

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:

The Scots Guards Band leads the Regiment to The Guards Memorial on Black Sunday for an Act of Remembrance. Gordon Peebles Treasurer SGA Dundee & Angus laid the Regimental Wreath.

Regimental Remembrance Sunday was the culmination of a busy Scots Guards weekend in London:

Friday evening was the AGM of the Warrant Officers & Sgts Past and Present Association, at the same time there was a lecture in London Scottish House on the subject of the Scots Guards during World War 2 in Italy.

Saturday morning it was the Scots Guards Association AGM in Wellington Barracks and Saturday evening the Third Guards Club Dinner. Saturday afternoon and evening saw many smaller informal get togethers amongst friends.

On Sunday morning we gathered outside the Guards Chapel in the sunny spring weather before we were called to take our places in the Guards Chapel. During the service Lt Col Tulloch Comd Off 1SG read the first lesson, Cadet CSgt Erin Gough of 5 Pltn Scots Guards Glasgow & Lanarkshire Army Cadet Force read the second lesson. Reverend Nightingale, Padre of the 1st Battalion gave the Sermon.

During the service Major Craib as President of the Scots Guards Association Durham & Yorkshire Branch laid a wreath at the Regimental Cloister.

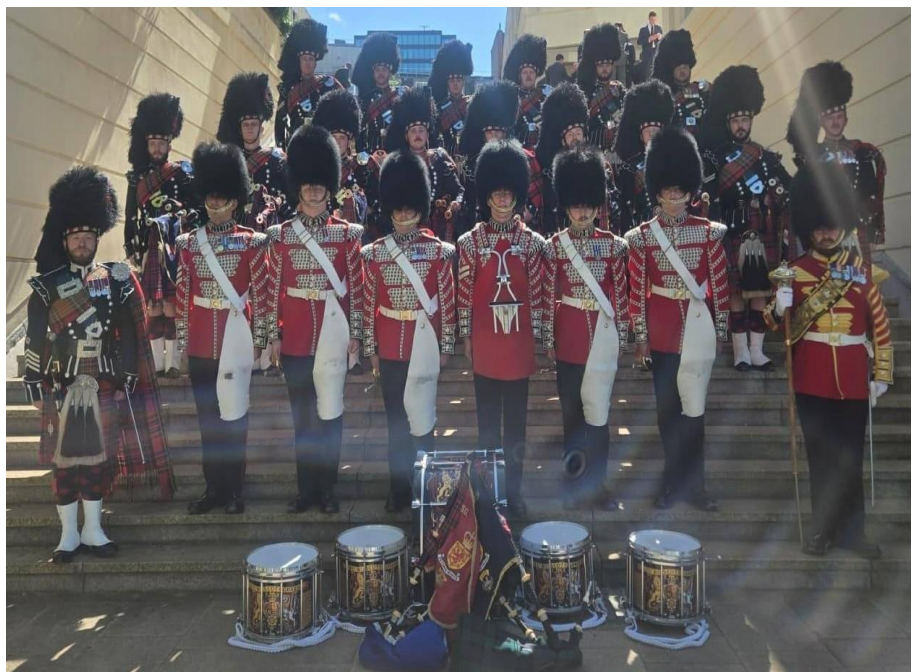
On leaving the Guards Chapel the parade formed up behind the Regimental Band, Pipes & Drums of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards and a detachment from F Company. Under command of Lt Col Tulloch we turned to the right in 6s and stepped off and marched via Birdcage Walk to the Guards Memorial. Scots Guards Army Cadet Force Detachments took part in the parade for the first time, marching smartly at the rear. Casting my mind back to my own Army Cadet Force days I'm sure it's something they'll remember for a very long time.

We halted, turned to face the Guards Memorial for The Last Post, Flowers O' The Forest, The Silence & Reveille and the wreath laying.

Marching back to barracks we received the order "Eyes Left" when the salute was taken by Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszely KCB MC DL.

Parade over and dismissed, a chance to come together in the Sergeants Mess for a pint with friends past & serving, old and new.

It was good to see a big contingent of the 1st Battalion at Black Sunday. They had an early start from Catterick and a return journey late afternoon.



Left: Cadet C'Sgt Erin Gough of 5 Pltn Scots Guards Glasgow & Lanarkshire Bn ACF reads the 2nd Lesson in the Guards Chapel.

Right: Pipes & Drums 1st Bn Scots Guards step-up in the sun led by Pipe Major Jamie Bell & Drum Major Euan Gordon.



Marching to the Beat of the Drum



Scots Guards Cadets parade on Horse Guards Parade



Scots Guards Association Aberdeen & North East Scotland Branch

L-R: Paul Matthew, Kevin Matthew (Vice Chairman), Brian Harrison (Secretary / Treasurer) Ian Roger (Chairman)



Scots Guards Dundee & Angus Branch ~ Plus

L-R: Andy Peters, Rab Connelly, Gordon Peebles (Treasurer), Kenny Duffy (Chairman), Tam Steele (SGA Corby, Central & Eastern), Major James Kelly

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING MAY IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

2nd Battalion Scots Guards Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

19 May 1949 2704864 LSgt Harvey Lea, Age 21

19 May 1949 2Lt PWB Graham – Watson

2nd Battalion Scots Guards Northern Ireland

5 May 1990 24586352 LSgt Graham Stewart, Age 25 Killed South Armagh.

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway Branch

22551681 Sgt Irvine Lyon QGM, Died Mid April 2026. Age 92. Served 1SG 1955 -1957. Lived Carlisle.

The funeral will take place 1100hrs on 7 May 2026 at Carlisle Crematorium, Dalston Road, CA2 6AR. If you are able to attend please advise Major Mark Cape email finance@scotsguards.org

NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

John Jones Died 2 April 2026. Served Right Flank, 2SG Iserlohn & Munster 2SG Mid 1960s. From Liverpool.

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026

The meeting took place in Wellington Barracks Sgts Mess.

41 Serving & Association members came together for positive & friendly discussions.

There was a short silence for the **61** former members of the Regiment who have passed away between Apl 2025 & Apl 2026.

The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel abroad on duty spoke to the meeting via recorded video message. He encouraged all members of the Association and the wider Regiment to attend the Scots Guards Gathering.

SGA Chairman Major Willy Inglis thanked his predecessor Major Sir Malcolm McGregor for his work over the past 10 years on behalf of the Association. Major Inglis said that the Association is a flexible, honest and friendly organisation.

Lt Col Tulloch, Comd Off 1SG and Capt Russell 2ic F Coy gave a briefing on the busy life of the two main components of the Regiment. The Comd Off confirmed that in 2027 1SG move to Cyprus for 2 years.

He said the 1SG Pipes & Drums are strong, busy and a superb asset, playing at Royal Banquets, and their own concerts. After a good time in post Pipe Major Mitchell has handed over to Pipe Major Bell whose first duty was Regimental Remembrance Sunday.



Pipe Major Jamie Bell

UPDATE ~ SCOTS GUARDS REGIMENTAL GATHERING FRIDAY 19 JUNE – SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2025

The Gathering has been widely advertised across the Regiment, tickets are now being posted out and should be landing on doorsteps from the next week. If you quite got haven't got around it yet, now is the time to book your tickets to ensure they can be posted out and delivered on time.

ORDER YOUR TICKETS ~ SEE FORM ATTACHED

- Tickets are needed to allow the Battalion to make arrangements based on the numbers attending.

Please do fill in the ticket return by email or post ~ If that's not possible email the information on the form direct to sga@scotsguards.org

- Members of SGA branches should order their tickets by contacting your branch Secretary.
- **SGA Virtual Members and all other Scots Guardsmen should order tickets by emailing: sga@scotsguards.org**
- If you need more information contact: sga@scotsguards.org

GATHERING NEWS – BULLET POINTS

- **Friday Evening 19 June 2026** – Beating Retreat by Scots Guards Band and Pipes & Drums 1st Bn Scots Guards @ Richmond Castle. Tickets are required (Free).
- Parking is free on Richmond Square from 1800hrs on a Friday. Richmond Castle will be open to guests from 1800hrs.
- There will be a bar which will open before and after the Beating Retreat,
- The Beating Retreat will take place from 1900hrs – 2030hrs.
- **Saturday 20 June 2026** – Regimental Gathering, Somme Barracks, Catterick. The day will begin with the Regiment serving and past marching past HRH The Colonel at 1100hrs. Form Up 1040hrs at the Guardroom. SGA Standards on parade please. Tickets are required (Free).

There are lots of activities and events arranged throughout the day for your enjoyment.

Curry Supper will be served in the Officers & Sgt's Messes after the formal end of the Gathering until 2000hrs – Tickets are required (Free).

- **Sunday 21 June 2026** – Remembrance Service & Consecration of Old Colours @Garrison Memorial Church of St Martin & St Oswald 1000 – 1100hrs. Please advise sga@scotsguards.org of your attendance.



**Always a good chance to meet up with friends
~ What better reason to be there!**

**EVERY SCOTS GUARDSMAN PAST, SERVING AND FAMILIES ARE
VERY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

SCOTS GUARDS GATHERING 2026 - TICKETS REQUIRED

To:
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From:
Address:

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Tel No:.....

Email: sga@scotsguards.org

Email:.....

SGA Branch..... (mark if not applicable)

Please list everyone attending overleaf. Asterisk * against SGA Members.

Tickets are required for both Beating the Retreat & The Gathering including for under 16s.

I require:

Beating Retreat – Friday 19 June 2026 Tickets (Free)

The Gathering - Saturday 20 June 2026 Tickets (Free)

..... Tickets under 16s (Free)

Taking part in the Swinton Quaich **Mark SQ against names (overleaf)**

Taking part in the Pace Sticking Competition **Mark PS against names (overleaf)**

Curry Supper – Saturday 20 June 2026 **List against names (overleaf) if wanting to eat in the Officers or Sgts Mess.**

Church Service – Sunday 21 June 2026

Car Pass Details Disabled Parking : Circle if Required

VRN..... Colour..... Make / Model

Coach or Mini Bus : Circle as Required

Signature:

REGIMENTAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

At the Association Annual General Meeting, Major Randal Nicol as committee Chairman gave insights of the work of the Regimental Historical Committee:

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
Michael@hallestate.co.uk Tel: 07920 725572

DO YOU KNOW OF UNWANTED REGIMENTAL MEMORABILIA?

The Regimental Archives are an invaluable collection of papers, documents, records, medals, objects, photographs and other material relating to events in which the Regiment and individual Scots Guardsmen have been involved. They are very actively managed by the Regimental Historical Committee led by Randall Nicol and a team of interested volunteers.

If you, members of your families, friends or other people have such materials and do not wish to keep them do please consider donating them to The Scots Guards Charity, which is responsible for the Archives. It is the constant purpose of the Trustees and of the Regimental Historical Committee to conserve, enhance and extend this collection.

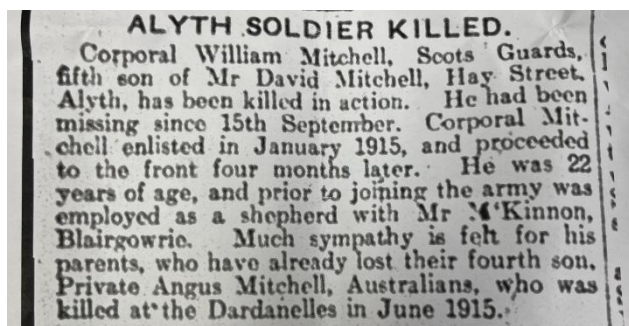
Do not be deterred by the thought that something may not be important. Even though it may not appear to be significant, it will still be part of the story.

Should something be of a sensitive nature and therefore require to be held securely under time release restrictions then that can be arranged and will be complied with.

In the first instance, please contact Neil Crockett, Secretary, Scots Guards Association, on sga@scotsguards.org and he will report to the Regimental Historical Committee.

Major Nicol spoke about one such item at the Association AGM. It is a Lighter with a Capstar and other Guards Division badges on. It is engraved on the rear side with his name. All such items add to the Regiment's history.

It belonged to 13014 LCpl William Mitchell who served with 2nd Bn Scots Guards in World War 1. He was killed on 15 September 1916 age 25 and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.



EMAIL FROM MAJOR SAM ORWIN

Sam’s Charity Bike Ride 2026 – Pisa to Rimini

From: Sam Orwin <samorwin@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 03 April 2026 16:47
Subject: Sam’s Charity Bike Ride 2026 – Pisa to Rimini

In just over four weeks’ time, I’ll be cycling 320 miles from Pisa to Rimini in Italy, over the Apennines (starting 28th April), to raise funds for two charities close to my heart: Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital (GOSH) and St David’s Hospice Care.

My daughter Milly is a long-term patient at Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital (GOSH) and I lost my twin brother and best friend to cancer. Milly has now had three major surgeries at GOSH and through the support of the incredible staff has learned to walk again and has recovered amazingly well. My brother Jeremy was successfully in remission when his cancer returned, and he was given less than 2 months to live. With the help of the amazing staff at St David’s Hospice care he outlived his prognosis by a year and was able to spend his remaining time with his family creating memories.

That’s why I’m taking on this challenge: to help ensure that, when life throws the worst at a family, the right care and support is there. I can’t tell you that the causes I’m fundraising for are any more important than the other brilliant causes you may be asked to support. But I can promise you this: your donation, however large or small, **WILL** make a real difference to children and families who need help the most. Without our help this support would not exist.

To date I have raised over £210,000 for GOSH and St David’s Hospice Care in the last eight years, and cycled nearly 4,000 miles through France, Spain and Portugal. Training time has been limited this year with a busy new job, some atrocious wet weather and—if I’m honest—one too many doughnuts. Even so, I’d be genuinely grateful if you felt able to support me. My trip is entirely self-funded, so every penny you donate will go directly to my charities. If you would like to donate, please click the relevant link below—and please do leave your name so I can thank you.

- GOSH <https://www.justgiving.com/page/lccc-gosh-2026>
- St David’s <https://www.justgiving.com/page/lccc-stdavids-2026>

Your donations will make a difference. Thank You

Kind regards

Sam

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TUMBLEDOWN VETERANS & FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

The photographs below are of the flag that TV& FA have had made for the 1st Falkland Islands (Admiral Sturdee’s Own) Scout Group.



The Scouts visit the summit of Mount Tumbledown around 14 June every year and when they do they will take the flag with them.

It is the size of Comd Off, Adjutants, and Company Flags and TV&FA have also included a pole with the presentation.

Joe Jackson was the architect in completing this task after it was proposed at the Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association AGM in 2025.