

Dave Myers' Party Tips

We are celebrating 70 years of the MS Society. Here are some top tips to help you celebrate.

If you're planning a meeting or get together with your volunteers during the festive period, join us this December in celebrating 70 years of MS Society.

Hairy Biker, Dave Myers, shares with us his top tips for hosting a great festive party.



Dave's top party tips:

1. **Think about your guests** and remember any dietary preferences and requirements: try to offer a variety of dishes, including vegetarian and gluten-free options if you can.
2. **Keep it simple:** cold, finger foods are best and mean there's no need for utensils and less clearing away! Win win!
3. **Presentation:** think about how you can make your dishes as appealing as possible – get creative and use platters, tiered stands, and decorative garnishes to tempt your guests. Why not order some of the MS Society's 70th cake toppers to really get into the party mood!
4. **Be organised:** Think about where you position your table so that guests can move around easily and access all the dishes without causing congestion. Place plates and napkins at the beginning of the line.
5. **Festive Decor:** remember the room! – Why not order some of the MS Society's 70th party bunting and balloons to help give the room a party vibe?
6. **Plan ahead:** Get your invite out early and prepare as much as you can in advance to keep things as stress free as possible on the day. This includes setting up the buffet area, and arranging serving utensils, and choosing a great selection of food.

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7. **Guest comfort:** ensure there's enough seating, guests can move around easily, and that the venue is fully accessible to everyone.
8. **Create a festive atmosphere** with background music, and how about adding some festive lighting for some extra sparkle?
9. **Drinks:** Offer a variety of beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, to complement the meal.
10. **Enjoy yourself:** As the party host, remember to take time to relax, celebrate and have some fun with your guests!

For information and guidance on how to cater for volunteering group parties please go to: <https://volunteers.mssociety.org.uk/news/2022/02/food-provision-group-activities>

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