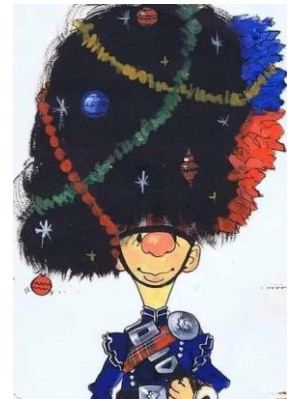


# SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

## 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 Photograph

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Members of 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Scots Guards Pipes & Drums in Estonia turning on the Christmas Lights in Tallinn. A special well done goes out to Dmr Richardson who made his dancing debut in extremely cold and icy conditions.

## Scots Guards Association Newsletter

The next SGA Newsletter will be the February 2023 edition which will be published on the last day of January.

## WE REMEMBER SCOTS GUARDSMEN KILLED IN CONFLICTS DURING JANUARY SINCE 1945

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

16 January 1950 22215040 Guardsman Kenneth Holland, Age 19.

25 January 1951 1439050 Sergeant Donald MacMillan. Age 28.

## DEATHS

### Non Association Members

George Clydesdale. Died 20 November 2022 Aged 84. Served late 1950's

## SCOTS GUARDS CLUB ~ CHRISTMAS NEWS & OPENING TIMES

The run up to Christmas and New Year is always a special time here at the Club and we look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks. Our Christmas lights and decorations will be up by early December and the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch will take place on Monday 12 December. For those lucky enough not to qualify for the lunch, or unlucky enough to have missed out on a place, (fully booked) we have the Members Christmas Disco Night on Friday 16 December. Both these events are free to members. Guests are welcome at the Disco Night but please give us names at the bar in advance.

The function room is busy throughout December and we hope many of you will use the Club as a place to indulge your festive cheer.

### Festive opening hours in December will be:

24 (Christmas Eve)	Close at 6pm
25 (Christmas Day)	Closed
26 (Boxing Day)	Closed
27	Closed
31 (Hogmanay)	Close at 8pm
1 (New Years Day)	Closed
2	Open 11am-6pm

January was a busy month last year and our cellar will be well stocked to cater for those who choose to dismiss the very thought of a 'Dry January'..... a notion that has never really been embraced by our members!

Beyond January, we are back into Six Nations rugby season with home games on 11 February, 12 and 18 March.

Scots Guards wise, the legendary Rabbits Breakfast will take place on Saturday 25 February and Swally Ho on Saturday 4 March.

The Club AGM will take place as usual in January on a date to be advised.

As ever, all the best from all the Team. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **JANUARY ~ A TIME CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL BARD ~ ROBERT BURNS**

### **Wednesday 25 January ~ Regimental Band Scots Guards ~ Annual Burns Night Concert**

The Regimental Band are performing Scottish favourites in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks at 1930hrs in celebration of the music and poetry created and inspired by Robert Burns.

**Admission free** to all (no tickets) ~ It's very popular~ just turn up & make sure you get there early to avoid any disappointment!



### **Saturday 14 January ~ SGA Glasgow Burns Supper, Glasgow Arts Club. 185 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4HU**

**1830 – 1900hrs** Dress: Highland Wear/ Suit & Tie ~ Ladies Equivalent. Serving Members: Mess Dress.

**Cost:** £25.00 per person

For more information or to book your place contact Ronnie Cook Tel: 0141 882 2075 (H), 07712 735728 (M)  
Email: [ronniecook6@aol.com](mailto:ronniecook6@aol.com)

### **Saturday 21 January ~ SGA Berks, Bucks and Oxon Burns Supper, Datchet Golf Club.**

So popular it's nearly fully booked (Maximum 100).

**Cost:** £45.00 person

If you are interested in attending contact Rab Ritchie ASAP Tel: 07776 411120 Email: [rab.ritchie@icloud.com](mailto:rab.ritchie@icloud.com)

There will be a standby list to allow for expected cancellations due to 'Winter Bugs'

### **Friday 27 January ~ SGA Highlands & Islands Rearranged Annual Dinner, Chieftain Hotel, Inverness.**

The Dinner was postponed in late September due to Court Mourning for HM The Late Queen. The dinner is now rearranged with an additional touch of Burns.

Contact: Rod Davidson (Treasurer) Email: [Roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk) or Harry Obern (Secretary) Tel: 01463 717002  
Email: [hobc862@gmail.com](mailto:hobc862@gmail.com)

### **Saturday 28 January ~ SGA London Burns Supper, Epsom Rugby Club.**

If you are interested in attending please check with Ian Blair Chairman & Secretary Tel: 07843 477772  
Email: [blair605@btinternet.com](mailto:blair605@btinternet.com)

The details will be circulated direct to London Branch members and their guests as soon as they are confirmed.



**Jimmy Clunes ~ Regimental Character**  
**Funeral Friday 9 December 2022.**

Jimmy's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday would have been 10 December and so it was that we came together in a snowy Aberdeen at his funeral just the day before to celebrate his life. Stories of the antics he got up to were legion and many who served in 2SG in Munster will remember the Bn drill parade when then Regimental Sergeant Major Marchant challenged him to take the parade. Jimmy took over with confidence and style, including his mischief by placing the Drill Sergeant in close arrest.

I remember the Association visit to 1SG in Oxford Barracks, Munster in 2006. The then Regimental Sergeant Major Stewart Bridgehouse made Jimmy the Sgt In Waiting of the Association group, and so he kept us in order and well informed in his own inimitable style.



Scots Guardsmen travelled from distance in the winter weather to say goodbye alongside JC's family and his many friends in the Aberdeen FC community.



## FORECAST OF EVENTS FOR YOUR SCOTS GUARDS DIARY 2023

### February

Sat 25 Rabbits Breakfast – Scots Guards Club.

### March

Sat 4 Swallae Ho Reunion – Scots Guards Club.

Sat 11 SGA Borders, Annual Dinner, Hawick Rugby Club.

### April

Sat 15 SGA Annual General Meeting, Wellington Barracks, London

Sun 16 Regimental Remembrance Sunday, Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London

### May

Sat 6 Coronation Day.

Sat 27 Major General's Review King's Birthday Parade.

### June

Sat 3 Colonel's Review King's Birthday Parade.

Sat 10 King's Birthday Parade - 1st Battalion Welsh Guards.

Sat 17 SGA Glasgow, Garden Party, Kilbryde Castle

Sat 24 National Armed Forces Day.

### August

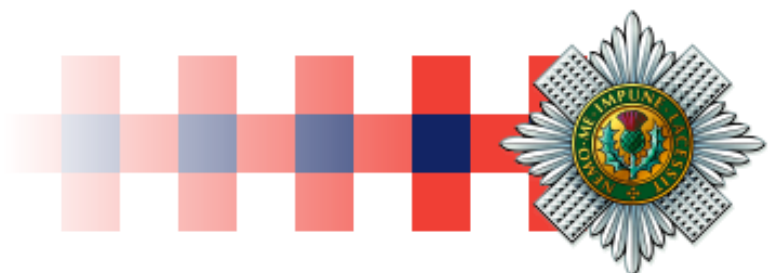
4 – 26 The Royal Edinburgh Tattoo.

### September

Sat 23 Regimental Band Concert, Dunfermline.

Sun 24 Regimental Gathering, Broomhall Estate, Dunfermline Fife.

**Please let me know dates & details of your Association and other Scots Guards reunions and events.**





## **BITS & PIECES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards**

#### **B Company – Op Cabrit**



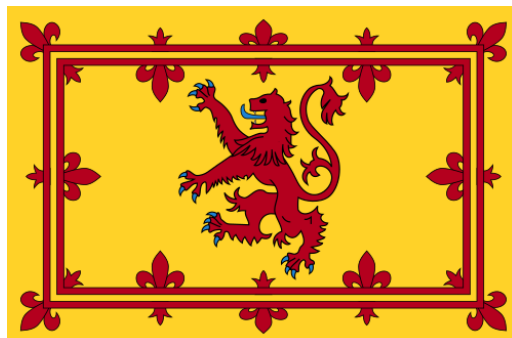
B Company, currently deployed on Op CABRIT, celebrated St Andrew's Day in style. They took part in Highland Games in the snow and cold of the Estonian winter...probably a touch of home!

As part of the Enhanced Forward Presence Battlegroup in Estonia, B Company have experienced the first of the snowfall. The Company's Mastiff fleet is still going strong in the -7 temperatures!

#### **C Company ~ Victors on St Andrew's Day**



C Company (The Rabbits) have won the Inter-Company St Andrew's Day Highland Games Competition in Catterick. **Some scary warriors there ~ Well Done the Rabbits!**

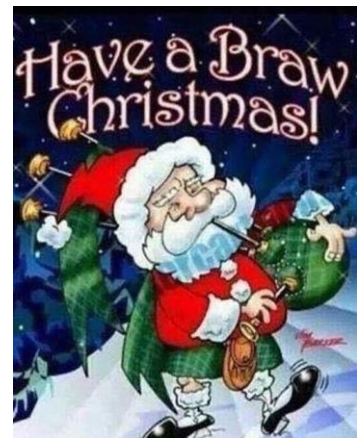
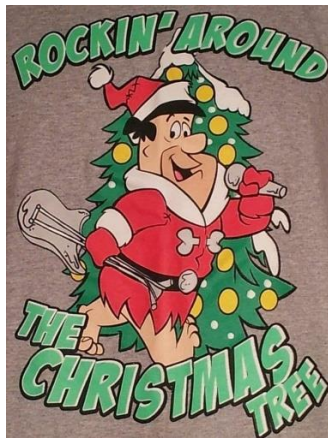


**To All Scots Guardsmen Serving or Retired and  
to your families**

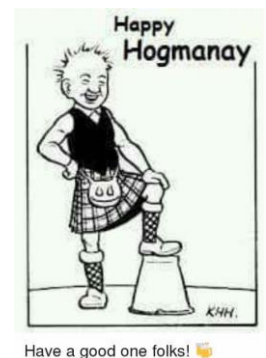
**To those in the 1st Battalion, especially those  
abroad on duty.**

**To F Company & The Regimental Band**

**To G (Messines) Company**



**A Very Happy Christmas  
Good Luck & Good Health in the New Year**



**Here's hoping to see you all  
at  
Regimental & Association Events in 2023**