with music, creating an intimate atmosphere. Whilst sharing out the complimentary bottles of wine amongst themselves, dinner guests began to tuck into a spread of cheeses, cold meat and crudités. Shortly after the starter, roast chicken and vegetables arrived at the tables. The meal was met with hungry eyes, and I think it's safe to say that only empty plates were left at the tables. Once everyone had finished eating and most, if not all, of the wine had been drunk, seating arrangements grew eschew as guests moved around to mingle and dance.

Tables were rolled away and the dinner guests fanned out across the two dance floors. Shortly after they were joined by the afterparty guests. It is not an exaggeration to say that every square inch of Kinkell Byre was occupied by 9pm. Being absolutely jam packed, guests found it hard to move and although there were no high heels present, being trampled on by heavy wellington boots was enough to leave a bruise. However, this didn't stop people enjoy themselves. The crowded environment only heightened the buzz of the evening.

Encouraging the stream of people to stay on the dance floor was the very attentive and bubbly DJ. Throughout the night he listened to guests' requests and played a series of cheesy albeit crowd pleasing music. Having grown accustomed to the thudding drum and base we so often hear at events, it was pleasantly surprising and refreshing to listen to songs you can actually sing along to. By the end of the night, the DJ had everyone shouting out the lyrics to High School Musicals 'We're Breaking Free'. He brought the perfect amount of cheese to the dance floor. Taken back in time with their favourite childhood songs, no one wanted to leave.

Despite the large turnout of guests, the usual queues were no where to be found. As there were four bars and three bathroom locations, no-one was stuck in a line, wasting precious dance time. Additionally, the coat check was really well organised and efficient. The committee did a brilliant job of using the space of Kinkell to its full potential and making sure every tiny detail of the night was perfect.

Overall, the 12th Annual Welly Ball met and exceeded the high expectations of its 2000 guests. The committee created an excellently executed and lively event.