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Our guest entertainer was Amy Spearing.

A few attendees already knew her from her role as Senior Chorister at Paisley Abbey. Amy had just completed her secondary education at Douglas Academy Music School in Milngavie, and is planning to have a year out before taking up her place at the Conservatoire in Glasgow. She hopes to work and accumulate some cash to pay for driving lessons, as she was driven to our meeting by her older sister Emma. Emma is pursuing a very different career in Sports Medicine.

We were honoured to have in our audience, our newly elected Branch Chair, Ian Johnston together with his wife Elspeth. After lunch Amy began her programme with the hauntingly beautiful and familiar Kate Martin's Waltz', written by Blair Douglas, prompting the first question regarding the key changes that Amy had to perform and Amy continued to cope amazingly well with random questions.

Amy continued her programme with a selection of Gaelic airs and some lively Irish airs, and other very modern pieces demonstrating the range and versatility of the Clarsach.

Amy is a singer and clarsach player, who plays traditional music and also some of her own arrangements for voice and clarsach. She has sung for many years in Paisley Abbey as a chorister, taken part in many Mods - national and local - and also sings with the National Youth Choir of Scotland.

