

**Queen's Own Highlanders  
Edinburgh Branch Association**

**News Letter**

Dear Member,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that you are starting to look forward to the spring and summer ahead of us.

We recently had our Amalgamation Dinner Dance in the BMC Club on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. The night started off well with over 70 members and guests in attendance and our Chairman Eddie Maley started the evening by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending our function.

Our very own Walter Williamson said grace and then everyone tucked into a fantastic three-course meal supplied by Stephen and his staff which we got a lot of compliments about the standard of the food.

After the meal we moved onto the Toasts where Bobby Costello gave the Regimental Toast in Gaelic, Eddie Maley gave the Loyal Toast followed by the After Dinner Speech and our guest speaker Ritchard Givens gave the Toast to the Regiment.

At this point Eddie Maley called for our very own Ritchie Turner (Lt Col Retd) to come up to the top table where the guest speaker gave him a silver plate engraved with his name on it and inscribed Honorary President of the Edinburgh Branch of the Queens Own Highlanders, this was in recognition for all he has done for the Branch and the Regimental Association over the past 40 years.

Once we got all the formalities out of the way we were treated to some Pipe Tunes from the Edinburgh Academy Cadets Pipe Band then we got on with the main event that everyone was waiting for the actual Dance, the music was supplied by Grand Central who were an excellent band and had everybody up on the dance floor for the rest of the evening. We had terrific feedback about the band and we would not hesitate to have them back again.

**Secretary Contact Details:**

Brian Gibson  
6 Essenside Drive  
Tweedbank  
Selkirkshire  
TD1 3RQ  
Tel No 078855 456  
Email: [Cabarfeidhedinburgh@gmail.com](mailto:Cabarfeidhedinburgh@gmail.com)