

Fellow Queens Own Highlanders.

As we approach the holiday period I am reminded that now is very much a time to be with family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Cabar Feidh Friends and Family not only a very happy Christmas and New Year but also a healthy, prosperous and harmonious 2014.

As we look back on the year that has just passed we remember fondly a number of enjoyable and well attended Branch events, the reopening in March by Prince Philip of the refurbished museum at Fort George housing the Queen's Own Highlanders Collection, and the many events where our Pipes and Drums, so ably led by John Macdonald, have flown the Blue Hackle flag on our behalf throughout Scotland.

We should not forget either the successful transition this year of both our Chairman and Secretary with our saying thank you at the AGM to Brigadier Nick Ridley and welcoming Colonel James Murray as the new Chairman. David Loftus, after a long and successful stint as Secretary of the Association, has handed over to Major Edward Osborne.

Now is also an appropriate moment to thank all those who have supported the Association and the museum over the year. It is always invidious to name names but I must mention the work of Maurice Gibson and David Grant at Cameron Barracks helping look after those of our former colleagues needing our support. I am very grateful for the help of a growing number of ex-Queens Own Highlanders volunteers at the Highlanders Museum who are determined to make the museum a fitting memorial to our service. Finally, we all must thank Tosh who continues to improve this web site and who helps us all keep in touch. Please continue to help by contributing to the site.

A happy Christmas and best wishes for 2014 to you all.

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