

Edinburgh Branch Christmas Dance 2009

The Edinburgh Branch Christmas Dance was held at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club on Saturday 12th December 2009. The event proved to be another big success for the Branch with an excellent turnout of 90 Association members and their guests. The Kool Kats, a local club act all the way from sunny Bo'Ness, provided the music and managed to encourage everyone on to the dance floor to jive the night away. Thankfully all those members with hip replacements survived the night and no injuries were reported!

Apart from all the usual stalwarts living in the local Lothian and Fife areas we had plenty of other Association members attending from farther afield. Namely: from the Highlands, Peter Findlayson, Norman and Jane Robertson, & Archie and Rena MacKinnon – from Coupar Angus, George and Jeanette Taylor – from Newcastle, Glen and Ingrid Lawson & Sandy Goodwin and Linda - from Liverpool, Jimmy and Sue Ryan - from Glasgow, Tam and Liz Balloch & Duncan MacLeod - & finally Stevie and Frances Byers from Gairlochhead. We should also mention at this stage two new members – Stephen Ord (son of Sammy) and Jim Elliot – a big welcome to the Branch.

This year we had a bumper raffle and Bobby Munro and George Givens organised a very slick raffle despite Bobby's colour blindness! (Next year's raffle will consist of only two colours of tickets – black and white!) A very big thank you must go to Peter Findlayson for drawing out the prizes and to all those members who generously donated the prizes for the raffle - it was really appreciated and greatly added to the quality of the night.

At the end of the evening Bobby Munro organised a charity Pitch and Toss on behalf of Friends of the Beatson and raised an impressive £185.00, which was topped up by various individuals to £200.00. Anne-Marie and Jimmy Cummings kindly donated a boxed whisky and glass set as a prize for the competition.

Danny Carruthers has been receiving excellent feedback about the night and hopefully we managed to get everyone into the festive spirit for Christmas. Photos of the night can be viewed on the photos page of the web site.