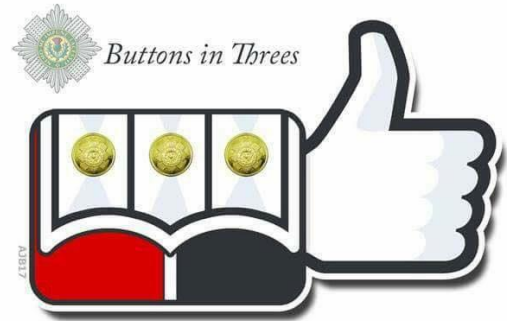


SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

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

**Neil Crockett
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Front Page Photograph: Serving Scots Guardsmen take part in SGA Fife Golf Competition

L - R: Sgt Rab McCutcheon (RST & Courses), LSgt Jim Henry (QM Dept), WO2 Alex Bain (Sigs WO), Craig Dickson (SGA Edinburgh & former 1SG Corps of Drums), LSgt Scott Wallace (RST).

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING AUGUST IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

Northern Ireland

3 August 1992 24754493 Gdsm Damian Shackleton 1st Battalion, New Lodge, Belfast.

11 August 1978 24312328 LCpl Alan Swift Londonderry

1st Battalion Scots Guards - Afghanistan

1 August 2010 25081839 LSgt Dale McCallum



LSgt Dale McCallum

REGIMENTAL GATHERING

SATURDAY 11 & SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021



The Regimental Gathering is now just over one month away, to be held in Somme Barracks in Catterick, the new home of the First Battalion. It will be hosted by the Battalion with support from the Scots Guards Association. On Saturday evening there is a Beating Retreat and Sunday will be the traditional Gathering when there will be numerous activities with displays by the serving members of the Regiment, a bar and food stalls

Information about the Gathering has been widely circulated with enough detail to plan your weekend. Further details will come out with your tickets which I'll start posting out in the next week. **Everyone** requires tickets and car passes for both the Beating Retreat and the Gathering.

Members of SGA Branches should apply to their own Secretary.

Members of Third Guards Club, TV&FA, MBVA and other SG Veterans should apply to Neil Crockett, Secretary of the Scots Guards Association. Email: sga@scotsguards.org for information.

Tickets will begin to be sent out in the next 2 weeks.

Don't delay - apply now.

MY STORY

The Scots Guards Regimental Historical Committee is starting a project called 'My Story' to collect personal accounts from serving and former members of the Scots Guards. These accounts/memories could be based around operations or barrack life. They could be written (short anecdotes, letters, reports), photographs, film footage, or audio.

The 'My Story' initiative is an important and exciting opportunity to capture a collective and up-to-date memory of the Scots Guards from those serving and those who have served.

If you have something you wish to submit please send it to: LSgt Spence at archives@scotsguards.org or by post to LSgt Spence, Headquarters Scots Guards, Wellington Barracks, Petty France, London SW1E 6HQ.

The Regimental Historical Committee will catalogue all material received as well as ascertain whether there may be sensitivities. Accession forms will be provided for all submissions once received.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Annual Cenotaph Parade, Whitehall. London – Sunday 14 November 2021

Message from Major Tom Ormiston of SGA London Branch

I have received word from the Royal British Legion that they are hoping to go ahead with the annual Cenotaph parade as normal this year, assuming the Government does not impose restrictions. I expect the Scots Guards Detachment to be issued 25 tickets but will not know for sure until early July. However, to prepare, please would all those who would like to attend send me their details as follows: Full name, address, email address, DOB, POB, number, rank, name, dates served and any campaign medals held? Even if you have sent me these details before, please send them again. My email for returns is: t.ormiston@ntlworld.com As always, those who have marched before will be given priority and, if necessary, a ballot will be held for the remainder.

Ayrshire Branch

The members agreed that future meetings of the Branch should be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

For more information about Branch events contact Secretary Jim Fraser on his **new Tel number:** 07765 490477 or email: james.fraser279@gmail.com

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Branch

Branch BBQ: Saturday 14th August 2021 Datchet Golf Club 13.00 to 16.00hrs approx.

The Branch holds meetings on the last Friday of each month. The next Branch meeting on is Friday 27 August 2021, at Datchet Golf Club 1930 for 2000hrs.

The Secretary is Rab Ritchie who can be contacted Tel: 07776411120 E-mail: rab.ritchie@icloud.com

Durham & Yorkshire Branch

Proms in the Park Sunday 8 August 2021 Darlington, 14.00 – 17.00 hours. A chance to meet up and have a natter and picnic. Location South Park Bandstand, we have been requested to parade our standard.

Dedication of the new Cockerton war memorial, Saturday 4 September. Timings and details to be advised. If you would like to attend please contact the Secretary, Treasurer or any Committee Member. Lord Lieutenant Mrs Sue Snowdon, the Mayor of Darlington and, maybe if duties permit, representatives of 1st Battalion Scots Guards, will be attending, along with our Branch standard.

For further details contact Secretary Stewart Webb Tel: 01765 640517 Email: webb174@btinternet.com

Fife Branch

The Annual Golf Competition (The Chairman's Trophy) took place at Thornton Golf Club on Friday 23 July 2021. Circumstances decreed that the number of Branch golfers was less than normal which was made up by more than usual guests joining our day. We had 25 golfers taking part including 5 from 1SG, Craig Dickson (SGA Edinburgh) and Paddy Welsh (SGA Dundee). After the match golfers and non players including wives came together for high tea.

The Winners were:

The Chairman's Trophy (Scratch) – Lt Col Johnny Stewart

Scratch Runner Up - Jimmy Banks

The George Stenhouse Claret Jug (Handicap)
Major Ron Clemison

Handicap Runner Up - Iain Lowther

The Syd Stewart Claret Jug (Guests on Handicap)
- Paul Aldred

Guest Runner Up - George Welsh

Young Golfer - Callum Lowther (Guest) - son of Iain.

Nearest the Pin - Ronnie Lamb

Longest Drive - Allan Innes (Guest)

All in all a good day in the Fife sun.



SGA Fife Golf

Left: Major Ron Clemison, Lt Col Johnny Stewart & Kevin Coyle



Right: Ronnie Lamb, Paddy Welsh (SGA Dundee & Angus) & George Cameron

Surrey Branch

Secretary James Quinn Tel: 01963 220188 Email: James.quinn@losh.com

London Branch

The London Branch held a zoom meeting on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 18.30. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th September 18.00 for 18.30 in RHQ, Conference Room. After the meeting we will head to the Sergeants Mess bar for a beer and good catch up, something, we haven't been able to do in a while. It would be terrific if members could come along and join us and put faces to names.

We are making good progress with our St Andrews Dinner planning and, hopefully, we'll get a good turnout as we haven't been together for a while now.

Ronnie Paterson has very kindly agreed to take control of our Burn Supper. We're hoping to link our Supper in with the Regimental Band Burns Concert which is usually held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. So "wait out" on this. All of the above is still dependant on where we are with the pandemic. Fingers crossed that we'll be able to reunite and have a wonderful St Andrew's Dinner together in November.

Our events:

Saturday 27th November 2021: St Andrew's Dinner UJC

Saturday 30th January 2022: Burns Supper UJC

That's about it from London.

Stay safe, stay well, stay in touch.

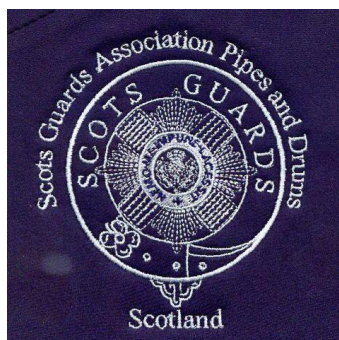
Aye

Ian Blair

Chairman, Secretary and Entertainments Officer

Secretary Ian Blair Tel: 07843 - 477772 Note change of email address for Ian Blair: blair605@btinternet.com

Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland)



Led by Pipe Major Iain Lowther the SGA Pipes & Drums (Scotland) continue their preparations and will take part in the Regimental Gathering.

Pipe Major Iain Lowther Tel: 07484 637188 Email: iain-lowther68@outlook.com

DEATHS

Warrant Officers & Sergeants Past & Present Association

22551536 RQMS Brian Waterhouse Died 24 June 2021. Served Jan 1954 – Apl 1976 Both Bn's, ACIO Carlisle, RQMS RHQ. Lived Kent.

Association

Dundee & Angus

23517005 Gdsm David McCrae Died 26 July 2021. Served 1SG MT 1959 – 1968. Lived Dundee.

Non Association Members

2705382 Sgt Edward Watt Died 28 June 2021 aged 92. Served Apl 1947 – Nov 1952 2SG Malaya.& London. Lived Abergele, North Wales.

Gdsm Allan Jardine Died 19 July 2021. Served 1979 – 1985 1SG & Gds Depot. Lived Northern Ireland.

Sgt George McFarlane Died 31 July 2021. Served early 1970s – mid 1990s 1SG C Coy & Ord Room. Lived Rosyth, Fife.

Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh

It is already two months since we opened the doors again and it has been a true joy to see so many of you back in the Club. We look forward to seeing many more of you again in the coming weeks. As life moves on, our functions diary is already filling up for the winter months. We have put significant investment into upgrading the function room in recent times and this space also makes an ideal venue for meetings, training facility, seminars or whatever. Do bear us in mind and help spread the word.

We are also putting a word out to anyone who might be interested in some casual bar work to help us plug gaps as we start to get busier again. If you or someone you might know is interested then please drop us a message or pop in for a no obligation chat.

As of this week our opening hours will be:

Sunday to Wednesday 12-6pm

Thursday - Saturday 12-11pm

We occasionally open up outside of these hours to accommodate some of the associations and groups who meet in the Club. If you are part of a group and feel our Club might be a good place to meet up then just get in touch,

It's lovely to have music back in the Club with the regular Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening sessions already established again. Remember, on a Sunday we have a fantastic Sunday roast offer at £7 in addition to the usual menu.

Meals are available every day and offer fantastic value at £5 or less. Sadly our popular Friday members' buffet is not yet allowed due to restrictions but this will be resurrected as soon as we are able to do so.

Many thanks to everyone who has renewed or taken out membership since we opened in May. This all goes to support the work we continue to do to upgrade the fabric of the Club.

Recent work includes roof repairs, an electrical upgrade and a revamp of the function room bar. In the pipeline for later in the summer is a new function room carpet.

The next Scots Guards event will be 4 September when the Club will provide an open house weekend for those past and present wishing to get together. Subject of course to whatever legal restrictions might still apply.

That's it for now folks. Please pop in and support the Club if you are in town. We would love to see you.

All the best from all the Team.

EARLY DATES TO SAVE IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2022

Sat 19 February	The Rabbits Breakfast, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.
Sat 2 April	SGA AGM, Wellington Barracks.
Sun 3 April	Regimental Remembrance Sunday Guards Chapel
Thu 2 June	Queen's Birthday Parade.
10 – 13 June	40 th Anniversary Commemoration & Reunion, Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association.
Sat 18 June	Drums Company 2 nd Battalion Scots Guards Reunion, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.
30 July (TBC)	50 th Anniversary Op Motorman Reunion, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT



Members of F Company in Gibraltar



At the beginning of July 25 Pltn Passed Out from Guards Company, ITC. The Platoon was inspected by the Army Sergeant Major on the Passing Out Parade. Particular congratulations go to Gdsm Burns who was awarded Best Recruit.

Afternote: As mentioned by someone “Spot the Right Flanker”

BITS & PIECES



Left Flank 1SG, 50th Anniversary – Operation Banner
Friday 20th August 2021

Unfortunately this event is now cancelled.



1. The last reunion for the 2nd Bn Scots Guards Corps of Drums happened a number of years ago, many attended and many equally were unable to attend, we have seen many and heard of many of our friends who have passed away since then, I know that we will always remember them. Let's get together to reminisce, remember to bring the sandbags and tin pots, no broken bottles please.
2. The reunion will take place at the Scots Guards Club in Haymarket in Edinburgh on Saturday 18th June 2022, commencing at 1300 hrs till late, the club is booked.
3. There will be food available at a cost per person.
4. If you would like to attend more so if you are a former member of the Drums Company of the 2nd Bn Scots Guard please drop me an e mail at: drummie2ca@gmail.com

David B. Renni

The Latest Scots Guards Recruit to The Royal Hospital Chelsea



In Pensioner John Innes from Edinburgh joined 3 other Scots Guardsmen as In Pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea some 3 months ago. John hopes to be at the Regimental Gathering, make sure you say hello and find out a bit about his life as a **Chelsea Pensioner**.

SAMA Falklands Ride of Respect 2021

In the last two years, a team of four Airborne Forces Riders (two of which are Falklands veterans) have conducted a 'Ride of Respect' in support of The South Atlantic Medal Association (SAMA82) Registered Charity No: 1118842, who continue to support the veterans of that short but costly war, and the families of those who were lost, including Merchant Seamen and Royal Fleet Auxiliary. The aim of the Ride of Respect is four-fold:

Remembrance – to demonstrate that our fallen are not forgotten.

Respect – for their families, the pain of the loss of a son, husband, or brother continues.

Awareness – to let people know where our fallen lie so that they may also give due respect.

Support – fundraising for SAMA82 whose continued support gives comfort to veterans and families.

The '**Ride of Respect**' over the last two years has given great comfort to the families of those who fell and has demonstrated that as we approach the 40th anniversary of the war and the loss of their loved one, we will remember them and continue to do so.

Itinerary

The Ride of Respect Team will be on the road from Saturday 31 July to Sunday 15 August. They will visit graves of Scots Guardsmen and LCpl John Pashley RE Para as follows:

Sat 31 July – 1530hrs	DSgt Danny Wight	Mortonhall Cemetery, EH16 6TX
Sun 1 Aug - 1505hrs	LSgt Clark Mitchell	Laurencekirk Cemetery, AB30 1PQ
Tue 3 Aug - 1215hrs	Sgt John Simeon	North Dalnotter Cemetery, G81 4 SL
Tue 3 Aug - 1415hrs	Gdsm Archibald Stirling	Cardonald Cemetery, G32 1SB
Tue 3 Aug - 1530hrs	Gdsm Derek Denholm	Sandymount Cemetery, G32 0HW
Tue 3 Aug - 1830hrs	Gdsm James Reynolds DCM	Knagerhill Cemetery, KA12 0HW
Tue 3 Aug - 1830hrs	Gdsm David Malcolmson	Knagerhill Cemetery, KA12 0HW
Thu 5 Aug - 1430hrs	Gdsm Ronald Tanbini	Kirkdale Cemetery, L9 9EN
Fri 6 Aug - 1430hrs	LCpl John Pashley RE Para	Ecklington War Memorial, S21 4BH

Impromptu Informal Reunion –

Rab Ritchie, Secretary of the SGA Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Branch flew north on a mission to meet and hold a 70th birthday reunion for his old school classmates from Fraserburgh at Lonmay, Aberdeenshire. His class reunion was a follow on from similar one 5 years earlier & took place on Friday afternoon 30 July. Those attending included his PT Teacher.

Realising he'd be at a loose end on Friday evening Rab decided to call together as many Scots Guardsmen as he could muster for a meal & get together at the same hotel. Although Rab described it as "Impromptu" he had been summoning us to join him for a few weeks in advance.

Having enjoyed two full meals and a few drinks Rab was on his very best form to keep us all entertained!!

A raffle took place and the amount of £75 was achieved which will be donated to Royal National Lifeboats Institute (Fraserburgh Station).

A good night & a chance to meet up with old friends.



Rab's Impromptu Reunion

Rear L – R: Alex Ironside (RF, 1SG 1981 – 1988) Neil Crockett, Alan Fotheringham (1SG Mortars 1971 – 1993), Rab Ritchie, Ray Johnston (IJLB 1967, 1SG, SGA Aberdeen), Danny Rothney (Gordon Hldrs), Mitchell Pyper (Chairman SGA Aberdeen), Brian Harrison (Vice Chairman SGA Aberdeen), Lawrence Ritchie (Rab's son), Graeme Ritchie (RF 1SG & Recce 1980s – Rab's brother).

Front L- R: Margaret Crockett, Shelia Pyper, Karen Ironside, Thelma Rothney (Rab's classmate), Irene Ritchie, Lynn (Guest).