

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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Atlantic Guardsmen : The World's Toughest Row: Race Finished : Job Done: Well Done!

Time: 39 Days, 2 Hours & 59 Minutes

Congratulations to Lt Max Lawrence, Lt Roland Walker, LSgt Jimmy Tate, CSM Billy Botes

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING FEBRUARY IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

Malaya Emergency

4 February 1949

2695480 Lance Sergeant A Ferguson 2nd Battalion. Age 31.

Afghanistan

18 February 2010

25029834 Lance Sergeant David Walker Right Flank 1st Battalion was fatally wounded while Conducting ground domination patrol which was engaged by insurgent fire during Operation Moshtarak. Age 36.



LSgt David Walker

REGIMENTAL WEEKEND LONDON 14 – 16 APRIL 2023

Fri 14 April Evening WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association AGM. Sgts Mess, Wellington Barracks.

Sat 15 April SGA AGM, Wellington Barracks 1030hrs.

Sun 16 April Regimental Remembrance Sunday, 1100hrs. Guards Chapel.
Followed by parade to Guards Memorial / Wreath Laying.

There will be coffee available in the Guards Museum before the service.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Highlands & Islands Branch



President Alastair Hilleary models his new H&I Branch Polo Shirt.



Brian (Maxi) McDonald Branch Chairman was pleased to welcome Glasgow Branch Chairman, Captain Eddie Edmonstone into his home in Inverness on 6 January. Eddie was in Maxi's 3rd Brigade Squad and survived being locked up by him. Eddie came armed with gifts from the distillery at the bottom of his garden. H&I Branch Treasurer was on hand to referee.



Highlands & Islands Branch Annual Dinner (2022) & Burns Supper @ Chieftain Hotel, Inverness on 27 January

The Branch Dinner was rearranged from September 2022 due to the passing of the late Queen. Well done the Branch for a night full of Highland hospitality.

Left: Roddy Davidson (Treasurer), Dougie Watson (Pipers Branch Secretary), George Davidson (Former Secretary & Treasurer).



Right: Maxi McDonald (Chairman) recovering well from a recent hip replacement operation, Les Mason and Roddy. Maxi & Les enlisted in the Junior Leaders in the same intake and joined 2SG together. Maxi looking resplendent in the tartan of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders a Regiment his father served in during World War 2 (as did Roddy Davidson's and the editor's).



Murray Notman (1SG Hong Kong & Pirbright)
John McLennan (1SG Hohné),
Major Cammy Proudfoot (H&I Vice President)

Glasgow Branch



Burns Supper @ Glasgow Arts Club ~ 14 January

Left: Chairman Captain Eddie Edmonstone & Secretary Colin Dowie with performers, Moira Kerr (Reply to the Lassies in song), Ronnie Wilkie (Immortal Memory / Holy Willie's Prayer), Ronnie Cook (Tam o'Shanter).

Right: Ronnie Cook (Treasurer Designate), Jim McArthur (Retiring Treasurer), Don Lamont, Willie McCarroll (SGA North America).



The chef stays calm while under attack from Captain Ronnie Wilkie.
Piper Keith Bowes

Berks, Bucks & Oxon Branch



Kevin Gorman & Rab Ritchie



Burns Supper @ Datchet Golf Club - 21 January

Ronnie Wilkie undoubtedly "The Star o' Rabbie Burns"
Piper Graham Waller waits longingly for his nip!

SGA BBO Branch



Rab Ritchie reports a lovely visit to see Lt David Prain and his wife Diana during the Christmas period. By chance Major (Retired) Hugh Cantlie was also visiting. David Prain served in 2SG in BAOR & Chelsea Barracks in 1956 / 57.

Rear: John McCullins & Jim Simmonds (Chairman) Front: Major Hugh Cantlie, Christine McCullins, David & Diana Prain. Vice President Rab Ritchie was photographer for the day.

The SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon AGM will take place at Datchet Golf Club 1930 for 2000hrs on Friday 24 February 2022.

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

Fri 21 SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Annual Dinner, Scots Guards Club.

May

Sat 6 Coronation Day.

RHQ is asking for members of the Regiment who took part on the Coronation Parade in London on 2 June 1953 to let us know. If you were on parade and haven't already put your name forward please contact Neil Crockett Tel: 01383 721530 or Email: sga@scotsguards.org

June

Sat 3 Major General's Review King's Birthday Parade.

Fri 9 – Mon 12 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association Reunion, Blackpool.

Sat 10 Colonel's Review King's Birthday Parade.

Sat 17 King's Birthday Parade - 1st Battalion Welsh Guards.

Sat 24 National Armed Forces Day.

September

Sat 23 Regimental Band Concert, Dunfermline.

Sun 24 Regimental Gathering, Broomhall Estate, Dunfermline Fife.

Please let me know of your SGA Branch and other Scots Guards reunions.

More dates to be added soon.

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Third Guards Club

Lt HPC Bevan. Died December 2022. Age 86. Served 2SG 1955 – 57.

Fife Branch

22215390 CSgt Dave Young BEM. Died 8 January 2023. Served Gds Trg Bn, Pirbright, 1SG Egypt. Recruiting in Kirkcaldy, Fife 1960s for which he was awarded the BEM.

Dundee & Angus Branch

22551082 Gdsm Jim Cameron, Died 20 January 2023. Age 89. Served 1SG Cyprus & Egypt. Became Asst Chief Constable Dundee City Police.

NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

24585230 LCpl Mark Murdoch. Died 7 December 2022. Age 59 Served 2SG RF, G, COP, MT pre Falkland Islands to 1992.

2705331 LCpl Raymond Glenn. Died 23 December 2022. Age 93. Served 2SG 1947 – 52. Malaya Emergency & London,

CSgt Tommy Wilson. Died 27 December 2022. Age 88. Served Regt Band 1952 – 75 (Cornet Player). Lived Ontario, Canada.

Gdsm Bill Sutherland. Died 6 January 2023. Served inc 1SG Malaya & Borneo 1964 – 67.

Sgt James Gilmour MBE. Died 1 January 2023. Age 88. Served 2SG & Gds Depot 1952 – 1958. 1959 joined Motherwell & Wishaw Burgh Police. Retired from Strathclyde Police 1993 as Chief Superintendent. Lived Motherwell.

23229413 RSM Robert Milne Died 25 December 2022. Lived Dundee. Age 84. Enlisted in 1956 and served to 1982 with a short break from 1959-62 when he served in Dundee City Police. He was Rcting Sgt in Edinburgh in 1969, CSM G Coy 2SG 1974/75. 1976/77 DSgt 2SG, 1978 TQMS 2SG, 1979 WO2 Senior Inf Instructor RAC Training Regt, 1980/81 RSM Aberdeen University OTC.

Gdsm Walter Hodge. Died 16 January 2023. Lived Hampshire. Originally enlisted into REME, Transferred and Served 2SG Kenya & 1SG Malaya & Borneo. Brother of John Hodge SGA Dundee & Angus.



Bob Milne Recruiting in Edinburgh



Raymond Glenn @ QBP 1979



James Gilmour MBE

Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association

The committee led by Chairman Wullie Urban carried out a recce & planning meeting with the Bluewaters Hotel, Blackpool in advance of their annual reunion 9 – 12 June. Preparations are well advanced for a good weekend.

BITS AND PIECES



From Highlands & Islands Branch Treasurer Roddy Davidson Reports

Our local newspaper, the Inverness Courier, has a regular 'Picture Detective' series where readers are challenged to identify where and when a picture was taken, what the event was and can anyone in the picture be identified. The where was simple, it's Cameron Barracks, Inverness where the fathers of at least four branch members, John & Maxi MacDonald and George & Roddy Davidson, were stationed. Neil Crockett laughed off the challenge and quickly identified the Scots Guardsman **7th from the left in the front row** as the late WO2 Vince Parrot (he had been a member of (SGA Fife) and narrowed the 'when' to between 1988-91 as Vince was stationed with the Officer Training Corps (OTC) at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. Neil suggested that the group was possibly too large to be just the Edinburgh OTC so cadets from Aberdeen and Glasgow University's OTC are likely also to be pictured, attending some major training event. After Vince completed his regular army service, he was awarded a TA commission and continued working on the staff of the Edinburgh OTC for some time. Vince was originally from Lancaster but lived in Livingston, West Lothian. Sadly Vince Parrott died in 2020.

Veterans Survey

There is time to take part in the Veterans' Survey, which aims to learn more about the lives of the UK Armed Forces community, Veterans, and their families. The online UK Veterans Survey will close at **midnight on Thursday 2 February 2023**, and the paper UK Veterans Surveys need to be returned to the Office for National Statistics by **midnight on Friday 17 February 2023**.

Find out more and take part:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/surveys/informationforhouseholdsandindividuals/householdandindividualsurveys/veteranssurvey>

Scots Guards Club News

We are pleased to welcome everyone back into the Club after the festive break and send our New Year best wishes to all our members and friends.

December was a lovely month with lots of events in the function room and a bustling downstairs bar. The seniors' Christmas lunch and Members' Disco night were filled with joy and laughter and will live long in the memory.

January is of course the time for membership renewals and the easiest way to do this is to come in to the Club where we will sort you out there and then. If you can't make it in to the Club, you can make payment from the comfort of your own armchair by direct bank transfer to Sort Code 82-62-30 Acc No 60496650. Let us know once you have made payment and we'll get your card out to you ASAP. If you are a new member you will also need to provide your address. Membership for this year is £25 or £20 for over 65. Memberships make a huge difference to the finances of the Club and of course save you around 50 pence a drink!

The Club AGM will take place as usual this month at 1230hrs on 29 January. All members are welcome to attend.

Busy times ahead with international rugby days in February and March along with the legendary Scots Guards Rabbits Breakfast on 25 February.

Our Centenary year is now only one year away and it is time to get our thinking caps on to consider ways on how best to mark this very special landmark year. We would be happy to hear suggestions from one and all.

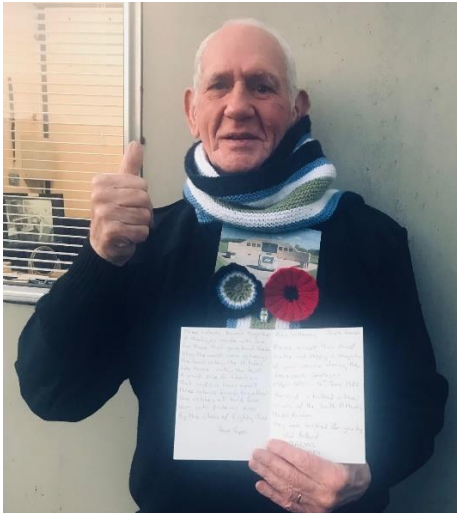
For the piping fans out there, we are delighted to announce that the knockout piping competition will start again at 4pm on Sunday 29 January. We are kicking off where we left off pre pandemic with two of the four semi-finalists playing the very best of bagpipe music as they compete for a place in the final. John Dew and Calum Brown will compete on 29 January with the next semi final taking place on Sunday 26 February between Angus McColl and Brighde Chaimbeul. £5 at the door secures you a fantastic piping experience with top quality musicians. .

That's it for now folks. Please keep coming in if you can and supporting this special place as we approach our Centenary Year. As ever.....all the best from all the Team!

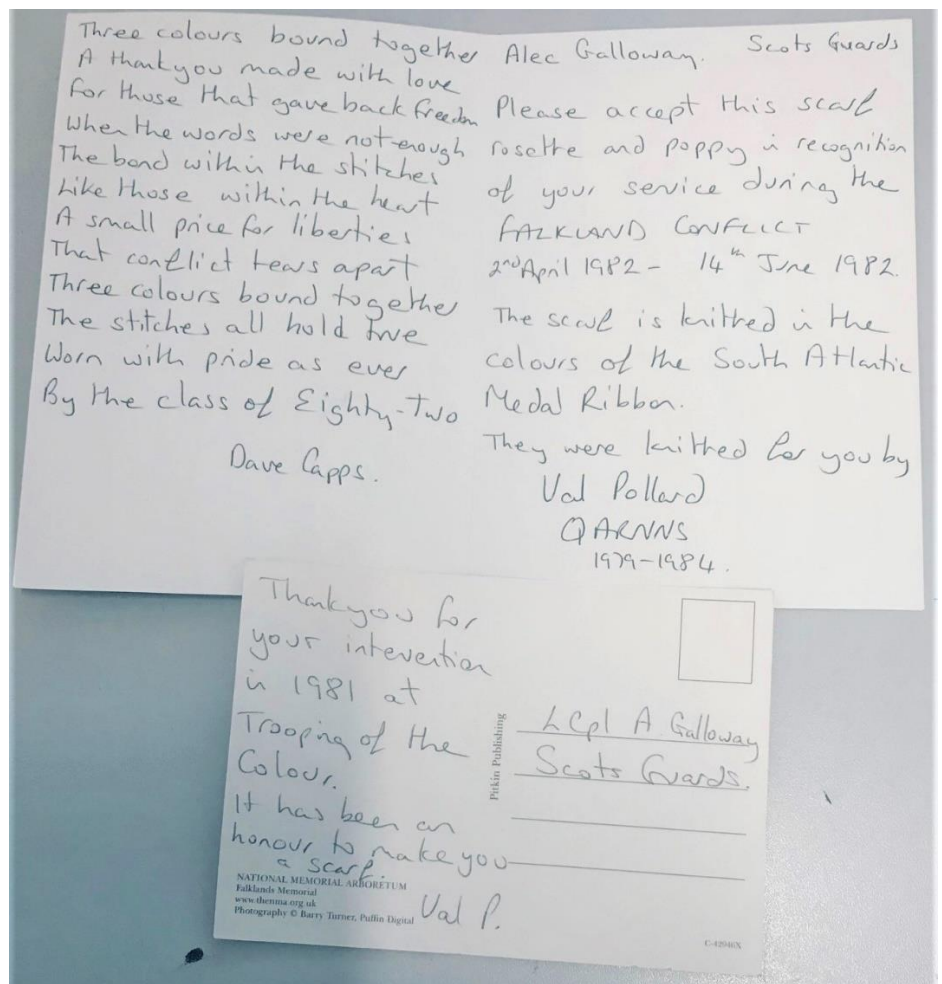
A Falkland's Scarf Made with Respect

Just 2 weeks ago Neil Crockett took a telephone call from Val Pollard a veteran Royal Naval nurse. Val explained she had watched a BBC TV programme about Windsor Castle which included an interview of Alec Galloway, she had spotted he was wearing a Falklands Medal. The interview was about Alec apprehending a man who fired blank rounds from a pistol at HM The late Queen while he was streetlining on the Mall at the Queen's Birthday Parade 1981.

She said that if he didn't have one she'd very much like to knit Alec a Falkland's scarf. Val realised it was a very long shot but did I know how to contact Alec. Little did Val know and she was pleased and very surprised when I told her I had Alec's number on my phone. I also had a bit of help from Rab Richie (Vice President of SGA BBO). I said that I'd need to check with Alec and if he agreed I would be able to put them in contact. Just over 10 days later it was a case of job done!



Alec looking great in his new Falklands Scarf and to Val Pollard ~ Thanks with a thumbs up



During his service Alec Galloway served in 2SG, The Guards Parachute Company, 1SG & 2SG in the Falkland Islands 1982