

## St Andrew's Ceilidh

A splendid ceilidh to celebrate St Andrew's Night was held at Milton-under-Wychwood Village hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Organised by Anne and Hugh Woodsend and Jeremy Spencer, the sell-out event had all the makings of a traditional ceilidh.



### One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

Bernard Worth from Stow-on-the-Wold played the bagpipes before a delicious Scots supper was served of Stovies and Oatcakes, followed by Strathmore Scottish Shortcakes. The Wychwood Guides danced *One Hundred Thousand Welcomes*, devised to celebrate the Girl Guide movement's centenary and a team from the Stow Scottish Country Dance Group demonstrated *Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder*.

There were two sets of dancing for everyone - the dances being called by Jeremy and Hugh. They were not too difficult and were great fun. In the interval the *St Andrews Night Allstars*, a 12 piece band of local musicians and their friends played a short programme including *Mairi's Wedding* and *Follow the Heron*, they were joined by singer Jill Turtle. David Turtle gave a fine rendition of *My love is like a red red rose* and the

band also played for two of the dances. The ceilidh ended at 11.30pm with *Auld Lang Syne*.

Because strokes had recently seriously affected both Anne and Jeremy's families, it had been decided to donate

any profits from the event and the raffle to *The Stroke Association*. Thanks to full numbers, everyone's generosity, and the kind volunteering of John and Edna Naish with Edna's brother John and his wife Christine in the preparation and serving of the supper, a splendid £703 was raised. In addition, donations have also been made to Piper Bernard's charity (the Erskine Ex Servicemen's Hospital), the Wychwood Guides and the Village Hall fund.

### So When's the Next Ceilidh?

Anne, Hugh and Jeremy would like to thank everyone for their help especially the Catering Team, the ladies on the door and raffle, the musicians, singers and dancers for splendid performances. Thanks also of course to everyone for being there and for their generous support at this very enjoyable evening. Will it be repeated? Well, as they say; "Watch this space!"

**Jeremy Spencer**

## Health Warning

Christmas gifts seem to provide the 'Health and Safety' gurus with a wonderful opportunity to impose their sense of danger upon an unsuspecting public. I read this warning on the box of a child's china money-box: "If dropped this moneybox may break into sharp fragments and may contain small coins." **Editor**