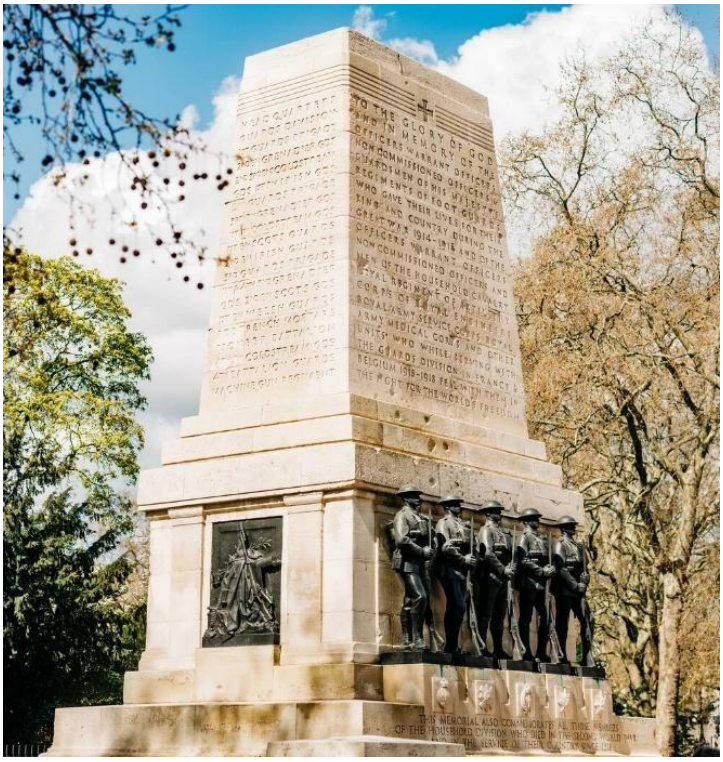
SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER





"The traditions of this Regiment mark you and mould you, and stay with you and never let you go. But as each man must know himself, so each generation must know its own times. The issues men faced in days before our own are not precisely or exactly the same issues which we face now. Their day was their day. Our day is our day. What they have handed on to us is an example and tradition. What we do with it is our responsibility."

The Reverend David "Hutch" Whiteford CBE. Chaplain to the Scots Guards from 1945 to 1953.

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A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

100 Year Commemoration of the unveiling on the Guards Memorial

The remembrance period began with a commemoration of the 100 years since the Guards Memorial was unveiled on 16 October 1926. The Memorial so well known to us (World War 2 air raid damage and all) on the edge of St James Park with Guardsmen statues of the 5 Regiments Guards Division keeping watch on the high standards on parades and especially the Trooping the Colour.





There were lots photographs & videos were on Facebook with many showing Pipes & Drums 1st Battalion Scots Guards with the Pipes & Drums of The London Scottish.

Other Scots Guardsmen were on parade alongside other troops from all Regiments of the Household Division were the Regimental Band, F Company, a detachment of Third Guards Club and Scots Guards Association.



HRH The Princess Royal, Senior Colonel Household Division took part in the Commemoration.

REMEMBRANCE



Opening of Edinburgh Garden of Remembrance ~ Scots Guardsmen on Parade

L-R: WO1 M Little (GSM Edinburgh), Kevin Gray MM (CEO Veterans Housing Scotland), John Douglas (Poppy Factory), Neil Crockett, Gordon Smith (SGA Edinburgh), Donny McLeod (Poppy Factory), Major Randall Nichol (President SGA Edinburgh), Paul Dickson (Poppy Factory). Danny Minto (Retired Poppy Factory Foreman)



Opening of Glasgow Garden of Remembrance ~ SGA Glasgow Standard Bearer, Mark McKenzie





Left: Rab McIntyre Chairman The City of Dunfermline (RBLS) Pipes & Drums plays at Edinburgh Poppy Day, St Andrews Square.

Right: Alan Craig attends the Poppy Scotland Reception at the Scottish Parliament.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING NOVEMBER IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

Northern Ireland
1st 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

London Branch

Alex McBride Died 25 September 2026. Alex was an Honorary member of the London Branch being formerly London Scottish & a member or the London Scottish Association. The funeral will be on Friday 13 November 2026 at St Margaret's Church (by Westminster Abbey), London SW1P 3JX. The wake will be at London Scottish House. Check with LSRAssoc for further information.

Non Association

Sgt Stu McKay Died Mid October 2026. Lived Thailand Served P&Ds 1SG under P/M Donaldson & P/M Selwood and later as Pipe Sgt 1Royal Tank Regiment under P/M Peter McFarlane.

Paul Duds Sharples. Died 18 October 2026. Served 1SG NI Fermanagh 1989 – approx 1995. Served RF & Sigs Pltn SG Hohne, Windsor. Funeral Preston Crematorium 1500hrs Friday 6 November 2026.

23703107 James (Ian) Beaton. Died 23 October 2026. Age 87. Former Inverness Police. Member of Inverness RBLS. Former member of SGA Highlands & Islands Branch.



Paul Dods Sharp



Stu McKay

The Earl of Lindsay



Lord & Lady Lindsay at the Scots Guards memorial, Mo-i-Rana May 2025

It is with great sadness that the Regiment has learnt of the death of Jamie, The Earl of Lindsay; he died on 9th October, aged 70, after a brief illness. Although Jamie never served in the Regiment, his connections were many and varied. His Grandfather, Willie Lindsay, served in 1SG and commanded Left Flank in Norway in 1940. Jamie's father, David Lindsay, and his Uncle, Johnny Lindesay-Bethune, both did National Service while his Aunt, Lady Mary Varney's husband, Owen Varney served in 1SG. Two cousins, Mark (both Battalions) and Guy Varney (2SG), also served.

Jamie married Diana Chamberlayne-Macdonald, who's Father, Nigel, also served in the Regiment.

Jamie pursued an active career in Parliament as a hereditary peer after he succeeded the title in 1989. He was vice-chairman of the Inter-Party Union Committee on Environment and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, during which time he was responsible for agriculture, fisheries and the environment. Jamie went on to be President of the National Trust of Scotland and appointed President of the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.

He took a great interest in the Regiment. He travelled to Norway several times to remember those that fell at Mo-i-Rana in May 1940, where his Grandfather, Willie, was wounded and subsequently retained a strong bond with the local Norwegian Community. It is a touching tribute that the Community continues to actively encourage the Regiment and Lindsay family members to attend the commemoration at the Scots Guards memorial, which has been covered in past Regimental Magazines. Jamie was a great friend and members may remember the occasions when he attended the Fife Association Branch dinner as guest of honour. Our thoughts are with his family.

Diana has mentioned that Jamie's funeral is for all. The details as follows:

Date: Tuesday 10 November 2026
Time: 12pm
Location: Kilconquhar Church (9-11 Main St, Kilconquhar, Leven KY9 1LQ)

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION DINNERS NOVEMBER 2026
Still time to book your seat ~ Email your local SGA Secretary today

Fri 6	SGA Ayrshire Dinner, RAFA Club. Prestwick.
Fri 13	SGA Preston, Masonic Temple, Saul Street, Preston.
Sat 28	SGA Pipers Dinner, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.
Sat 28	SGA Glasgow Dinner, Arts Club, Bath Street, Glasgow
Sat 28	SGA Surrey 50th Anniversary Dinner, West Clardon Royal British Legion, Nera Guildford.
Sat 28	SGA Australia Dinner
Sun 29	SGA Merseyside Annual Lunch, Garston Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FORECAST OF EVENTS JANUARY – JUNE 2027

January
Sat 23 SGA Highlands & Islands Dinner & Burns Supper, Legion Scotland Club, Inverness.

February
TBC Rabbits Breakfast, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

March
Sat 13 Swallie Ho, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh

April
Regimental Weekend, London ~ Based on Wellington Barracks, London.

Fri 2 WOs & Sgts P&P Assoc AGM ~ WOs & Sgts Mess.

Sat 3 Scots Guards Association AGM ~ WOs & Sgts Mess.

Sun 4 Regimental Remembrance Sunday ~ Guards Chapel.

TBC Presentation of New Colours to F Company, Edinburgh.

June
Sat 12 Kings Birthday Parade. F Company troop their Colour.

Fri 11 - Sun 13 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association Reunion, Blackpool. (45th Anniversary from 1982)

DID YOU SERVE @ CATERHAM ~ THE BARRACKS ON THE HILL
Instructor or Recruit at the Guards Depot Caterham Pre 1960 ~ 2nd Bn Scots Guards Dec 1964 to Jan 1966
S Company attached 2nd Bn Grenadier Guards early 1972



SGA DINNERS OCTOBER 2026





Left: Berks, Bucks & Oxon ~ In Pensioner Colin Paterson & Jimmy "Tea Bag" Goodall

Right: "Open The Door" ~ "March In SGA BBO". Secretary Jim Simmonds & Treasurer George Anderson





Left: SGA Dundee & Angus 100 Anniversary Dinner ~ Captain JA Houston (1SG SiGs Off) & Major JPO Gibb

Right: It was good to see local men from Dundee attending with their ladies.



Dundee & Angus Dinner

The 3 Adams ~ Jimmy (Blairgowrie)2SG & 1SG, Grandson Andrew & Son Andy (Dunfermline) 1SG





SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Dinner

Left: CSM R McInroy, Sgt Martin, F Company & In Pensioner Colin Paterson.

Right: Former P/M Ian Rogers (centre) with son Malcolm & grandson.



1st Battalion Scots Guards Pipes & Drums ready to play at the State Banquet and Windsor Castle His Majesty Sultan of Oman. Including LSgt Fraser who returns to the Scots Guards after service as Pipe Major Irish Guards and becomes a Reservist with G Company at Clapham.



The Pipes & Drums 1st Bn Scots Guards & The London Scottish ~ a photo opportunity after the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of the unveiling of the Guards Memorial.



For all to see ~ the Pipes & Drums 1st Battalion Scots Guards have been kept busy in London over October. They have also provided musical support to regiments mounting guards both at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. Well Done.





Left: Wishing Donnie McLeod a happy retirement from Poppy Scotland.
Right: Captains Graham Fowler & Ronnie McKenzie attend a Button Club Lunch held in the Officers Mess Sandhurst



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