

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: Lots going on in the past month. What better way than to tell the story in pictures.

Colours on Parade – It's Standard.

Top: Fife Armed Forces Day Flag Raising @ The Glen, Dunfermline

L-R: Kenny Lawson with SGA National Standard, Neil Crockett, Rab McIntyre, Ernie Melville, Tam Marshall & Fife Branch Standard, Paddy McEnhill.

Bottom: Dundee & Angus Old Standard is laid up in the Scots Guards Club. Bruce Henderson hands over the old Branch Standard to Club Manager, John Rae.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JUNE IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

2nd Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

19 July 1950 2705401 Gdsm William Clucas

1st 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.

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Glasgow Branch

22992957 Jack Murray. Died 1 June 2023. Funeral 5 July 2023 at 1130hrs, Clydebank Crematorium.

Edinburgh & The Lothians

24716182 Gdsm Steven Simpson. Died 19 June 2023. Age 56. Served Right Flank 1SG. Funeral Wed 6 July 2023 at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh.

Durham & Yorkshire

22215313 LSgt Joe Wall Died 2 June 2023. Served from 1949 - 1965 he was in Malaya 1949 - 1951 with G Company 2SG and later C Company 1SG & the MT Platoon.

23703259 David Thatcher. Died 29 June 2023. Served 1962 – 1968 approx, 1SG Sigs Pltn Malaya/Borneo. Also member of SG Malaya / Borneo Gp and 1SG Sigs Pltn Malaya Gp.

Guards Para Association

Captain Cyd Loveday Died 17 June 2023. Served from 1960 to 1992 with 2SG, the Guards Para Coy, CSM LF & DSgt 1SG (Chelsea, Aldergrove), DSgt Gds Depot, RSM IJLB Shorncliffe. Commissioned 1986 – 1992. Funeral at Hereford Crematorium, HR4 0JE at 12 July 2023 @ 1215hrs. After funeral coach / car's arranged to take those arriving by train on to funeral reception and return to Hereford Rail Stn by 1620hrs.

NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Gdsm Bruce Kilshaw Died 12 May 2023. Served 1976 – 79 2SG & 1SG (Mortars). His funeral will take place on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 1530hrs at Gwent Crematorium, Treherbert Road, Cwmbran, NP44 2BZ

Dmr Rick Walker. Died late May 2023. Enlisted 1980. Served 1SG Corps of Drums Hong Kong, Lived Loughborough.

WO2 Trevor Weston Died 15 May 2023. Enlisted Coldstream Guards & attached to Left Flank 1SG in Hohna & Op Granby 1991. Transferred and served with SASC.

William (Wullie) Lightheart. Died June 2023. Served 2SG in the 1960s.

Third Guards Club

Hon Alastair Hoyer – Millar Died 20 May 2023 Age 82. Served 1SG & 2SG BAOR.

Captain Frank Hope Died 13 June 2023. Served 2SG & 1SG. CSM F Coy in Hong Kong 1971 (under Irish Gds). Late 1975/ early 77 he was DSgt 1SG in Chelsea. RSM AAC Harrogate. Commissioned 1978 -83. Lived Glasgow.



Lieutenant The Lord Ogilvy prior to rain cancelled Kings Birthday Parade of 1948, he became The Earl of Airlie in 1968

Regimental Headquarters announces the death of one of the longest serving members of the Third Guards Club. He was a World War 2 Veteran and on 2020 on VE Day 75 he received a letter of thanks for his service from the then Regimental Lieutenant Colonel.

Born in 1926 David Ogilvy, 13th Earl of Airlie, died peacefully at the age of 97, in his London home, on 26 June 2023. Coming from a family which had supported the Stuart dynasty in both the Civil Wars of 1642–52 and the Jacobite Rebellions of the 'Fifteen and the Forty-Five', soldiering was in his blood. Both his paternal grandfather, the 11th Earl of Airlie, killed in action commanding the 12th Lancers in the Boer War, and his maternal grandfather, Thomas Coke, 3rd Earl of Leicester, had served in the Scots Guards, as did his father, and both of his brothers, Angus and James. Each of his three sisters Jean, Margaret and Griselda married Guards Officers, two of them being Scots Guardsmen (Iain Tennant and Peter Balfour).

In 1943 he pressed his parents to leave Eton early, and the following year he was commissioned into the Regiment, just before the War ended, serving the remainder of 1945 in BAOR in the Third Battalion, before joining the Second Battalion, first in Germany and then in London. He was detailed to be the Subaltern of the Escort in 1948 with his brother, Angus, carrying the Colour, in the first King's Birthday parade after the War in Home Service Clothing; sadly, cancelled at the last moment due to rain.

In September 1948 he sailed with the Second Battalion to Malaya, where, as a Platoon Commander, he participated in a number of fierce skirmishes, including one where his Platoon Sergeant was very badly wounded. In March 1949 he was promoted Captain, becoming Second-in Command of Left Flank. He was recalled to London in May 1949 and transferred to the Training Battalion, leaving the Army in 1950.

In early 1953 he joined J. Henry Schroder & Co and pursued a highly successful career in the city, serving as the Chairman of Schroders from 1977–84, before leaving to take up the post of Lord Chamberlain of The Queen's Household, in December 1984. In this position he was responsible, with Michael Peat, for reorganising the finances and reforming the working culture of the Royal Household, helping the monarchy to navigate through the difficult years of the Windsor Castle Fire, in the Queen's "*annus horribilis*" of 1992, and the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997.

David Airlie also served as Chairman of General Accident 1987–97, was Lord Lieutenant of Angus 1989–2001, and latterly the Captain-General of the Royal Company of Archers (The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland) and Gold Stick for Scotland 2004–12, as well as being Chancellor of the Order of the Thistle from 2007 until his death. In addition, he spent almost all of his adult life restoring the financial health of the family estates in Angus, at Cortachy and Airlie.

He is survived by his wife Ginnie, Countess of Airlie, who was for nearly 50 years a Lady-in-Waiting to the late Queen, and his six children and fourteen grandchildren.

REGIMENTAL GATHERING SATURDAY & SUNDAY 23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Saturday 23 Sept 1100hrs St Andrew Square, Edinburgh ~ The Regimental Band & Pipers will play.

Saturday 23 Sept Day / Eve The Scots Guards Club will be open.

Saturday 23 Sept 1900hrs The Regimental Band & Pipers will play in Concert at Dunfermline Abbey.

Saturday 23 Sept 2045hrs A Buffet Supper in Dunfermline Legion Scotland Club.

Sunday 24 Sept 1200hrs – 1630hrs **Regimental Gathering @ Broomhall House, Dunfermline, Fife**

Information about tickets for the Gathering are now being circulated to SGA Branches and across the Regimental family including on our SGA Facebook Group. If you don't receive information or have a question please email Neil Crockett sga@scotsguards.org

FALKLANDS 41



Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association parade for a service of Remembrance at Blackpool War Memorial

The Tumbledown Veterans and Families Association held their 41st anniversary weekend event to commemorate their fallen brothers during the Falklands conflict. Friday 9th June 2023 a meet and greet took place at the Bluewaters Hotel Blackpool, to which, the association have an affiliation. Saturday 10th June 2023 our annual AGM took place. This was also held at the Bluewaters Hotel. In the evening a social gathering took place in the function suite.

Sunday 11th June 2023 our service of commemoration took place at the war memorial Blackpool. Leading our service was Reverend Canon Dr Simon Cox. Also in attendance were Blackpool's Mayor Gillian Campbell together with assistant Mayor Adrian Hoyle.



Pangbourne:

Falklands veterans and their guests came together on Sunday 11 June for the Falkland Island Memorial Chapel Service at Pangbourne College. It is very good to see such a strong showing from the 2nd Battalion and included in the photograph are Major General Sir Iain Mackay-Dick (formerly 2IC), Major Iain Dalzel-Job (formally OC G Company) and Lieutenant Colonel Ewan Lawrie (formally QM). Jim Gillanders (formally G Company) did a great job bringing together and organising the group.

ASSOCIATION NEWS



Glasgow Branch came together for their Garden Party at Kilbryde Castle Home of Captain Sir James Campbell. L-R: Tam James (Fife), David Mansell, Davy Milligan, Pat Campbell, Bobby Lennox & Colin Hitchen



Great to meet up with John Linn Secretary of Australia Branch for a pint & a natter at the Scots Guards Club.



Glasgow Branch @ Kilbryde Castle : Captain Sir James Campbell front left. Some well known Glasgow Branch members in the group, Bob Riddle, Jim McArthur, Jim McLusky, Sandy Birnie, Ronnie Cook, Willie Tam McDonald, Keith Norwood, Mark McKenzie



Edinburgh Armed Forces Day: Neil Crockett, Peter Simpson, Captain Syd Carnegie, Major Iain Dalzel Job, Gordon Smith, Major Andrew Bell, Brian Ward (Events Manager Legion Scotland).



Left: Lancashire Armed Forces Day Reception: Preson Branch Chairman Councillor Alf Clempson (Lancashire County Council Armed Forces Champion), Councillor Keith Iddon, Piper Redford, Deputy Lord Lt Edwin Booth CBE & Preston Branch Treasurer Steve Hill.

Right: Preston Armed Forces Day: Parade Marshall & Branch Secretary Michael Nutter.



Preston AFD: Branch Standard Bearer – Jimmy Killeen

SGA HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS BRANCH

On noting that the headstone of Guardsman Paul Nicholls grave at Halkirk Cemetery in Northern Scotland needed attention the Branch took on the job to have it refurbished. The branch shared the cost with Paul Nicholl's family.

24141336 Guardsman Paul Nicholls, Age 18 was killed in St James Crescent (off Falls Road), Belfast Saturday 27 November 1971, while serving in 8 Platoon, G Company, 1st Battalion Scots Guards.





David Ball, Caseworker staffs the SSAFA Stall at the Royal Highland Show

Two former Scots Guards Captains in different uniforms in Hamilton in June as the Royal Regiment of Scotland received the Freedom of South Lanarkshire. John Brown, who has strong links to South Lanarkshire and whose brother served 22 years in the Royal Regiment of Scotland, is a response officer in the Metropolitan Police. Malcolm Dalzel-Job joined the 7th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland after he left the Scots Guards and is based in Stornoway and Inverness. John and Malcolm served together in Helmand in 2010.”

SCOTS GUARDS CLUB – SUMMER NEWS

We are delighted to say that lunches will be served again from Monday 26 June, now that our new kitchen is at last complete. The menu will change from time to time and we welcome feedback and suggestions going forward. Many will be pleased that fish and chips is once again on the menu along with scampi, curry, macaroni, salads, paninis and wraps etc. The full menu will be available from 12-3pm each day. Beyond that timeframe, only non fried food will be served.

From Monday 26 June we are running a summer offer on Strongbow Dark Fruits at £3 a pint. Just the job for sitting out the back in the sunshine! On that note, our garden is set up and looking swell. As many of you know it is a little sun trap and completely sheltered from the hustle and bustle of the Haymarket junction. Come and enjoy a cool pint, a chilled glass of wine or whatever takes your fancy on a fine summer's day.

The Club is on the lookout for an additional part time member of staff to help cover day to day bar and/or kitchen duties so if you or someone you know is looking for something like that then please give us a shout. We also still hope to recruit an in-house cleaner at some point, working for a couple of hours daily over five or so days a week.

We have been refreshing the bar and our stock range so hopefully you will notice some new products and offers when you are next in. Remember, our prices offer great value and if you are a member then you continue to enjoy around 50 pence per drink discount.

As mentioned in the opening paragraph, the kitchen is now complete and provides a modern, catering standard facility which will take us forward into our centenary year and beyond. This is a major investment for the Club and we will be working hard to grow our day time business with the provision of good quality, simple food at great prices. We hope that many of you will come in and support us in this venture.

Music is a standard feature of Thursday evenings in the Club with Kit and friends in residence in the bay window. Fun and friendship is also an integral part of these nights and we can always squeeze a few more in! We are working to build up a pool of musical talent who can provide some background live music on Sunday afternoons. At the moment we have music every couple of weeks but we would like to build this to every Sunday. Recommendations gratefully received.

That's it for now. Enjoy the summer and as ever..... all the best from all the Team!

1st BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS PACESTICKING COMPETITION

The Association was invited by Regimental Sergeant Major Heron & his Mess Members to attend the Battalion Pacesticking Competition in early June. In the event only a small number could make it and they were well hosted. When the photo's appeared on social media there was a very quick response by Scots Guards Veteran Pacestickers that an SGA Team or 2 should take part next time - Well why not!



Left Seated: John Marshall (SGA Edinburgh and The Lothians & Friend (R Sigs att 2SG Falklands 82)
Right: The Winners Applauded.



Left: L-R: Tristram Carter (SGA Borders), Bob Pettit (SGA Carlisle, D&G and SGA Durham & Yorkshire), Ian Sanderson (as Bob Pettit) & Roger Plumridge.



Right: Some of the Battalion Teams – Stepping Up.

F COMPANY – NAILS IT ON THE 1st BIRTHDAY PARADE OF KING CHARLES III REIGN



Both on the Colonel's Review and the King's Birthday Parade the weather was scorching but F Company did us proud. I think Company Commander, Major Drummond Moray was the only one of the 6 Captains of Guards to get a mention in BBC TV commentary. He's 5th generation Scots Guards and father Captain David Drummond Moray was proudly watching on. Well done also to the Regimental Band. No doubt families of all our Scots Guardsmen on parade were equally proud on a job well done.

PICKUPS IN UKRAINE

Firstly, let me thank Scots Guards Association newsletter for inviting me to contribute to this month's edition. My path first crossed with that of your regiment in 1982, when I was down in the Falklands with 4 Fd Regt RA as an FOO with 2 PARA where 2 SG were involved in the assault on Mount Tumbledown as we attacked Wireless Ridge. Then later in 1982 I was in Hong Kong where I met Edward Woods who was a company commander with 1 SG. Edward lives in the same village as I do and has generously helped me publicize my appeal for funds for pickups for Ukraine. As you can see, I come across the Scots Guards on a regular basis every 40 years or so.

Earlier this year I was attending the Royal Artillery Gold Cup at Sandown and met up with an old friend. He happens to be a trustee of Siobhan's Trust, a Scottish based charity which is doing great things in Ukraine. After too many beers I discovered that I had volunteered to make pizzas for internally displaced persons in western Ukraine.

In Ukraine I was immensely impressed with the fortitude and bravery of the people, It was also clear that there was a huge appreciation for what the British nation had already done. However, there are testing times ahead for Ukraine and indeed for the whole of western civilization. As I journeyed through Kyiv, Kharkiv and finally Zaporizhzhia there were many signs of recent battle and hardship among the villages and towns. Everywhere there were young men and women in uniform readying themselves for the battles that lie in the future. This is truly going to be an existential trial for Ukraine.



Cemetery near Kharkiv

Whilst in Ukraine I met a representative who was working with a group (P4P) who are providing pickups to the Ukrainian authorities and army. I agreed that I would endeavour to raise funds to purchase one or two vehicles (and possible other key supplies) and take them out to Ukraine. This group has the contacts with the local authorities that would facilitate the smooth importation of foreign vehicles into Ukraine.



Liaising with local police



Blown bridge in Pechenizka

I am hoping to take the first truck out in July and hand it over to the 24th brigade. It would be wonderful if any of you felt that you could support this endeavour.

If so, please go to my JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bobashpickupforukraine>

CONGRATULATIONS

To Major Craig Hutton on his award of a MBE in The King's Birthday Honours List 2023

ANY OTHER BUSINESS



Colin (CJ) Duff & Mark McKenzie

SGA Glasgow – Summer Garden Party



Major Andrew Bell & Colin Downie
Former C Company Pltn Comd & Sgt
meet up after 36 years

The Final Word



Drill Sgt's Dream Car!

Clarity in F

SIR — While I agree with Brian Hunter about the F-word (Oct. 22) there were, none the less, times in the Services when its appropriate use could be an art form in itself.

Forty years ago my tank suddenly gave up the ghost in the middle of the night. It was in Germany, in the middle of nowhere, and pouring with rain. My driver, an efficient and normally amiable chap, had been banging about in the engine compartment blaspheming quietly to himself for about half an hour while I hovered about outside maintaining what I hoped was a helpful and supportive silence. The rest of the crew, stoic as always, brewed up.

Finally he emerged, streaked with oil and straightening his beret. "Well?" I said hopefully. "F...ing f...er's f...ed its f...ing self, hasn't it, sir." It was concise, clear, almost poetic and told me what I needed to know. As a diagnosis its accuracy was confirmed by REME, in slightly more technical terms, when they rescued us later.

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Concise, Clear & Almost Poetic!