



## The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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### Regimental Clothing and Accoutrements

Following requests for regimental items, the Edinburgh Branch has kindly agreed to sell bonnet badges, hackles and veteran badges to Association members while stocks last. To purchase any of these items Private Message John Meikle, Edinburgh Branch Treasurer.

### Seaforth Highlanders WW1 Memorial in Stornoway



This Seaforth Highlanders Plaque in Stornoway was unveiled at The Nicholson Institute on the 14 Sep 1923 located on a clock tower wall. In Aug 2012 a new school was opened on part of the original site incorporating the clock tower, which is a listed building. The Plaque is on the rear of the tower. With the plaque mounted there it is neither visible nor accessible to members of the public. Enquiries are underway to restore and relocate the plaque to a more appropriate setting with support from the Association.



The Nicholson Institute Clock  
Tower

### Obituaries

The Association has been made aware of the following who have been gathered:

#### Peter Stewart

Queen's Own Highlanders  
11 Jul 23

#### Bill Woodward

QO Cameron Highlanders  
13 Jul 23

#### Davie Blacklaw

Queen's Own Highlanders  
21 Jul 23

#### David Beaumont

Seaforth Highlanders  
21 Jul 23

#### Bill Ross

Queen's Own Highlanders  
26 Jul 23

#### Ian Lorimer

Queen's Own Highlanders  
28 Jul 23

#### Tony Hannah

Queen's Own Highlanders  
1 Aug 23

**David Campbell Watson**  
Queen's Own Highlanders  
2 Aug 23

#### Eric Retowski / Reid

Queen's Own Highlanders  
8 Aug 23

#### Edward Toms

Seaforth and Queen's Own  
Highlanders  
17 Aug 23

#### Douglas Murray

Queen's Own Highlanders  
5 Sept 23

#### James Purdie

Seaforth Highlanders  
6 Sep 23

#### Mike Thain

Queen's Own Highlanders  
17 Sep 23

#### Andy Rennie

Queen's Own Highlanders  
21 Sep 23

### Forecast of Events

#### Oct – Dec 23

**14 Oct.** Get Together at Waxy O'Connor's, Glasgow

**15 Oct.** Edinburgh Branch AGM – Scots Guards Club Edinburgh

**18 Oct.** Highland Branch AGM – RBL Nairn

**23 Oct.** Garden of Remembrance, Edinburgh

**11 Nov.** Armistice Day Service at the Garden of Remembrance, Edinburgh

**12 Nov.** Remembrance Sunday

**25 Nov.** Lucknow Dinner at Muthu Newton Hotel, Nairn

**2 Dec.** Highland Branch Christmas Function at RBL, Inverness

### Curling

The Regiment's Curling team will compete in the following fixtures for the 23/24 season:

18 Jan 24 v A&SH

01 Feb 24 v The Lowlanders

07 Mar 24 v BW

All matches will be played at the Dewars Centre, Perth. If you would like to take up curling, please contact the Association who will arrange a curling taster session in Edinburgh, Perth or Inverness.

### Saint-Valery-en-Caux

Regimental Associations are planning to take part in local ceremonies over 11-14 June 2025 marking the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the surrender of the 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Division. Accommodation may be in Le Havre. A booking form will be circulated once plans firm up. Members will be asked to pay a deposit when they book.

### Welfare

The Association promotes the welfare of all Regimental veterans. For guidance on welfare-related matters visit the Association website page on Benevolence.