

Highworth Burn's celebration

In spite of appalling weather, the Highworth Community Room was full to capacity for the Highworth Wine and Beer Circle's annual Burn's Night celebration on Tuesday January 15th.

The Swindon Scottish Dancers led the way and the company followed with varying skills but unlimited enthusiasm. Led by their very own Piper, Mike Quick, the haggis was paraded by Avril Brown, (Principal Chef) and was followed by crossed Whiskey bottles carried by Keith Panting.

The ode was recited by John Black and the toast was proposed by their Piper. Everyone downed their tots with great pleasure and the



Piper Mike Quick, Avril Brown and Keith Panting

haggis was served. More dancing followed and the evening finished by everyone singing Auld Lang Syne. Book marks with the correct words to aid the Sassenachs were supplied by their deputy Chairman David Holden.

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Produce show adds crafts

The renamed **Highworth Produce and Craft Show** takes place on **Saturday 6th September 2008** at Warneford School. Note that we have changed our name this year to better reflect the range of classes that we offer! The show will be as interesting as ever and a number of new classes should attract both participants and spectators.

There should be no clash of events this year but September will be a busy month in Highworth with the Produce and Craft Show, the Coleshill Food Fair and the Highworth Festival on consecutive weekends.

We have revised our schedule and have again

arranged the Children's Classes according to school year group. There are sections for four age groups - each with four or five classes. There will be prizes for all participants and winners of each section will be presented with a cup! A separate children's schedule will be available. These will be distributed in May.

We are holding an Open Meeting on **Tuesday 29th April** in the Highworth Town Council offices to finalise arrangements. Please come along if you would like to be involved - "many hands make light work".

Ian Miller

Volunteer call-up for Active Swindon walk leaders in Highworth

The Primary Care Trust is seeking Highworth leaders for its Health Walks Programme.

Spokeswoman Nan Pratt says: "It's a great way of helping people achieve the five recommended sessions of exercise per week, and there are numerous proven health benefits to regular walking. It can reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease, delay arthritis and help to reduce weight. There is also time for socialising afterwards, meaning that as well as getting people active, leading our walks is also a great opportunity for making

new friends. Since the walks started, many people haven't missed a week. They really enjoy the exercise and company."

The next training session for leaders is **Saturday 8th March** at Lawns Community Centre on Guildford Avenue, 9.45am – 3.00pm.

If you would like to volunteer to become a walking leader, or want to join a walk, please contact Nan Pratt, Tel: (01793) 466202 or Email: NPratt@swindon.gov.uk.