

## Halton Peel Burns Club

In past years the Halton Peel club has held two events: a major Burns Celebration and a members-only Supper. This year the club chose to celebrate the Bards Birthday on the regular meeting night January 29<sup>th</sup> in the home of Doreen & Dr. Bob Ritchie. Everyone participated and a great evening was enjoyed by all. Alan McKenzie, the Club V.P. was the M.C. and Bob Ritchie piped in the haggis carried by Ron Ballantyne.

The haggis was addressed by Dr Gordon Inglis, who gave a comical prologue, on how to determine if the “crittur wis deid!” He then addressed the haggis in great style. The meal was then served, following the traditional menu, preceded by Burns’ ‘Grace before Meat’ and followed by his ‘Grace after Meat’ by Jim and Janet Orwin.

The Toast to ‘Our Two Lands’ by Ronnie O’Byrne was inspiring.

The ‘Toast to the Lassies’ was amusingly proposed by Dr David Murray and was ably responded to by his ‘better half’ Una. Chrys Ballantyne had been prevailed upon to give the immortal memory and provided an enlightening perspective from a woman’s point of view..

After the formal part of the evening Ronnie O’Byrne and Pierre Arnold entertained the company on the fiddle and bodrum, then led the company in a sing-song to wrap up a most enjoyable evening.



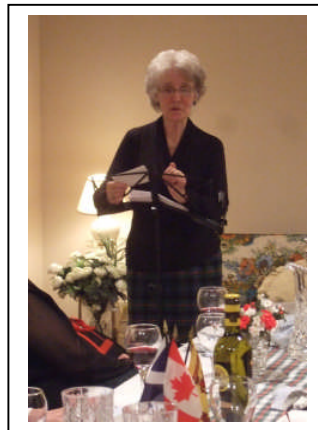
*The Haggis Enters*



*Gord demonstrates how to examine the ‘crittur’*



*David’s Toast to the Lassies*



*Una replies*



*Chrys gives the Immortal Memory*

*Ronnie & Pierre  
get the company going.*



