

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 Photographs

Top: The Highlands & Islands Branch held a rededication ceremony of the Cairn on Sallachy Estate built in memory of Gdsm Jim Reynolds DCM who was killed on the Falkland Islands on 14th June 1982. The event was well attended by 4 Falkland veterans, 2 serving guardsmen, 4 members of the estate staff who treated us royally in the Lodge, the Deputy Lt, the Legion Padre, the local press and 15 members of the branch and their guests.

Bottom: The Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association laid a wreath @2nd Battalion Falklands Plaque by Blackpool War Memorial.

TUMBLEDOWN REMEMBERED ~ 43rd ANNIVERSARY ~ 14 JUNE 2025.



Left: Paul MacLaughlan, Major Iain Dalzel-Job, Billy Silver and Maxi MacDonald at Gdsm Jim Reynolds Cairn.



Right: Willie Urban accepts a presentation shield on behalf of TV&FA from Alf Clempson Chairman of Lancashire County Council.



Scots Guards Veterans at the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Service at Pangbourne College.



Lancashire County Council Chairman Alf Clempson (SGA Preston Chairman) hosted members the Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association. Also in attendance were the Leader of Lancashire County Council & the Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

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

ASSOCIATION

SGA Durham & Yorkshire

24534848 Gdsm Henry Davidson, Died 10 June 2025. Aged 65, Lived Newton Aycliffe. Served 2SG Left Flank & Pioneers 1982 – 1993.

NON ASSOCIATION

LCpl Andrew Reekie, Died May 2025, Age 70. Served 1SG mid 1970s – Mid 1980s. Lived Glenrothes, Fife.

James Fee, Died March 2025. Age 81. Served 2SG as Drummer in the P&Ds from 1962 in Kenya, BAOR & 1SG in Windsor. Educated QVS Dunblane, latterly lived in Aberfeldy. He was a former member SGA Dundee & Angus.

Robert McMillan. Died 27 May 2025. Age 88. Served Transport Platoon 2SG 1957 – 1960. Lived Nottinghamshire.

Gdsm John Richardson. Died 17 June 2025. Served Left Flank 2SG Inc Falkland Islands. Lived Glasgow
Funeral will be Monday 7th July at 0900hrs, Glasgow Crematorium, Lamb Hill Cemetery, 19 Tresta Road, Glasgow, G23 5AA

MAJOR GENERAL SIR CHRISTOPHER AIRY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Service will be held at 2pm on the 10 July in the Guards Chapel. To confirm details please contact the Regimental Adjutant.

Email: adjutant@scotsguards.org.

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

SGA Highlands & Islands Branch



At Gdsm Jim Reynolds Memorial Cairn

Left: Martin Scott Fraser & Ian Whalley. LCpl M Hardie & CSgt R Thorley.



Right: Mrs Shelia Stewart, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland who wrote a nice report on the day saying “It was an incredibly poignant and moving service. Gdsm Reynolds was such a brave young man and paid the ultimate sacrifice. I’ve never experienced such a warm welcome and friendship, when carrying out my DL role, as shown to me today- thank you Scots Guards”.

Archery Day

On Saturday 5th July, 8 of us are going to the Bowhunter Archery Club at 1315-1455hrs for some archery and axe throwing fun. If you want to join us, it costs £37.80 payable on the day. Interested, email Rod Davidson roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk

SGA Merseyside Branch

Officials of the Branch are now:

President: Major JNA Crichton – Stuart MBE
Vice President: Major General DM Naylor CB MBE DL
Chairman: Eddie Ewan

Secretary: Keith Reid

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SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Branch

Branch Polo/Picnic, Guards Polo Club - Sunday 13 July 2025, timing's 13.30 to 1700 hours.

Branch BBQ, Datchet Golf Club - Saturday 9 August 2025, timing's 13.00 to 1630 hours.

SGA Surrey Branch

The Surrey Branch held their dinner on Saturday 21 June at West Byfleet Golf Club.



SGA Surrey Dinner

Andrew McKeand (Secretary), Captain James Glen (Regt Rep), Major Jeremy Warren (President), Willie Coffield (Chairman).

The Surrey Branch holds its 50th Anniversary Dinner in 2026, their planning has already begun.

SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians



SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Dinner ~ Branch Officials and Serving Members

Back; Danny Minto (Secretary), Rev'd Neil Gardiner (Branch Padre), Major Andrew Bell & Major Angus McPherson (both Branch Vice Presidents)

Front: Sgt Lewis Perie, CSgt Ross Thorley, RSM G Campbell, Major Randall Nicol (Branch President), Neil Crockett, Lt Col WJL Tulloch (Comd Off), Captain S Hamilton, Sgt Stewart Milne.

SGA Fife Branch



Fife Branch Meeting ~ Our newly appointed President Mr Mark Mathewson made his mark by presenting Colonel's Certificates to long term committee members Rab Ross & Ernie Melville. Neil Crockett (Secretary) & Gordon Dickson (Chairman) watch on. Both Rab & Ernie had a post Scots Guards career in Fife Fire & Rescue Service.

Rab proved his credentials as being a long term member by producing the receipt for his 1st annual subscriptions ~5 shillings (pre-decimal) paid in 1968.

REGIMENTAL OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS

Commanding Officer 1SG ~ Lieutenant Colonel WJL Tulloch

Second In Command 1SG ~ Major SE Kershaw

Equerry to HRH The Colonel ~ Captain WDJ Jack

Director of Music Regimental Band ~ Major Brenden Wheeler.

From Cairns, Australia. He joined the British Army in 2009. His various appointments include Platoon Comd at Army Foundation College, Harrogate ~ DOM Royal Armoured Corps Band. Staff Posts, including Joint Force Command, Naples, Italy ~ His most recent previous appointment was as DOM The Royal Regiment of Scotland for near 2 years.

HONOURS



Very many congratulations to Sergeant Michael Chadwick on receiving his MBE at Buckingham Palace last week.

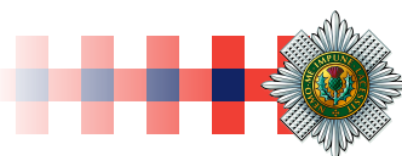
SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

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1 BRANCH IN AUSTRALIA - 1 BRANCH IN NORTH AMERICA

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GIVE YOUR CLOSEST BRANCH A CALL & ASK ABOUT JOINING IN WITH BRANCH ACTIVITIES. MEET FRIENDS FROM YOUR SERVICE & MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE REGIMENTAL FAMILY.



FORECAST OF EVENTS UNTIL DECEMBER 2025

If you have any Association or wider Regimental events that you want advertised ~ please let me know.

JULY

TBC SGA Fife Golf Competition ~ The Chairman's Trophy.

AUGUST

Sat 9 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon BBQ @ Datchet Golf Club 1300 – 1630hrs.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6 SGA Durham & Yorkshire Dinner ~ Sgts Mess, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Somme Barracks, Catterick.
Contact: Mark Wall Secretary ~ Email: Markwall442@outlook.com Tel: 07535 029061

OCTOBER

Sat 4 SGA Carlisle D & G Dinner ~ The Auctioneer, Rosehill Est, Carlisle.

Sat 11 SGA Dundee & Angus 99th Annual Dinner ~ Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.

Sat 11 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon 61st Annual Dinner, Datchet Golf Club 1800hrs for 1900hrs.

Sat 25 SGA Glasgow Dinner ~ Glasgow Arts Club, Glasgow 100th Annual (125 Anniversary)

Fri 31 SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland Dinner ~ Althens Hotel, Aberdeen

NOVEMBER

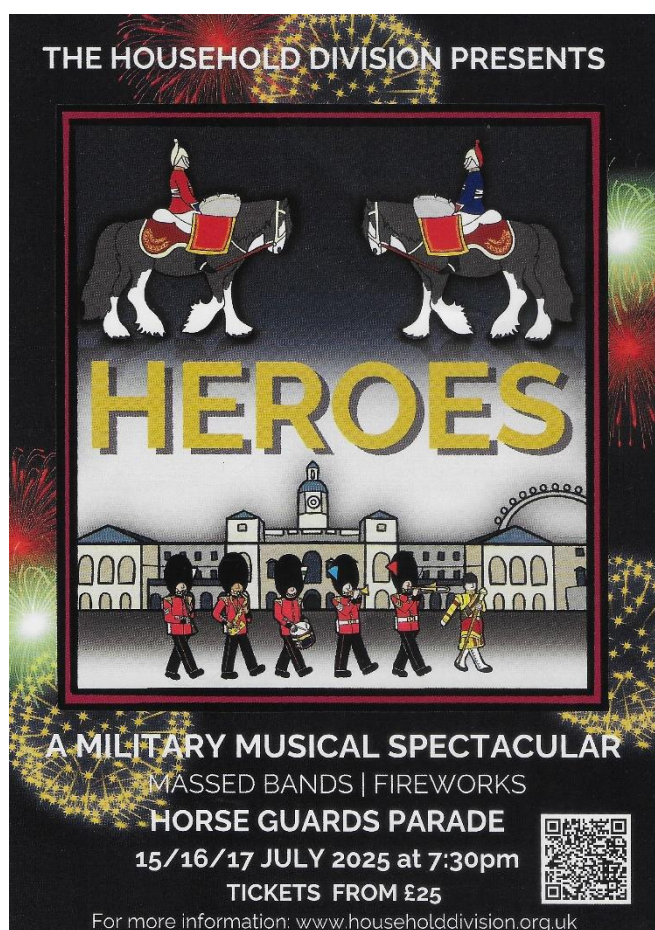
Fri 7 SGA Fife Dinner ~ Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy

Fri 7 SGA Ayrshire Dinner ~ RAFA Club, Prestwick

Sat 29 SGA Pipers Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh

DECEMBER

Wed 10 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Christmas Lunch ~ Datchet Golf Club 1230 for 1300hrs.



ROYAL ASCOT

FROM RED TUNIC & BEARSKIN CAP TO GREENCOAT AND TOP HAT



Major General Alastair Bruce & Alec Galloway



Alec Galloway & Isireli 'Tag' Taganekurkuru a Scots Guards Duo.



Greencoats line up for inspection



Greencoats Route Lining for HM The King & Royal Party

The Greencoats duties today are ceremonial and include attending to HM The King & Queen. They are ambassadors for the racecourse, very much part of Ascot's unique heritage and currently led by Phillip Hall. Their traditions will be upheld in perpetuity

In August 1711 Queen Anne dedicated Ascot Heath to horseracing. She imported large quantities of green velour material from France in which she dressed her Yeomen Prickers, a tradition that remains to this day. Led by Phillip Hall they are very proud of what they do, assembled to uphold the historic traditions of Royal Ascot that the Greencoats embody.

Regards to all Scots Guardsmen, I miss you all and will catch up with you sometime.

Yours Aye

Alec Galloway

For those of you who perhaps don't know Alec Galloway when Streetlining on The Mall on the 1981 Queen's Birthday Parade very famously and without thought for his own safety apprehended a man who fired a gun (later found to be a starting pistol) at our Late Queen. On holding him until the rapid arrival of the nearby police, Alec then immediately returned to the Present Arms while the procession rode passed and onto parade without hesitation.

3rd (TANK) BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS ~ NORMANDY 1944 ~ BATTLEFIELD TOURS ~ By COLIN FOSTER

I'll be heading back over to Normandy over the weekend 26 & 27 July which has significance for Scots Guards when, at the start of Operation BLUECOAT, 3rd Battalion, along with 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards & 4th Battalion Coldstream Guards (as part of 6th Guards Tank Brigade) led the assault through the German lines to take the twin objectives of Hills 226 & 309 & to provide a strong shoulder on the left flank, allowing 11th & Guards Armoured Divisions to break through

In doing so, as we know, S Squadron, 3rd Battalion Scots Guards suffered high casualties due to being ambushed by 3 JagdPanthers of 654 Schwere panzerjäger-abteilung.

The ceremony at the Scots Guards Memorial at Les Loges will take place at 1600hrs Sunday 27 July. This is to try to tie in 3 ceremonies – Grenadier Guards in Cahagnes (usually 1030hrs) and at the “Isolated Grave” of Lt Marshall-Cornwall (usually 1130hrs), Coldstream Guards at the memorials on Hill 309.

If anyone is interested in more details of either of these events, then please ask them to contact me directly.

In addition, I'm still working on my follow-up book to *Debut at Caumont* which focuses on the August battles, so if anyone has any family history or information that they would like to contribute, then, again, please ask them to contact me.

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SCOTS GUARDS MEMORIAL PROJECT

A reminder that the Scots Guards Memorial Project is live on the Scots Guards website <https://scotsguards.org/history/the-memorial-project/#>, it is fairly easy to use. As part of the work of the Regimental Historical Committee the project was tasked with setting up a computer database to record memorials **across the World that have been constructed to remember Scots Guardsmen in both war and peace**. To date we currently have 380 Memorials listed and 927 Scots Guardsmen.

We are looking for:

- Large or small memorials to single Scots Guardsmen, detachments or Battalions, from times long past until the present day.
- The memorial could be anything from plaques to stained glass windows in churches, to trees of remembrance, in fact anything which in the respectful memory of our officers or Guardsmen.
- The names of Scots Guardsmen killed and listed on local town or village war memorials.
- Headstones of graves in UK or abroad which record service in the Scots Guards, but please not those men buried in Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemeteries because they are listed comprehensively by that organisation.

As a reminder please sent any information with photographs that you find to Michael Campbell-Lamerton

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While you are out on your travels across the UK and beyond keep a look out for memorials to Scots Guardsmen.

ARMED FORCES DAY 2025 Scots Guardsmen past and serving attended Armed Forces Day events across the UK.



Left: Iain Bryson (Secretary SGA Dundee & Angus) plays a tune after parade.



Right: Kenny Duffy (Chairman SGA Dundee & Angus) on sentry pre Dundee parade.



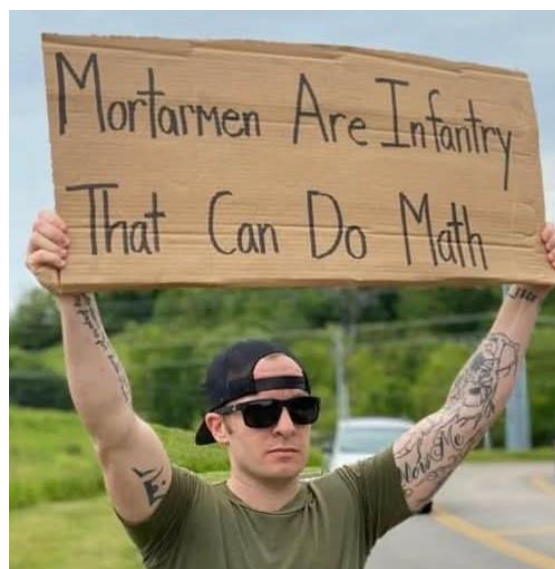
Left: Garrison Sergeant Major D Hunter briefs the Royal Scots before the Edinburgh parade forms up.



Right: Ramsay MacDonald, John Mitchell, Danny Minto & Neil Crockett in St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh.



Left: Lyra clad Tristram Carter caught the train from Alnwick to Edinburgh for a bike ride around the city and joined us at St Andrews Square. His satorial Hi-vis top put Jimmy Baines & Crockett in the shade.



Right: Aye Right!!