



THE QUEEN'S OWN HIGHLANDERS **REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION** **Edinburgh Branch**

(Incorporating the Regimental Associations of the
Seaforth Highlanders and The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders)

Chairman: Eddie Maley, Treasurer: John Meikle, Secretary: Jim Elliot

BRANCH Christmas Dance 2021 Report

All Members,

The Edinburgh Branch Christmas Dance 2021 was held in the Bainfield Bowling and Social Club, Edinburgh on the 11th December 2021.

The night was started by the Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch Eddie Maley welcoming all guests to the dance and reminding them of the covid regulations which required them to wear their masks when moving around the club and up to the bar.

A total of 60 members booked tickets for the Christmas Dance with 38 members and guests attending. Some members were unable to attend due to both sickness and fears over covid transmission. I can happily report that no cases of covid have been reported following the Christmas Dance so there has been no requirement to initiate the Track and Trace procedure.

We have a few people to thank, without whom our Christmas Dance would never have taken place.

The Bainfield Bowling and Social Club and their staff: Once again the Bainfield allowed us to use their magnificent hall to hold our dance and the bar staff ensured that all guests had their glasses charged when required throughout the night.

Eleanor of Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club Fame: Eleanor provided us with a 1st class buffet once again. Due to the numbers who either chose or couldn't attend, there was a lot of food left at the end of the night. This food did not go to waist as the bar Manager at the Bainfield

contacted the Salvation Army and donated the food to feed Edinburgh's homeless people over the weekend.

The Cover Notes: A three-piece band who play music from the 60s up to present day, kept the dance floor full and our guests entertained all night. We received many compliments about the band, and we wouldn't hesitate is using them again.



Jim Elliot set about selling the tickets for the World-Famous Edinburgh Branch Raffle. We would like to thank all guests who donated raffle prizes on the night. Once again, you didn't let us down with both the quantity and quality of your donations. The raffle was drawn by Eddie Maley assisted by Bobby Costello. A special thankyou must go to **Walter Williamson** who was unable to attend but donated a bottle of Queens Own Highlanders Gin. Poor Eddie dug deep to buy many raffle tickets but still failed to win the gin.

The highlight of the raffle was when Lt. Col. Ritchie Turner scooped the star prize of a display box containing a 3D Queens Own Highlanders cap badge, a Blue Hackle and an Edinburgh Branch Regimental Tie (pictured below). Well done Ritchie.

Buffet and raffle over, it was time to get down to some serious dancing with no shortage of volunteers on the dance floor.

It was fantastic to see some new faces at the dance on Saturday night:

Joe Langan and his good lady Jane.

Shaun Mahady and his good lady Wantanee.

Eddie Czarnecki and his daughter Tracy.



Ritchie Turner showing off his one-of-a-kind raffle prize.



Liz Balloch and Doris Anderson Show us how it's done.



Shaun and Wantanee looking fantastic



Jim Cockburn takes Joe Langan under his wing.



Eddie Czarnecki tells Tracy to stay on the soft drink as she is Duty Driver.

A fantastic night was had by all with many compliments being received at the end of the night.

Last orders at 23.45 with all guests heading safely home at midnight or very close thereafter.

On behalf of the Edinburgh Branch Committee and Membership we would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous 2022.

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Yours aye

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Stay tuned for our next event:

Amalgamation Dinner on the 12th February 2022 at the Bainfield Bowling Club.....