

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS 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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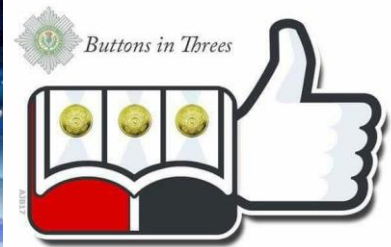


To All Scots Guardsmen Serving & Retired and to your families

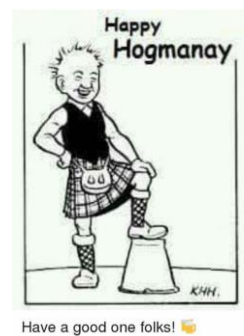
To those in the 1st Battalion, to F Company & The Regimental Band

To G (Messines) Company

To those on duty.



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



**Here's looking forward to seeing you all
at
Regimental & Association Events in 2025**

DEATHS

Association

SGA Fife Branch

23969421 Gdsm Paul Snaith Coldstream Guards. Died 25 November 2024. Served mid 1960s. Lived Glenrothes.

SGA Durham & Yorkshire

22754349 Gdsm Michael Dolman MBE Died 8 December 2024. Age 92. Served 1SG Egypt 1953 -54. Lived Nottingham.

SG Malaya & Borneo Veterans

23957355 Sgt Brian Donlevy Died 11 December 2024. Served 1SG / 2SG Malaya & Borneo to late 1970s. Lived Italy.

Non Association

24141313 Gdsm Gordon Wood Died 1 December 2024. Served Aug 1969 – May 1972. Age 70.
Funeral West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Ormskirk, L40 7SP.

KNOCK AT THE DOOR ~ ENTER THE HALL FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS NEWS



NEXT SGA NEWSLETTER

The first Newsletter of the New Year will 31 January 2025.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS ~ CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Regimental Headquarters is closed and will resume daily routine at first parade 6th January 2025.

Regimental Headquarters will be unmanned during this period.



2025 ~ A NEW YEAR ~ START PLANNING ~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

JANUARY

- Sat 18 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Burns Night ~ Datchet Golf Club.
Secretary: Jim Simmonds 07340 297328 Email: Jimsimmonds6729@gmail.com
- Sat 25 SGA Glasgow Burns Supper ~ Glasgow Arts Club, 185 Bath Street.
Secretary: Colin Downie 07956 526283 Email: cdownie1@icloud.com
- Sat 25 SGA Highlands & Islands Annual Dinner & Burns Supper ~ Inverness Legion Scotland Club.
Secretary: Rod Downie 07532 089535 Email: roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk

FEBRUARY

- Sat 15 Rabbits Breakfast ~ Bar Opens 0800hrs ~ B'Fast 1000hrs ~ SG Club, Edinburgh.

MARCH

- Sat 1 Swalle Ho 2024 ~ SG Club Edinburgh. Organiser: Neil Roney
- Sat 8 SGA Borders Annual Dinner ~Hawick Rugby Club.

APRIL

W/E 4 – 6 Regimental Weekend ~ Wellington Barracks, London.

- Fri 4 Scots Guards WOs & Sgts Past and Present Association AGM ~ Evening ~ Sgts Mess.
- Sat 5 SGA AGM ~ 1030hrs ~ Sgts Mess.
- Sun 6 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

- Thu 8 VE Day - 80th Anniversary. Expected to be a Bank Holiday.
- Fri 30 SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians 32nd Annual Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club

JUNE

- Sat 14 King's Birthday Parade
- W/E 13 – 16 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association ~ Blackpool Weekend.



ST ANDREW'S NIGHT ~ 30 NOVEMBER 2024 ~ 3 ASSOCIATION DINNERS

SGA PIPERS BRANCH DINNER ~ SCOTS GUARDS CLUB

Oh what a night it was!



**Left: Davie McRobb & Corry Sutherland
Right: George Smith, Dougie Watson, John Rae, Gavin Dykes & Malcolm Robertson**



**1SG Pipes & Drums out in force including LSgt Ewan Allison & LSgt "Dinger" Bell & their ladies.
Drum Major Rab McClutcheon Senior Drumming Instructor at Army School of Bagpipe Music & Highland Drumming.
Also Martyn Oakes & Alasdair Fairlie.**



**Left: Roger Huth & Keith Bowes Jnr (Grandson of Dennis Bowes)
Centre: Dougie Watson & LSgt Ewan Allison
Right: Lt D Hoole gives the regimental news, Branch President Angus Cheape & Peter Harvie listen intently.**

SGA CORBY, CENTRAL & EASTERN DINNER ~ HOCKLEY HOUSE HOTEL



Kenny McGovern & Andy Unsworth



Neil Smith, Jim Strachan, Major Caspar Hobbs, Kenny McGovern, Mick Hendry, Mark Russell, Hugh Bunyan

SGA AUSTRALIA DINNER ~ COOGEE DIGGERS CLUB



A PRE DINNER DISPLAY OF THE BRANCH STANDARD

David Crookdake (Sydney NSW) & Norrie Willis (Devonport, Tasmania)

Long distances to travel! Dunfermline to Edinburgh pales into insignificance!

SGA BRANCHES HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTIES



SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon ~ Lunch
Vice President Rab Ritchie looks the part at the Branch Christmas Lunch.



SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians ~ Christmas Night Out
Bill Doull, Ted Middlemas CSgt Ross Thorley.
John Marshall and his daughter & son in law



SGA Glasgow Christmas trip to Glencoyne Distillery followed by lunch at the Old Mill Inn
Colin Hitchen, Stevie Lennox & Ronnie Cook

SGA GLASGOW SUPPORT 5 (SCOTS GUARDS) PLATOON ACF ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.



Colin Downie (Secretary) & Ronnie Cook (Treasurer) attended the annual prize giving for 5(Scots Guards) Platoon ACF in Forth, Lanarkshire. It was an excellent evening seeing the achievements of all the young people it was also pleasing to see so many parents and adults attending. There was a good Scots Guards representation with Capt Sean Hamilton and CSgt Ross Thorley also there. Colin presented the prize to Cadet Sgt Jorgensen as Best Shot AR. Very well done to all the prize winners.

THE ARMY CADET FORCE ~ A GREAT YOUTH ORGANISATION & A MAJOR STEPPING STONE TO MANY CAREERS IN THE SCOTS GUARDS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
A GALA EVENING OF SPECTACULAR MILITARY MUSIC!

BAND OF THE SCOTS GUARDS GALA CONCERT



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