

Seniors' Summer Meeting Tuesday 8 July 2014

Prior to our summer meeting, we learned of the recent deaths of two of our best known members: **Nan Inch** who died peacefully at home two weeks before her 90th birthday, and **Sandy Morrison** (former Glasgow Branch Treasurer) who passed away following a short stay at the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. It was fitting that our gathering should be dedicated to their memory as both will be sadly missed from our company.

After a tasty, light lunch of soup and sandwiches, tea/coffee and biscuits at the Crookston Hotel, our guest for the July meeting was a 15 year old musician, **Ryan Corbett**, who has just completed his 3rd year at the Music School of Douglas Academy in Milngavie. At the age of 7, Ryan started piano and violin lessons; at age 10 began teaching himself accordion and last year he began classical accordion tuition at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS). To cap this, Ryan is also a percussionist with Scottish Opera's 'Connect' Youth Orchestra and will be playing at the Theatre Royal during the Commonwealth Games Festival, 'Anamchara' production on 25-27 July, 2014. Whilst still a very young man, Ryan has musical abilities far beyond his years. His rendition of familiar jigs and reels flowing into the slow airs of strathspey were poignant and tugged at the heart strings. In



particular, a request for Dark Lochnagar was coped with, without hesitation in spite of being unrehearsed and, in addition, we were treated to a short classical piece. Ryan Corbett is a name to look out for in the future as he hopes to develop his piano and accordion skills as a profession. A big thank-you to all who were able to come along and support this young man in his musical endeavours.

Daphne Davidson, Seniors' Group Organiser