



QUEENS OWN HIGHLANDERS

(Seaforth and Camerons)

REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

MEUR nan EILEAN SIAR

(Western Isles Branch)

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Welcome to the Western Isles Branch

A warm welcome is extended to all from the Western Isles Branch, which covers an area from the Butt of Lewis to Barra. Membership is open to all veterans of the Queens Own Highlanders (Seaforths and Camerons) or their antecedent regiments including the Reserve Forces, and the Army Cadet Force and units affiliated to the Queens Own Highlanders. The branch currently has a membership of 32.

We also welcome spouses, widows and partners of branch members to attend all our functions. As well as the above we have more recently invited, supported and welcomed members of the RBL (Stornoway) to our functions while they search for suitable new premises for their own branch.

Our AGM is held annually in May and is when we plan our programme of events for the coming year starting with a social gathering in June and attendance at AFD and AFD parade, the Chair also attends the Association AGM annually. We move onto July when (weather dependant and always with a plan B) we hold a Branch BBQ. We take a break in August and move on to September when we hold our annual Assaye Dinner (point to note: no football is played, as it was felt that A&E at Western Isles Hospital would not be able to cope with the resulting number of casualties which would occur as a result). In October we hold the second of our social gatherings.

November is a busy month for the Branch with attendance at Remembrance, which in the Western Isles is held over two days. The branch lays wreaths in five Community locations within the Isles. We then move on to our annual themed buffet. Previous themes have included, Compo evening (mess tins provided), Range night (Webbing and Tin Bins also provided) Hawaiian night (garlands provided).

January of course is Burn's which is hosted either by the Branch or 7 SCOTS (where the address to the Haggis is a sight to behold). All our functions are open to and we welcome members of other Branches and the Association as a whole to attend all of our planned functions.

OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson: Donnie MacLeod (26)

Secretary: Dane (Dusty) Millar

Treasurer: John MacIver (x RSM)

Harris Rep: John Murdo Morrison