

## **Thankyou from the Jean Swanston Highland Dancers**

On behalf of the dancers I wish to thank the Customers and Staff of the Pitlochry Co-op. During the Christmas bag pack and raffle of the gallon bottle of whisky – a grand total of £875 was raised.

The lucky winner of the whisky was Kirsty Munro from Blair Atholl and the winner of the chocolates was Colin McAdam from Tummel Bridge.

The proceeds of this fund raising event will go towards the Millennium Champions Challenge which will be held in Blair Castle on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March this year. To date approximately 250 people from Canada, England, South Africa, and the United States as well as from all over Scotland are coming to stay in Pitlochry for the weekend. This Challenge is only open to Champions and already we have almost 80 competitors who will celebrate not only the Millennium but also the Golden Jubilee of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (the world governing body). The world's best dancers are attending and no where is more fitting to stage this event than the Ballroom at Blair Castle.

The Atholl Dancing Association, which is comprised, of parents of the dancing class and older dancers, has the task of staging this very prestigious event. The event has been recognised by **sportscotland** (formerly the Scottish Sports Council) as one of its major events in this millennial year and the Association has been awarded a grant of 30% of the total costs, to a maximum of £5,100 award. As you will appreciate we are trying to raise almost £11,000 over and above the grant. Please look kindly upon us when we do some more fund raising!

Anyone who would like to sponsor a dance or would like to advertise in the souvenir programme can contact me – Tel / Fax : 01796 482376 or e-mail : [jrlogierait@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:jrlogierait@ukonline.co.uk)  
Many thanks again to you all for this great boost to our funds.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy year 2000.

Jean Swanston