

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



REGIMENTAL GATHERING EDITION

**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

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REGIMENTAL GATHERING – SATURDAY 7 & SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Make Crockett's Day – Don't Delay please book your tickets – Now!

Please contact Neil Crockett by Email: sga@scotsguards.co.uk or Tel: 01383 – 721530 for details.

Saturday 7 September

1130hrs The Regimental Band & 1st Battalion Scots Guards Pipes & Drums will play at Kirkcaldy Town Square.

1900hrs Regimental Band Concert with Pipers from 1st Battalion Scots Guards in Dunfermline Abbey which will be ticketed but free. A collection will be taken at the end and all monies collected will go to Dunfermline Abbey Funds & The Scots Guards Charity.

There are lots of car parks in Dunfermline, the closest is a 2 minutes walk to the Abbey.

The buffet supper is now fully booked.

Sunday 8 September

The Gathering will be held at Fife Airport, Glenrothes.

1030hrs – Gates open Tea / Coffee & Bacon Rolls available

Gathering Starts 1230hrs - The SGA will march past The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel.

The Regimental Band, Static Displays & Vehicles from 1SG and the Regimental Support Team. Pipes & Drums from 1st Battalion and Scots Guards Association (Scotland) & More.

Entry into the Gathering is by ticket which will cost £2.00. Each adult needs a ticket - Children under 14 will be free.

Programmes will be available on the day.

Car Parking is no problem for either cars or coaches. I will provide passes for all vehicles including those disabled.

The onsite restaurant “The Topsy Nipper” will be closed during the day but it will open at the close of the Gathering should you want to have an evening meal. To book in advance phone: 01592 – 610436.

There will be food and drink outlets. If anyone is interested in pre booking a picnic lunch box please contact Neil Crockett for more information.

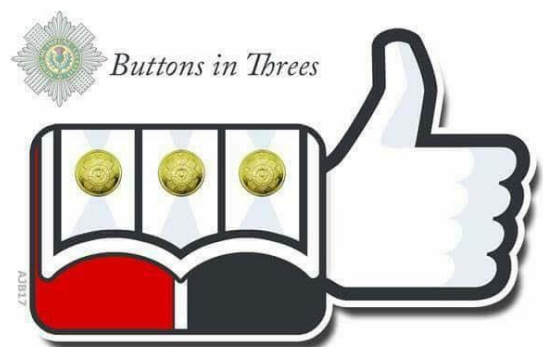
NOTE: For security and planning purposes you need tickets to get into Gathering events. Please order them early. Cheques should be made payable to the “Scots Guards Association”.

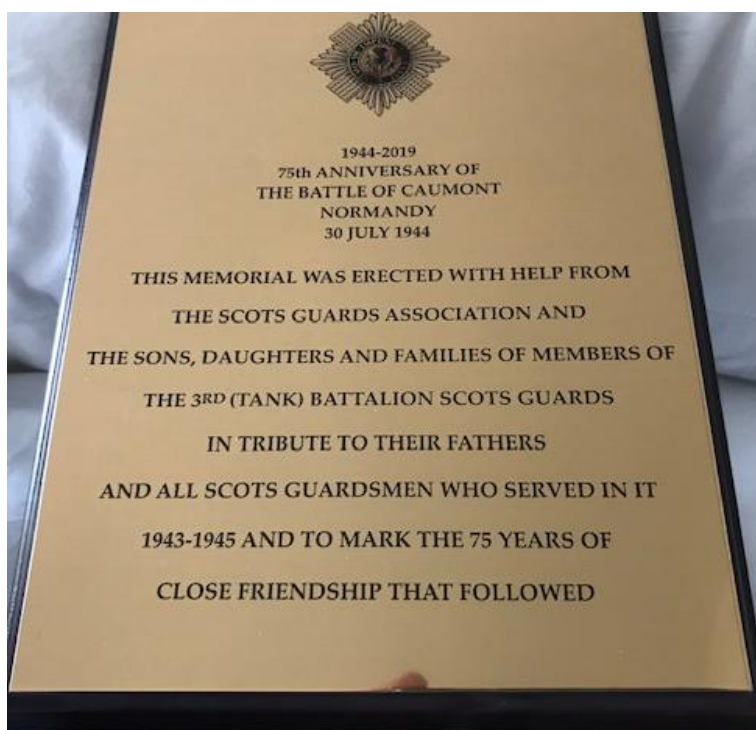
THE SCOTS GUARDS CLUB - BIG GUARDS GET TOGETHER 6 - 7 SEPTEMBER

Is timed this year to coincide with the Regimental Gathering to give Guardsmen, Friends & Family a chance to come together on Saturday 7 September and enjoy each others company. The Club will open from 1000hrs. Bagpipes, Beer and Banter will be in plentiful supply.

On Friday 6 September Rugby Scotland V Georgia at Murrayfield at 1930hrs. On the TV at the Club.

Sunday 8 September is the Regimental Gathering at Fife Airport, Glenrothes. Trains on Fife Circle from Haymarket to Markinch or Thornton & just a short taxi ride to the airport.





In the 75th anniversary year of the Battle of Caumont, Normandy a memorial plaque will be unveiled in the Scots Guards Club at 1800hrs on Thursday 5 September. The cost of the memorial was raised by donations by the SGA and other Scots Guards Groups.

You are invited to attend the unveiling.

A similar memorial will be unveiled in London later in the year.

UNVEILING OF 3RD (TANK) BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS MEMORIAL IN NORMANDY - SUNDAY 28 JULY 2019



The memorial to the 3rd (Tank) Battalions first and costly action on Hill 226 on 30 July 1944 during the Battle of Caumont, Normandy. The memorial was unveiled close to the 75th Anniversary of the battle. Sons, daughters and other family members of those who served in the 3rd Bn were able to attend. The wording on the memorial records:

THIS MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED WITH HELP FROM THE SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SONS, DAUGHTERS AND FAMILIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION IN TRIBUTE TO THEIR FATHERS AND ALL SCOTS GUARDSMEN WHO SERVED IN IT 1943 - 1945.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Durham & Yorkshire

At the recent Branch meeting long serving Secretary Peter Wheadon announced that he will stand down from late September. Stewart Webb will take over. Thank you to Peter for hard work over many years and to Stewart for taking on the role.

The Branch Dinner will take place at Woodham Golf & Country Club on the evening of Friday 27 September when Major SJE Turner will be Guest of Honour.

The Branch continues to hold Sunday lunches. In July it was at an old favourite venue, Shildon Civic Centre for August it will be at Burntree Inn on the A68 on the outskirts of Darlington.

The next Branch meeting will be on Wednesday 13 August – for more details phone outgoing Secretary Peter Wheadon on 01325 319125 or incoming Secretary Stewart Webb on 01765 640517.

Berks, Bucks & Oxfordshire

The Branch held a Picnic, on Sunday 14th July 2019, at the Guards Polo Club, Windsor Great Park. Members of the Surrey Branch were also able to take part, the weather & food was good and we were able to enjoy the Inter Regimental Polo match.

Another outing on the afternoon/evening of Monday 14 July. This time to the Sgt's Mess, 1st Battalion Scots Guards by kind invitation of the Sergeant Major; WO1 (RSM) C. Kirkwood. The Branch members were joined by some members of the Surrey Branch and we all enjoyed a lovely curry, dining with the members of the Battalion. There was some excellent young and old soldier banter accompanied by a few drinks. It was good to see the culture of the Regiment ever present in the Sgt's Mess and to meet again the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel JDL Leask MBE, who accompanied by some of his fellow officers were present in the Sergeants Mess to greet us all.



Lt Drummond Moray, Revd Colin Paterson, Captain (Retd) David Drummond Moray, Captain (Retd) Graham Fowler, Rab Ritchie, Mrs Sarah Potter & Major (Retd) Nick Potter, Harry Slessor



Regimental Sergeant Major Kirkwood
With Rab Ritchie and Ron Stephen



Colin Paterson, Harry Slessor with Members of the Bn including
RQMS Neil Moreton.

The Branch will hold a BBQ on Saturday 17 August.

Preston



Members of the Preston Branch hand over a cheque donation for £1000 to St Catherine's Hospice. Micky Nutter, Colin Coull, Terry Valiant, Jimmy Marsh, Jimmy Killeen & Ronnie Bell

Surrey

The Branch was able to join Berks, Bucks & Ox for their picnic at the Guards Polo Club and to visit the Battalion on Monday 15th July. We were greeted at the door and made to feel most welcome. This was a very enjoyable evening that gave us the opportunity to hear of the workings of the Battalion and to promote the Association. It was the first chance we have had of meeting the serving Guardsmen at Aldershot and was a most successful occasion as a result of which I am sure we will have closer liaison with the Battalion while they are at Aldershot.

Fife

The Fife Branch will hold its annual Bowls Competition & Grand Draw on Sunday 18 August at Markinch Bowling Club.

DEATHS

Third Guards Club

Lieutenant Henry Colvin Crichton Stuart Died 10 May 2019. Served Apr 1957 – Sept 1958.

Captain Frank Smith Died 23 July 2019. Served 1951 to RSM 1SG 1968 – 71. Commissioned & was MTO 1SG 1972. Funeral Tunbridge Wells Crematorium 1430hrs 15 August 2019.

Berks Bucks & Ox

232644639 James Pryde Died 13 July 2019. Served 1952 – 1959 1SG incl Egypt. Originally from Lochgelly, Fife. Lived South Wales.

Former Central Branch

23229814 David Niven Died 18 July 2019. Formerly long serving Secretary of the Central Branch. Lived Falkirk

Durham & Yorkshire

24021326 Peter Harrison Correction – Reported last month as a LCpl, Peter was a Sgt and served in 2SG in the 60s to late 80s.

Fife

23229901 LSgt Derek Parsons Died 2 Jul 2019, Served LF 2SG 1957 – 60. Lived Kirkcaldy.

Glasgow

23969200 Frank Henry Died 2 July 2019. Served 2SG & F Coy Att IIG Hong Kong 1971.

Highlands & Islands

22215949 Gdsm Dougal McDougall Died 20 July 2019, Served 1SG Egypt 1951 – 54.

Not Members of the Association

22496200 Gdsm William Inglis Died 6 July 2019. Aged 87. Served Jun 1951 – July 1953 8 Pltn C Coy, 1SG. Lived West Lothian.

14678510 Gdsm William (Jack) Murray Died 23 July 2019 Aged 93. Served Nov 1943 – 1947 2SG North East Europe WW2. Lived NE Scotland.

BITS & PIECES

Op Banner 50

The Royal British Legion will host a commemorative event on Wednesday 14 August 2019 to mark the 50th Anniversary of UK Armed Forces deployment on operations in Northern Ireland – the longest continuous campaign in British military history. The event will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Note: Op Banner 50 is a closed accredited event, not open to the general public. Check www.britishlegion.org.uk for eligibility and full details.

Secretary of State for Defence

Very many congratulations to Captain Ben Wallace MP, President of the Preston Branch on his appointment as Secretary of State for Defence.

Invitation to Play Golf

A golf outing is being planned by the Berks, Bucks & Oxon. Branch Chairman ;Harry Slessor to play at the Forest Pines Spa and Golf resort in Lincolnshire: Two nights, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast and 3 rounds of golf cost £205.00. The dates being planned at present are 5th - 7th October 2019. 1st round of golf will be afternoon on 5th October and the finish should be by 15.00hrs on 7th October 2019. If you would like to join the Branch golfers get in touch with Harry Slessor either on his phone number: 07786362404 or via Facebook Messenger or e-mail. Any former Scots Guardsman living in the area who would like to attend or even serving Scots Guardsmen on leave would be most welcome to attend.

NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT

Well Done to the Ladies.

Wives from the Bn completed a challenge to climb Mount Snowdon, North Wales. They were sponsored and have collected a whopping £5123 in aid of the Scots Guards Chairty.

1 July Members of Right Flank visited Rheinmetall BAE Systems (Land) in Telford. RBSL intends to play a major part in the manufacture of Boxer 8x8 Mechanised Infantry Vehicle (MIV) so it was good to get some early familiarisation.

2 July Edinburgh Royal Week continued. WO1 Gibson, WO2 Davies & WO2 Wilson were on hand to sharpen up the drill of the Royal Company of Archers.

4 July. Finding time for a bit of sport the Battalion had an excellent victory at cricket against 10 Regiment Royal Signals.

9 July. Well done to Captain Holloway & Lt Whitehead who took part in Endurance 24. A Ultra Marathon when they both ran 50 miles over 24 Hours with no sleep and carrying 40lb of kit.

11 July. The Battalion finished 3rd out of 7 in the Lawson Athletics Trophy when it won medals in both track & field events.

12 July. The Machine Gun Platoon cadre took place at Otterburn when they showed off their skills.

13 July. The Mortar Pltn cadre also in Otterburn when they took the opportunity to fire with dispersed barrels. A technique that very few other Mortar Pltns have used.

17 July. The Recce Platoon were practising constructing OPS. On 21 July the Pltn worked on their room clearance drills to prepare them for raids.

21 July. The Sniper Platoon was practising the routines and skills at the rural / urban interface.

21 July. The Recce for Right Flank's visit to Louisiana was conducted ahead of Exercise Rattlesnake in the USA later this year. The exercise provides a rare chance for RF to test themselves in harsh and unfamiliar conditions.

Congratulations To Sgt Rab Walker on completing his course to become an instructor at AFV TTS – Armed Fighting Vehicle Technical Training School, part of Combat Wing, ARMCCN Bovington.

Regimental Band News.

Major Ian Johnston retired after 30 months as Director of Music, He is replaced by Major Mark Aldridge and we offer all good wishes to both of them in their new posts.

The Regimental Band is taking part in the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo between 2 – 24 August.

To receive daily updates of what the serving Regiment gets up to check out Facebook Scots Guards



Atlantic Guardsmen - Talisker Whiskey – Atlantic Challenge

Ahead of rowing across the Atlantic later in the year Captain John Ford and his team are touring around many shows across Scotland & Northern England. Come Along to the Regimental Gathering to see the boat & have a natter to Captain Ford & his team.



Scots Guards Association (Scotland) Pipes & Drums

Under Pipe Major Iain Lowther the Band played their first function of the year at a wedding at Sorn Castle, East Ayrshire On Friday 26 July 2019. The Scots Guards Association (Scotland) Pipes & Drums will be playing in the arena at the Regimental Gathering. **Come along to check them out!**

**WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOUR NEAREST SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION BRANCH IS
LOOK NO FURTHER – GIVE THE LOCAL SECRETARY A CALL OR EMAIL**

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Hope to see you all at the Regimental Gathering 7 & 8 September

