

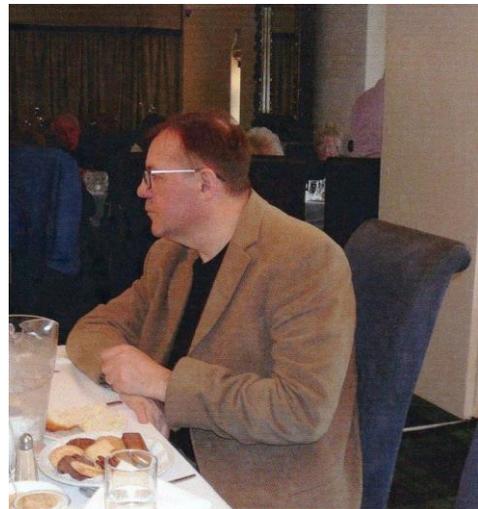
Seniors' Group Meeting

Mr. Rab Wilson – Scot's Poet April 2018

The first meeting of the Seniors in 2018 got off to a really good start with warm sunshine on the day – a good omen! Our invited after-lunch speaker was **Mr. Rab Wilson** who hails from Ayrshire. Over lunch, Rab found kindred spirits in Bob and Helen Blair ... Bob having entertained us a good few years ago with his bothy ballads. Rab also enjoyed some repartee with a visiting Scottish Country Dancer from Edinburgh, whose roots are in Aberdeen and who is well acquainted with the Doric language of that area through her grandparents. Obliging she comments:

“Fae a North East Quean: Rab Wilson, a Scottish bard, is a likeable cheil frae New Cumnock and is rare at Scots poetry and sonnet, and he carries a faire Do Rah Me (tune). A' faire liked his renditions and the crack at the table betweesht Rab, Bob an' his wife and wish them happy cycling an nae. A' wish Rab arra best at the Cosmic Project an' a' the ither pies he has his fingers in.”

Rab spoke about the Scot's language in general, he recited published work of his own and others, and sang in the auld Scot's tongue with fluency and passion. In honour of the occasion he recited one of Pat Batt's poems, 'The [SCD] Beginner' to the great amusement of the Group. Rab is involved in many projects promoting the auld Scot's language and is currently collaborating with a Glasgow University Professor of Astronomy on a book about the Cosmos. Whilst the Seniors' Group particularly enjoys musical items, Rab's 'talk' was excellent and must rate as one of the highest of all our guests.



Also present was our Branch Chairman, **Mrs. Muriel Bone** along with her Vice-Chair, **Mrs. Margaret Sanders**. Muriel brought along the Chairman's Chain of Office, a magnificent piece of Glasgow Branch insignia made up of many links each engraved with the name of past Chairmen. Muriel addressed the Group and warmly encouraged participation in the forthcoming 95th Anniversary celebrations including a special **95th Anniversary Afternoon Tea** to be held on **Saturday, 24 November 2018** in 'The View', House for an Art Lover, Bellahouston Park, 1 for 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Tickets cost **£12** and are currently held by the Organiser of the Seniors' Group. Already we are looking forward to our Summer Meeting in July, date to be announced.

Daphne Davidson, Seniors' Group Organiser.