

Parry Sound, Ontario

On Saturday, January 23rd The annual Parry Sound “Robbie Burns Supper” was held at the Charles W. Stockey Centre, which overlooks beautiful Georgian Bay. The Centre was decorated with tartan drapery, hung from the 2nd floor balconies, supplied by Burnetts & Struth of Barrie and the Parry Sound Sewing Centre. That in conjunction with the Georgian Bay stone walls, created an atmosphere like a baronial castle. 174 persons attended, dressed in highland & formal wear, and were greeted by the bagpipe music of Donald Sanderson, who’s playing resounded from the third floor balcony, to celebrate the 251st Birthday of the Scottish Bard. Tasty hors d’oeuvres were enjoyed to Donald’s pipe music.

At 6 p.m. the Haggis was piped in by James Carscadden, and paraded around by Bert Federico, Calvin Stewart, John Macfie, Jim Macfie and Andy Milne. The haggis was then addressed by Andy Milne who finished up with the “Selkirk Grace”. The traditional Burns supper menu followed.

During dinner musical entertainment was provided by the trio of Betty Langford, Karen Laurin & Shirley Jordan. The after dinner toasts were presented to: The Queen, The Lassies, Canada, and Robbie Burns. Andy Milne delivered a recitation of some of Burns’ Poetry.

Scottish Country Dancing demonstrations were presented by members of the club and also by the Parry Sound Country dancers. Mark Macfie, on his violin, entertained the company with a medley of strathspey tunes and “The Red Haired Boy”

The dancing started with the Ceilidh directed by Dianna & Douglas who had everyone up on their feet and the 4 four piece band “Third Change”, created a lively evening of wonderful traditional music and dancing. The evening ended with “Auld Lang Syne” and the agreement that ‘everyone loved the new location and would be coming back next year’ for Burns’ 252nd Birthday!



Keep an eye on that haggis!!



Andy Milne addressing the haggis



Oops! Susan where’s yer troosers?



C’mon kids – Lets Dance!



What’s going on through there!