



Gillian "Bee" Sutherland pipes in the haggis born aloft by Peter Wild.

# Dornoch Heritage night still going strong after more than 100 years

IN January 1912, Messrs John Arthur, Provost MacLachlan, C M Gillespie, W A Macdonald, John Grant, R R Johnstone and others formed the Dornoch Burns Club.

The Northern Times reported in great detail and described "meetings characterised by rare enthusiasm and genial good fellowship".

More than 100 years later, the Dornoch Heritage Society continued the tradition last week with around 70 people enjoying an evening of home-grown entertainment and classic Burns' fare.

Robbie Rowantree compered the evening with great style and knowledge.

The first musical performance was from Dornoch pupils, "The Outskirters plus one". Under the guidance of mentor Tricia Andrews they introduced and played a selection of tunes to a very high standard of accomplishment.

Piped by Gillie "Bee"

Sutherland, the "Great Chieftain of the Puddin' race" was born aloft by heritage society chairman, Peter Wild, to be dramatically addressed by Don Sutherland with his own inimitable flair.

At the last minute the sheep's heid broth was not available as there wasn't a large enough pan but the company enjoyed cock-a-leekie soup, freshly caught Birichen haggis, bashed neeps, biled an' chappit tatties finishing with Tam o' Shanter trifle all excellently prepared by Team Emma MacKay.

In the course of the evening further entertainment was provided by Janette Bremner, Judi Sutherland, Gillie "Bee", Jimmy Melville, Robbie with a faultless and moving rendition of Tam o' Shanter, the beautiful baritone voice of David Munro and Donald Goskirk on the violin.

All funds raised go to support the work of Historylinks Museum.



Don Sutherland addresses the haggis.