

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

On this HM The Queen's (70th) Platinum Jubilee two photographs nearly 70 years apart

LONG TO REIGN OVER US – GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Left: HM The Queen on the first Birthday Parade of her reign Thursday 5 June 1952. Trooping their Colour was 2nd Battalion Scots Guards. On the Parade as Ensign of No 2 Guard was Major (then 2nd Lt) Hugh Cantlie member of the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Branch.

Right: On 13 April 2022 65th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations from HM The Queen to John & Betty Hodge. John is a senior Dundee & Angus Branch member.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JUNE IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

Correction

To add to the list of those killed during May in Conflicts since 1945:

2Lt PWB Graham – Watson killed 19 May 1949 while serving with 2nd Bn Scots Guards during Malaya Emergency 1948 - 51.

2nd Bn Scots Guards, Malaya Emergency 1948 – 51

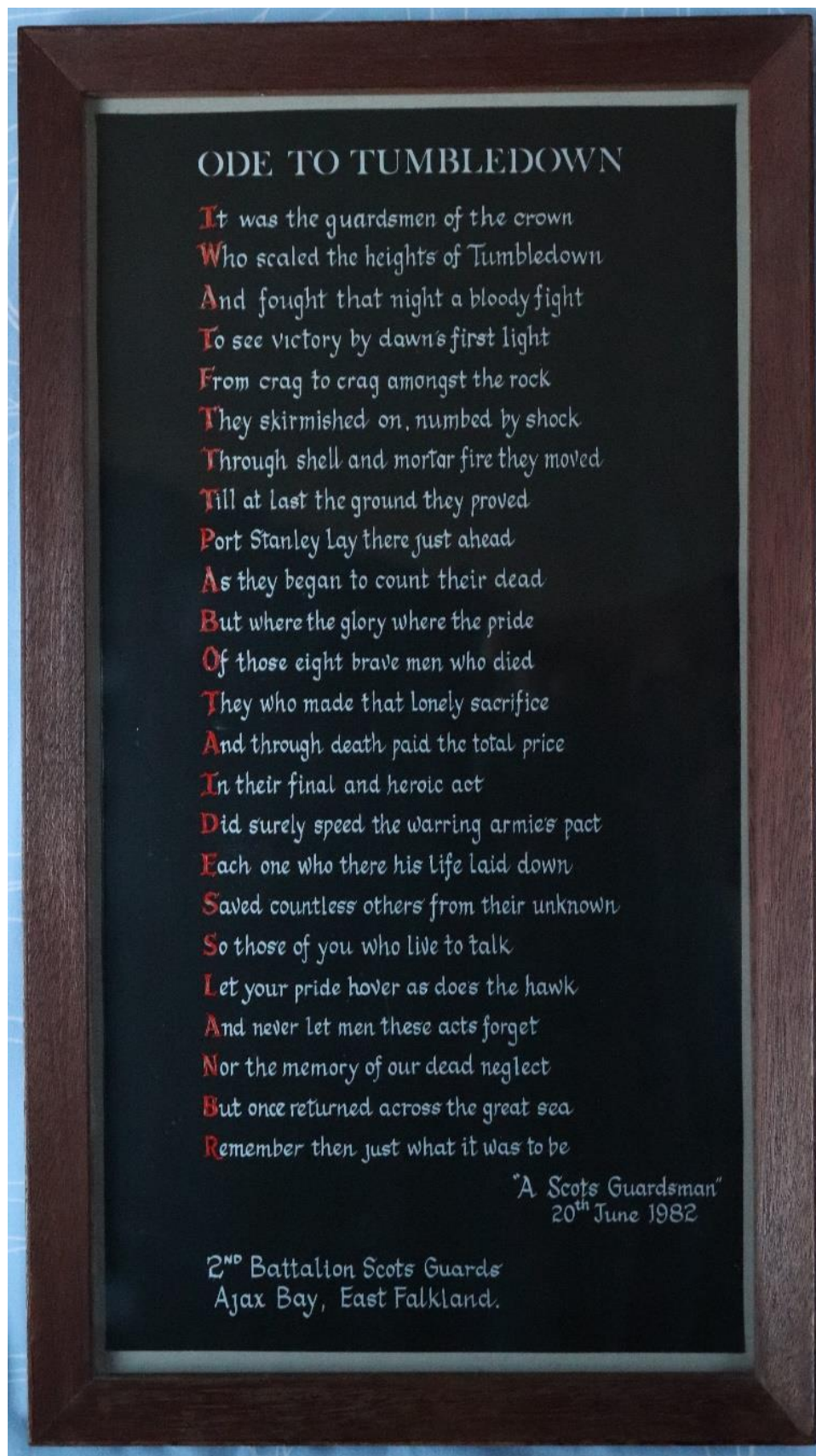
Captain MG Bax Killed 11 June 1950

2nd Lieutenant MJ Morrice Killed 11 June 1950

2nd Bn Scots Guards , Falkland Islands 1982



On this the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War the SAMA Riders of Respect visited all Scots Guards Gravesites and were met by families & Scots Guardsmen of the Falkland Campaign.



The Ode to Tumbledown

The poem was written on the wall of the Military Hospital at Ajax Bay by Lt MWV Mathewson a Platoon Commander in Right Flank, 2SG. Later it was spotted by Philip Green (RAF) who was amongst the first relieving forces after the war when the hospital took on a new role. Philip had the plaque made later in 1982.

The poem was printed in The Times dated 30 August 1982.

Recently Philip contacted me saying it was time it had a new home. He sent the plaque to me on the proviso it was hung on show in an appropriate place. I have given it to the Scots Guards Club where I think it will be seen and admired by many members of the Regiment and guests.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

London Branch

The Branch held their bimonthly meeting on Tuesday 3rd May where we had a couple of firsts.

- 1) We met, for the first time, in the RHQ Library. Lovely room with a lot of Regimental history which was good to see.
- 2) Second, first, was that Rev Colin Paterson opened our meeting The with a prayer. Nice touch on his part.

We covered a lot of ground between the six of us including setting some dates for our future events.

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.

10 September is going to be our Annual Dinner. This is replacing our St Andrews Dinner in the hopes that it might encourage others to come and join us as we've moved it away from the Christmas period. Venue is yet to be decided, however, one of our members is doing a recce in the Epsom area.

28 January 2023 is going to our Burns Supper. Giving the success of Burns, this year, Esher Rugby were very pleased to do another joint one with us so planning will start in November time.

Neil Crockett gave me the contact details for Charlie Wheeler. He's his usual cheery self, although, has some medical issues. Sends his best to those that remember him.

That's it from London. Go well all.

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Highlands & Islands Branch

The next Branch meeting will be held on 6 June at 1930hrs in the Nairn Legion at 3 Cawdor Street, IV12 4QD. Be great to have a good turnout for our 1st out of Inverness meeting for a long time.

Followed by an archery afternoon @The Bowhunter Experience on Saturday 11th June at 1400hrs.

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Fife Branch

A quarterly meeting was held at the CISWO, Glenrothes on Sunday 15 May.

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

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Dundee & Angus Branch



**L-R: Simon Roberts, Scotty Brown & Kenny Duffy (Branch Chairman)
At Montrose Platinum Jubilee event**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 4 June	Drums Company 2 nd Battalion Scots Guards Reunion, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.
10 – 13 June	40 th Anniversary Commemoration & Reunion, Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association, Blackpool.
Tue 14 June	Falklands Commemoration, National Arboretum, Staffordshire (A National Commemoration – Sure to be on TV from approx 1230hrs – check TV Times)
Sat 18 June	Falklands Commemoration, Edinburgh.
Sat 25 June	Armed Forces Day Events – Check out your local area.
5 / 6 / 7 July	Household Division – Military Musical Spectacular, House Guards Parade – Tkts from £20.
Sat 30 July	50 th Anniversary Op Motorman Reunion, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

More information on these events further into the Newsletter.

DEATHS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Fife

23969060 LCpl James Pratt. Died 5 May 2022. Served 1SG Malaya & Borneo, Edinburgh. Gds Depot MT. lived Glenrothes.

Aberdeen & North East Scotland

23866089 Alexander Shearer. Died 9 May 2022. Served early 1960's.

NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Jim Mudie. Died 14 April 2022. Served 1SG Windsor & Munster early 1970's

23703005 Gdsm Henry Ross Young. Died 22 April 2022. Age 84. Served Oct 1959 – 1962 2SG & RHQ
Lived Aberdeenshire.

24399312 LCpl Bruce (Nessie) Innes. Died 25 May 2022. Served 1SG Sigs Pltn (Jan 1976 – 80s).

LCpl Colin (Charlie) Brown. Died 28 May 2022. Served 1SG mid 1970s – early 1990. Lived Thailand.

24522578 Gdsm Andrew Waterman. Died 28 May 2022. Served RF & Mortar Pltn 1979 – 1984.
Funeral Cannock Chase Crematorium, WS12 3HU, 16 June 2022 at 1530hrs.

22131147 Gdsm Ian James Davie. Died 20 May 2022. Aged 93. Served 2SG Malayan Emergency.
Funeral 2 June 2022, 1330hrs at Tayport Cemetery,
Newport Road, DD6 9AU.

SSgt Peter Beatson. Died 23 May 2022. Aged 93. He was the REME armourer attached to 1SG for most of the 1960's, Elizabeth Barracks, Malaya/Borneo & Edinburgh. Peter captained the Bn Shooting Team for most of that time and was well-liked and respected by many who will remember him. After leaving the Army he was an associate member of the Preston Branch of the Assn for some time and was a good Scots Guardsman. He had previously been attached to 3rd Bn Grenadiers Guards for about 7 years, so was very much a Guardsman.

In Pensioner Raymond Huggins MBE (Grenadier Guards). Died 13 May 2022 at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Aged 94. Funeral Tuesday 14 June 2022 at Wren Chapel at the Royal Hospital. He joined the Grenadiers in October 1945. After a busy career in both battalions and at Sandhurst Ray became Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion. He was unarguably the most outstanding Warrant Officer of his generation in the British Army. He held the appointment of Academy Sergeant Major, RMAS from 1971 to 1980.

Drums Company, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards Reunion – Edinburgh, Saturday 4 June 2022

Here we are, days away from the 2nd Bn Scots Guards Drums Company reunion which will take place at the Scots Guards Club in Haymarket in Edinburgh on Saturday 4th June 2022, commencing at 1300 hrs till late, the club is booked. There will be food available at a cost per person.

Kevin Wyllie has said that he will take photographs of our event, this is important for many reasons, I plan to have a group photograph at the beginning before the beer and war stories flow.

Numbers for attendance are great but I know there are still some out there who have not yet decided, if you have already confirmed your attendance within the past month thank you. For those who have still to let me know please just drop me a quick e mail at the following address:

The idea and concept of the reunion was for all Drums Company Members 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, both Corps of Drums and Pipes & Drums. This is also opened this up to guys from the 1st Bn Drums Company. We all know the Regiment no longer has a Corps of Drums which is a sad reality indeed, and it would be great to get together again after all; we are all Scots Guards.

All the very best for now, see you in June.

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Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association, Blackpool 10 – 13 June 2022

Sunday 12 June

We will march from St. John the Evangelist Church, Blackpool to the Cenotaph on Blackpool Promenade where a service will be held to honour “The Fallen”. Wreaths will be laid and Pictured Crosses will be laid at Our Plaque. The parade will march passed the Town Hall. A VIP will take the salute with the Mayor of Blackpool. The parade is to be formed up at 1200hrs at the church. The parade will be lead by the Pipe Band.

Order of dress suits, ties with medals in wear. After the parade a buffet will be laid on at the Bedford Hotel.

On Sunday evening we will be at the Bedford Hotel for drinks. At 2200hrs, Candles will be lit to remember “Our Fallen”.



Edinburgh 18th June 2022

The Royal British Legion Scotland in Partnership with Poppyscotland and The Scottish Government plan to hold an event in Edinburgh to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War. The event will consist of the following:

- A Parade will form up at 1000hrs on Saturday the 18th June 2022 at Charlotte Square.
- The parade will consist of a Military Band (TBC), The Pipes and Drums of the Scots Guards Association (Scotland) followed by Veterans of the Falklands War and other Conflicts
- The Parade will step off at approximately 10.15am and will follow a route down the Southern Carriageway of George St entering St Andrews Square. Here a Drumhead Service of Remembrance will take place which will include wreath laying - after the event all wreaths will be transferred to the Stone of Remembrance at the City Chambers
- The Drumhead Service will be followed by a programme of entertainment which will last for approximately 2-3 hours with refreshments for the veterans in attendance.



Armed Forces Day – Edinburgh 25 June 2022

The Royal British Legion Scotland in Partnership with Edinburgh City Council plan to hold an event in Edinburgh to commemorate Armed Forces Day 2022. The event will consist of the following:

- A Parade will form up at 10.00am on Saturday the 25th June 2022 at Charlotte Square.
- The parade will consist of a Military Band and Veterans. Dress: Suit / Blazer, Beret, Medals. SGA & other Association Standards.
- The Parade will step off at approximately 10.15am and will follow a route down the Southern Carriageway of George St passing a saluting Dias at The Assembly rooms on George St prior to arrival in St Andrews Sq at 1030am.
- On arrival there will be a short address to those in attendance by the Lord Provost, this will be followed on by a programme of entertainment which will last for approximately 2-3 hours with refreshments for the veterans in attendance.

THE SCOTS GUARDS CLUB WILL BE OPEN & OFFERING A WELCOME COOL DRINK AFTER BOTH FALKLANDS 40 & ARMED FORCES DAY IN EDINBURGH

Operation Motorman 50 Reunion – Scots Guards Club

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 PM myself if not already done so. Just to confirm numbers for a buffet and a curry later in the evening the cost of this would 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 provide 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 .

Charles Knott

SG Club News

After a very busy first three months of the year, we have seen a much quieter Spring period which has allowed us to catch up and prepare for the summer months ahead.

Work has continued on the top floor of the Club which was previously used as a residential flat. Once completed, this will provide us with an additional kitchen facility to cater for events in the function room, a badly needed storeroom and office and a further meeting room which will be available for hire. We will be having an open day event when it's all finished so that members can see what has been done and what some of this year's membership money has been used for.

The Queen's Jubilee is coming up in June and we are making a fuss to mark the occasion:

- **On Thursday 2 June the Club will be open at 10am with the television firmly tuned in to the Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) Everyone is welcome to attend. A complimentary drink for those attending.**
- On the evening of Thursday 2 June we will be hosting a Members Jubilee Barbeque and those who have been to previous members' barbeques will know just how good these are. This will be a ticketed event on a first come first served basis. The event is subsidised by the Club and tickets at £5 will be available over the bar from Friday 13 May.
- On the Jubilee day itself, Friday 3 June, the Club will be suitably bedecked to mark the occasion and members will be able to toast the occasion with a complimentary drink on production of membership card. Please pop in and help make it a party atmosphere.

Scots Guards wise we have two events coming up with a reunion of former Drums Company pipers and drummers on Saturday 4 June. This event is also open to all former Scots Guardsmen who fancy a catch up with old friends. On 30 July we have the Operation Motorman 50th Reunion event which has already been well publicised elsewhere. Other notable military days are the Falklands 40th Anniversary Parade on 18 June in Edinburgh and Armed Forces Day on 25 June.

We remind everyone that our function room is now looking better than it has ever looked after a full redecoration, new carpet and reupholstery of the seating. Ideal for many types of event so you know where to come.....

We look forward to seeing many of you over the summer months and hope you will support the club by calling in when in town. Why not drag some pals along as well!

All the best from all the Team

BITS & PIECES

Impromptu Scots Guards Gatherings from Abuja, Nigeria to Buckingham Palace Garden Party 25 May 2022



L – R: Brigadier (Retd) Charles Page, Major Cammy Proudfoot, Colonel Roderick Shannon, Malcolm McNally, Paul Thompson



L-R Graham White, Graham Fowler & Colin Coull meet up at Buckingham Palace.

Pensions & Benefits News

If you are in possession of a PIP (Personal Independence Payment) based on your mobility you also qualify for a reduction in your road fund licence from DVLA. If you are on the standard rate you qualify for a 50% reduction in your tax. If you are on the higher rate then you receive 100% discount, in other words free! The most important thing to note is this, DVLA will backdate your discount from the date of your PIP award so you could receive a substantial refund! Just write a letter to DVLA outlining your request, enclose a copy of the PIP, your certificate of insurance, and of course the registration number and details of your car. It takes about eight weeks but is well worth the wait."

Eligibility

You can apply for exemption from paying vehicle tax if you get the:

- higher rate mobility component of [Disability Living Allowance \(DLA\)](#)
- enhanced rate mobility component of [Adult Disability Payment \(ADP\)](#)
- higher rate mobility component of [Child Disability Payment](#)
- War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
- Armed Forces Independence Payment


Eligibility

You can get a 50% reduction in vehicle tax if you get the:

- [ADP standard rate mobility component](#)

Pension Awareness Week 2022

A notice for all calendars!
Pension Awareness Day will take place this year on 15 Sept. Surrounding the day, Armed Forces Pensions are again running our annual Pension Awareness Week, from 12 – 16 Sept. In preparation for the week,



the Armed Forces Pensions team are developing several educational resources to share with our members.

These include fact sheets and presentations on the various benefits of the AFPS15 scheme, as well as case studies for members to view a detailed variety of examples which show how the scheme functions in practice. In addition, our policy professionals are re launching the Ask-Me-Anything sessions which received great feedback from participants in last year's event. These will once again

provide the opportunity for serving members to quiz the team on a variety of pension topics. Please look out for further announcements on defnet and Defence Connect, where we will provide additional detail throughout the summer and leading up to the week. In the next edition of the Quarterly Digest, we will be providing the full Agenda ahead of events taking place.



Help and Support

If you have a question about your Armed Forces Pension please call the JPAC Enquiry Centre on **0800 085 3600** or **0044 141 224 3600** if calling from abroad.

Open Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm, please ensure you have your Service and National Insurance Numbers ready.

You can find useful information on all the Schemes by visiting:

www.gov.uk/guidance/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans

Captain Freddie Archer

In the last newsletter there was an article about Captain Freddie Archer who particularly when he was Regimental Sergeant Major of the Scots Guards Training Battalion. Stories about him are many, on seeing last month's article Captain (Retd) Hew Balfour told me a story related by his late father Major Peter Balfour.

When Freddy and his wife were out walking with their son in a pram and were passed by an officer, he would give the order "Mother and child, 'shun!"

Regimental Gathering 23 – 24 September 2023

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Dunfermline has been awarded City Status as befits Scotland's ancient capital.

The next Regimental Gathering takes place at Broomhall near Dunfermline.



Just to Point Out - Dunfermline – Regimental Gathering – 23 / 24 September 2023 : Get the date in your diary

Bite Size Regimental History ~ Commonwealth War Graves Commission



The last week of May was War Graves Week. The week was to promote the good works of the CWGC and to encourage people to visit war graves in UK and Abroad. Many graveyards in UK include graves with at least one or two Commonwealth War Grave Commission Headstones. A quick cllts worth visiting your local grave yard to see if you can find out if it includes war graves, Scots Guards or others. Or check website www.cwgc.org which is searchable and lists all individual war dead and cemeteries where they are either buried or remembered.

The headstone in the photograph was found by John Bradley (well known to many) and is interesting in that it is the grave of both father and son. The father was in the Royal Garrison Artillery in World War 1 who died in Ireland. The son 2696586 LCpl William Archibald was in the Scots Guards during World War 2, his service record is sparse. He was wounded on 3 October 1944 in NW Europe. He died in Inglis Street Hospital, Dunfermline on 19 June 1945, the cause probably unrelated to his earlier wound.

They are buried alongside 39 other servicemen mostly from World War 1 up to 1921. They are buried at Beath Old Cemetery, west of Cowdenbeath, Fife on the B917 Old Perth Road. Amongst the other 39 servicemen laid to rest is 8281 Guardsman Thomas Johnstone (formerly Scots Guards) of the Guards Machine Gun Regiment who died on 30 April 1921.

Gunshots On The Mall – Catching Up with LCpl Alec Galloway

I was pleased to have a quick telephone natter with Alec Galloway who came to prominence when he was street lining on the Mall during 1981 Queens Birthday Parade when 6 shots were fired at HM The Queen. Alec who was at The Present Arms immediately turned around to apprehend Marcus Sergeant and grapple him to the ground when thankfully it was found the gun was a starting pistol firing blanks. On handing over the man to the police he returned to the "Present". An immediate brave act to protect The Queen in very unknown circumstances.

Part of the reason I was speaking to Alec was that about 3 months ago I was contacted by the BBC interested in doing a piece on him for the Platinum Jubilee. Just yesterday Soldier magazine were also in touch with me interested in doing a piece on Alec. He is a member of SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Branch asked to be remembered to his many friends from 2SG, Guards Para Coy & 1SG.



VETERANS CHAPLAINCY SCOTLAND

invites members of the veterans' community
to a woodland walk and lunch
in Perth on Monday 13th June

Meet at Tayside Christian Fellowship at 10.30 hrs
(PH2 8JH - short walk from the Bus and Train Stations)
Return to church for lunch at 13.00 hrs

We will be joined by WWTW for this event!



For further details and to book a free lunch!!
contact Padre Stephen Blakey
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Medals of the Coronation & Jubilees.



Coronation Medal 1953



Silver Jubilee Medal 1977



Golden Jubilee Medal 2002



Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012



Platinum Jubilee Medal 2022