



**Queen's Own Highlanders  
Regimental Association  
Edinburgh Branch**

**BRANCH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2011**

**Christmas Dance**

The Branch Christmas Dance will be held at **Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011**. We have booked a highly recommended act called China Blue. People who have seen them before say they are excellent so we should be in for a treat. They will be providing the entertainment on the night, as well as the music to dance by. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm, raffle tickets will be on sale from 7.30 pm, and we plan to start the entertainment at 8.00 pm. As usual the club will be providing its traditionally high standard of Christmas Buffet.

If you fancy bringing friends or relatives along please let Danny Carruthers know so he can gauge the interest and ensure that Branch members get priority. The tickets are a snip at £15.00 per head.

As usual, we will also be holding our usual Christmas Raffle and any prizes you wish to donate will be most gratefully received.

**If you intend to come to the Christmas Dance please fill in the proforma at the back of this newsletter and return to Danny Carruthers as soon as possible**

**Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The Branch AGM took place on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011** at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club in Edinburgh. A copy of the minutes is attached for your information.

**Branch Annual Subscriptions**

Annual subscriptions are used to help run the branch as well as subsidise various events throughout the year so it is important that we keep our coffers in a healthy state. Can we therefore ask anyone who has not yet paid their annual subs, to please do so as soon as possible? Subs remain at £15.00 for the under 65's and £10.00 for the over 65's. The proforma at the back of this newsletter can be used to send in your cheque/postal order.

## **Branch Forecast of Events**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011    Christmas Dance            Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club  
Saturday 11<sup>h</sup> February 2012    Amalgamation Dinner    Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club

## **News from Other Branches & Associations**

The **Liverpool Scottish** will be having their annual reunion at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 at which time they will be celebrating the close links with the Queen's Own Highlanders, in this our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year (contact Colin Hughes on 01704 550360 for more details)

There will be a **Moray Loons Stovie Night** at the Seaforth Club, Elgin on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 (contact Seoras McIntosh for more details on 01343 549550 or look on the website)

**4 SCOTS (The Highlanders)** will be presented with new Colours at a parade in RAF Kinloss on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 (Ticketed event – contact HHQ for details)

**The Highland Branch** will be holding a Buffet and Disco Dance on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in the Masonic Club, Forres (for further information contact Steven McIntosh on 07826 845474 or email [stevmcin@msn.com](mailto:stevmcin@msn.com))

**For the Latest News:** You will find details of future events, lots of Regimental information, and photographs of Association members & functions on the Association web site at: **[www.cabarfeidh.com](http://www.cabarfeidh.com)**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE BRANCH CHRISTMAS DANCE**

**PLEASE FILL IN YOUR PROFORMAS AND GET IT BACK TO DANNY  
CARRUTHERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EDINBURGH  
BRANCH, QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
- AT LEITH EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB, EDINBURGH ON 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
2011**

The meeting opened at 13.10 hrs with 24 members present: Lt Col (Ret'd) CPD Millar, Maj (Ret'd) D Shepherd, Maj (Ret'd) G Givens, D Carruthers, G McCann, T McCann, A Dewar, J Skinner, R Munro, J Gilchrist, J Hogg, K Reid, A Dewar, A Sinclair, D McIntosh, J Dunn, J Donlevy, J MacKenzie, G Kidd, C Toner-Cameron, T Murphy, J Alan, R Miller, N Robertson,

1. **Fallen Comrades** The meeting started with a minutes silence to remember those members of the Regimental Family who had sadly passed away over the last year. A list of fallen comrades were read out, with a particular mention to two very loyal Branch members – Stewart (Geordie) Anderson and Jimmy Cumming
2. **Apologies** Apologies were received from Brig (Ret'd) N Ridley, Lt Col (Ret'd) R Turner MBE, J Ryan, J Meikle, R Aitken, G Taylor, J Dunion, J Elliot, W Gardner, S Byers, D Walker, E Chorley, G Lawson, R Dall, J McPhail
3. **Minutes of last Meeting** It was proposed by Sandy Dewar and seconded by Kenny Reid that the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting were an accurate account of the proceedings.
4. **Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising
5. **Chairman's Report.** Maj Givens reported that the Branch remained very active with a number of new members joining the Branch and the following successful events taking place over the past year:
  - Representation at the 2010 Remembrance Services at the City Chambers and the Garden of Remembrance, Princes Street Gardens.
  - A successful 2010 Christmas Dance at Leith Ex-servicemen's Club
  - An excellent attendance at the 2011 Armed Forces Day Parade in Edinburgh

He went on to say that the main effort for the Branch for 2011 was the organisation of an extra-special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Amalgamation Dinner at the function rooms of Hibernian Football Club, with an excellent dinner and the after-dinner speech provided by Col (Ret'd) Mike White. The entertainment was delivered by a first-rate mini Pipe Band provided by Edinburgh Academy and dancing was to a very professional local 50's/60's band.

The Branch's usual Summer Dance was cancelled as it was thought many members would be attending the grand reunion in Inverness. This turned out to be the case as many Branch members attended and reported having an exceptional week-end.

6. **Treasurers Report.** John Meikle, the Branch Treasurer, was not present, however an Income and Expenditure Report had been prepared by him covering the period of September 2010 – September 2011 and all members present were provided with a copy. Maj Givens ran through various parts of the statement and reported that the Branch funds were in a healthy state. There were no questions from the floor.

He went on to suggest that future subscriptions might be better managed by members signing up to a direct debit – this would ensure funds were received in a timely manner without the

Treasurer having to chase anyone for subs. After discussion, this was agreed and Maj Givens said he would ask Mr Meikle to make the necessary arrangements for next year

7. **Report from the Regimental AGM** Maj Givens reported that he had attended the Regimental AGM at Nairn held just prior to the Regimental Reunion and as everyone was eager to meet up with friends, the meeting did not last long. Except for the customary usual business there was nothing significant to report.
8. **Remembrance 2011 – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011** Maj Givens reported that the format of the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Edinburgh would be reverting back to its usual format ie there would be no marching contingents this year.

Members were informed that the wreaths on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November would be laid by Maj Givens (Queen's Own Highlanders wreath), Bobby Munro (Seaforth Highlanders wreath) and Jake Dunn (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders wreath).

Wreaths at the Princes Street Gardens service on the Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 would be laid by John Meikle (Queen's Own Highlanders), Bobby Munro (Seaforth Highlanders), and Jake Dunn (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders)

9. **Forecast of Events** Maj Givens gave the following forecast of events:
  - Christmas Dance – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club, Edinburgh
  - Presentation of New Colours to 4 SCOTS (The Highlanders) at RAF Kinloss – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011
  - Amalgamation Dinner – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club, Edinburgh
10. **Committee** It was proposed by Norman Robertson and seconded by Kenny Reid that Eddie Maley join the Branch Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.
11. **Any Other Business**
  - Danny Carruthers proposed that date for the Branch AGM be set for the second Sunday in October each year. This was agreed
  - Jimmy Skinner asked members of the Malay Brunei Veterans Association to give his committee more support and to remember to return any proformas sent out by the MBVA as soon as possible

**There being no other business to discuss, the Meeting closed at 13.30 hours and members joined the wives and families for an enjoyable and interesting presentation about the Royal Regiment of Scotland by Capt Mark Forsyth from RHQ SCOTS. This was followed by a very good Curry Lunch.**

**RETURN – CHRISTMAS DANCE 2011**

Name:	Address:
	Telephone:
I will be attending the Christmas Dance (state how many, if accompanied by family/friends)	Numbers? .....
I enclose payment of.... (£15.00 per head)	£.....
I wish to renew my annual membership and enclose a cheque/postal order for the sum of: (£15.00 for the under 65's and £10.00 for the over 65's)	£.....
	Grand Total <b><u>£.....</u></b>
I am on the Internet and my email address for future contacts/newsletters is: (please <u>print</u> clearly)	

(Please make your cheque out to QOHLDR Regtl Assn, Edinburgh Branch so it can be paid directly into the Branch Account and **Not to Danny Carruthers**)

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