

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 Photographs:

Pipers & Drummers star on the Television

A New Year's Gathering on Jools Holland Hootenanny with Sir Rod Stewart.

LSgt Warren plays on ITV's 'This Morning' to celebrate Robert Burns.

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

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- the approximate year you started and ended your service - it does not have to be exact
- a recent [digital passport style photo](#), showing your head and shoulders

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Third Guards Club

The Honourable James Ogilvy. Died 3 January 2024. Lived near Grantham. Age 89. He served as a National Service Officer including with 1SG in the Canal Zone 1952 – 54. Brother of the late 13th Earl of Airlie.

Third Guards Club & North America Branch

Christopher Douglas Mackintosh. Died 14 January 2024. Age 93. Served from 1949 – 1951 with 1SG and mainly 2SG during the Malaya Emergency. For many years he was President of SGA North America Branch.

Third Guards Club & Fife Branch

Captain David Maurice Stirling Home Drummond Moray. Died 20 January 2024 age 79. Served 2SG Jan 1965. Joined 1SG in Malaya & Borneo, served Edinburgh & Chelsea to 1969. Served Gds Depot and was in charge of the Jungle Training Team for S Company in British Honduras 1971. David served until 1973. He lived in Perthshire and his son Major James Drummond Moray currently commands F Company.

The funeral will be held at Fowlis Wester, Crieff on 16 February 2024 at 1pm, at which all are most welcome.

Dundee & Angus Branch

23229836 WO1 Douglas Johnston. Died 2 January 2024. Served Orderly Room 1SG / 2SG & RHQ. Lived Dundee

Fife Branch & Tumbledown Veterans and Families Association

24141276 CSgt Thomas Paterson. Died 26 December 2023. Age 72. 1SG and 2SG to early 1990's Served Falkland Islands 1982. Lived High Valleyfield by Dunfermline, Fife

Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway Branch

23969085 LSgt Billy Scott Died 15 December 2023. Age 80. Served 2SG 1960s, well known Bn footballer. Lived Langholm.

Manchester Branch

22395635 Clifford Stratton. Died 14 December 2023. Age 91. Served early 1950's. Lived Derbyshire.

NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

24141240 Gdsm David Morley. Died 2 January 2024. Served 2SG G Coy & Mortars 1969 – 1975 included 2 tours of NI & Belize.

23517704 Gdsm Stan Deans. Died 29 December 2023 Served 2SG 1958 – 61. Lived Preston. Former Member SGA Preston.

Gdsm Roger Denwood Died 15 December 2023. Served MT 2SG 1980's including Cyprus. Lived Cockermouth.

24076842 James Smith Died 25 December 2023. Aged 74. Served 2SG F Coy 1967 – 75. Lived Aberdeen.

LCpl Sidney Tunmore Died 13 January 2024. Served 2SG approx 1961 – 63. Lived Matamata, New Zealand.

Les Wall Died 12 January 2024. Served 1SG & 2SG early – mid 70s. Lived Thailand

22551104 Gdsm Walter Greenwood. Died 15 December 2023. Age 89. Served 2SG 1952 – 55. Lived North Shields.

Steven Paton Died 5 January 2024. Served 2SG Falkland Islands 1982. Lived Dundee.

Gdsm Robert Pollock Died 25 January 2024. 10 Pltn, Left Flank 1SG Kenya 1979, Aldergrove 1980 – 81, Hong Kong. A good Guardsman to have at your side. Funeral 1030hrs 16 February 2024 at the Kilsyth Community Church, thereafter to local crematorium at 1100hrs.

THE SPRING ~ NO BETTER TIME TO BE IN LONDON



REGIMENTAL WEEKEND LONDON 12 – 14 APRIL 2024

Fri 12 April Evening – 1830hrs

- WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association AGM. Sgts Mess, Wellington Barracks.

Sat 13 April - 1030hrs

- SGA AGM, Wellington Barracks 1030hrs. Information will sent to SGA Branch Secretaries & updates

Sun 14 April - 1100hrs

- Regimental Remembrance Sunday – Guards Chapel.

All Scots Guardsmen of all ranks past and serving are encouraged to attend and are very welcome.

Regimental Remembrance Sunday will follow its normal form. All Scots Guardsmen past & serving are very welcome to attend. OOD: Suit / Blazer, Bde Tie, Large medals. No head dress.

SGA Wreath Layers are: Gds Chapel ~ Fife Branch, Guards Memorial ~ Preston Branch.

Access to Barracks: Must be via the main Guardroom at Petty France from 0930hrs onwards. Please carry ID: Example MOD 90 / SGA Membership

There is limited Car Parking in Barracks entrance via Petty France and follow instructions from Guardroom & SG parking guides. You are asked not to arrive by car if possible.

After the service the parade will form up on the Barrack Square in 6s. The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel will command the parade to the Guards Memorial where there will be a short service of wreath laying, marching back to Barracks, a salute will be taken just before re-entering Barracks. The parade will be dismissed.

There will be refreshments in the Other Ranks Dining Room and for those who want lunch it will be available on payment on the 'Pay to Dine System'.

Afterwards the Warrant Officers & Sgts Mess will be open.



RABBITS BREAKFAST 2024

The Rabbits Breakfast is for any former C or G Company personnel, including those still serving, who appreciate the finer things in life

Saturday 17th February 2024

Venue: SCOTS GUARDS CLUB

Timings: (Bar open 0800hrs)

Breakfast Call: 0955hrs

Seated by: 1000hrs

Menu: Porridge, Scottish Breakfast, 'Tot O Whisky'

The "address" to the haggis will be carried out.

Rab Russell will be the piper for the day

A Regimental Update will be given

Stovies served: PM

Photograph: 1300hrs (approx.)

Cost per person: £15.00

Payment will be at the breakfast

Accommodation if required: Guards Hotel 0131 337 1002.

Dress: Collar and tie, breakfast will be informal.

Sunday 18th February

Bar open: 1000hrs

Sunday Live music in club: 1400-1600hrs.

POC John Rae Club Manager. Pauline Arundel Bar Manager Telephone: 0131 337 1084.

Please, no selling or promoting of charities at the breakfast

FORECAST OF EVENTS UNTIL JUNE 2024

MARCH

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

Sat 9 SGA Borders Branch Dinner ~ Hawick Rugby Club. 1900 for 1930hrs

Note Well SGA Corby Central & Eastern Branch event is postponed and will be rearranged later in the year.

APRIL

Fri 25 SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Dinner ~ SGA Club. 1900 – 1930hrs.

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.

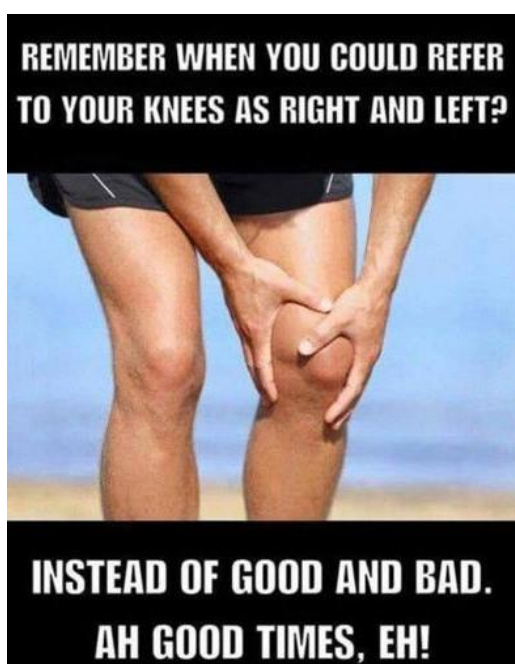
JUNE

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

Sat 15 SGA Glasgow Garden Party / Summer BBQ ~ Windyhills, Kilmacolm.

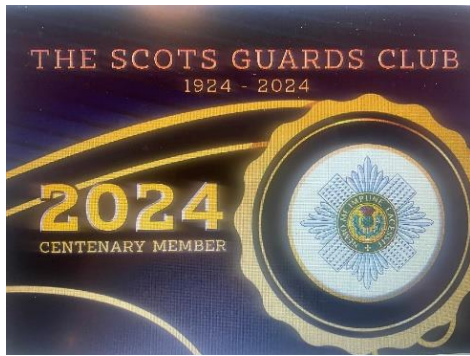
W/E 14 – 17 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association ~ Blackpool Weekend.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH



SCOTS GUARDS CLUB ~ CENTENARY YEAR

Happy 2024 to you and Happy Birthday to us!



Scots Guards Club Membership Card 2024

Lots of enquiries coming in about new and renewing membership so here's a wee reminder about how it works: The easiest way all round is simply to pop into the Club when you are next passing and one of the team will sort you out with membership there and then.

Memberships renew in January/February regardless of when you joined so if your card says 2023 you're due for renewal now. If you're not in town much then you can pay by BACS into Sort Code 82 62 30 Account No 60496650 and then email us at enquiries@scotsguardsclub.co.uk with your address so we can send your card out to you.

Cost of membership is £25 or £20 for over 65s. Thanks in advance for supporting the Club by becoming a member.

We are one hundred years old this year and looking forward to celebrating with you over the coming months as we mark this momentous achievement in various ways. We will be sharing much of the history of the Club on Facebook and via the newsletters and a publication will come out at some point documenting the history of the Club and our building here at 2 Clifton Terrace.

Aside from a number of 'fringe' events, the Centenary will be marked by two big party weekends. The weekend beginning Friday 21 June will see an open house weekend for all members with music, food, entertainment etc etc.

On the weekend of Friday 13 September, we will host an open weekend for the wider Scots Guards family which again, will have some fun add ons.

This month, our piping knockout competition resumes with the last of the quarter finals taking place on Sunday 28 January between the very talented pipers, Sandy Cameron and Christopher McLeish. Kick off is 4pm as usual with tickets £6 on the door and pies at half time.

The AGM of the Scots Guards Association Club Ltd will also take place within the Club on Sunday 28 January at 1pm and all members are welcome to attend.

February as usual will be a busy month with international rugby home games at Murrayfield on Saturday 10 and Saturday 24 February and the legendary Scots Guards Rabbits' Breakfast on 17 February. As ever, we are grateful to everyone for their patience and understanding on these very busy weekends.

On that note, the Club has become increasingly busy on football days when Hearts are playing at home, with a growing trend for groups of non members using the Club. While we are always pleased to see new faces, we have recently adopted a 'members and immediate signed in guests only' policy on these days to manage numbers and ensure that the Club remains accessible for our members.

Lunches remain ever popular and at £7 provide fantastic value for our members. Going forward, we will be serving lunches Monday through to Friday from 12-2.30pm, with pies/beans available on a Saturday as usual. We will no longer be offering hot food on a Sunday as most Sunday members come for the music session rather than lunch and from a kitchen/staffing point of view the logistics don't really work.

All The Best from the Team & Here's to a Great Year.

JANUARY ~ A TIME FOR RABBIE BURNS.

SGA GLASGOW



Three ISG Recce Pltn members from ISG Windsor & Munster 1971-74, Colin Coull, Willie McCarroll & Don Lamont.

The Pipers play ~ led by Keith Bowes.



Danny McDermid – ‘As lang’s my arm’



Glasgow Secretary Colin Downie ~ With the Lassies

SGA BERKS, BUCKS & OXON



Graham Waller, Willie Coffield, Iain Rodgers with families & friends.



Graham & Pat Fowler, Fiona Laden, David & Mhari O’Connell, John & Christine McCullin (Irish Guards) and their guests.

SGA HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS ANNUAL DINNER WITH A TOUCH OF BURNS.



Dale Woodham (RAF), Lenny Cowieson & LSgt Ewan Allison (ISG)



Roddy Davidson with Brian Harrison (SGA Aberdeen Chairman)



LSgt Richard Magarity & John MacLennan



David Welsh (H&I Member : Coldstream Guards) with Chairman Maxi MacDonald.



Branch President Alasdair Hilleary, Brigadier Harry Nickerson (Guest of Honour). 16 year old Piper Miles MacRae of British Legion Pipes & Drums who played superbly ~ Neil Crockett & Alasdair Hilleary contemplate Brigadier Harry Nickerson's "Ode to a Fart!"



Roddy Cantwell & Piper Max Scott (ISG)

Many thanks to Rab Sharp for many of the photographs.

1st BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS SGT'S MESS ~ BURNS SUPPER



Regimental Sergeant Major Heron Addresses The Haggis ~ with gusto!

“His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An cut you up wi ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like onie ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin, rich!



CSM Glenn, Captain Hamilton, RSM Heron members of the Pipes & Drums.

CSgt Thorley (kneeling centre) sang Robert Burns (& The Corries) “Braes O’ Killiecrankie”

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

Stayed with Robbie Burns for a well received concert in the Guards Chapel.

