

## A Traditional Ceilidh

What a wonderful evening it was! 110 people attended the Ceilidh at the New Beaconsfield Hall and enjoyed a great evening of music, dancing and song. Proceedings started with Piper Bernard Worth followed by dancing to the Shipton Allstars, who were all amateurs and mostly local.



Karen Tweed

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### Two Plus to Tango

The dances were called

by Jeremy Spencer and Brenda Parsons. Trio 321 - Anne, Britt and Eddy from Reading performed an excellent instrumental set, and there were dancing demonstrations by the Stow on the Wold Country Dance group and by our local dancing class, *A Chance to Dance*, led by Jill and Katie Collins - who also danced the tango *Rannalla*. A great display!

Following supper, Bernard piped once again, Jill played two lovely tunes on her harp, David Turtle sang *My love is like a Red Red Rose* and Jan Harvey and Gill Turtle sang *Follow the Heron* with Peter Hunt who had arranged this beautiful song by Karine Polwart. Then Karen played her solo set. Had we ever heard the accordion played so

delicately? To end the ceilidh, Jan Harvey sang *Tak a Dram afore ye go* by Ian Sinclair, leaving just enough time for one more dance and *Auld Lang Syne* to round off the evening.

### Dancing to the End

The Ceilidh profits and raffle raised just over £300 for charity, the most part of which went to Wychwood Brownies (Milton and

Shipton packs). Donations were also made to the Piper's charity - The Erskine Hospital for ex-Servicemen, and to the Witchwood School of Rock. Programme sales went to Wateraid towards their Big National Ceilidh event.

Hearty thanks and congratulations are due to all the performers who took part and to the catering and bar team and other helpers. Plus of course thanks to our warmly appreciative audience who kept dancing right to the end!

If you missed it you can see first half highlights on [www.witneytv.co.uk](http://www.witneytv.co.uk) and search for 'ceilidh'.

Will we do it all again? - very probably - as we said after the last ceilidh in 2009, watch this space!

**Jeremy Spencer**

## Celebrate New Year's Eve at Milton Village Hall

Doors and Bar open at 7pm. All tickets include glass of bubbly at Midnight. Food will be served at 8pm. Tickets are £12.50 per person to include food, or £5 per person for entrance after 9.30pm.

Available at Milton Post Office or call: 01993 832 242 or: 07825 663 693.

Tickets on the night after 9.30pm - £10 per person.