

# 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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## A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE



**Opening of the Gardens of Remembrance at Glasgow & Edinburgh**

**Left: Glasgow Standard Bearer ~ Danny McDermid**

**Right: Edinburgh ~ Brian Ward (Organiser) GSM Hunter ~ Captain Walker & Willie Urban (TV&FA) laid wreaths.**

## WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING NOVEMBER IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

### Northern Ireland

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion

4 November 1971      24141254 Gdsm Stephen McGuire    Age 19    Left Flank, Killed Ballymurphy, Belfast.

27 November 1971      24141336 Gdsm Paul Nicholls      Age 18    G Company, Killed St James (Off Falls Road), Belfast.

### DEATHS

#### Association

##### SGA Fife

24626345 Drummer Thomas “Tam” Marshall    Died 22 October 2025.    Served 1SG 1981 – 1987.    Lived Methil, Fife

#### Non Association

23229582 WO1 Brian Beck,    Died 4 October 2025.    Enlisted as a Jnr Gdsm Clerk, Served 1SG, ORQMS 2SG & RHQ. completed his service 1980 as a WO1.    Lived Cockermouth, Cumbria.

24632929 LSgt    Paul Lowson    Died 15 October 2025.    Served IJLB Shorncliffe. 2SG Cyprus.    Lived Grangemouth  
Funeral 14 November 2025, 1430hrs at Falkirk Crematorium, FK2 7YJ.

CSgt Michael Johnston    Died 14 August 2025,    Served 1SG, Gds Depot, 2SG,    RHQ Stores.    Lived Spain.

James Dugie Douglas    Died 3 October 2025.    Age 64.    Served 2SG Falkland Islands, 22SAS, Lived Canary Islands.  
Memorial Service 1100hrs 14 November 2025 at Browning Funeral Parlour,    Whitburn.

Gary Todd,    Died 23 October 2025.    Served C Company 1SG to 2009, Op Telic,    Lived Kirkcaldy, Fife.  
Funeral 1145hrs, 12 November 2025 at Kirkcaldy Crematorium, KY2 6HQ.

24048412 LCpl Eddie Nichol    Died 25 October 2025.    Served 2SG late 1960s – 70s, 1SG (G Coy) Belfast 1971.    Lived Dundee.  
Funeral 1130hrs, 10 November 2025 St Leonards & Fergus RC Church, Dundee, DD3 9HQ.

23908169 CSM William (Bill) Bunyan    Died 28 October 2025.    Served 1SG Malaysia 1964,    Gds Depot,    1SG Munster, Chelsea, Aldergrove, Hong Kong.    2SG Chelsea , Falkland Islands, CSM F Coy Cyprus.    Lived Edinburgh.

## ASSOCIATION BRANCH DINNERS ~ NOVEMBER

**Still time to book your seat ~ Email your local SGA Secretary today**

Fri 7 Nov      SGA Ayrshire, RAFA Club, Prestwick.    101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.  
Secretary: James Fraser    Email: [jamesfraser279@gmail.com](mailto:jamesfraser279@gmail.com)

Fri 7 Nov      SGA Fife,    Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy.    71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.  
Secretary: Neil Crockett    Email: [neil.crockett@btopenworld.com](mailto:neil.crockett@btopenworld.com)

Fri 14 Nov      SGA Preston,    Masonic Club,    Saul Street, Preston    78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Secretary: Michael Nutter    Email: [mn3943@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mn3943@hotmail.co.uk)

Sat 29 Nov      SGA Pipers,    SG Club Edinburgh.    26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Secretary: Dougie Watson    Email: [sgpiperbranchsecy@gmail.com](mailto:sgpiperbranchsecy@gmail.com)

## MAJOR WILLIAM INGLIS ~ CHAIRMAN ~ SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

On 1 October 2025 Major William Inglis took over as Chairman of the Scots Guards Association from Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor. We wish Major Willy Inglis well in the role.



William Inglis was commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1991, joining the Second Battalion in Hounslow. In 1992 he commanded a platoon of Scots Guards that was attached to the Welsh Guards for a tour of Northern Ireland, based in Ballykelly.

On returning to Edinburgh he was a Platoon Commander then Second in Command of Left Flank. After the Second Battalion was suspended, he moved to Windsor to join the First Battalion and was the Intelligence Officer for the tour of East Tyrone in 1994. He was subsequently on the staff of 24 Airmobile Brigade in Colchester, commanded the Guards Training Company in Catterick and Number 4 Company, Irish Guards in Munster from 2000-2002. He was then on the staff of 4 Armoured Brigade before returning to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion to command B Company in 2005 and finally Right Flank in 2006 when he left the army.

Subsequently he trained as a Chartered Surveyor, running estates on the island of Islay and then at Glamis. He is currently Head of National Estates for the National Trust for Scotland.

William is married to Charlotte and has two children who have now left home; he and Charlotte live in Coupar Angus, Scotland.

### REGIMENTAL GATHERING 2026

**The Gathering will be based at Richmond & Somme Barracks over the weekend 19 – 21 June 2026. Saturday 20 June will be the main day.**

#### Events

Friday Evening 19 June ~ There will be a Beating Retreat in Richmond Castle.

Saturday 20 June ~ The Gathering will take place in Somme Barracks, Catterick (This is the main day).

Sunday 21 June ~ In the morning there will be a service in Catterick Garrison Church, to bless old colours and this will bring the official Gathering Weekend to a close.

Further news & updates will be given out in due course as plans become firm.

#### A bed for the Weekend

There is a Premier Inn in Catterick Garrison.

There is a Travelodge & Holiday Inn Express ~ both at Scotch Corner.

There are various hotels, inns, B&Bs and caravan parks around Richmond and the local area.

## OCTOBER ~ ASSOCIATION DINNERS



SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Left: Trevor Elliott, WO1 A. Atherton, Jim Simmonds.  
Right: Top Table Guests & Branch Officials ~ great to see Rab Ritchie able to attend.



SGA Dundee & Angus including 2Lt de Broe-Ferguson, Lord Dalhousie, GSM D. Hunter, Major Willy Inglis & P/M Mitchell.



SGA Glasgow  
Left: Falkland's Veterans ~ Geoff Duff, Danny Minto, Brigadier Charles Page (GOH), Colin Coull, Danny McDermid  
Right: Neil & Margaret Crockett, Atherall Kinnear (2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Corps of Drums, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Fams Office 1977 – 1979 and Recruiting Glasgow & West of Scotland).



SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway  
Left: Top Table Inc WO1 T Morris, Lt S Cox, Major Mark & Cath Cape, Rev'd John Murdoch, Major P Cody, LSgt Macrae, Cath Cape, Major P Cody, Major Sir Malcolm Macgregor & Lady Macgregor  
Right: LSgt Macrae gives the Loyal Toast with feeling.



**Left: SGA Dundee & Angus: 1SG Mortarmen gather inc Kenny Duffy, Andy Peters, Rab Connelly, Mark Watson & Gordon Peebles.**

**Right: SGA Glasgow: Colin Downie & Ronnie Cook present Pipe Banners to Captain Eddie Edmonstone (Chairman) & Captain Sir James Campbell (President).**



**SGA Glasgow: Regimental Army Cadets with RSM G Campbell 1SG. Brigadier Charles Page presented a prize to Cadet RSM Fraser Jorgensen.**



**SGA Glasgow: Great to see Major Gary Spence across from Spain with his wife Jean.**

## SCOTS GUARDS CLUB ~ OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Rugby internationals bring welcome additional revenue to the Club and the dates for the coming Autumn series at Murrayfield are 1,8,16,23 November. We will be very busy on these days.

Remembrance Sunday is on 9 November. This is always a special day at the Club and as always, everyone is welcome. Doors will open at 10am to allow people to collect poppy wreaths and the bar will open after the two minutes silence has been observed. There is also a Hearts home game on that afternoon so the upstairs bar and function room will be open to accommodate members who are in town for the game.

The 'Seniors' Christmas lunches are scheduled for 8 and 15 December. These get more popular every year and take a lot of planning so separate communication will follow in November regarding how to apply for places.

Our piping knockout series starts again this coming Sunday 26th at 4pm. Tickets are £6 on the door and pies for sale at half time. Please come along to enjoy the fantastic musical talent of the players and support the event. The dates and players for this season are:

26 October Arran Green. and Liam Nicholson

30 November. Ross Millar and Douglas Baird

25 January. Scott Mccaskill and Ross Connor

22February Brodie Watson Massey and Thomas Turner

An Extraordinary General Meeting took place on 12 October. In updating the 101 year old founding documents of the Club it was agreed that the Club would reaffirm its commitment to supporting the Scots Guards. A new objective is to be included to facilitate and encourage connection between the wider veteran's community. This recognises and welcomes the fact that the club is now the social home of many veterans groups, both formal and informal. Further to these formal objectives, a club will exist where members from all backgrounds can enjoy a warm, friendly and safe social environment.

It was also agreed that the Club will create a fund whereby support can be given to good causes by diverting a proportion of annual profits as well as through donations and fund raising endeavours. This is a significant development and work needs to be done to ensure proper structures around it but the plan is that a broad outline will be presented to the AGM in January with a view to formally launching the project in the new financial year beginning April 2026.

As usual, we will open up to a limited number of new memberships effective from 1 November. A separate communication will follow regarding this so no applications yet please.

All the best from all the Team!

## SCOTS GUARDS WARRANT OFFICERS & SERGEANTS PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION

The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Past and Present Annual Dinner at Somme Barracks was an absolute success. Seventy-three years of history, camaraderie, and sharing the best kind of stories—from the old days to new deployments.

Special thanks to Lt Col Spicer OBE for his excellent speech. The key takeaway? Despite all the advancements in technology, the core values and necessity of the Guardsman remain timeless and essential.



**Dinner Top Table**

**Front Row L-R: Colonel James Leask (Regt Lt Col), Andrew Brown (President) Lt Col Tim Spicer, RSM G Campbell**  
**Back Row: Lt Col W Tulloch (Comd Off 1SG), RQMS J Munro (RQMS RHQ), The Padre.**

As a reminder, the Scots Guards Warrant Officer's and Sergeants Past & Present Association annual subscription is now £20.00, and to be paid in the month of January (any day) every year. The reason for the increase of yearly subs is due to inflation, the cost of the Scots Guards Magazine, postage and the average cost of a Dinner Night has increased significantly in recent years. The increase to £20.00 will also help with off-setting the cost of Dinner Night tickets.

All members are asked to set the reference on their subscription as their **service number, surname and first initial**. This will make the Secretary & Treasurer's life significantly easier.

The account details are –

**Scots Gds WO & Sgts-Past & Present Assn**

**Sort Code – 30-11-75**

**Account No.- 00575188**

Scots Guards WO & Sgts-Past & Present Assn now has a Facebook Group which will be used to share relevant news & information to members.

If any members need further information or former members wanting to reconnect / rejoin you should email RQMS Munro at RHQ. **Email: James.Munro827@mod.gov.uk**



The magazine is now starting to drop through letter boxes of those of you who have a recurring annual order.

If you want a copy but need to order it the cost is £12.50 plus £3.50 plus postage and package (postage will be more expensive if being sent abroad).

The easiest way to buy a magazine is online & this is the link to Scots Guards Items online sales at RHQ.  
<https://scotsguards.org/.../scots-guards-magazine-2023-2024/>

Getting the magazines out as quickly as possible is a big job for the small RHQ staff so please give them time to respond.

If you cannot order online you should email [adminclerk@scotsguards.org](mailto:adminclerk@scotsguards.org) give your name and telephone number and she will then pass your details to Regimental Sales.

**NOTE: This information also applies to those who want to buy Regimental Christmas Cards but cannot do so online.**

## MISCELLANEOUS PHOTO's



**Left: SGA Dundee & Angus Dinner: Ewan Walker Monro (Former Royal Marine Officer & now farmer by Forfar) & Jim Herron ( Dundee branch member & National Service Scots Guardsman from late 1950s).**



**Right: SG Northumberland Coffee Meet Up ~ Major Barry Veitch, Roger Plumridge & Tristram Carter.**



**SGA Highlands & Islands Branch ~ All in the Seaforth Club for their 1st ever branch meeting in Elgin. George Verhaere, Billy Silver, Cammy Proudfoot, Roddy Cantwell, Jim Munro, Murray Notman, Gerry Donald, Roddy Davidson, George MacKenzie, George Sharp. Barry Farquhar was also there but isn't in the photo.**



**Left: Surprise Meeting in Dunfermline ~ Peter McKay was home in Ayrshire from Australia and took the chance to visit Fife to pay respects to Regimental Friends now passed away. In Tesco Car Park Neil Crockett was surprised to bump into him. A chat & a photo opportunity was the order of the day.**



**Right: Scots Guardsmen living in Northern Ireland met for a pint and a catch up. Over the years 4 of them crossed Crockett's path. Billy Recht (9 Pltn C Coy 1978 & babysitter), Gordon "Craw" Crawford (10 Pltn LF 1979 – 81), Billy Muirhead (RF Coy Storeman 1985), Graham Wilkie (RF Hong Kong & Pirbright 1982 – 1986).**