

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



**That some no longer serve with the colours does not matter,
What does matter is that we are all of us Scots Guardsmen.
Bound together in the Queen's service until we die by a chain,
the links of which are invisible but which are as strong as steel:
Constantly striving, in all that we do, to maintain the high traditions
of loyalty and devotion to duty upon which the Scots Guards are founded**

General Sir Michael Gow GCB

Palace of Holyrood 1965

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Front Page Photograph:

LSgt Dougie Warren took part in the D Day 80 UK National Commemoration in Normandy on the 6 June 2024 which was Attended by Their Majesties the King & Queen, The President of France, many senior dignitaries and senior officers of the Armed Forces.

Most importantly it was attended by most of the remaining veterans from across the UK who took part in the invasion and the battle for Normandy in June 1944.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JULY IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

2nd Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

19 July 1950 2705401 Gdsm William Clucas

1st Battalion Scots Guards – Afghanistan

21 July 2010 25183321 LCpl Stephen Monkhouse MC (Monkey)

21 July 2010 25154047 Cpl Matthew Stenton Royal Dragoon Guards – Killed alongside LCpl Monkhouse.

DEATHS

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

Third Guards Club & SGA Surrey Branch

Major JRL (John) Whiteley JP DL. Died 16 June 2024, Age 87. Sandhurst 1957 – served both Bn's.
Left the Regt 1969. Major John Whiteley was a long serving President of SGA Surrey Branch.

SGA Borders Branch

2705173 Gdsm Robert Stuart Died 5 June 2024. Enlisted 1946, Served 2SG Malaya, 1948 – 1951. Discharged 1952.
Lived Newcastle.

NON ASSOCIATION

23517905 Gdsm Patrick McAteer. Died 26 May 2024. Age 83. Lived Sydney, Australia. Enlisted 1959, served RF 1SG BAOR, Pibrigh, Malaysia & Borneo.

23866033 WO1 Superintending Clerk Dennis Vasey. Died 30 May 2024, Served mostly 2SG as Sgt A/T Pltn, Drill Sgt, Superintending Clerk RHQ 1981 – 1983. Lived Pontefract.

14592635 Gdsm Desmond Collett Died 30 May 2024. Age 100.
Served WW2 & Taken Prisoner of War at Anzio Italy, January 1944. Lived Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

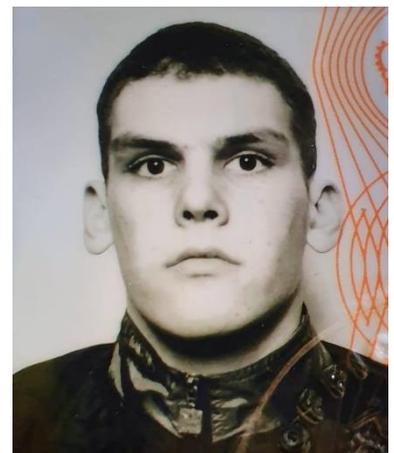
LSgt John McClelland “The Beast” Died 22 June 2024 Enlisted 1990, 1SG Hohne, served to 2013.
Funeral is 10 July 2024, 1100hrs at Inverness Crematorium.



**Bob Stuart 2nd Bn Scots Guards
Malaya Emergency 1948 - 1951**



**Des Collett 1st Bn Scots Guards
Battle of Anzio, Italy ~ World War 2**



**John Maclelland 1st Bn Scots Guards
“The Beast” 1990 to 2013**

80 YEARS ON ~ D DAY ~ 6 JUNE 2024



D Day Commemorations

Left: Aberdeen ~ Aberdeen Branch Standard Bearer, Joe Murray.

Right: Preston ~ L-R: Jim Kileen, Alf Clempson ~SGA Preston Chairman & Lancashire County Council Armed Forces Champion, Micky Nutter ~ SGA Preston Secretary & District Parade Marshal, a Coldstream Guards Standard Bearer.



Despite being described on BBC Breakfast as a Land Sgt (well it was early!) ~ LSgt Warren did the Regiment proud at the Normandy commemorations. He played Flowers O' The Forest at the commemoration and was interviewed on a number of occasions by both BBC & ITV. He explained his pride to be in France to play on a historic occasion and to remember his grandfather (and his pipes). He spoke for all us whose fathers & grandfathers fought in June 1944 in Normandy.



3rd (Tank) Battalion Scots Guards
6th Guards Tank Brigade
Normandy July 1944

Jimmy McCulloch's Funeral Hereford ~ Friday 14 June 2024



1SG Mortarmen and Scots Guards friends pay their respects to Jimmy McCulloch

Left to Right: Kenny Duffy (Mortars), Paddy McEnhill (Mortars) Les Mason (2SG), Phil Neill (Mortars) Major Kelly (Mortars). **Mid:** Glyn Davies (Mortars) Tom McCulloch (Jimmy McCulloch's Brother) Tam Potts. **Further back:** Davie Milligan, Jock Ritchie, Willie McIntosh, Davie Holmes. **At the back:** Dan Newton (Mortars) & John Smith (Mortars).

Enlisting together as Junior Guardsmen, then joining C Company 1SG in 1972, later serving in B Company Jimmy McCulloch (Mortars) & Davie Holmes (Anti Tanks) ~ it's fair to say they were the oldest of friends.



Edinburgh AFD: Kenny Lawson, John Mitchell, Neil Crockett Major Fred Hardie, GSM D Hunter, Kenny Duffy



Fife AFD @ Methil: Tam Marshall & Kenny Lawson set the Standard

ASSOCIATION NEWS
SGA Highlands & Islands Branch



George Davidson, Stan Munro, Brian “Maxi” MacDonald

George Davidson (former Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer) and Brian “Maxi” MacDonald (Chairman) were presented with Regimental Certificates of Merit for outstanding service. Stan served from 1964 – 79 serving in the Jnr Gdsm Company & 2SG. He married a German lass and stayed there on demob. He has renewed local connections, joined the H&Is Branch and timed his holiday to attend the branch meeting.

George (served 1964-1979) and Maxi (served 1965-1990). George also held posts as President of the RBLs Inverness and Poppy Convenor for Inverness.

The Branch celebrates its 30th Anniversary on Friday 13th September in the Inverness Legion. A darts, dominos, draughts and penny nearest the bottle games night is proposed.

The next Branch Meeting is Thursday 4 July in Inverness Legion Club.

Contact Branch Secretary: Rod Davidson Mob: 07532 089535 or email: roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk

SGA Glasgow Branch

The Glasgow Branch held their BBQ/Garden Party at Windyhills, Kilmalcolm on Saturday 15 June.



Left: CSgt R Thorley, Bobby & Mrs Lennox, LSgt M Macrae

Right: Ronnie Cook, Bobby Lennox, Captain Eddie Edmonston, Pat Campbell, Ian Douthwaite, Colin Hitchen. Check out the 5x C Company Rabbits in the picture.

Branch Secretary: Colin Downie Tel: 07956 526283 Email: cdownie1@icloud.com

SGA Preston Branch



Michael Nutter, Branch Secretary was presented with the Tommy Davies Trophy at Lancashire Armed Forces awards, Lancashire County Hall, Preston for services to the veterans community.

Branch Secretary Michael Nutter Email: mn3943@hotmail.co.uk Mob: 07976 909001

SGA Fife Branch

The Branch will hold their annual golf competition “The Chairman’s Trophy” at Thornton Golf Club on Friday 26 July 2024.

Branch Secretary Neil Crockett Email: neil.crockett@btopenworld.com Tel: 01383 721530

SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon

The branch is holding a Picnic & Polo day as spectators for the Inter – Regimental Final at the Guards Polo Club, Windsor on Sunday 14 July 2024.

Thursday 25 July is their monthly meeting at Datchet Golf Club 1900 for 2000hrs.

On Saturday 10 August is the Branch BBQ at Datchet Golf Club.

Branch Secretary Jim Simmonds Email: Jimsimmonds6729@gmail.com Tel: 07340 297328

SGA Durham & Yorkshire Branch

Members are invited to attend the Royal Signals Assoc Cabaret Disco Night on Saturday 6 July 2024

Bar opens 1800hrs till 2345hrs (Last orders 2330hrs).

Entertainment starts 1900hrs

Cost/Tickets: £15 per person.

Dress: Smart Casual

Branch Secretary Mark Wall Email: Markwall1942@outlook.com Tel: 07535 029061

Forecast of other events coming up for August & September

August

Sat 3 Operation Motorman / Op Banner Reunion – Scots Guards Club.

Sun 18 Gdsm James Reynolds DCM name added to Bridge of Weir War Memorial.

September

W/E 13 – 14 Scots Guards Club 100th Anniversary Event.

Sat 21 SGA Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition (Swinton Quaich) ~ Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Sat 21 Scots Guards WOs & Sgts Past and Present Association ~ Annual Dinner, Somme Barracks, Catterick.

TUMBLEDOWN VETERANS AND FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION ~ BLACKPOOL

14 JUNE – 16 JUNE 2024

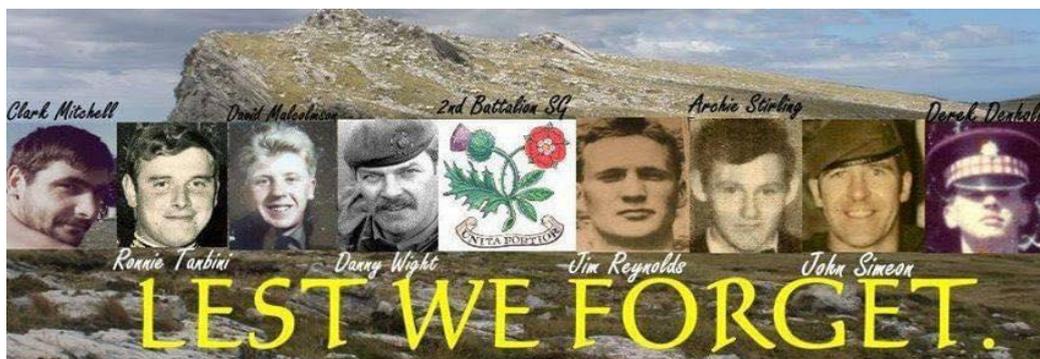
The TV & FA held their 42nd Anniversary event to commemorate their fallen during the Falklands conflict. A Meet & Greet took place on Friday 14 June at the Bluewaters Hotel, Blackpool.

Saturday morning was the AGM when 51 of members attended.

Saturday evening was the annual social event which took place at the Bluewaters Hotel to which around 80/90 members attended. Great evening with music, dancing, and hot/cold buffet served.

On Sunday there was a parade at Blackpool War Memorial for a service of commemoration. Leading the service was the association's padre Max Bayliss. also in attendance was Blackpool's Mayor Andrew Hunter accompanied by Anne Marie.

A good turn out and a special weekend was had by all.



Remembrance at Blackpool War Memorial



Left: Steve Hills (SGA Preston), Willie Urban (Chairman TV &FA), Anthony Draper



Right: Jan Miller (Leader) led Falklands Scout Troop to pay their respects on Mount Tumbledown.

As part of the Kings Birthday Honours List 2024 the following awards have been announced:

Chief Of the General Staff Commendation – Pipe Major JA Mitchell Scots Guards.

Commander Field Army Commendation - Major JD Manassie Scots Guards.

Many Congratulations to them both.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE ~ SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2024



The parade was good, the weather stayed fair until the last when got hit by a downpour of heavy rain. The music was good & it was very good to see HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on the parade as our Colonel for the first time.

Well Done to the Regimental Band, F Company and our Pipers taking part.

20 PLATOON SCOTS GUARDS ACF ~ EDINBURGH



CSgt Thorley & Piper Scott met with members of 20 Platoon Scots Guards, Lothian and Borders Army Cadet Force at their base in Colinton. Piper Scott got their feet tapping when he played a selection of lively tunes. Each Cadet was given a Scots Guards T shirt.

INFORMATION WANTED

The Highlanders Museum in Fort George nr Inverness received this photo of a Scots Guards officer amongst a larger donation of photographs from various Highland Regiments. We don't know who the officer is, there are a few indicators of the era he served, the medal ribbons being one if you can recognise them.



Can anyone identify him?

Answers please by email to sga@scotsguards.org

Many Thanks

THE TAXI CHARITY FOR MILITARY VETERANS



The Taxi Charity for Military Veterans supports military veterans in need by offering transport for medical and other appointments, shopping, family events, day trips and other social occasions, mostly in London and the Home Counties.

They also take their veterans on day trips to concerts and museums, as well as special days out to meet with old friends and comrades.

If you are interested please contact them and they can tailor their support and services they offer. The assistance they offer is based on the individual, whether that is through loneliness, disability, infirmity or any other reason. It is enough that someone has served, is in need and would benefit.

You can find out more detail at: www.taxicharity.org.uk
or Tel: 01920 464748

If this would be of help to you Email: dickgoodwin@taxicharity.org

YOU CAN NOW APPLY FOR AN HM FORCES VETERAN CARD ~ IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY

Information as below:

<https://www.gov.uk/veteran-card>



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Apply for an armed forces veteran card to prove that you served in the UK armed forces.

www.gov.uk

When you apply, you'll be asked for:

- your service number for your last period of service
- your [National Insurance number](#)
- the approximate year you started and ended your service - it does not have to be exact
- a recent [digital passport style photo](#), showing your head and shoulders

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Welcome to Cosy Cumbrian Cottage, a charming accommodation in Longtown. Discover a cozy retreat with modern amenities and warm hospitality.



Les Burgess from Carlisle, Cumbria and his wife have a small holiday let in Longtown, Cumbria. It's close to the border and only a few miles from the M6 and Gretna Green. Easy access to the Lake District, Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway.

Les says please by all means check our cottage out on Airbnb and you will see we have in excess of 120 five star reviews for the cottage and service provided during our guests stay (Cosy Cumbrian Cottage, Longtown, Cumbria).

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