

# 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**

**Neil Crockett  
Secretary & Editor**

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## Front Page Photographs

**Top:** Looking Good! It says it all - A certain Sunday Newspaper on the day after the Queen's Birthday Parade.

**Bottom Left:** From the Scots Guards Association & whole Regimental Family, well done to WO1 Lee Paxton (From Burntisland, Fife) on his appointment a Regimental Sergeant Major, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards).

**Bottom Right:** Nominal Roll of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards in the Falklands Islands 1982.



**Left:** Well Done to all on the Escort to the Colour from F Company, Particularly Lt HAM Digwall (Ensign), RSM Kirkwood, Sgt McInroy of the Colour Party and his 2 Guardsmen.

Very best wishes to WO1 Kirkwood in his new appointment as Academy Sergeant Major, RMA, Sandhurst.

**Right:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Scots Guards Falklands War dead. Plaque from the Memorial Cross on Tumbledown Mountain.

## WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JULY IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

19 July 1950 2705401 Gdsm William Clucas

### 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards – Afghanistan

21 July 2010 25183321 LCpl Stephen Monkhouse MC (Monkey)

21 July 2010 25154047 Cpl Matthew Stenton Royal Dragoon Guards – Killed alongside LCpl Monkhouse.



**LCpl Stephen Monkhouse**

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

**Regimental Gathering Saturday / Sunday 11 & 12 September 2021 – Somme Barracks, Catterick.**  
Confirmatory information will be given out as soon as possible via normal sources, hopefully by mid July.

Tickets are required for the Beating Retreat (Free) & The Gathering (£3.00). Car & Coach Passes will be required - all from Neil Crockett.

### **Annual Cenotaph Parade, Whitehall. London – Sunday 14 November 2021**

#### **Message from Major Tom Ormiston of SGA London Branch**

I have received word from the Royal British Legion that they are hoping to go ahead with the annual Cenotaph parade as normal this year, assuming the Government does not impose restrictions. I expect the Scots Guards Detachment to be issued 25 tickets but will not know for sure until early July. However, to prepare, please would all those who would like to attend send me their details as follows: Full name, address, email address, DOB, POB, number, rank, name, dates served and any campaign medals held? Even if you have sent me these details before, please send them again. My email for returns is: [t.ormiston@ntlworld.com](mailto:t.ormiston@ntlworld.com) As always, those who have marched before will be given priority and, if necessary, a ballot will be held for the remainder.

#### **Ayrshire Branch**

The members present also agreed that future meetings of the Branch should be held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next Branch meeting will be Wednesday 14 July 2021 at the Ex Services Club, Ayr at 1930hrs.

For more information about Branch events contact Jim Fraser Tel: 01294-211319 or email: [james.fraser279@gmail.com](mailto:james.fraser279@gmail.com)

#### **Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Branch**

Branch Golf Wednesday 14 July, SGA Veterans V Thorney Park Seniors play for the Ramsay Trophy.

The Branch holds meetings on the last Friday of each month. The next Branch meeting on is Friday 30 July 2021, at Datchet Golf Club 1930 for 2000hrs.

The Secretary is Rab Ritchie who can be contacted Tel: 07776411120 E-mail: [rab.ritchie@icloud.com](mailto:rab.ritchie@icloud.com)

#### **Fife Branch**

Gordon Dickson (Chairman) & Neil Crockett (Secretary) attended Fife Armed Forces Day Service at Dunfermline Abbey on Wednesday 23 June 2021. They also met up with Noel Murdoch who is a past Detachment Commander of the Scots Guards ACF, Newburgh. The service followed by a Civic Reception at the Glen Pavilion, Dunfermline.

The Annual Golf Competition (The Chairman's Trophy) will take place at Thornton Golf Club on Friday 23 July 2021.

Secretary Neil Crockett Tel: 01383 – 721530 Email: [neil.crockett@btopenworld.com](mailto:neil.crockett@btopenworld.com)

#### **London Branch**

The Branch will hold a Zoom meeting soon. Note change of email address for Ian Blair.

Secretary Ian Blair Tel: 07843 - 477772 Email: [blair605@btinternet.com](mailto:blair605@btinternet.com)

#### **Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland)**



Great to meet up in the Scots Guards Club on Sunday 27 June for a band practice. We had guy's in the room, more on zoom, so a hybrid chanter practice. Looking forward to an outside practice next month.

Pipe Major Iain Lowther Tel: 07484 637188 Email: [iain-lowther68@outlook.com](mailto:iain-lowther68@outlook.com)

## DEATHS

### Third Guards Club, London Branch & Surrey Branch

Captain David James Archibald. Died 11 June 2021

Enlisted as a Junior Guardsman in Pirbright in 1966.

Served in both Battalions plus a tour in Headquarters 4 Guards Armoured Brigade. Saw service in Sharjah, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Germany and in the Falkland Islands.

Served three tours of duty at Regimental Headquarters. The first as a Lance Sergeant, then as Superintending Clerk from 1983 to 1986 and Assistant Regimental Adjutant upon commissioning from 1987 to 1991.

He also spent a period of time in the Office of The Prince of Wales.

He was a very active and hugely influential member of the Regimental Historical Committee for many years and an extremely good mounter and framer of medals and pictures. The walls in the various rooms in Regimental Headquarters would look much less attractive and interesting had it not been for David's excellent work.

### Third Guards Club

Captain Charles Moncrieff. Died 19 June 2021.

Attended the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1950. Promoted to Lieutenant on 3 August 1953 and posted on to K Company, Guards Depot, Caterham on 18 January 1954. Posted to the Second Battalion in 1957 and on to 4th Guards Brigade as a Captain 18 November 1958. He transferred to the Army Reserve in 1960. He became a member of the Third Guards Club in 1956. Member of the Royal Company of Archers and lived in Perthshire.

## Association

### Aberdeen & North East Scotland Branch

22551628 Sgt James MacKay Died 27 June 2021. Served 2SG 1954 – 1957. Later Police Constable in Aberdeen City Police. Former Branch Secretary 1978 – 1987.

### Dundee & Angus Branch

24076938 WO1 Brian Sulley Died 13 June 2021. Enlisted 1967. Served RF 1SG Edinburgh, Chelsea & Sharjah. S Company British Honduras 1971. Thereafter the majority of his service was with 2SG, including CSM in Falklands 1982. He was RQMS RHQ and ended his service as RSM UOTC Aberdeen 1990. He was long serving Treasurer of the Branch. Lived Dundee.

## Non Association Members

23517929 John Roger Byrne Died 1 June 2021. Lived Durham. (Former Member SGA Durham & Yorkshire).

24288285 LCpl Duncan Fraser Died 9 June 2021 Enlisted Aug 1972. Served 1SG to 1978. Lived Aberdeenshire.

24095832 LCpl Robert Hutton Died 20 June 2021 Enlisted 1970. Served mostly 1SG until 1982. Lived Luton.

24127033 LCpl Mick Duke Died 18 June 2021 Enlisted 1968 Served 2SG until 1990. Lived Scarborough.  
(Former Member SGA Fife).

## **FORECAST OF SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION DINNERS 2021**

**Branches are working towards dinners being held as listed below. Further details in due course.**

Sat 18 September	Berks, Bucks & Ox	Datchet Golf Club	GOH Brigadier Douglas Erskine Crum
Sat 9 October	Pipers	Scots Guards Club	GOH Colonel J Clavering
Sat 9 October	Dundee & Angus	Invercarse Hotel	
Sat 16 October	Carlisle, Dumfries & Gall	Loc TBC.	
Fri 29 October	Aberdeen & NE Scotland	Althens Hotel	
Sat 30 October	Durham & Yorkshire	Sgts Mess, Somme Barracks	
Fri 5 November	Ayrshire	RAF Club, Prestwick	
Fri 12 November	Fife	Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy	
Fri 12 November	Manchester	Ukrainian Club	
Fri 19 November	Preston	Masonic Club	
Sat 27 November	London St Andrews	Union Jack Club	

## **EARLY DATES TO SAVE IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2022**

Sun 3 April (TBC)	Regimental Remembrance Sunday	Guards Chapel
10 – 13 June	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration & Reunion,	Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association.
30 July (TBC)	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Op Motorman Reunion,	Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

## **TUMBLEDOWN VETERANS & FAMILIES ASSOCIATION REUNION 25 – 28 JUNE 2021**

**By: Wullie Urban Chairman, Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association**

The Tumbledown Veterans and Families Association (TV&FA) held their 39th annual reunion of remembrance in Blackpool on the weekend of the 25th-28th June 2021. This year was a special year for the TV&FA as we were able to lay a plaque at the cenotaph for our fallen brothers. We welcomed General Mike Scott DSO and Captain Ronnie McKenzie who honoured us by unveiling the plaque, and padre Angus Smith who carried out the blessing.

Under the circumstances with Covid 19 the weekend was well attended. The weekend started on the Friday with a meet n greet in the Bedford Hotel, old friends met, and new ones made.

On the Saturday afternoon we held the AGM, again in the Bedford Hotel. We wished our old secretary Bill McDowall all the best for his future and thanked him for his dedicated service as TV&FA secretary. We welcomed Heather McGrath into the post as our new secretary. Saturday evening we held our social event at the Layton Institute, which was well attended, thank you to everyone for their full support in following the Covid 19 rules.

Our weekend was completed by holding our candle lighting ritual on Sunday evening, originally instigated by Bess Urban, massive thanks to everyone involved.

**We hope to welcome you all again to our 40th celebrations on the 10th/13th June 2022 Wullie Urban Chairman of Tumbledown Veterans and Families Association.**



**The TV&FA gather at Blackpool War Memorial after the unveiling of the plaque to remember 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards fallen at Tumbledown on 14 June 1982.**



**LEFT FLANK 1 SG  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY – OPERATION BANNER REUNION  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Introduction:**

As August 2021 is the fiftieth Anniversary of the Left Flank Tour of Ballymurphy, Belfast. It has been decided to hold a reunion get-together to mark the occasion.

**Location:**

The Gascoigne Room – Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, London, SE1 8UJ

**Format:**

The Reunion will take the form of a Private Drinks Reception commencing at 14.00 hrs followed by a help yourself Hot Buffet at 15.00 hrs. Tables will be laid with wine glasses and KFS for the consumption of your meal.

One Pint of beer or lager per person on arrival in the Gascoigne Room.

½ Bottle of wine per person red or white.

A Cheese Platter for 10 at each table.

Coffee or Tea and UJC Mints.

**Cost:**

The cost for this will be £35.00 per person.

**Response:**

include what part of Left Flank you served with during the 1971 tour of Ballymurphy. He will then reply by sending you payment details and the contact telephone number of the UJC Accommodation should you wish to stay at the club.

## NEWS FROM THE SERVING REGIMENT

### Queen's Birthday Honours & Commendations

Very Many Congratulations to all concerned.

#### Meritorious Service Medal

WO1 I Forat  
WO1 C Kirkwood  
WO2 A Bain

#### GOC Commendation

SSgt Huxtable  
LSgt Cotton  
LCpl Phillips



22 Gdsm recently Passed Out from Gds Coy, ITC Catterick.



Left: Congratulations to LCpl Liliequist on achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 2021 Major General's Bugle Competition.



Right: Defence Engagement in Northern Iraq.

**Left Flank 1SG in Kosovo.** The Company are part of the NATO led International Peacekeeping Force. They have recently hosted a Highland Games for the Coalition Forces who they share a camp with.



## MAJOR GENERAL ALASTAIR BRUCE OF CRIONAICH OBE VR DL GOVERNOR OF EDINBURGH CASTLE

On 24 June 2019, he assumed office as The Governor of Edinburgh Castle and after Covid delays he was installed as Governor on the second anniversary of his appointment. Commissioned into the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards in 1980. During his time as a platoon commander he saw active service in Northern Ireland and later in the Falklands War of 1982. The key bearer for the Installation Ceremony was Lt Lawrence, Scots Guards, son of Captain Robert Lawrence MC. GSM A Gibson oversaw the ceremonial.



## BITS & PIECES

### HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee – Date of The Queen’s Birthday Parade 2022

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen’s 70 years of service.

**The Queen's Birthday Parade, is usually held on the second Saturday in June, but in 2022 it will take place on the first day of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

## My Story

The Scots Guards Regimental Historical Committee is starting a project called ‘My Story’ to collect personal accounts from serving and former members of the Scots Guards. These accounts/memories could be based around operations or barrack life. They could be written (short anecdotes, letters, reports), photographs, film footage, or audio.

The ‘My Story’ initiative is an important and exciting opportunity to capture a collective and up-to-date memory of the Scots Guards from those serving and those who have served.

If you have something you wish to submit please send it to: LSgt Spence at [archives@scotsguards.org](mailto:archives@scotsguards.org) or by post to LSgt Spence, Headquarters Scots Guards, Wellington Barracks, Petty France, London SW1E 6HQ.

The Regimental Historical Committee will catalogue all material received as well as ascertain whether there may be sensitivities. Accession forms will be provided for all submissions once received.

### **Old Friends Reconnect**

#### **22551140 Robert Sharp & 22551141 Jim McPherson**

Two school friends from Edinburgh joined up together (as their numbers show) in 1952. They served in the same Guards Depot Squad under LCpl McKay at Caterham. Both joined 1SG in Egypt, Robert served in the Officers Mess & Left Flank, Jim served in C Company & the Orderly Room. On 1SG return to Wellington Barracks Robert was a LSgt RP until 1955. Later he was a Edinburgh City Policeman. Jim McPherson returned to Edinburgh to pursue a business career.

A recent chance comment on the SGA Facebook Group and an exchange of emails has now reconnected them. Jim McPherson is still based in Scotland's capital and he is Chairman of SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Branch. Robert now lives in British Columbia, Canada and he is a member of SGA North America Branch.

### **Preston District Veterans Council**

SGA Preston Branch Secretary Michael Nutter attended the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day at the National Arboretum on 6 June with a group from Preston District Veterans Council. The commemoration included live screening of the unveiling of the new D Day Memorial in Normandy.



**Michael Nutter reports "Great to meet my old Company Ops Officer Leo Docherty MP at the D Day 77 Anniversary".**



**From Michael "It was an absolute privilege to be in the company of a remarkable lady, Mary Turton ATS Bletchley Park 1943 – 45. She deciphered & analysed German Signals".**

**Name Dropping - I'm very pleased to report they were all in good form.**

**Brian Braun** An email received from my Old Mate & Best Man - "Muscles" A good Right Flanker 1SG 1970 -71. As Aberdonian as they come but now proudly in the English Police Fishing Team!

**George & Norma Cameron.** A meet up for lunch with George & Norma close to their home turf in rural Perthshire. A very small bunk shared with George in C Company in Cookstown 1978. Later as OMSM, George kept the young officers on the straight and narrow in Hohne.

**Bob (Ned) Kelly** A "short" telephone chat from Ned calling from Somerset.

**Paddy McEnhill** A catch up for a cup of coffee in Dunfermline Town with Paddy explaining to me (a non golfer) the intricacies of stroke play & driving golf buggies, before the Fife Branch Golf Competition at the end of July.

**John Rae** A catch up & lunch in the Scots Guards Club, thanks to John – He's very pleased to welcome members back into the club & hopes to see easing of restrictions allowing further opening up soon.

**Major Iain Dalzel Job** A near neighbour in Fife but first time I'd seen him since March 2020.

## SAMA Falklands Ride of Respect 2021

In the last two years, a team of four Airborne Forces Riders (two of which are Falklands veterans) have conducted a 'Ride of Respect' in support of The South Atlantic Medal Association (SAMA82) Registered Charity No: 1118842, who continue to support the veterans of that short but costly war, and the families of those who were lost, including Merchant Seamen and Royal Fleet Auxiliary. The aim of the Ride of Respect is four-fold:

**Remembrance** – to demonstrate that our fallen are not forgotten.

**Respect** – for their families, the pain of the loss of a son, husband, or brother continues.

**Awareness** – to let people know where our fallen lie so that they may also give due respect.

**Support** – fundraising for SAMA82 whose continued support gives comfort to veterans and families.

The '**Ride of Respect**' over the last two years has given great comfort to the families of those who fell and has demonstrated that as we approach the 40th anniversary of the war and the loss of their loved one, we will remember them and continue to do so.

### Itinerary

The Ride of Respect Team will be on the road from Saturday 31 July to Sunday 15 August. They will visit graves of Scots Guardsmen and LCpl John Pashley RE Para as follows:

<b>Sat 31 July – 1530hrs</b>	DSgt Danny Wight	Mortonhall Cemetery, EH16 6TX
<b>Sun 1 Aug - 1505hrs</b>	LSgt Clark Mitchell	Laurencekirk Cemetery, AB30 1PQ
<b>Tue 3 Aug - 1215hrs</b>	Sgt John Simeon	North Dalnotter Cemetery, G81 4 SL
<b>Tue 3 Aug - 1415hrs</b>	Gdsm Archibald Stirling	Cardonald Cemetery, G32 1SB
<b>Tue 3 Aug - 1530hrs</b>	Gdsm Derek Denholm	Sandymount Cemetery, G32 0HW
<b>Tue 3 Aug - 1830hrs</b>	Gdsm James Reynolds DCM	Knagerhill Cemetery, KA12 0HW
<b>Tue 3 Aug - 1830hrs</b>	Gdsm David Malcolmson	Knagerhill Cemetery, KA12 0HW
<b>Thu 5 Aug - 1430hrs</b>	Gdsm Ronald Tanbini	Kirkdale Cemetery, L9 9EN
<b>Fri 6 Aug - 1430hrs</b>	LCpl John Pashley RE Para	Ecklington War Memorial, S21 4BH

