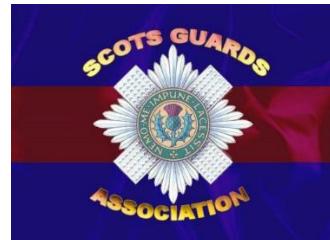


SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

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

Neil Crockett
Secretary & Editor

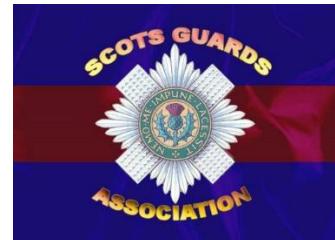
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Front Page Photograph:

SGA Pipers Branch Dinner @ the Scots Guards Club. 1st Battalion Pipes & Drums current and past join together for a photograph with Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszely (Guest of Honour).

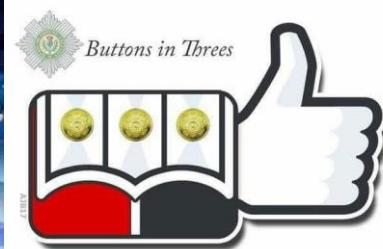


**To All Scots Guardsmen Serving & Retired and to
your families**

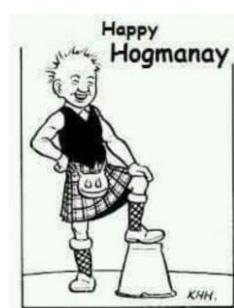
**To those in the 1st Battalion, to F Company & The
Regimental Band**

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 2026**

DEATHS

Third Guards Club

Colonel IA Ferguson LVO OBE. Died 2 December 2025 Age 93. Attended RMA Sandhurst October 1950 – 1952. Served both Bn's including 2ic 1SG in Sharjah 1970. Commandant Guards Depot 1972 – 1975. Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Regiment 1978 – 1981. On retiring from the Army he was Director of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court for many years.

Association

SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians / Glasgow

22530795 James McPherson, Died 5 December 2025. He was the immediate past Chairman of the Edinburgh & The Lothians Branch and was also a member of Glasgow Branch. He served in the mid 1950's as a National Serviceman in the 1st Battalion in Egypt when he was in C Company and also a Bn Clerk.

Non Association

LCpl George Love. Died Sunday 30 November 2025. Served 1SG inc in the Ration Stores. His funeral will take place on Monday 15 December 2025 at 1500hrs. Woodside Crematorium, Paisley, PA1 2NP

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 2026.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS ~ CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Regimental Headquarters will be closed at end of work 12 December and will reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.

Regimental Headquarters will be unmanned during this period.

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARDS ~ STILL NEED TO BUY THEM?

Last chance ~ You need to order them online by 10 December on the Scots Guards Website: <https://scotsguards.org/shop/>

SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

SGA Pipers Branch Dinner



L – R: Pipers of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards 1984 – 85 ~ John Fraser, John Rae (Manager – SG Club), George Smith, Lt Gen Sir John Kiszely, P/M Jimmy Banks, Gavin Dykes, Keith Bowes, Dougie Watson (Branch Secretary).



The Pipers Branch dinner a chance to catch up for Guards Depot Piping School pipers 1983/84, Grade 3 World Champions led by P/M Dixie Ingram. L – R: Keith Dawes, Julian Smart, Peter Harvie, Keith Bowes, John Fraser



Left: 3 Pipers from the Highlands, LSgt Mark Macrae, Ppr Max Scott and LSgt Ewan Allison
Right: Sgt Jamie "Dinger" Bell & Mrs Heather Bell



SGA Merseyside Branch Lunch



Left: CSM Mark Lamb HQ Coy, 1st Battalion gives the Regimental update

Right: Steve Kendall



A piper from 103 Regt Royal Artillery (Reserve) plays. Brigadier Kim Ross (Guest of Honour) and Mrs Ross.

SGA Surrey Branch Christmas Lunch



SGA Surrey Branch enjoy a Sunday Christmas Lunch with their ladies.

Willie Coffield (Chairman), Andy McKeand (Secretary), Jimmy Burns, John O'Hanlon & is that Ruger Huth!

ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA ~ IN PENSIONER COLIN PATERSON

I'm always amazed and interested watching the busy social life of old friend Colin Paterson formerly Left Flank and B Company in the 1st Battalion from 1969. Two of his recent social activities:



Colin reports he had a wonderful night at The Guards Chapel when he performed a duo with the international opera singer Friederike Krum.

Colin says it came about when she heard him singing earlier at a church service and asked him. After 2 test sessions it was ready to go. Also attending HRH Prince Michael of Kent who congratulated Colin on his performance. Rowen Atkinson was also there.

He also took up a 3 day arts (Bust Making) course with The Soldiers Arts Academy SAA Colin said "I was surprised at the outcome myself, it's no one in particular just formed out of my own imagination"

FORECAST OF EVENTS 2026 & THE LIST IS GROWING

JANUARY

Sat 17 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Branch Burns Supper ~ Datchet Golf Club.

Sat 24 SGA Highlands & Islands Branch Dinner / Burns Supper ~ RBL Club, Inverness.

FEBRUARY

Sat 28 Rabbits Breakfast ~ Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

MARCH

Sat 14 SGA Borders Branch Dinner ~ Hawick Rugby Club.

APRIL

Fri 17 – Sun 19 Regimental Weekend ~ Wellington Barracks, London.

Fri 17 Scots Guards WOs & Sgts Past and Present Association AGM ~ Evening ~ Sgts Mess.

Sat 18 SGA AGM ~ 1030hrs ~ Sgts Mess.

Sun 19 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

Fri 29 SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Annual Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club.

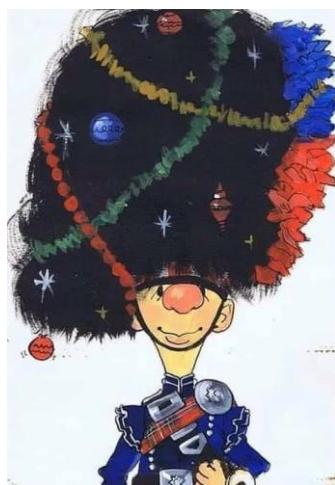
JUNE

Fri 12 – Mon 15 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association Weekend, 44th Annual ~ Blackpool

PIPE MAJOR MITCHELL AT 10 DOWNTON STREET



Pipe Major Mitchell was invited to Downing Street, where they celebrated St. Andrews Day. He performed for the Prime Minister and other distinguished guests. Following his performance the Pipe Major was warmly welcomed to stay and enjoy the evening - a true honour in such a historic setting.



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

The Cadets of 5 Platoon Scots Guards ACF recently held their annual awards night at their affiliated RBLS Scotland branch in Forth when they were recognised for their 2025 achievements.

During the evening parents, guardians, family and friends were updated on all the cadets achievements through out the year; including Army Cadet Syllabus Star Awards, Promotions, DofE Awards, SQA and BTEC Awards.



The night reflected on this years notable achievements, Cdt RSM Jørgensen on completing his Master Cadet Course, being appointed as the top cadet of Glasgow and Lanarkshire Bn ACF and as the Lord Lieutenant Cadet for Lanarkshire.



Cdts Fergus and Murray representing Scottish cadets at the National Cadet Rugby competing where they were part of the team that were runners up in both the Junior Male and Female rugby teams.

Three cadets, Cdt Amos, Baxter & Bowers were awarded their 1 Star Awards and Cdt LCpl Frame was promoted to Cdt LSgt recognising all her hard work withing the detachment. Cdt LCpl Garrett and Cdt LSgt Frame both received their DofE Bronze awards and Saltire awards (25 and 50 hours respectively).

Highlights of the night were the annual awards for drill, shooting, sports and NCO.

As always the most anticipated presentations were for Best NCO and Best Cadet of the Detachment as these reflect on the cadets efforts during the year, with the Best Cadet award being voted by the cadets in the detachment.

A full list of presentations are:

Drill - Cdt RSM Jorgensen

Air Rifle - Cdt RSM Jorgensen

GP A2 - Cdt LCpl Begg

Sports - Cdt Fergus & Murray

Most Improved - Cdt Hutchinson

NCO - Cdt LSgt Waugh

Cadet - Cdt Sgt Gough



The awards were presented by CSgt Chapman (centre) ~ Scots Guards Lead Coordinator (Regimental Support Team)

Regards

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