

# SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## **Front Page Photographs ~ Falklands 40 Commemorations**

### **Top: Blackpool War Memorial Sunday 12 June**

As a part of their weekend reunion the Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association marched to the War Memorial for a short service of commemoration led by Padre Angus Smith. Colonel JDL Leask MBE (Regimental Lieutenant Colonel) took the salute.

### **Middle: Against the backdrop of the Household Division Memorial at the National Arboretum before the main commemoration on the afternoon of Tuesday 14 June**

Including: Major Colin Coull, Regt Adjutant, Linda Kitson (Falklands War Artist), Major Iain Dalzel Job, Les Swaney, Jim Gillanders, Major General Mike Scott, 3 x Right Flank Pltn Comd's Lt Mark Mathewson, Captain Robert Lawrence, Captain The Earl of Stair (then Viscount Dalrymple), Captain Anthony Fraser (Pltn Comd LF), Bereaved Families: Theresa Davidson & Sgt Jamie Simeon. Major Mark Cape.

### **Bottom: Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel, Pangbourne College Sunday 12 June**

Brigadier Charles Page reported that close to 1,000 bereaved families, veterans, their guests and other supporters attended the Service. They were fortunate to have our Colonel, HRH The Duke of Kent, join the Congregation and meet some of the bereaved families, veterans and Chapel supporters. Including 2SG Falklands Veterans Jim Gillanders, Les Swaney, Lieutenant Colonel (QM) Ewan Lawrie, Major General Sir Iain Mackay – Dick, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Crawford, Major General Alastair Bruce, Brigadier Charles Page (Chapel Trustee & Pltn Comd G Coy 82).

### **Falklands 40**



Taking part in the event to play “The Craggs of Tumbledown” worldwide at 1100hrs Saturday 18 June the Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland) played at Edinburgh Falklands 40 Commemoration in St Andrew’s Square.



**Padre Angus Smith with GSM A Gibson at Edinburgh’s St Andrews Square**



**National Arboretum Commemoration Falkland’s Veterans, Gareth Utting, Ian Davidson & Steve Duffy**



**Children of the Falkland Islands with Poppy Crosses on Mount Tumbledown**



**Maj Gen Jeff Mason MBE RM, Chairman of the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Trust with HRH The Colonel, Lt Col Ewan Lawrie OBE (TQM 2SG '82), Mrs Anne Lawrie and Jim Gillanders (G Coy, '82).**



**Falklands Islands Scouts led by Jan Miller pay their respects on Mount Tumbledown.**

## **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.

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **London Branch**

**2 July** we're having our BBQ at Esher Rugby Club midday to 4pm. This is our ultra-informal event, no speeches, no raffle just a very relaxed few hours with family and friends. Hopefully, some of the serving personnel might join us.

Chairman / Secretary Ian Blair Mob: 07843 477772

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### **Fife Branch**

The Branch Chairman's (Golf) Trophy will be held on Friday 22 July at Thornton Golf Club.

Email:

[neil.crockett@btopenworld.com](mailto:neil.crockett@btopenworld.com)

### **Glasgow Branch**

Next Branch meeting will take place on Monday 4th July, commencing at 1930hrs at the Glasgow Art Club, Bath Street, Glasgow. The agenda was previously distributed with the minutes from our previous meeting.

All members are encouraged to attend as are any former Scots Guardsmen who live in the Glasgow area.

A sandwich buffet will be served after the meeting.

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## Highlands & Islands Branch



**Laying Falklands wreaths at Cavell Gardens, Inverness** Alasdair Allen, Major Malcolm Dalziel-Job formerly Scots Guards (7<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Regiment of Scotland – Army Reserve), Major Cammy Proudfoot, Roderick Davidson, Maxi MacDonald, George Davidson, Danny MacLean.



**Highlands & Islands President**  
Mr Alastair Hilleary goes native



**Highlands & Islands Archery Day.** Major Cammy Proudfoot has the weight of Roddy Cantwell on his shoulders. Also Mrs Proudfoot, Rod Davidson (Treasurer), Alasdair Allen and Harry Obern (Secretary).

Secretary Harry Obern

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## Preston Branch



**Branch Standard on parade at Preston Armed Forces Day**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Scots Guards Warrant Officers Sergeants Past & Present Association Dinner – Friday 23 September 2022 - Edinburgh

The Scots Guards Warrant Officers and Sergeants Past & Present Association Dinner will be held in The Scotsman Hotel, Edinburgh on Friday 23 Sept. The price is £55 for members and £60 for guests. Also there will be a 15% discount for anyone who wishes to book a room that night. Further news on the dinner will be given out soon.

### Scots Guards Association Dinners - August – December 2022

Sat 20 Aug	Durham & Yorkshire	Woodham GC, Newton Aycliffe
Sat 3 Sep	Glasgow,	Lok Bar & Kitchen, Shawlands
Sat 10 Sep	London (Lunch Time)	Masonic Lodge, Twickenham.
Fri 23 Sep	Highlands & Islands,	Chieftain Hotel, Inverness
Sat 24 Sep	North America	Cobourg Inn, Ontario
Sat 8 Oct TBC	Dundee & Angus	Loc TBC
Sat 8 Oct	Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway,	Carlisle Golf Club
Sat 15 Oct	Berks, Bucks & Oxon,	Datchet Golf Club.
Fri 21 Oct	Corby, Central & Eastern	Hilton Hotel, Leicester.
Fri 28 Oct	Aberdeen & NE Scotland	Althens Hotel, Aberdeen
Fri 4 Nov	Ayrshire	Loc TBC
Fri 11Nov	Fife	Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy.
Fri 11Nov TBC	Manchester	Loc TBC
Fri 18 Nov	Preston	Masonic Hall, Preston.

## DEATHS

### ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

#### Berks, Bucks & Oxon

2705346 CSgt Fred Jones Died 19 May 2022. Aged 92. Enlisted aged 17 in March 1947 – Served 2SG Malaya 1948 – 51, Attached Kenya Regt 1956 - 61, 2SG Kenya to 1964. Lived Taunton, Somerset.

#### Highlands & Islands

James Donaldson, Died 11 June 2022. Age 82. Served 1957 – 69 2SG. Lived Alness.

#### London

22551774 David Walker Died 26 June 2022. Served Mid 1950s 1SG, Lived Lydd, Kent.

### NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

24096967 Gdsm Robert Lambie Died April 2022. Served 1SG late 1968 Chelsea, Sharjah.



## NEWS FROM 1<sup>st</sup> BN SCOTS GUARDS

The Battalion has been extremely busy as it builds on the strong foundation of infantry skills it developed in Belize on Exercise Mayan Storm. The Companies have been away doing a myriad of different exercises. Overarching all the individual Company tasks is the Battalion resubordinating to 20X which will provide a host of new and exciting opportunities. Furthermore, the Battalion has assumed part of the role of the UK Standby Battalion (UKSB) thus being able to, on top of everything else, be able to provide service men and women to help civil authorities at short notice.

**Right Flank** is currently the enabling Company, providing training and support to the rest of the Battalion. The Training wing continues to provide rigorous and austere training to the Battalion including pre-cadres for Junior non-commissioned Officers to ensure that they are best prepared for their promotion courses. They are also building up our night-firing ability with complex and demanding night ranges planned. There is a right flank platoon out in the Falkland Islands which will be there for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assault on Mount Tumbledown by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion.

**B Company** have deployed to Poland on Exercise Defender 22 with the Kings Royal Hussars Battlegroup. They have formed a dedicated anti-tank Company that was truly put to the test out in Poland. The exercise and capability were a resounding success. They are, concurrently, preparing for deployment, later in the year, to Estonia on Operation CABRIT.

**C Company** have continued to build and develop their readiness capability as they will be providing the bulk of the mass for the Battalion's contribution to the UKSB commitment. They are, concurrently, training and preparing for exciting training opportunities later in the year.

**HQ Company**, as ever, is working hard to facilitate all the great training and opportunities that are ongoing within the Battalion.

**Left Flank** have recently returned from Cyprus where they conducted the self-generated exercise Tartan Sun to prepare for their alignment to Op Orbital. The potential for different forms this commitment might take necessitated a demanding and varied exercise. They have returned from this and are now ensuring they continue to be in the best place possible to be able to go anywhere or do anything.

### Miscellaneous

A team from the Scots Guards has successfully summited Mount Denali, the highest peak in North America, which is a fantastic achievement. One of the team was Sgt Clarke who is to start at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in September. He will join no less than six CSgt Instructors already at the academy from the Scots Guards. This is an immense reflection of the superlative quality of the Senior Non Commissioned Officers within the Scots Guards.

### Look forward to....

Left Flank is poised and ready to deploy on Operation Orbital when required. Furthermore, the Battalion has seen its focus shift towards the Prime Minister's announcement that the UK would be training thousands of Ukrainian troops.

## BITS & PIECES

### Drums Company Reunion 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards

#### From Dave Rennie

The reunion for the Drums Company, the Corps of Drums and the Pipes and Drums of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the Scots Guards Club in Edinburgh. The event which was planned for over a year was a success, originally there were some 40+ former members who said that they would be there. On the day we had about 30 former members of the Drums Company, and some who were 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion which was great to see, some had to cancel due to sickness which was sad and some unfortunately missed the group photograph due to Scot Rail issues. It was great to be able to get together once again, the last reunion was some eleven years ago when over that time we have lost friends, needless to say they were remembered by everyone who knew them. To those who managed to make it, thank you for attending until the next one.



Answering "The Drummers Call"

## **Operation Motorman 50 Reunion – Scots Guards Club – Saturday 30 July 2022.**

Looking for Scots Guardsmen who served on Op Motorman or Op Banner and friends or other veterans.

Our reunion will take place in the Scots Guards Club on Saturday 30 July 2022 to mark the 50th Anniversary of Op Motorman which the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards took part in the Province of Northern Ireland. The 2nd Battalions task on this operation was to clear out “the No Go area’s” which had been set up by large elements of PIRA in the Bogside area of Londonderry in 1972.

**I would ask any one who is going to attend this 50th Anniversary event if they could email or message Charlie Knott if not already done. Confirmation of numbers is needed for the buffet and a curry later in the evening. The cost of this will be £10 for both**

All Timings are the good old Scottish ish. ie Toast 12.00ish

Dress: smart / casual, Ladies as beautiful as usual 😊

Amongst those attending Col Clavering OBE MC, Rev'd Angus Smith, Angus Cheape, Captain Syd Carnegie, Norrie Fee.

Bar opens at 10.00am upstairs lounge

Padre's Blessing

Toast 12.00 whisky provided by the club

The Queen

Toasts to the fallen and Absent Friends.

Address by Colonel Clavering OBE MC

Presentation to the club to mark the 50th anniversary Op Motorman

Buffet 13.00ish

Red band system once you pay you get a red band for buffet and curry later

Mike Day 13.30

Group Photograph, and photos of the event during the day

Auction / Raffle 15.00Ish

Chicken curry 17.00ish show your red wrist band .

**Email:** cknott2424@aol.com

## **Pacesticking @ RMA Sandhurst**



**3<sup>rd</sup> from the left: In Pensioner Colin Paterson (SGA London & SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon) reports:**

A fantastic day at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Pacesticking International competition. 17 British Army teams and 7 International teams took part. Bahrain were 1st in the International Competition and The Logistics Corp were 1st in Britain. The Royal Hospital Chelsea 'A' Team came 4th overall of which we are very proud. 'Ecstatic'!

## **PROVISION OF INFORMATION FROM THE SCOTS GUARDS ARCHIVES WEF 29 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **Introduction**

The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, with the concurrence of the Chairman of The Scots Guards Charity, has made the following direction, to take immediate effect, with regard to the provision of information from the Scots Guards Archives about individual officers and soldiers.

### **Future arrangements for provision of information free of charge**

Subject to data protection regulations, information about individual members of the Regiment will be provided free of charge if the applicant is:

The individual concerned

Wife/Partner/Widow of the individual

Sibling of the individual

Father or mother of the individual

Son or daughter of the individual

Applicants are requested to provide the Archives NCO with as much information as they can about the individual concerned and to note that, in the event that they are unable to provide a soldier's regimental number, it may not be possible to provide any information. Provision of a regimental number is not applicable to officers.

### **Future arrangements for provision of information in all other cases**

In all other cases, but subject to data protection regulations, information about individual members of the Regiment will be provided on payment by the applicant of a non-returnable £30 fee for each individual enquiry [i.e. for each file requested], to be paid to The Scots Guards Charity in advance.

Applicants are asked to note that all fees received are gratefully appreciated and applied to the conservation and enhancement of the Archives.

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Before they apply on a paying basis the attention of prospective applicants is drawn to the availability on the Findmypast genealogy website of all available Scots Guards officers and soldiers records up to 1938 commissioning or enlistment. The main purposes of the contract between The Scots Guards Charity and Findmypast were to make this information readily available publicly and to reduce the handling of archive material. Under the contract Findmypast makes royalty payments to The Scots Guards Charity.

**Contact Archives** Email: [archives@rhqscotsguards.co.uk](mailto:archives@rhqscotsguards.co.uk)

### **Research**

While the Archives NCO is able to look out documents and carry out quick checks of contents, he is not in a position to carry out

### **Scots Guards Memorial Project**

Many of you will remember the Scots Guards Memorial Project set up some years ago.

Captain (Retd) Michael – Lamerton asks that during the summer when you are on trips out & about across the UK you take time to look out for memorials to Scots Guardsmen. Last year Mikie Campbell – Lamerton reminded us all of the project with his message below:

I am a member of our Regiment's Historical Committee. I took on the responsibility in 2020, from Neil Crockett, to manage the project that we have to keep a record of any memorials to Scots Guardsmen. This can be any memorial, even if it has disappeared or is recorded in a book or publication, for us any memorial will do. I am therefore asking if you happen to come across a memorial (not in a Commonwealth War Grave Cemeteries or Memorials) to a member of our Regiment, either visually or online I would be grateful if you could perhaps take a picture or send me a web link.

Example would be a Scots Guardsmen listed on a village war memorial or on a plaque in a church. Please email me [Michael@hallestate.co.uk](mailto:Michael@hallestate.co.uk) a photograph and where the picture was taken. The plan in the future is to add a section on memorials in the Scots Guards website. I would be grateful for anything that you can send to me, thank you.

**Mikie Campbell-Lamerton**



## Peacehaven Cliff Abseil

IP Colin Paterson abseiled down Peacehaven Cliffs for the Veterans Care Charity. Colin is a member of both SGA London & SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Branches.



At the Top & Raring to go!



Colin Paterson with supporters Graham Fowler & Ian Blair (SGA London Chairman)

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Major Colin Coull on being awarded the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver) in The Queen's Birthday Honours for his service as Divisional Sergeant Major, The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard



Congratulations to Captain Graham Fowler awarded his SSAFA ten-year long service certificate belated by 2 years due to covid.



## Edinburgh Armed Forces Day 2022



Major Fred Hardie, Freddie Collins, Alan Tweedie Paul Dickson & Willie Urban



You made rubbish coffee in Kenya 1979 young Alan Tweedie & it hasn't improved since, that's why I'm drinking beer!!



We're all here somewhere



Brian Ward (Events Manager – Legion Scotland) with Paul Dickson & his good lady

### Meeting Up

Over the past month I've met lots of friends from across the years, This is a just a few.

Peter Sullivan – A quick trip to see my sister in Birkenhead & a also chance to catch up with her neighbour Peter, a friend from 1SG.

Captain The Earl of Stair – 35+ years since we last spoke face to face in Left Flank, 1SG, Forkhill 1986. We met at Edinburgh, Falklands 40 Commemorations.

Gordon Aitchison – After service with RF 2SG in the Falklands, Gordon came to Left Flank, 1SG, Pirbright & Forkhill 1986 – 87. Good to meet up and have a natter.

Eddie McKay – As ever good to see him & looking so well at Blackpool Falklands 40. Eddie was my Section Comd at the Guards Depot Jan 1969 and a friend through the years. Oh, and good to see Gillian too!

Keith Reid – Chairman SGA Merseyside who was there to see his pal Eddie McKay.

Lt Col Richard Spencer - I knew his as a Company Officer in K Company, Guards Depot 1969 and Coy 2ic of G Company, 1SG in Belfast 1971. He later transferred to the Army Legal Corps. Very good to see him at Edinburgh Falklands 40.

David Rennie – Secretary of SGA North America. He was in UK to see his family to be at the Drums Reunion in the SG Club and attend Falklands 40 at Blackpool. Having exchanged emails on SGA matters, it was very good to meet up with him.

If we met up but you don't get a mention, space is running out - Great to see you all.

**Surely what it's all about!**