

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:

Paul Thomson and Malcolm McNally attended the Service of Remembrance at the Abuja National Military Cemetery, Nigeria. Also in the photograph is the Commander OP TARUS who is Grenadier Guards and his Chief Staff from the Life Guards. Former LCpl David McRobb (now Pipe Major of the RAF Pipes & Drums) also took part in the service.



Pipe Major David McRobb
(RAF Pipes & Drums)

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING DECEMBER IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945**2nd Battalion Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951**

29 December 1950 22215374 Gdsm Eric Duffell Age 18.

2nd Battalion Northern Ireland 1972

19 December 1972 24022903 LCpl Colin Harker (REME) Age 24.
Died of wounds from shooting in Londonderry Sept 1972.

2nd Battalion Northern Ireland 1973

31 December 1973 24141230 Gdsm Alan Daughtery Age 23. Killed Belfast (Off Falls Road).

1st Battalion Iraq 2007

13 December 2007 25065292 Gdsm Stephen Ferguson Age 31. South East Iraq.

DEATHS

Third Guards Club

Major General Thomas Anthony Boam CB CBE died 20 November 2023. Aged 91. Joined Gds Depot following commissioning at RMA Sandhurst Sept 1950. Pltn Comd 2SG Aug 1952. Served both Bns. Adj 2SG July 1957. Comd Off 2SG from Jan 1972. As a Major General he was posted to Washington & then Comd British Forces Hong Kong from June 1985 until Aug 1987. Retired Nov 1987 after 37 years service. Lived Sussex.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Whiteley died 27 October 2023, Aged 84. Commissioned into the Regt 1960. Served both Battalions including as a Coy Comd 1SG Jan 1968 to Mar 1971. Regt Adj Sept 1975 – Sept 1977. 2ic Gds Depot including attached to 1SG in Kenya Sept – Dec 1979. From Jan 1981 Comd Off 1UDR, DCOS London District then served HQNI. Lieutenant Colonel Commanding 1987 – 1987.

Association Members

Edinburgh & The Lothians

24327336 LSgt Arthur Dyke BEM. Died 7 November 2023. Served 1st Battalion Munster 1975, Chelsea & RHQ. He later worked at the Poppy Factory, Edinburgh for which he was awarded the BEM.

Dundee & Angus

23229952 LCpl James Ramsay. Died 22 November 2023. The funeral will be at Dundee Crematorium at 1230hrs on 6 December.

Glasgow

2705350 Sgt James Newall. Died 26 October 2023. Age 95. Served 2SG 1947 – 1952 including Malaya Emergency. Joined Motherwell & Wishaw Burgh Police, also served Lanarkshire, Glasgow retiring Dec 1982 as Superintendent.

23703104 William McGuinness Died 14 November 2023. Served 2SG Kenya 1962 – 64. Funeral 4 December 2023 at Glynhill Hotel, Paisley at 1100hrs. Thereafter to Arkleston Cemetery.

Fife

Captain Ian Amos Died 15 November 2023. Aged 76. Enlisted as a Junior Leader in 1962. 1SG Malaya & Borneo 1964 – 67. Edinburgh, Chelsea, Sharjah. G Sqn SAS. 1SG Munster to early 1976. Served 2SG Munster 1976 – 1979, Chelsea. CSM RF 2SG Falkland Islands 1982. Cyprus, DSgt Hounslow. RSM 1SG Pirbright 1987 – Hohne Mar 1989. Commissioned as TQM 1SG, served Gulf. QM 1SG & QM 9 Royal Irish (UDR). Lived Kirkliston. Funeral Thursday 30 November 2023 1300hrs at Lorimer Chapel, Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh and thereafter to Kirkliston Bowling Club.

Non Association Member

James Hutchison. Died 13 October 2023. Served Left Flank 1st Battalion 1980 – 81. He later served as a Dog Handler in 6th Bn Ulster Defence Regiment.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SGA Branch Dinners in November

See who you know?



SGA Australia Branch @Tweed Heads & Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch

Left to Right: Frankie Gallagher (RAF), John Linn (Secretary), Peter Boorman, Michael Tuffley (9 Coy IG att 1SG Malaya Borneo 1964 – 67), Jeff Field (son of Bert Field), Iain Townsley (Piper for the night & SAS), Ian Whyte (son of the late Major (QM) Donald Whyte)



Left.: SGA Ayrshire @ RAFA Club, Prestwick, Andy Cruickshank, Sandy Birnie (Glasgow), Graham Hopewell, David Mansell.



Right: SGA Fife @ Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy, L-R Sandy Low, Tam Mackie, Tam Paterson, Ernie Melville



Left: SGA Fife The Top Table marches in led by LSgt Warren (F Coy). Mark Mathewson, Capt Roddy Gow (GOH), Sir Robert Spencer Nairn (President), Major Jamie Drummond Moray (Coy Comd F Coy). Graham Fowler Supervises the drill!



Right: SGA Pipers Dinner @ The Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh, Major Mark Cape (Chairman Carlisle, D&G) with Ian Davidson.



SGA Pipers @ Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh. Pipers from the 1st Battalion Pirbright 1985
L-R: John Fraser, Dougie Watson, John Rae (Manager SG Club), P/M Jimmy Banks, Gavin Dykes, George Smith, Iain Lowther, Keith Bowes



SGA Preston Branch @ The Masonic Temple.
Including L – R: Captain Tom Gordon (Regt Rep), Paul Waddington, Colin Coull, Tony Gibson, LSgt Nick Wise, Lt Col Fraser (Comd Off, 4th Bn Duke of Lancaster's Regt ~ GOH), Michael Nutter (Secretary)



SGA Preston L – R: Sammy Cameron, Alf Clempson (Chairman), Tony Carter, Colin Duff (Glasgow).

SGA Pipers: The Boys from Golspie ~ John Rae, LSgt Mark Macrae & Dougie Watson.



SGA Durham & Yorkshire @ Woodham Golf Course. On 26 November the Branch held a St Andrew's Sunday Lunch which included F Company Guardsmen from the North East. I can spy my old pal John Findlay – Branch Treasurer (we enlisted together) on the left side.

The Durham & Yorkshire Branch is holding a 2nd St Andrew's Sunday Lunch on 3 December at The Royal Oak, Old Malton, North Yorkshire. Contact Branch Secretary WO2 Mark Wall email Mark.wall442@mod.gov.uk

It's All Relative @ The Fife Dinner



Major Jamie Drummond Moray (Coy Comd F Coy) was on hand to give the Regimental update. Both his father and uncle also attended so we got a photo for the family scrapbook.

His father Captain David Drummond Moray (right)

His uncle Captain John Drummond Moray (left)

The Scots Guards Malaya & Borneo Veterans

During the Regimental Gathering of 2013 hosted by the 1st Battalion at Catterick David Goddard in company with other former members of 1SG in Malaya suggested it would be a good idea to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Battalion leaving Pirbright to join 28th Commonwealth Brigade in Malacca, Malaysia.

In January 2014 it was decided that there was some mileage in the proposal and a committee was elected. David Goodard (Chairman), Sandy Low (Secretary), Captain Ronnie Paterson (Treasurer) & Brigadier Kim Ross immediately agreed to become President. A 50th Anniversary reunion took place in October 2014 at the Scots Guards Club and Sighthill Bowling Club over 2 nights. A SG Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Standard was marched on parade by 4 pipers led by P/M Jimmy Banks. It was donated by Sandy Low and presented to Brigadier Ross.

Later David Goddard handed over as Chairman to John Miller.

It was decided to hold biannual reunions on alternate years to the Regimental Gatherings. In 2015 a CD "Goodbye Kalabakan" was recorded by the late Rab Rosie (a renown singer and accordion player) who was the Battalion Pioneer Sgt in Malaya.

Just prior to Covid a large reunion was held in Blackpool and a decision was made that due to the increasing age of members future reunions would be on a smaller scale with members usually keeping in touch via Facebook.

More recently it was decided to present the Malaya Borneo Veterans Standard to the Scots Guards Club where it will be displayed. The presentation of the Standard took place on Friday 10 November at the Fife dinner. Captain David Drummond Moray was Pltn Comd of 10 Platoon, Left Flank in Malaya and in a small ceremony he handed the Standard over to Major Iain Dalziel Job ~ President of the Scots Guards Club.

At the Fife Branch Dinner on 10 November, nearly 60 years on from the 1st Battalion serving in Malaya & Borneo there were 8 members of the SGMBVA: Colonel Johnny Clavering, Captain David Drummond Moray, Jimmy Banks, Dougie Duthie, Jimmy Farmer, Sandy Low, Tam Mackie & Ernie Melville.



Captain David Drummond Moray hands the Malaya & Borneo Veterans Standard to Major Iain Dalziel Job (President Scots Guards Club).

IT's CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER

- Wed 13** **SGA Fife Christmas Lunch, Pinkertons, Glenrothes. £12.95**
- Wed 20** **SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon, Datchet Golf Club. 1230 – 1300hrs £30.00 per head (partners included) ~ £15.00 (Life Members). Cut off date Friday 1 December. Dress: Christmas Jumpers.**

EARLY DIARY DATES FOR 2024

JANUARY

- Sat 20** SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Burns Supper ~ Datchet Golf Club.
- Sat 20** SGA Glasgow Burns Supper ~ Glasgow Arts Club, 185 Bath Street.
- Sat 27** SGA Highlands & Islands Annual Dinner & Burns Supper ~ Inverness Legion Scotland Club.

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.

AN IMPROMPTU SCOTS GUARDS REUNION



Lt Col (Retd) Giles Taylor, Brig (Retd) Charles Page and Lt Col (Retd) Willie Swinton meet for dinner at Old Ebbitt Grill in Washington DC on Thursday 16 November

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NEXT EDITION OF THE SGA NEWSLETTER

This edition comes out a few days earlier than normal. The intention is that there will be a short Christmas Edition coming out around 10 / 11 December. Beyond that the first edition of 2024 will come out at the end of January. Meantime stay safe, and keep warm.



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