





## 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

Edinburgh Branch Christmas Dance 2022 Report:

All Members,

The Edinburgh Branch Christmas Dance 2022 was held in the Bainfield Bowling and Social Club, Edinburgh on the 10th December 2022.

The night was started by the Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch Eddie Maley welcoming all guests to the dance and thanking the Organizations and individuals who donated to the Edinburgh Branch hosting the Remembrance Day Events at the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Club in Edinburgh. A total of 76 members booked tickets for the Christmas Dance with 62 members and guests attending. Some members were unable to attend due to both sickness and the weather conditions on the night. 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.



Tracy Liddell (Left) and David McIntosh (Right) wonder where the smell is coming from. John Meikle (centre) looks so innocent!!!



The three old Amigos from B Coy, Sharjah Norman Robertson, Rab Wallace, Danny Carruthers

Eleanor of Leith Ex-Servicemen's Club Fame: Eleanor provided us with a 1st class buffet once again.

N'uff Said: A two-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 and Alex Sinclair 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 thank you must go to WO2 Cathy Munro MBE (Eddie Maley's niece) who donated a magnificent decanter set engraved with the Queens Own Highlanders cap badge on the front and a beautiful verse on the rear. Poor Eddie dug deep to buy many raffle tickets but still failed to win the decanter set. Well done to Gail Thomas who went home with the decanter set under her arm.

As well as the decanter set, WO2 Cathy Munro MBE was kind enough to also donate a pair of brandy glasses, also engraved with the Queens Own Highlanders cap badge which were presented to Danny Cochrane in recognition and thanks for his donation and the support he has given to the Edinburgh Branch during 2022.



Left to right: Brian Gibson, Danny Cochrane, Ritchie Turner Eddie Maley and Liz Duffy



Doris Anderson tells Shaun Mahady some stories about his Dad (Joe Mahady)

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 as well as some of the old and bold returning to our Edinburgh Branch events following the COVID restrictions.

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 2023.



George and Lynda Givens



Kenny Reid gives Elspeth Savage a 90th birthday dance.



Janet Reid and Rab Cunningham



Dance floor full of happy Christmas party goers

Many more photos were taken but far too many for this report.

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Yours aye

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## Stay tuned for our next event:

Edinburgh Branch Amalgamation Dinner to be held on the  $4^{th}$  February 2023 at the Bainfield Bowling and Social Club, Edinburgh.