

## Glasgow Branch Seniors' Group April 2016

This year the date of the Spring meeting coincided with the Easter holidays, and as a result some of our regulars were unable to attend. However, there was still an excellent turn out and we enjoyed a lovely afternoon. On this occasion entertainment was provided by **Susan McFadyen** on her accordion. Susan's sister Shona should have been accompanying her on fiddle but had just started a new job on the previous Monday, and understandably didn't want to take time off.



Susan and Shona are the nucleus of a ceilidh band based in Ayrshire which was formed in 2003. Over the years they have played in many different venues, and even had the claim to fame of performing on 'Take the Floor'. On one occasion they played at a function in Dalry where the movie star Hugh Grant and his brother were in the party. Susan was so impressed by their ability to dance proper reels that she allowed Hugh to carry her accordion out to the car, a rare honour indeed!

Although performing without her playing partner, Susan's casual and informal approach won the day, and her natural spontaneity shone through. We were treated to a lovely afternoon listening to jigs, reels, 2-steps from Shetland, Gaelic waltzes, pipe tunes, and we also sang songs from the shows, including these old favourites, 'The Sound of Music' and 'Mary Poppins'. And we mustn't forget to mention the Norwegian style tune composed by Ian Holmes from Dumfries.



Susan was happy to take us down memory lane with some personal requests, and the afternoon ended with some of her own favourites including the *Gay Gordons*, *The Battle of Waterloo*, and *Leaving Port Askaig*. Susan is pictured here surrounded by some of the Seniors' Group. All in all a wonderful entertaining afternoon out at the Crookston Hotel.

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