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## **Grand Ball 2008 – The Tartan Ball**

What a phenomenal night!

As guests approached Keele Hall they were met by the resonating sound of the Black Watch's Bag Pipes & Drums calling to them through the chilled Autumn night.

On arrival they were formally met by the outlandish Lord & Lady MacTavish (played by a local Actor & Actress) and the hospitality began as guests were quickly plied with a whiskey cocktail sponsored by Keele Hall.

A lone piper preceded Lord & Lady MacTavish into the dining room and our guests sat for a sumptuous meal of Smoked Salmon, Beef, Raspberry Shortcake, Cheese & Coffee.

Throughout the night our guests placed bids in our hugely successful secondary auction of the TEXT Auction and later in the Grand Auction led by Auctioneer & Hospice Supporter Richard Peake.

At 10.30 our guests, sated and well oiled, either took to the floor in a -Ceilidh or to the Casino or Tombola to try their luck.

Midnight saw the start of the disco and the opening of Old MacGrew's Chest of sweet and savoury treats, and as the clock struck 1am carriages in the form of Taxi Cab motor vehicles whisked our dear friends to their beds.

The Douglas Macmillan Hospice Grand Ball 2008 of The Tartan Ball, raised a fabulous income of £45,000! This figure is only achievable by the very kind and appreciated support and generosity of both individuals and companies .

## **A huge thank you from Douglas Macmillan Hospice**

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. Douglas Macmillan Hospice provides specialist palliative care for adults across North Staffordshire who face cancer and other life-limiting illnesses
2. Care is provided at the Hospice and in people's homes across the community.

3. The Hospice is independent, it receives no funding from any national charity
4. It costs over £6 million each year to run and develop the full range of services from the Hospice. More than two thirds of money comes from local voluntary donations.

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