



Herbert and Alice Cheyne, Chris Fraser and Jim Hake



Elizabeth Pirie, Cara Thomson and Ella Murray



Sandy and Joyce Cameron, Bob and Flo Ross and Colin and Liz Flynn

Celebrating the Bard

THE annual Burns luncheon of Speakeasy Aberdeen was held at the city's Cloverleaf Hotel, Bucksburn. Speakeasy Aberdeen is a self-help group for people with aphasia, a condition causing either partial or total loss of the ability to communicate verbally or using written words. Almost 100 people attended the event, which is held for partners and friends of members as a thank you for their support throughout the year. Speakers who have attended the group's monthly meetings were also invited. Entertainment was provided by ceilidh band Route 22, and pupils from a highland dance group performed for the guests.



Janette Dey and Pat White

Former Press and Journal diarist Peter Mitchell gave the address to the haggis and the toast to the lassies, and singer Fiona Kennedy replied on behalf of the lassies. A raffle raised more than £300 for the group's funds.



Jim and Marjory Gow with Ruth and Norman Hoggins



Peter Mitchell, Jaqui Phillips, Fiona Kennedy and Bob Mearns



Bill and Helen Murray with Beverly and Alan Dalziel



Vera Gray, Sandy and Sylvia Rodger and Jenny Chapman



John Brown with George Lawrie and his son Neil



Neil and Helen Bruce, Myra Kinmond and Rona and Don Sinclair



Agnes and Colin Stewart, with Eileen Sim (centre)



Rosie Youngson, Marisa Tromp de Haas and Frances Fraser