

# Celebrating the Bard in Sutherland

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Don Sutherland addresses the haggis which is presented by Marlene Mackay, mum of the head chef for the evening, Emma Mackay. Piping the haggis in was Gillian Sutherland.

### Dornoch

DORNOCH Heritage Society celebrated Robert Burns' birthday in style last week, with an evening of music, poetry, good food and companionship in Dornoch Social Club.

The evening went with a swing, thanks both to Jimmy Melville's organisation and compere David Maclean's flexibility! Heritage Society members and their friends were royally entertained and fed, with young talent well to the fore.

The evening got off to a fine start with an opening set by the youthful traditional music stars, Gizzen Briggs. Then came excellent traditional Burns Supper fare

from Emma Mackay and her kitchen team. The haggis was piped in by Gillian "the Bee" Sutherland and duly addressed — and stabbed — with panache by Brora's Don Sutherland.

Following the meal came great entertainment in music and the spoken word, with wide-ranging pieces featuring Elaine Shearer, Paul Griffiths, Ronnie Bruce, Donald Goskirk, Judi Sutherland and Jimmy Melville.

The evening also saw the first public performance of "The Outskirters", a youthful quartet of musicians from Dornoch's hinterland under the guidance of their leader and mentor Tricia Andrews.

Altogether this was a night to remember! — WS.

### Brora

ONCE again Brora Scout and Guide Hall Group had the "Sold Out" signs up by the start of January for what has become a very popular Burns Supper.

The applause of the audience greeted young piper Lee Bain of the Sutherland Schools Pipe Band as he led the guests and artists, along with the chairman, Don Sutherland, to the top table.

After introducing the top table guests, the evening's entertainment began with a selection of Burns songs played by Hamish Polson.

Making his debut at the Hall Group Burns Supper, young David Munro proved a very popular choice with two rousing Burns songs, "Scots Whae Hae" and "Killiecrankie", which set the mood for the rest of the evening.

The Selkirk Grace was delivered by long time supporter Bill Honeyman to



Delivering the goods at the Brora Burns Supper. Hamish Polson, Dickie Mackay, Fortune, Lee Bain and Brian Simpson.

After the Farin' and a dram