



The Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association Quarterly Newsletter

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Gathering 26

The final Gathering meeting was held at RBL Inverness on Wed 06 May 26 with the following information confirmed. The submission of application forms is open until **Fri 08 May 26**. From this date members will be sent their name badge as per the details submitted on the application form. This **name badge will also act as your ticket** to gain entry to the Northern Meeting Park (NMP). Tickets will be checked on arrival. **No alcohol** is to be brought into NMP. Bags will be searched by security staff prior to entry. **Any alcohol found will be removed and destroyed**. There will be **no access to NMP, other than Blue Badge Holders and Pipes and Drums** prior to the March Past the Memorial. Blue Badge holders are to ensure their permit is accessible. Entry to NMP is via the entrance on Ardross Street. Please familiarise yourself with the following timings:

Saturday 13 June

08:00 – NMP open for Blue Badge Holders and Pipes and Drums only.

09:00 – Form up on Douglas Row for March Past.

09:15 – Step Off. Parade led by Pipes and Drums and Association Chairman, Col Dougie Hay. Eyes left at Memorial. Salute taken by Brigadier Charles Grant OBE and Angus MacDonald MP.

09:25 - Parade fall out at Cathedral on Ardross Street. Association members to make their way to NMP and enter via gate on Ardross Street. Tea and Coffee will be available on arrival at NMP.

10:30 – Drumhead Service. Conducted by Reverend Edward Andrews M.A.D.B. During the service a collection will be taken on behalf of the Regimental Museum.

11:30 – Pipes and Drums open Gathering 26.

12:30 – Lunch

16:00 – Beating Retreat. The salute will be taken by Lt Col Ritchie Turner MBE.

Obituaries

The following have been gathered:

Ronnie Sinclair

Queen's Own Highlanders
05 Feb 26

Clifford Oliver

Seaforth Highlanders
04 Mar 26

Barry Morgan

Queen's Own Highlanders
08 Mar 26

Tom McIvor

Queen's Own Highlanders
21 Mar 26

Alan Birnie

Queen's Own Highlanders
30 Mar 26

William Manson

Queen's Own Highlanders
11 Apr 26

John Bucknall

Queen's Own Highlanders
21 Apr 26

George Givens

Queen's Own Highlanders
25 Apr 26

Mike Bird

Queen's Own Highlanders
01 May 26

Alan (Nobby) Clarke

Queen's Own Highlanders
03 May 26



We Will Remember Them

If you hear of the passing of a member of the Regimental Family, please pass the name and address of 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.

Gathering 26 cont.

16:45 – Presidents Address. Brigadier Charles Grant OBE, President Regimental Association, Councillor Morven Reid, Highland Council Veterans Champion.

17:00 – Grand Draw. Prizes drawn by Anne Blair, Angus MacDonald MP and Morven Reid Highland Council

17:30 – Entertainment. Fast Food available.

22:00 – Bar closes

22:30 – NMP clear

Sunday 14 June

10:00 – Busses depart for Museum

1030 – Arrive Museum. Bacon rolls, tea and coffee on arrival. There will also be a shooting competition.

13:30 – Busses return to Inverness.

There is still a requirement for volunteers to help with setting up NMP on Thurs 11 and Fri 12 Jun and help with the clean up on Sun 14 Jun. If you're able to help on any of these dates it will be greatly appreciated.

CW, who keeps the memorial in pristine condition, will have it looking its best by Fri 12 Jun for those wishing to pay their respects at it when they arrive in Inverness.

Finally, if you have any question, please direct them to the Association Secretary, Edward Usborneon 07786 436 176.

Forecast of Events 2026/27

08 May – VE Day

08 May – Regimental Golf Meeting – Forres Golf Club

13-14 Jun - Regimental Gathering 26 - Northern Meeting Park Innerness.

28 Jun – Highland Branch Sunday Lunch with Pipes and Drums - Royal British Legion Nairn.

03 Jul - Mark Duffus Memorial Golf – Forres Golf Club.

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

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