



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

**BRANCH NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2009**

**Summer Dance 2009**

This year's Branch Summer Dance was held at the Royal Navy Club in Edinburgh on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Seventy five members and their partners were entertained by a very talented group of three young ladies from Bo'Ness, who donated their fees to the Jennifer Trust and the Marie Curie Breast Cancer Charity. Despite their amateur status they put on an extremely professional show and kept everyone entertained for the whole night (the group were talent spotted in down town Bo'Ness by Eileen Carruthers, who apparently is a very good friend of Simon Cowell!)

During the interval Bobby Munro organised a game of pitch and toss with pound coins and the proceeds of the game, along with a subsequent collection, achieved another £145.00 for the girl's charities.

As usual, many of the stalwarts from the Edinburgh area turned up to support the Branch and enjoy themselves, together with a number of association members from further afield – notably Richie and Dee Turner & Eric and Mary MacDonald who had travelled all the way from Spain to be at the function. We also attracted some younger blood – namely Jason Turner (son of Richie), Alec "Sincky" Sinclair (former Military Band and Sergeants Mess Barman) and Rab Cunningham (QMs Platoon).

If you are on the internet you can see photographs of the dance on the Association web site at [www.Cabarfeidh.com](http://www.Cabarfeidh.com)

**Armed Forces Day Parade – Edinburgh – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Armed Forces Day in Edinburgh turned out to be a very grand affair with the parade consisting of formed bodies of service men and women from the both the regular and reserve forces, as well groups from various Regimental Associations. It was with some pride that members of the Edinburgh Branch, as well as comrades from the Seaforth Highlanders & Cameron Highlanders, turned out to form a thirty-strong marching contingent, many sporting regimental head dress, kilts, or tartan trews. Big Eddie Maley, as one would expect, took on the job of right marker for the Branch. The serving soldiers, sailors and airmen led the parade to music provided by a Military Band whilst the veterans followed to the tunes of a Pipe Band and applause from the general public! Thankfully for some of our members the route was downhill from the Castle Esplanade

to the Mound! It was worth noting that the Branch gave a very smart eyes right and eyes front without losing step once! Our less mobile members met us in Princes Street Gardens after the parade and from there many scattered to various watering holes around Edinburgh.

### **Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The Branch AGM will take place at **1.30 pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club**. Anyone who has items for the agenda should inform Danny Carruthers by the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (Please note the change of venue from the one previously advertised)

The AGM will be followed by a curry/salad lunch & sweet for members and their families and will be paid for by Branch funds. As we need to let the club know how many to cater for it would be appreciated if members let Danny know as soon as possible if they are going to attend. Please feel free to bring your partners /kids /grandkids so we can make it a day out for everyone. It should be noted however, that the Branch have to pay for whatever food we order, so please let us know at least a week in advance if your circumstances change and you cannot make it.

It would also be appreciated if members, who cannot attend the AGM and would like to pay their annual subscriptions, could fill in the proforma at the back of this newsletter and return it as soon as possible please (together with a cheque or postal order). Members who attend on the day are asked to bring along the correct money to avoid the Treasurer having to carry lots of change (annual subs are £15.00 for members under 65, and £10.00 for those aged 65 or over)

### **News from the Regimental AGM**

The Regimental AGM was held in Nairn on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and the Branch was represented by George Givens and Danny Carruthers. The following items were discussed and will be fully reported on at our Branch AGM in October:

- The Chairman of the Northern Ireland Branch, Tim Lewis, gave a briefing about the Memorial week-end in Northern Ireland (11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September) designed to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Warren Point and to illustrate the large number of positive changes in Northern Ireland's society over the past 15 years. *[The numbers so far look encouraging (70 plus members including families) so if you are interested, give Ben Higgins of the Northern Ireland Branch a ring and he will give you more details – tel: 07962171357]*
- It was confirmed that a grand Regimental Gathering will take place in Inverness and Fort George during the summer of 2011 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Regiment. *[It is too early to give out any details but it is envisaged that the week-end will take a similar format to the last very successful Regimental Re-union. It is also hoped to tie the dates in with the*

*annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Inverness so the Association can march through Inverness as a formed body].*

### **Edinburgh Branch Forecast of Events**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009      Branch AGM/Curry Lunch      Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009      Christmas Dance      Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club  
(note the change of date and venue from that previously advertised)

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

**Highland Branch - Contact: Stephen McIntosh (07826 845474 [stevmcin@msn.com](mailto:stevmcin@msn.com)):**

- Lunch and Pipes & Drums Display – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009 (note this is still a provisional date)
- Buffet Dinner Dance in Forres - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Northern Ireland Branch - Contact: Ben Higgins (07962171357):**

- Memorial Week-end – Ballykinler, Belfast, and Warren Point - 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Liverpool Scottish - Contact: Colin Hughes (01704 550360):**

- Annual Hot-Pot – Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009

**Highlanders Golfing Society – Contact: Crawford McMaster at Cameron Barracks:**

- Autumn Meeting - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at Aboyne

### **Jimmy Cumming**

Jimmy Cumming was recently diagnosed with Leukemia and is undergoing treatment in Ward B9 of the Beatson Clinic in Glasgow. Despite the shock of the diagnosis Jimmy is looking well and is very positive about his outcome. He will be in the Beatson for the foreseeable future whilst he undergoes treatment, so if anyone would like to visit him he would be more than glad to swap war stories, however please check with Anne-Marie first as some of his medication makes him feel very tired directly after taking it. Anne-Marie's telephone number is 07846758322.

**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)**

**RETURN – EDINBURGH BRANCH AGM 2009**

The cost of the buffet will be paid for from Branch funds but we still need to know numbers so please complete this form. **If you cannot make the AGM and wish to renew your membership, please also complete this return as your annual subscriptions are important to the smooth running of the Branch**

Name:	Address:
I will be attending the AGM (state how many if accompanied by family)	Total Numbers? Adults.....  Children.....
I am on the Internet and my email address for future contacts/newsletters is: (please <u>print</u> clearly)	
<i>(If you are <u>not</u> attending the AGM)-</i>  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)	£.....

(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**)

**Please return ASAP to:**            **Danny Carruthers**  
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