



HPGC Burns Night 25th January 2020

As part of our 2020 centenary celebrations HPGC held a wonderfully entertaining Burns Night in the Hotel celebrating the birthday and life of Robbie Burns along with our own Scottish connections at Hawkstone Park.

The Centenary and Social committee prepared the room and the running of the evening. Members and friends embraced the fun of evening and what good sports, with kilts and tartan everywhere.

The Piper played as guests arrived and then piped everyone to their seats. Past Captain Ken Stuart travelled up for the occasion and delivered his own adaption of 'The Selkirk Grace'. Then the drama began as the Piper piped in the haggis, led Chef Kevin, in his tartan toque, presenting the haggis, followed by Ken MacGillivray and Whisky Bearer Terry Nutt parading around the tables. Ken proceeded to entertain us with his emotional rendition of the 'Address to the Haggis' before we all joined in the 'Toast to the Haggis' with a wee dram of Alan's whisky.

Thank you to Kevin, we all thoroughly enjoyed a delicious meal of traditional Scottish Fayre followed by coffee and shortbread and more bagpipied tunes.

The entertainment then proceeded with readings of the Great Bard's poems by Gloria Dale and Dave Ralphs, songs and jokes. 'The Immortal Memory' was brilliantly delivered by Nigel Ross who tied in 'Rabbie' Burns with Hawkstone's own Scottish connections including the Lyle and Maclachlan families to entertain us.

Terry Nutt stood in for Captain David Driver de Valle and delivered his toast to the 'Lassies' and Lady Captain Francine Nutt replied with her toast to the 'Laddies'. These toasts were both hilarious and such good fun.

Everyone who contributed and supported the event was thanked by the Chairman Christine Apperley and the evening continued with Auld Lang Syne and Scottish Dancing.

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