



Scotland Has Talent

The photograph shows the six talented people who entertained brothers, wives, family and friends of **Five St Margaret Circle** in January. Many different talents, reflecting all things Scottish, were displayed as the company were treated to music and musings, some funny, some melancholy, but mostly rousing and triumphant. This was interspersed with poetry and prose, some earnest, some sad, others amusing, but all diverting. The evening was put together by Ken Ritchie who also acted as MC. Three brothers, the son of a brother and the wife of another had all been coaxed and cajoled by Ken to give their all, which they certainly did. Treasurer Joe Wilson donated and organised the raffle raising £120 for Mary's Meals for their work in Haiti.



Pictured left to right: John McLean, Alex Burns, Ken Ritchie, John Molloy, Bridie Burns and Michael Moore

Emma Enthralled Chichester

Chichester Circle entertained their ladies after the January meeting, for the specific purpose of listening to recent Bursary Fund recipient, Emma Kennedy, reporting on her trip to South Africa. There, with her best friend, she spent a couple of weeks at a small orphanage in Fish Hoek near Cape Town. Emma was educated at the Catholic St Philip Howard School in Barnham, near Chichester. Her duties in South Africa included assisting in looking after the youngsters with general care and teaching, which has greatly added to her experience and confidence in preparing for her future. Emma gave a most interesting account, accompanied by many photographs from her prepared DVD. This is the second Bursary fund recipient sponsored by the Circle in the past 12 months. Being in the middle of the worst weather conditions for many years it was thanks to intrepid travellers, particularly visitors from **East Grinstead** and **Eastbourne Circles**, that made the evening viable.



Thanks extended by the children of the Orphanage in their individual way to Emma Kennedy after her recent experience in South Africa

Christmas Cards with a Difference

Axminster Circle set up and ran a very successful card-game stall at the Three Parishes Christmas bazaar, held in the Axminster Guildhall.



Pictured l to r: Aedine and President Peter Westoby, Past President and Father Christmas Bob Bannister, Mayor of Axminster Ron Jones, and Vice President Bruce Kahn

Entertaining Ladies at Newcastle-upon-Tyne

At **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Circle's** December 2009 meeting some of the Ladies Choir entertained the company with two carols and an outstanding rendition of Santa Baby ably supported by Santa, aka Frank Harrison. Despite the atrocious weather they were also joined by Ben Cole and Tony Smith from **Morpeth Circle** who performed and showed those present why they secured a trophy earlier in the month at the Provincial Carol Night at Tynemouth.



Well Met in Auckland



Tim and Brendan

In November 2009 whilst holidaying in Auckland, New Zealand, sauntering out of their hotel one late November morning who should Tim and Tora Ryan of **City of Birmingham Circle**, together with their younger son Ollie, bump into, quite by chance, on the street, but Brendan and Carol Mulcahy of **Shrewsbury Circle**, also in Province 6. Brendan and Carol had flown across for a few days whilst staying with their daughter in Sydney.

They all arranged to meet down on the harbour later for dinner at an Irish pub. It was great fun and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. They all wondered if they might be founding brothers of a nascent Auckland Circle? In which case they've already had their first meeting!!