

Glasgow Branch Seniors' Group – Festive Lunch 2019

Every time I think back to our festive lunch on 12 December, I can't stop smiling! Our usual venue, the Crookston Hotel, was festive and sparkly from the welcoming Christmas Tree at the entrance to the Dining Room decked out with fairy lights, crackers on the table, and 'Bing Crosby' crooning in the background 'dreaming of a white Christmas'! Fortunately the weather outside was relatively mild for the time of year. Entering into the spirit of the season, the majority of Seniors arrived wearing colourful Christmas jumpers and lots of festive bling (real or fun).

We soon settled down at the table to our individually chosen 2-course festive lunch with coffee/tea and Christmas sweets to finish. During our meal we had a visit from Santa seen here with Maureen McCrudden, i.e. a miniature version in the form of a teddy bear who sang 'Jingle Bells' and danced down the table to everyone's amusement. Thereafter followed a quiz, Scottish place names with cryptic clues entitled ***Santa's Location, Location, Location***. One could hear a pin drop as everyone went into concentration mode. In fact, one of the catering staff popped her head round the door thinking we had all gone home!



Quiz over, we then had prize-giving – prizes presented by **Margaret Sanders**, our Branch Chair accompanied by Muriel Bone, a former Branch Chair. Both ladies had agreed in advance to be our **secret** judges of the Christmas 'fancy dress' theme. There were three categories: Best Christmas Jumper won by Helen Wilson; Best Christmas Bling won by Mary Lamb and Best Christmas Hat won by Patrick Murray. All were worthy winners seen here along with the prize-winners of Santa's quiz.

Drawing to a close, Margaret Sanders addressed the Group wishing all a happy, festive holiday. The afternoon's proceedings were rounded off with a Christmas poem and the members were wished a safe journey home. The first meeting of the Seniors' Group in 2020 will take place in April, date to be announced.



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