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Dear All,

HIGHLAND BRANCH CURRY LUNCH – SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2012 - REPORT

A good response from members and guests saw 70 plus attend this event. With Hector flying proudly from the Legion Flagpole the afternoon started with a quick welcome drink followed by a display by a Mini Pipe Band from the Regimental Association Pipe Band led by Pipe Major John MacDonald. This took place on the recently refurbished external patio area at the Legion. This allowed Sandy Finnie to sit regally at the window looking down proudly on his subjects below. Paddy Mills made it outside to watch the display.

It was great to see our furthest travelled attenders Joe and Mary MacDonald present. Also with us were George Givens the Chairman of Edinburgh Branch, wife Jean, daughter Emma and grandson Struan who appeared keen to join the band.

We then moved into the Legion Function Room for an excellent two course Lunch with tea and coffee provided by Angela and her team from Chimes Restaurant in Forres. Angela has now covered a number of Association functions and I recommend her to all.

After lunch raffle tickets were sold and prizes awarded. This saw the star prize of the "Campbell Jerseys" heading to Liverpool with the Hughes brothers who also played in the mini band. Thank you to all members for their donations and especially Lucinda (Westhead) and Bobby who were attending a farewell event prior to starting their journey to Australia the next day. Lucinda will take up a post with the Australian Army and they go with our best wishes.

After the raffle we raised some additional money by with a competition which involved tossing £ coins at a bottle of Whyte and MacKay's. The male members of the Branch were well and truly defeated by Barbara McGraw who managed to win the Bottle of Whisky donated by Legion Committee member Garnet Main. It was good to see Barbara in attendance with Lillian Duffus and Fiona McLeman.

At this stage a period of silence was respectfully taken to allow members to pay their silent respects in memory of, Sandy Duguid, Sid Kelman, Bing Crosby, Andy Reid and Sammy Ord.

During the afternoon the Royal British Legion, in conjunction with our event put on a display of World War memorabilia which members took a great deal of interest in. The events combined well together.

A good event, well attended, thoroughly enjoyable at which those attending took the opportunity to catch up on all the news and the well being of fellow like minded members.

Yours aye,

Bob

"And one for Cabar Feidh"