



The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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Gathering 26

Planning for Gathering 26 is continuing at pace with the committee keen to ensure Association members are kept up to date with progress. The Gathering will be held over Sat 13 – Sun 14 Jun 26. It is proposed to start the day with a march past our memorial on Bank Street. The parade will form up on Douglas Row, stepping off at 09:15, march past the Memorial, cross Ness Bridge, bearing left on to Ness Walk. The parade will fall out at the Cathedral on Bishop's Road where a service will be held from 10:00 – 1045. The official opening of the Gathering at NMP will commence at 11:30 followed by the Pipes and Drums, bar opening and lunch. Normal Gathering activities, including the ceilidh will continue until 22:00. Those wishing to visit the museum on Sun 14 Jun will be bussed from NMP at 10:00 to the Fort George. On Sat 13 Jun 26 the NMP will be open from 08:00 for car parking. The outline timings will be finalised by the Gathering committee and advertised accordingly. The next Gathering Meeting will be held at the British Legion Club Inverness on Mon 24 Nov 25.

Regimental Magazine Association Notes.

Association members and branches are reminded that entries for the Highlanders Regimental Magazine are to be submitted to the Association Secretary by no later than Fri 14 Nov. If including pictures of any events/parades please ensure they are accompanied by the names of those in the picture.

Welfare

The Association promotes the welfare of all Regimental veterans. If a concerned family member or friend identifies a welfare need in someone who served in the Regiment, the Association/Branch may approve a limited amount of welfare expenditure from Association/Branch funds (e.g. for food or heating). In such cases the Association will reimburse the branch up to £100 per case on condition that the case has been reported to SSAFA for follow-up. For guidance on welfare-related matters, visit the Association website page on Benevolence at www.cabarfeidh.com/benevolence

Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

John Dodds

QO Cameron Highlanders
03 Aug 25

Billy Innes

Queen's Own Highlanders
17 Aug 25

Murdo MacKinnon

Queen's Own Highlanders
20 Aug 25

Leonard "Lenny" Grassick

Seaforth Highlanders
22 Aug 25

Rab MacAskill

Queen's Own Highlanders
25 Aug 25

Tom Day

Seaforth Highlanders
03 Oct 25

Ian "The Ped" Peddie

Queen's Own Highlanders
13 Oct 25

Richard "Dickie" Dawson

Queen's own Highlanders
17 Oct 25

William "Ringo" Starrs

Queen's Own Highlanders
23 Oct 25

We Will Remember Them



If you hear of the passing of a member of the Regimental Family, please pass the name and address of their NOK as soon as possible to the Association Secretary, so a timely message of condolence can be sent. To ensure an obituary can be produced, the name of deceased, army number, dates of service and regiment, as a minimum should also be passed to the Association Secretary. Any further information will be requested by the Association Secretary. These actions will ensure the Association's ability to mark the passing of the deceased in a respectful manner.

For more Association information and news visit www.cabarfeidh.com

Forecast of Events 2025/26

09 Nov – Remembrance Sunday.

National Events

11 Nov – Armistice Day Service. Scott Monument Edinburgh

16 Nov – Strathclyde Branch "Get Together". Smokin Fox, Glasgow.

24 Nov – Gathering 26 Meeting. RBLS Inverness

13 Dec – Edinburgh Christmas Dance. BMC Club Edinburgh

14 Dec – Legion Scotland Christmas Carole Service. Cannongate Kirk

18 Jan - Strathclyde Branch "Get Together". Smokin Fox, Glasgow.

30 Jan – Edinburgh Branch Amalgamation Dinner. BMC Club Edinburgh

7 Feb - Amalgamation Day event at our Bank Street Memorial followed by a light lunch at the Royal British Legion, Inverness.

If you have, or know of any events coming up, please inform the Association Secretary so they can be advertised on the Association website.

The Regimental Museum Hosted Talks

The Highlanders Museum has recently relaunched hosted talks held at the museum. Our first talk was held on the 25 September, centered on the experience of the New Army Battalions of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. More talks will be held focusing on the history of the regiments the museum covers, so keep an eye out."

Curling

The Regiment's Curling team will compete in the following fixtures for the 25/26 season:

29 Jan 26 v Lowlanders

05 Feb 26 v A&SH

12 Mar 26 v BW

27 Mar 26 HLBC Bonspiel

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