

ROCKVALE REBOUND T.N.
Christmas Lunch 2015

The Rockvale Rebound's annual Christmas Lunch for 2015 was held on Saturday, December 19th and, as always, was held in the function suite of Townend Bowling Club, which has proved on so many occasions to be a most congenial setting for such an event.

The purvey was provided by Margaret Coleman again, and was a truly wonderful spread, but then again, Margaret has never produced anything other than a superb meal, and always times the serving perfectly. The proceedings got off to a start just after 2 o'clock with the provision of the 'Chairman's Dram' and the selling of raffle tickets with the first course of the meal being served up at around 2:45p.m. and the steady buzz of conversation was a sure sign that everyone was already enjoying themselves. When the coffee had been served, Lewis and Jack Campbell, suitably attired again in their seasonal tops, swung into action to assist Sarah Worthey with the drawing of the raffle tickets and the distribution of the prizes, of which there were many, and the winners were suitably congratulated. A call for a thank you to Margaret Coleman and her team was greeted with tumultuous applause and richly deserved it was.

Unfortunately, due to a family bereavement, Amelia and Davy Kerr were unable to attend, nor was Laura Shaw, their grand-daughter who had been scheduled to entertain the gathering on the keyboard. However, Ricky Holloway took over the reins, and started the entertainment with a couple of songs, much enjoyed because of Ricky's rich baritone voice. The Chairman then recited a poem of his own composition regaling the pleasures associated with broth, especially when it had had a chance to sit over for a couple of days, and went on to explain, in verse how a young lad had been disappointed when being offered some. This was much appreciated by everybody.

Amy McGrandles was next to entertain with a couple of seasonal songs, "When Sant Got Stuck Up the Chimney" and "The 12 Days of Christmas" much to the delight of everyone. The Christmas lunch would be very much lacking without Amy's melodic voice being part of the event.

It was by sheer coincidence that Amy should have chosen "The 12 Days" song, since the next item on the programme was from Mary Holloway who enlightened the gathering with a description of just how difficult and sometimes traumatic it was for one young lady trying to cope with all the rather strange and often exotic presents. This was very well received indeed. The entertainment pendulum then swung back to Ricky who sang two songs from the Hit Parade of yesterday, and the Chairman told an amusing story about a Red Indian chief who had a problem when forecasting the weather.

It was to everyone's surprise on realising that the bus had arrived to take people home. The Chairman thanked everybody for being there and for affording Pat, Lewis, Jack and himself the opportunity to enjoy such a delightful afternoon. Yes, it was very much another great success.