

RSCDS Glasgow Branch Seniors' Group

Festive Lunch 2016

Never let it be said that the Seniors' Group don't know how to party, because that's exactly what we did at this year's Festive Lunch on Thursday 8 December 2016. Considering it was early in the festive season, it put us in the right mood for the real thing on the 25th!



The Seniors' Group was delighted to hear about the recent award of the Society's Scroll to John Johnson which is very well deserved, and sad to learn of the passing of Alastair Aitkenhead, age 93. One of our members recalled being taught by Alastair Aitkenhead at (St. Andrews) Summer School, and my SCD teaching certificate is signed by him alongside Johan Maclean as Examiners (circa 1979). Both gentlemen have a long association with Glasgow Branch.

At very short notice, **Mr. Patrick Murray** accepted an invitation to read some Christmas poems. Firstly, the traditional 180 year old, most-published, most-read, most-memorised, '*The Night Before Christmas*' by Clement Clarke Moore (1799-1863). Following this lively rendition with, '*The Christmas Goose*' by William Topaz McGonagall (1825-1902) of whom it is said won notoriety as an extremely bad poet! The readings in Patrick's own inimitable style added to the merriment of the occasion. Thank you, Patrick.



It will be a little while before we meet again for the Spring meeting in April 2017, however we left the Crookston Hotel in good spirits, having eaten well and enjoyed the camaraderie round the table and with the words "*Merry Christmas*" ringing in our ears.

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