

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

Left: Major General Christopher Bell CBE. Appointed Regimental Lieutenant Colonel Scots Guards.

He was commissioned into 1st Battalion Scots Guards in 1994 after reading Geography at Oxford.

His early service was spent between public duties and operational tours in Northern Ireland as a Platoon Commander, Company Second-in-Command, Adjutant, and Company Commander. He made a brief appearance as the Ensign for the 1997 Queen's Birthday Parade. In 2003 he deployed to Iraq on Op TELIC 1 as SO3 G3 Ops/O&D in HQ 7th Armoured Brigade, for which he was awarded a QCVS.

From 2004-06 he attended the US Army Command and General Staff Course and School of Advanced Military Studies in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He completed two further Masters programmes during this period. Subsequently he commanded Right Flank on Op HERRICK 6/7 in Afghanistan, for which he was made an OBE.

In 2008 he was appointed Chief of Staff HQ 20th Armoured Brigade. During that tour he deployed on Op TELIC 13 and conducted Op BROCKDALE, to complete the final UK Manoeuvre Brigade tour in Iraq. He was subsequently awarded a QCVS.

In 2010 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and became the principal Military Assistant to the Chief of the General Staff for the next three years.

From 2013-15 Lieutenant Colonel Bell commanded 1st Battalion Scots Guards in Catterick, taking them from the Armoured Infantry role to becoming the first 'Army 2020' Mechanized Infantry Battalion, mounted on Op HERRICK vehicles.

In October 2015 he was promoted and deployed to Korea as the Deputy Chief 3/5 Plans in HQ US Forces, Seoul. He was subsequently appointed as Permanent Joint HQ Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations) for Europe, Asia, Africa and the Rest of the World portfolios.

Brigadier Bell attended the Higher Command and Staff Course in 2017 before assuming command of 77th Brigade. During his tenure he took the organization from concept to capability, for which he was made a CBE. Thereafter he was appointed as Director of Programme CASTLE, the Chief of the General Staff's transformation initiative to design and deliver the new career pathways and opportunities required for a 21st Century Army.

Major General Chris Bell is now General Officer Commanding Army Recruiting and Initial Training Command. He is married to Alexandra and has two children, Olivia and Paddy. His Spaniel is called Indy. She is the first working dog on record not to like mud.

Right: Lieutenant Colonel James Leask MBE on handing over as Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Scots Guards on 17 July. His time in command of the Battalion included a successful operational tour of duty in Cyprus under command of the United Nations on Op Tosca. In September 2019 the Battalion gave great support to the Regimental Gathering in Fife. It has worked and trained hard to become the Guards Strike Bn and has provided a number of training/mentoring teams to foreign armies. Recently the Battalion has taken part in the nation's response to Covid 19.

With 2 years of good recruiting, retention, rejoins and transfers, the Battalion is in fine form and looking forward to a bright future.

Lt Col Leask is pictured with Regimental Sergeant Major Kirkwood.

The new Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Guy Anderson takes over command when the Battalion returns from annual leave on 17 August.

BRIGADIER GHFS NICKERSON – STEPPED DOWN AS REGIMENTAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL

By Major James Kelly, Regimental Adjutant.

Saturday 11th July, was the official day that Brigadier Harry Nickerson stepped down as Regimental Lieutenant Colonel Scots Guards, and Major General Christopher Bell CBE assumed the appointment.

Brigadier Nickerson will have served an unprecedented ten years in the highly demanding and unpaid role. Throughout that period he has overseen a great deal of change in how the Regimental and the greater Regimental family is run, managed and intertwines within the various branches.

The Regiment is now a Registered Charity, fully recognised by the Charities Commission of England and by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in Scotland. Harry has ensured that all the various Regimental Committees are well governed by volunteer experts in their field and the Investment Committee, the Fund Raising Committee, the Regimental Historical Committee, the Regimental Charitable Directors, the Third Guards Club Committee, the Regimental Council, the Past and Present Association and the Scots Guards Association are all fully recruited, manned and governed according to his clear insight, wisdom and direction.

Brigadier Harry leaves the Regiment and all the various branches of the Regimental family in the best possible shape. I know that I speak for all of you in saying how grateful we are for his unstinting and unselfish service, and those of us in all our various appointments, will endeavour to continue to uphold the high standards he has set.

He has not fully disappeared in that he remains a Regimental Charity Director, by the explicit request of his successor, and he will also continue to oversee the conclusion of improving the IT, Regimental Website and online access to the Regiment as his final piece of unfinished business.

We wish him, Fiona and sons Archie and Jamie great happiness in the future.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING AUGUST IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

Afghanistan

1 August 2010 LSgt Dale McCallum age 28. B Company 1st Bn Scots Guards, Killed Checkpoint Said Abdul.

Northern Ireland

11 August 1978 LCpl Alan Swift age 25. Killed Bogside, Londonderry.

2 August 1992 Gdsm Damian Shackleton age 24 Right Flank 1st Battalion Scots Guards,; Killed New Lodge, Belfast.

Every year Gdsm Shackleton's family hold a commemoration at his graveside at Whalley Cemetery, by Clitheroe. This year Gdsm Damian Shackleton's family, friends, Scots Guards Association Preston Branch and the wider veterans community will meet at 1145hrs on Sunday 2 August.

DEATH

Third Guards Club, WOs & Sgts Past and Present Association, SGA Fife Branch.

Major Douglas Murray Laden, Died 12 July 2020. Lived Camberley.



The Regimental Sergeant Major and his Drill Sgt's 1986.

DSgt Dougie Laden, Regimental Sergeant Major Graham Fowler. The late DSgt Jim Davidson

Major Dougie Laden enlisted into the Regiment on 29 June 1964 after basic training he was posted to the 2nd Battalion taking part in Sir Winston Churchill's funeral. Thereafter he joined the 1st Battalion in Malaya, at the time the Battalion was serving on the 1st tour on operations in Borneo and he was posted to Right Flank.

During the Battalion's 2nd tour of Borneo at Sabah on the Indonesian Border in late 1965 he was involved in a major contact when he was a member of a Recce patrol which infiltrated an Indonesian camp.

In 1967 1SG returned to Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, in April 1968 he was a Gdsm in Right Flank under Major DM Naylor (now Maj Gen). The Bn moved to Chelsea Bks in January 1969 by which time he was a LSgt in RF remaining the same in Sharjah 1970. 1SG returned to Pirbright then Victoria Barracks, Windsor from where they carried out the 1st NI tour in Belfast in late 1971 when Right Flank had 2 of 5 Guardsmen killed.

In late 1972 the Bn moved to Waterloo Barracks, Munster by which time Dougie was a Pltn Sgt in C Company and then the Recce Pltn under Capt John Kiszely (now Lt Gen Sir John).

On return to Chelsea Barracks in early 1976 he was a Pltn Sgt in RF and he was the Sgt of the Escort to the Colour on the 1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee QBP. In Northern Ireland late 1978 he was a CSgt Pltn Comd with a Platoon outpost in Coalisland. He became CQMS Right Flank and he was CSMIM in Aldergrove in 1981 and early Hong Kong 1982.

From Hong Kong he was posted as CSM to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst returning to the 1st Battalion to take over as CSM Left Flank in Pirbright 1985. He then became DSgt when his one liners from the rear of both new & old guards in the Forecourt of Buckingham Palace kept many young Guardsmen occupied. Young officers in Pirbright remember Spring Drills taken by DSgt Laden, when marching at speed and his sharp Glasgow patter caused much hilarity.

Dougie knew every man in the Battalion by name, it was simple they were all "Hector".

He was promoted to WO1 as Range WO in Ballykinler, thereafter he was commissioned in 1987 and posted to 2SG firstly as Asst Ops Officer in South Armagh and later Families then Transport Officer. In 1992 he was posted as the Range Officer at Sennelager.

He retired from the Active list in April 1995 and then joined the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, Major Douglas Laden was the Chief Executive Officer of the Berkshire Army Cadet Force. He continued to be an outstanding ambassador for the Scots Guards until he sadly passed away.

The funeral will take place on the 4th August commencing at 1400hrs at the RC Garrison Church, Aldershot with a restriction on numbers attending of 30. The funeral will be available via zoom. The family have requested that donations in Major Douglas Murray Laden's memory should go to the Colonel's Fund and a link can be found on our website <http://scotsguards.org/colonels-fund> Those who wish to donate by cheque are requested to forward by post either to Major Mark Cape, Welfare and Finance Officer, Scots Guards Office, The Castle, Edinburgh, EH1 2YT or to the Regimental Adjutant at Regimental Headquarters, Ref: LADEN
Sincere condolences are given to Fiona, sons, Fraser & Douglas and their families.

For Funeral ZOOM link see last page.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

RQMS RHQ

RQMS David Rae has taken over as RQMS Regimental Headquarters from RQMS Steven Smith who moves to the Infantry Trials & Development Unit at Warminster. Our thanks go the RQMS Smith for his help during his time in post and we wish him well in the future.

We welcome RQMS Rae to his new appointment and look forward to working with him as the Assistant Secretary of the Association.

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Edinburgh & The Lothians

From Danny Minto - Secretary

It is great delight that I send you this quick message that we are resuming the Monthly Meetings starting on Wednesday 12th August, 7pm for 7.30 start back in the Scots Guards Club. The club will need all the help to get back on its footing as they were going from strength to strength prior to lockdown.

It will be a pleasure to meet up once again with the usual stalwarts and hopefully since we have all been in lockdown for so long some new faces. Could you please let me know who will be likely to attend the first meeting back? Please remember to follow the Club Rules on entering the building and social distancing.

Preston

From Michael Nutter – Vice Chairman

The Preston Branch alongside the wider Preston District Veterans Council will take part in commemorations to remember the end of WW1. VJ Day, 75th Anniversary, Saturday 15th August 2020, Preston Cenotaph - 10:15am. Please attend with caution and “ Pride “

London

By Ian Blair – Branch Chairman

You don't hear much from the London Branch, but I can assure you that we are alive and kicking. Like everyone else we've suffered with our annual events and bimonthly meetings, however, on Tuesday 7th July, we had our first virtual committee meeting when 6 of us attended on Zoom. We covered an awful lot of ground in a short space of time. It was very good to see those that joined. Our next virtual meeting is to be held on Monday 7th September at 18.30 where I'm sure we'll cover more ground.

So, what are we doing in London? It's not an easy place to hold events due to costs and other issues, however, we are striving to find other locations to make it more appealing to our members. Our functions in the Sergeants Mess, Regents Park Barracks, have been well received and the staff there have looked after us very well and the food was exceptional. Some of our guests told me at the end of the evening, Burns Supper last year, that the whole event was terrific, the food was excellent and was good value for money, above all, they were made to feel very welcome by us. To that end some have signed up for future events and look forward to renewing friendships made within the Scots Guards family; they also realise what a strong bond there is within us all. Says a lot about our Regiment I feel.

Our plans: Once things have calmed down, with this virus issue, we're going to see if we can renew our association with the Sergeants Mess in Wellington Barrack, whilst keeping our link with Regents Park Barracks. Our secretary, Mark 'Spot' Whatmough, knows a few staff members, in Wellington Barracks, and is going to talk with them about holding some of our events with them. The functions we are hoping to have in 2021, will I hope, inspire some of our colleagues to join us and renew old friendships and make new ones.

1. Burns Supper. Saturday 23rd January 2021. Our thoughts for this will be to link in our dinner with the Regimental Band Burns Concert which is usually held in the Guards Chapel. Both Spot and I have been in touch with the Bandmaster, who seems interested in joining us after our initial contact, and we now need to develop this more. I'm hoping that we can do this before our next meeting and we can start to plan, for what should be, a wonderful event.

2. Imperial War Museum. Friday 9th April 2021. This is going to be pretty much the same format as when we walked around the National Army Museum. Meet at 10am then walk through the museum from 10.15 on our own, or with someone else, it takes about 2 hours to go around it and the Museum is on 4 floors. There are lifts for those who need to use them. When we've walked through there is a canteen where we can all meet up for some lunch and catch up. Entry to the Museum is free the only cost incurred will be your food and drink for those of you who wish to stay.

3. BBQ. Saturday 26th June 2021. This is our ultralow key event to be held at the Sergeants Mess, Regents Park Barracks. It's loud shirts, shorts, flip flops in a very relaxed atmosphere with a pay bar and a fun BBQ. Last time the food was well received by the 31 who joined us. Ronnie Paterson won the worst shirt competition and we'll see if he can hold on to his title at the next one!

4. Ladies Night. Saturday 18th September 2021. We have reintroduced this evening as a less formal event. The idea is to make it smart casual evening, with a buffet, pay bar and dancing. Some of our guests have said to me in the past that it would be nice to be able to have a dance every now and then. So, we have brought this evening back to life. Again, it will be a good way to get together in a less formal way.

5. St Andrews Dinner. Saturday 27th November 2021. This is our Annual Dinner and I'm hoping that we'll be well supported for this event. We usually have around thirty-three join us so it would be wonderful if we could have more join us.

As you can see by our thoughts, we, the London Branch Committee, are trying to mix and match our events in the hopes that we can encourage more former colleagues to come and join us. *Having said this all our events have to be approved by our Treasurer Major Tom Ormiston before we can hold them. So at the time of writing this our plans may change of which we will keep you informed.* We're a happy bunch and always welcome new and old friends to our functions. The Scots Guards humour is never far away! Be good to see you – come and join us.

Berks, Bucks & Oxford



Branch member In Pensioner Colin Patterson is introduced to HRH The Duchess of Cornwall when she visited the Royal Hospital, Chelsea in mid July.

**Iain Lowther, Pipe Major Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland)
Composes Winning Tune for 2021 Argyllshire Gathering**



Pipe Major Iain Lowther

The composing competition for a tune to mark next year's historic 150th Anniversary of the Argyllshire Gathering has been won by former Scots Guards Pipe Major Iain Lowther.

Iain receives the only prize of £1,000 and a certificate marking his achievement. His tune was the unanimous choice of the judging panel comprising P/M James Banks MBE, Robert Wallace, President of the Piobaireachd Society and Editor of Piping Press, and John Wilson formerly Strathclyde Police and Convenor of the RSPBA's Adjudicators Panel. All three are members of the Argyllshire Gathering Piping Committee and they sifted through 62 entries which were sent to them under strict anonymity by Argyllshire Gathering Piping Steward. The judges had the hard job selecting the winning tune from entries from around the piping world.

We are very grateful to all those who submitted tunes for the competition to mark what is a historic occasion for the Gathering. The tune will be played by the competing pipers on the march to the Games field next year and from then onwards..

The winning composer said: 'Well it's great news. I'm chuffed to bits. I'm immensely proud to be have chosen as the winner of the competition for such a prestigious event and organisation.'

Argyllshire Gathering Senior Steward, Ms Helen Malcolm QC, donated the prize and has decided to call the tune 'Dr Whittow's Salute to the 150th Argyllshire Gathering'. The late Dr Whittow had a strong connection with the Gathering. Ms Malcolm said: 'I am so pleased that we have been able to contribute to something positive in the piping world in these strange times; there was a large and strong field of contenders, and a most excellent winner'. 'The name chosen for the tune pays tribute both to the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Argyllshire Gathering in 1871, and to a staunch and generous Argyll enthusiast.'

The winning composer is originally from Carlisle, Cumbria, and started piping at 12 yrs old receiving tuition from his local pipe band. He joined the Scots Guards in 1984 completing his training at the Guards Depot in Pirbright. During this time he was taught by P/M Dixie Ingram at the Guards Depot Piping School where he completed his first Edinburgh Tattoo in 1985. Iain joined the 1st Battalion Scots Guards soon after and served with the Regiment for 26yrs.

He served under P/Ms Rodgers, MacInnes, Webster, MacKinnon, Donaldson and Selwood. He passed his Army Pipe Majors Course at Edinburgh Castle under the direction of Maj Gavin Stoddart MBE, BEM in 1997, and was appointed Pipe Major of the Regiment in 2006 after a year as Pipe Sgt at the Army School.

After leaving the Army in 2010, Iain worked for five years with CVQO an education charity delivering and assessing BTEC Music Diplomas. During this time he also became a volunteer with the Army Cadet Force and took a role as a PMaj Advisor for the Tri Service Cadet Force Pipes and Drums. In 2014 he took over the position as Chief Instructor/Training Officer, and was promoted to Captain in December of that year. This is a role that he continues in today.

He is a qualified PDQB Assessor up to Level 8, and holds the PDQB Tutor and Teaching Certificates. He currently sits on the PDQB board, and is also a registered tutor with the National Piping Centre.

Iain is Pipe Major of the Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland) and a member of the Fife Branch of the association.

NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT

1st Battalion

Just before proceeding on leave Companies competed for the Gipp Cup with 2 days of fitness.

Day 1 was the 10km Relay. Day 2 was the Warrior Fitness Competition when as many repetitions as possible were completed in a set time. Left Flank won both events.

Next up on return from leave is the March & Shoot.

F Company

Training got back to basics in the field, giving the Guardsmen a chance to hone their skills under the watchful eye of Section Comd's.

BITS & PIECES

Scots Guards Club Is Open for Business

By John Rae, Club General Manager

On 16 July the Club opened its doors again to members which was a joyous day indeed. The building is once more alive to the sound of fun and laughter and everyone is legally spaced out! During the period of closure the opportunity was taken to decorate the function room and a programme of re-upholstery and carpeting of that room will go ahead as planned in the early Autumn months. Once this is complete, the Club will have a function room to be very proud of. Other work included the final piece of work to the beer cellar where a modern system was installed and the cellar area is now fully modernised with the best possible equipment to ensure the finest of pints. A number of clubs, groups and associations use the Club and some of these will hold their first meeting again soon under the current guidelines. It is wonderful to see people coming back to the Club and depending on how things pan out, the Club may yet be able to open its doors for a Scots Guards Get Together as usual in late September. We will provide further information on this as soon as the way becomes clear.

We are always on the lookout for interesting regimental pictures and memorabilia to display in the Club so if you have anything hidden away in a cupboard which you think would be enjoyed by others then just drop an email to John Rae (General Manager) at enquiries@scotsguardsclub.co.uk **All the best from all the team**

Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph, London – 8 November 2020

From RBS

At this time of year, it should be normal for the Legion to initiate proceedings in support of the military veterans' component of the traditional Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph Whitehall. The Legion is working closely with all of the relevant government agencies to ensure that this year's event can go ahead in some form.

Mindful that mass events are not permitted under current restrictions, a range of representative options are under consideration and the Legion will provide the relevant details as soon as they are able. Similar restrictions will also apply to community based remembrance activity and direction for these will be promulgated by the appropriate civil authorities.

This year is the centenary of the unveiling of the iconic Whitehall war memorial, designed and built by Edwin Lutyens.

Scots Guards Association at the Cenotaph – 8 November 2020

Annually Major Tom Ormiston co-ordinates members of London Branch and the wider Scots Guards Association to take part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Cenotaph. In regard to the information above he reports that he has heard from The Royal British Legion that this year's Cenotaph parade may take a different form, with fewer participants due to the pandemic. They are awaiting more information from the government and will let me know as soon as possible. He will continue to take names but at the moment cannot guarantee who will be allowed to attend.

Veterans Across America



Major (Retired) Richard Sinclair MBE has asked to spread the word to the Association about his charity campaign to distribute face coverings to support the SG charity and SAS Association. There is now a Blue / Red / Blue version available at £10 each. See the link <https://www.veteranscrossingamerica.com/face masks/brb-face mask>

Scots Guards Veterans V 1st Battalion Scots Guards – The Ramsay Trophy at Datchet Golf Club – 15 July 2020.

The second annual match for the Ramsay Trophy took place on a dull but warm Wednesday afternoon, the veterans team led of by the two of the oldest men taking part; Tam Bates aged 83 and Ron Stephen aged 79, two excellent examples of Scots Guards veterans being loyal through and through. There were 7 groups to get on course and a short time to do it, so they were all under pressure to get off the tee early which under the expert organisational skills of our Branch Chairman Harry Slessor we succeeded in doing and were indeed 15 minutes ahead of time when the last group went off, which pleased the club professional who had given us until 14:10hours. Before the match got underway, Harry got both teams together and called for 1 minutes silence to remember our great friend and fellow Scots Guardsman Douglas Murray Laden (Dougie) who had been ill for some time but succumbed in a care home where he had only been for a couple of weeks. Dougie was one of the great Regimental Characters, a truly wonderful Scots Guardsman and a loving husband, father and grandfather. Our condolences go out to Fiona and the rest of the family. RIP Dougie you are at peace now. We will remember you.

Regarding the competition; As the scores began to come in, once again it looked like it was going to be pretty close this year (the Veterans won by 5 points last year if you remember) as it was this year on counting up with the last two pairs still to come in, the veterans were two points ahead, unfortunately the young men of the Battalion pulled it out of the fire and the Battalion won by a total of 418 points to 408 points, a close and exciting match all the way. As a result it's one match each now.

Individually there were prizes for both sides down to third and hacker of the day as follows:

Winning the 1st prize for the Battalion was Pete Miles playing off a handicap of (22) who scored 43 points, 2nd place went to Steven Skakle who played off a handicap of (22) who scored 40 points. 3rd place went to jimmy Henry playing off a handicap of (15) who scored (36) points, the star man for the Battalion however was team captain who took the booby prize for their side with 18 points, Well done Garry Duffy.

The Veterans top man was Jason Hart who played off (20) and scored 41 points, followed by John Huggins who scored 35 points playing of (17), and Ian Girdwood was 3rd playing off (14) he also scored 35 points but lost 2nd place on count back, the Veterans star was Tam Bates who scored 22 points, although he battled on with a twinge in his back.

Well done to all players who took part, the camaraderie and banter was evident throughout and carried on in the club house afterwards.

A big thank you goes to Datchet Golf Club and Club Secretary David Walsh for allowing us to play, to the bar staff for all their assistance, and finally to caterer Sam King who supplied a great curry.

It is hoped another match will be able to take place before the Battalion moves to Catterick and after that a competition will be developed to incorporate all Association Branches interested in competing for the Ramsay trophy annually in the south.



1st Battalion Golfers – Winners of the Ramsay Trophy 2020

**Front L-R: Sgt Skakle, SSgt Sheldon, RSWO Bains, RQMS McLeod, CSgt Duffy, LSgt Mills, Gdsm Wilson, RQMS Rae.
Rear: L-R: Sgt Duncan, CSgt Richardson, Capt Garrett, LSgt Henry, Capt Westerman.**



**Legion
Scotland**



VICTORY IN JAPAN 75 – 15 AUGUST 2020

On the 15th August 2020, the nation will commemorate VJ 75 and the recent easing of social distancing restrictions means that the Royal British Legion and the Royal British Legion Scotland are now able to develop plans for a formal events.

Whilst the war against Japan was truly Tri-Service, it is worthy of note that the Fourteenth Army in particular, was notable for being the most diverse fighting force raised in modern times with less than 20% of those involved in fighting originating in the British Isles.

National Memorial Arboretum – Act of Remembrance

There will be an Act of Remembrance of a Two Minute Silence at 11am. This year's commemoration will be broadcast on BBC One from the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire and will incorporate wreath-laying activity at several of the relevant memorials and artefacts linked to the WW2 campaign in South-East Asia.

Saturday Evening – BBC1 TV

That evening on BBC One, there will be a second 90 minute broadcast based on a MoD-led commemorative programme from London.

VJ Day 75th Anniversary Remembrance Service – Legion Scotland

A virtual service of remembrance is currently being filmed in various locations in Edinburgh. The service will be broadcast on Legion Scotland's and Poppyscotland's Facebook page at approx 1035 on the 15th of August 2020 exact time of broadcast will be confirmed once we have finished filming. The First Minister and representatives from all three services and veterans from all three services will gather at St Andrews House in Edinburgh to observe the 2 mins silence,

The service will be broadcast to coincide with the UK National 2 mins silence at 1100hrs

Heads of the Armed Services in Scotland messages of thanks to Veterans of WW2

To follow on from the remembrance Service there will be messages of thanks from the three heads of the Armed Services in Scotland. This will be broadcast on Legion Scotland's Facebook page.

Virtual Concert Prestonfield House Edinburgh

Legion Scotland will broadcast an online concert which will be held at Prestonfield house in Edinburgh this will last for just over an hour ending with a flypast from the Royal Air Force. Timings TBC.

SCOTS GUARDS MAGAZINE 2019 – 20

The new edition of the Regimental Magazine will be published and distributed by October. Please submit any articles you wish to be included to the Regimental Adjutant by the cut off date of mid August. SGA Secretaries to please send their Branch Articles to Neil Crockett as already requested.

Airborne Forces Riders – SAMA 2020 Ride of Respect - Itinerary

The ride which was postponed from June and co-ordinated by Paul Moore, Para RE now starts this coming Saturday 1 August. The riding team are hoping that members of the TV&FA, SGA and other Scots Guardsmen can attend as they pay their respects at each gravesite. It would be good, not least to guide them to each of the graves. The programme is:

Sat 1 Aug 1100hrs DSgt Danny Wight - Mortonhall Cemetery, Edinburgh

Sat 1 Aug 1700hrs LSgt Clark Mitchell – Laurencekirk Cemetery.

Sun 2 Aug 1400hrs Sgt John Simeon – North Dalnotter Cemetery.

Sun 2 Aug 1500hrs Gdsm Archibald Stirling – Cardonald Cemetery.

Sun 2 Aug 1600hrs Gdsm Derek Denholm – Sandymount Cemetery.

Sun 2 Aug 1845hrs Gdsm James Reynolds & Gdsm David Malcolmson – Knadgerhill Cemetery, Irvine.

Tue 4 Aug 0900hrs Gdsm Ronald Tanbini – Kirkdale Cemetery, Aintree.

Sat 8 Aug 1630hrs LCpl John Pashley, 9 Para Sqn RE – Eckington War Memorial, S21 4BH

Please circulate it and if anyone close by could attend it would be good.

The team are travelling 2268 miles over 8 days a daily average of 284 miles, stopping at 41 locations to pay their respects at individual graves or memorials. From Kinloss in the north, to Palace Barracks, Belfast, to Hereford, Aldershot & Portsmouth in the south.

ZOOM

Link to Major Dougie Laden's Funeral

The easiest way to the link is to go to website <http://www.rcbishopricforces.org.uk/news-letter> click on their latest newsletter and follow the link as per the photograph below.

