



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

BRANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

Christmas Dance

The 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 – welcome to the Branch.

This year we had a bumper raffle and Bobby Munro and George Givens, ably assisted by Peter Findlayson, organised a very slick raffle, despite Bobby's colour blindness! (Next year's raffle will consist of two colours of tickets – black and white!) A very big thank you must go to all those 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 night 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 Association web site.

Amalgamation Dinner 2010

The Branch's next function will be the Amalgamation Dinner to be held on **Saturday 6th February 2010 (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm)**. The venue will be Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club and again we are hoping everyone who has a kilt or trews will wear them on the night.

The general feeling over the last couple of years is that the format of the Amalgamation Dinners have been a big success and therefore should remain the same ie a dinner with the ladies present, followed by some form of musical entertainment once the dinner finishes. We have therefore asked Ritchie Turner to give the after dinner speech and have booked a singer to entertain us afterwards (namely Dave Lewis, a talented entertainer from the Club circuit).

As usual we will have pipers on hand from the Edinburgh Academy to entertain us during the dinner and Padre Matthew Robertson will be saying Grace in his own inimitable and entertaining way.

The meal will consist of five courses and we will be providing you with wine and Port at the table. The menu will consist of Pâté, then Scotch Broth, then a choice of Steak or Chicken for your main course, Apple Pie and Ice Cream or Gateaux as a sweet, a Cheese Board, and Tea/Coffee to finish with. All this for the princely sum of £15.00 per head – a real credit crunch bargain and a great way to break up the gap between Christmas and Summer Dances!

For those of you with mobility problems there is access via a short flight of stairs that allows people access to the function room from the street. As this is a fire exit, it would be appreciated if anyone wishing to use this entrance could let Danny know when you fill in your proforma.

If you do intend to come to the Amalgamation Dinner please fill in the proforma at the back of this newsletter and return it to Danny Carruthers as soon as possible as we might have to cap numbers due to fire regulations on maximum occupancy in the function room

Branch Forecast of Events

Saturday 6 th February	Amalgamation Dinner	Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club
Saturday 26 th June	Armed Forces Day Parade	Details TBC
Saturday 26 th June	Summer Dance	Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club
Sunday 3 rd October	Branch AGM	TBC

Last Post

For those of you that do not have access to the internet, the following sad news of recent deaths has been reported on the Association website over the past few months:

Dick Foss	Former Seaforth Highlander and Queen's Own Highlander – passed away in November
Andy Duncan	Ex-Signals Platoon – passed away in November
Billy Baff	former MT Platoon - passed away in December
Maj George Burns	Cameron Highlander and Queen's Own Highlander - passed away in December

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**

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

Name:	Address:
I will be attending the Amalgamation Dinner (state how many if accompanied by family/friends)	Numbers?
I enclose payment of.... (£15.00 per head)	£.....
To help the staff at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club order the groceries it would be appreciated if you could give your preference for the main course (we will use the numbers to advise the club, so please remember your choice):	Steak Numbers
	Chicken Numbers
	Vegetarian Option (available on the night) Numbers
There is a shortened flight of stairs that can be used by anyone with mobility problems. Please let us know if you require access by this route	Yes / No

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

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