

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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Scots Guards Association Newsletter

The next SGA Newsletter will be the February 2024 edition which will be published on the last day of January.

WE REMEMBER SCOTS GUARDSMEN KILLED IN CONFLICTS DURING JANUARY SINCE 1945

2nd Battalion Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

16 January 1950 22215040 Guardsman Kenneth Holland, Age 19.

25 January 1951 1439050 Sergeant Donald MacMillan. Age 28.

DEATHS

Association Members

Preston

Stan Jones Died 3 December 2023. Served 2SG 1955 – 1961. Funeral 20 December 2023 1130hrs Blessed Sacrament RC Church, Moorside Avenue, Ribbleton, Preston PR2 6LX

Non Association Members

24096897 Gdsm David McCann Died 5 June 2023. Enlisted as a Jnr Gdsm in 1968 and served 1SG Chelsea & Sharjah, UK until 1972. Lived Aberdeen.

Dmr Frank Weir Died 9 December 2023. Served late 1950s as a Jnr Drummer and in Corps of Drums 1SG, Windsor 1957 – 58. Funeral 20 December 2023 1200hrs at Livingston Crematorium.

Regimental Headquarters ~ Christmas Leave

RHQ will be closed over the Christmas / New Year Period from Friday 15 December to Monday 8 January 2024.

No orders for Regimental Sales will be dispatched over the period.

SGA Dundee & Angus Branch



Great to see Major Munro Davidson & Captain Jim McGonnigle looking well as they receive a Christmas Hamper for the hard work they've put into the branch over many years. John Hodge also received one too but was at "The Mens Shed" when the hamper was delivered

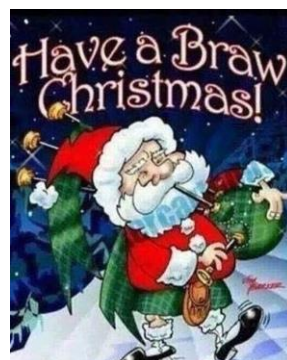


**To All Scots Guardsmen Serving or Retired and to
your families**

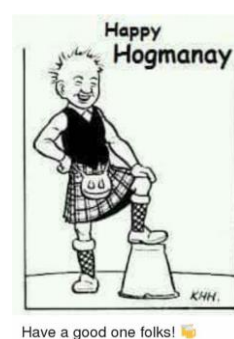
**To those in the 1st Battalion, to F Company & The
Regimental Band**

To G (Messines) Company

To those on duty.



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



**Here's hoping to see you all
at
Regimental & Association Events in 2024**

JANUARY ~ A TIME CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL BARD ~ ROBERT BURNS



FAIR FA' YOUR HONEST SONSIE FACE, IT'S NEAR TIME TO JOIN THE PUDDIN RACE

Pull on your tartan kilts & trews,
Enjoy the fun, the poems, the haggis & a nip or 3 of highland booze.
Come along, dress up be on your uppers,
Join in Association Burns Suppers,

Saturday 20 January ~ SGA Glasgow Burns Supper, Glasgow Arts Club. 185 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4HU

The event becomes more popular each year.

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

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

Saturday 20 January ~ SGA Berks, Bucks and Oxon Burns Supper, Datchet Golf Club.

So popular it's nearly fully booked. Don't delay if you want to attend.

1900 – 1930hrs.

Cost: £45.00 per person

If you are interested in attending contact Jim Simmonds Tel: 07340 297328 Email: Jimsimmonds6729@gmail.com

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

**Saturday 27 January ~ SGA Highlands & Islands Annual Dinner / Burns Supper
Inverness Legion Club, 17 King Street, IV3 7DF**

The 27th Annual Dinner with a touch of Burns.

1830 – 1900hrs

Cost: £40 per person (including raffle tickets)

Contact: Rod Davidson (Treasurer) Email: Roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk or Harry Obern (Secretary) Tel: 01463 717002
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FORECAST OF EVENTS FOR YOUR NEW SCOTS GUARDS DIARY 2024

FEBRUARY

Sat 17 Rabbits Breakfast ~ Bar Opens 0800hrs ~ B'Fast 1000hrs ~ Cost £15.00 ~ SG Club, Edinburgh.

MARCH

Sat 2 Swalle Ho 2024 ~ 1200hrs ~ SG Club Edinburgh.

Sat 9 SGA Corby, Central & Eastern Burns Supper ~ Cost £45.00 ~ Hockley House Hotel, Solihull.

APRIL

W/E 12 – 14 Regimental Weekend ~ Wellington Barracks, London.

Fri 12 Scots Guards WOs & Sgts Past and Present Association AGM ~ Evening ~ Sgts Mess.

Sat 13 SGA AGM ~ 1030hrs ~ Sgts Mess.

Sun 14 Regimental Remembrance Sunday Service ~ The Guards Chapel ~ 1100hrs.

Parade & Wreath Laying ~ Guards Memorial, Horse Guards Parade ~ 1200hrs.

Lunch ~ Other Ranks Restaurant ~ 1300hrs.

All Scots Guardsmen are encouraged to attend.

MAY

Tue 14 Scots Guards Pacesticking Competition ~ Somme Barracks, Catterick

SGA / SG Veterans Team(s) are invited to take part (more detail in early 2024)

Sat 25 Scots Guards WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association BBQ ~ Sgts Mess, 1st Battalion Scots Guards.

JUNE

Sat 15 King's Birthday Parade ~ 9 Company Irish Guards.

W/E 14 – 17 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association ~ Blackpool Weekend.

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

