

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:

Drummers of 1st Battalion play a Bugle Fanfare to start the Beating Retreat at the Regimental Gathering 2026.

Pipes & Drums 1st Battalion Scots Guards @ Richmond Castle.

SCOTS GUARDS GATHERING 2026

The Gathering was a great success and was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The weather was kind, hot and very sunny.

A shout out for all members of the Bn who only arrived back in Catterick Wednesday / Thursday before the Gathering weekend after 9 weeks training in Germany. Thanks to all their work and efforts towards the success of the Gathering.

Well done the Regimental Band & the Pipes and Drums who played so well over the weekend to entertain us.

Thanks to F Company for their participation ~ just a 'Heid's up for those living not too far from Edinburgh the Company will be provide Holyrood Palace Guards during Royal Week at the start of July.

It was good to see the Coy Comd of G Coy along with other members of the Company including Andrew Brown (now a G Coy Pltn Sgt).

Thanks to RHQ LCpl Jon Legg (a member of SGA Fife) for his work selling Regimental items.



SGA Standards on parade

Left – Right: SGA Dundee & Angus (David Low), SGA Main Standard (Simon Roberts), SGA Preston (Steve Hills)



Walter Campbell receives his LSGC which had been recommended in 1995 but not awarded due to administrative issues. Walter's medal was awarded to him by Lt Gen Sir John Kiszely who was Walter's Company Commander on the Falklands War in 1982.

Stevie Lennox, Phil Murphy, Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor & Gary Smith.



**The Pacesticking Competition :
Best Sticker ~ John Thorpe**



**Trevor Elliott, Drummer, Pipe Major Jamie Bell,
Cammie Michael.**



Crockett's x2 ~ Neil & Ian

Pipe Major Jamie Bell introduces his Piper's to HRH The Colonel



Ross Greenhill & Dennis Bowes

SGA Dundee & Angus sell their wares Gordon Peebles (Treasurer), Sue & Kenny Duffy (Chairman)



Eyes Left To HRH The Colonel : Spotted Tam Potts, Iain Crockett, John O'Hanlon, Lt Vail, Brian Harrison, Captain Hamilton, Captain Elmhirst, Lt General Sir John Kiszely, Major Mark Cape

Take The Strain: F Coy & Right Flank Tug O' War Teams but who are they pulling against?

THE KIDS CERTAINLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES



The Bandmaster relinquishes his baton to 3 budding musicians!

Junior Guardsman Callum Wilson on parade



Look at me Mum ~ I've just joined the Scots Guards

Geordie O'Hanlon & Grandson Thomas with HRH The Colonel

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**Lots of the Gathering photographs are courtesy of DSN Photography & Framing ~ Many thanks to them for that.**

## **WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JULY IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951**

19 July 1950    2705401    Gdsm William Clucas

### **1<sup>st</sup> 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**

#### **Third Guards Club**

Captain Sir Alexander William Younger KCMG. Died 2 June 2026. Age 62. Served 1SG 1987 – 1990, Pirbright, Hohné & Northern Ireland. Director MI6 2014 – 2025.

### **NON ASSOCIATION**

Gdsm Allen Matthew. Died 6 May 2026. Age 51. Enlisted as a Jnr Gdsm Aug 1991. Served 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Sigs Pltn's. Brother to Kevin and Paul Matthew.

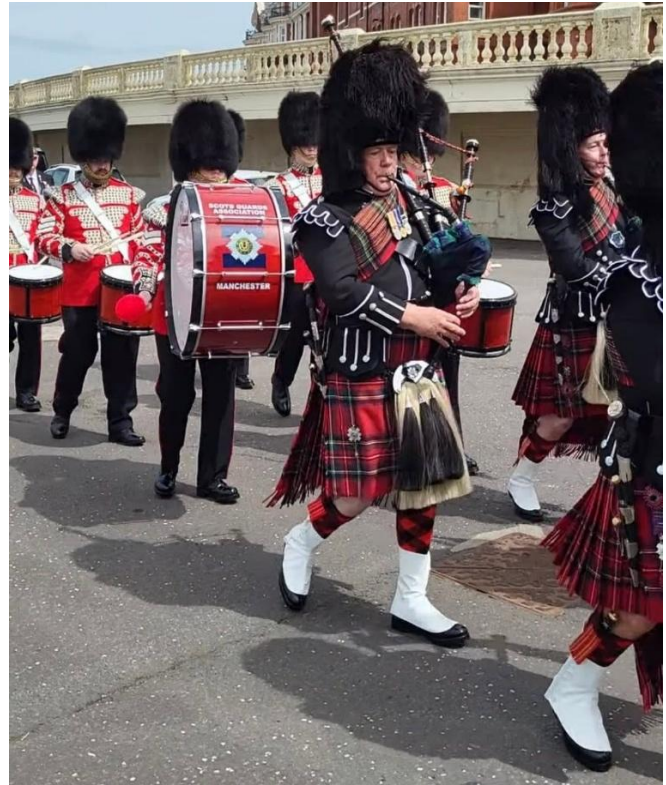
James Barr Died June 2026. Served 1SG 1996 – 2005.



Guardsman Allen Matthew



## **44<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn SCOTS GUARDS ~ FALKLAND ISLANDS 1982**



**The Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association held their annual reunion at Blackpool over the weekend of 12 – 14 June 2026. On Sunday 14 June they paraded at Blackpool War Memorial for a service of Remembrance when they were supported by the SGA Manchester Branch Pipes & Drums.**



**SGA Highlands & Islands Branch members Lenny Cowieson, Danny Maclean, Roddy Cantwell, Maxi MacDonald, John MacLennan and Fergus Gregory pay their respects at Gdsm James Reynolds DCM Cairn on the Sallachy Estate.**

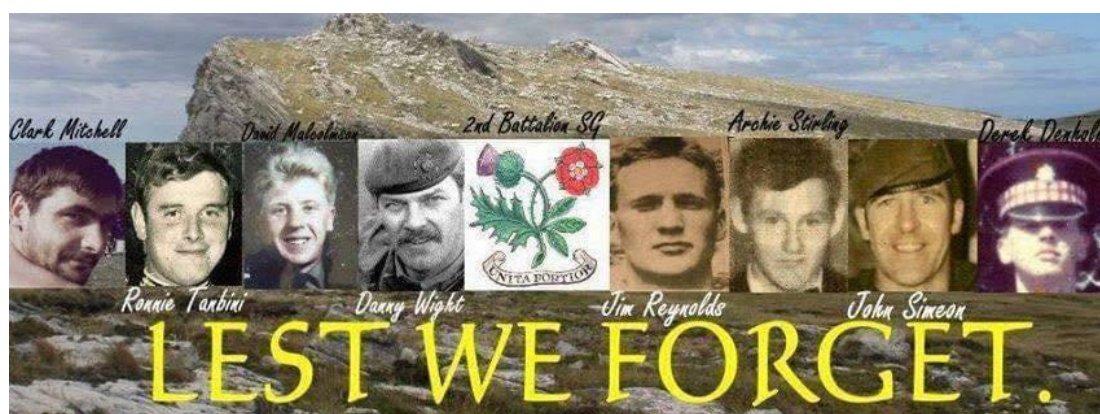
**Jim Gillanders & Brigadier Charles Page both 8 Platoon and both wearing the 8 Platoon badge kindly given to us by our old Platoon Sergeant, Davie Morcom.**



**Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Service at Pangbourne College**



**For the first time Falkland Island Scouts visit Mount Tumbledown summit carrying the flags presented to them by the Tumbledown Veterans and Families Association**



## SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

### SGA Durham & Yorkshire

Branch Secretary Mark Wall has stood down due to work commitments.

Branch Officials are now:

**President:** Major RJG Craib

**Chairman:** Stewart Webb

**Treasurer:** John Findlay

**Secretary:** Robert Galloway

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### SGA Glasgow

The Branch will hold their Garden Party on Saturday 4 July at Knockriach Farm, Fintry.

To attend contact Colin Downie (Secretary)

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### SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon

Sun 12 Jul Polo Picnic at the Guards Polo Club, Windsor.

Sat 15 Aug Summer BBQ at Datchet Golf Club. 1300 – 1630hrs.

Touch base with Jim Simmonds to attend both or either.

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SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon member IP Colin Paterson (centre) parades for Chelsea Hospital Founders Day

## FORECAST OF EVENTS UNTIL DECEMBER 2026

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

### JULY

Late Month      The Chairman's Trophy ~ SGA Fife Golf Competition. Cowdenbeath Golf Club

### SEPTEMBER

Fri 25      SGA Fife Dinner ~ Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy.

### OCTOBER

Sat 3      SGA Carlisle D & G Dinner ~ The Auctioneer, Rosehill Est, Carlisle.

Sat 10      SGA Dundee & Angus Dinner ~ 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Apex City Quay Hotel.

Sat 17      SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Dinner ~ 62<sup>nd</sup> Branch Dinner, Datchet Golf Club.

Fri 30      SGA Aberdeen & North East Scotland Dinner ~ Altens Hotel, Aberdeen.

### NOVEMBER

Fri 6      SGA Ayrshire Dinner ~ RAFA Club, Prestwick

Sat 28      SGA Pipers Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh

Sat 28      SGA Glasgow Dinner ~ Glasgow Arts Club, Bath Street.

Sun 29      SGA Merseyside Lunch.

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## SGA DUNDEE & ANGUS ONBOARD HMS DUNCAN



The Regimental Adjutant received an email from Lieutenant Brandon De Santis, Watchkeeping Officer reporting HMS Duncan was in Dundee and were there any local Scots Guardsmen who would like to visit the ship. Notice was tight but a quick rally round and the tour was set for Sunday morning 14 June. [On](#) the Saturday evening Neil Crockett had occasion to phone the ship to confirm arrangements & on speaking to the Gangway Petty Officer he was quickly told there was a fire on board, "Jinks ~ Help ma Boab" says me in good 'Our Wullie' style. "I'll ring off & let you get on with it." The PO then said it's ok it's a practice drill! I rang off anyway!

On Sunday morning a small team from the Dundee & Angus branch Sue & Kenny Duffy (Chairman), Debbie & Gordon Peebles (Treasurer) & Paddy Lowe (Hon Member). A good time was had by all. Kenny got to sit in the Captain's chair, the Scots Guards Association attached crew enjoyed their visit ~ Thanks & all best wishes to HMS Duncan for showing the Dundee & Angus branch around.

**HMS Duncan is the Royal Navy Ship affiliated to the Scots Guards**

## MORE PHOTO'S FROM THE GATHERING



**Tam Steele with Micky Nutter**



**Ian Crockett, Brian Harrison, Ross Greenshields & Gordon Peebles**



**Gary Smith & Phil Murphy**



**"Hieland Laddie"**



**Including: Scott Johnstone, Norman Birkett, Simon Roberts, Andy Peters, Brian McDowall, Steve Jones**

