

# SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER



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**Front Page Photograph:**

**The pride, style and panache not to mention sharp dressing of the Household Division is very obvious in this one photograph from the Coronation. What a special day that will be long remembered by all on parade.**

**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**

**WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JUNE IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Scots Guards, Malaya Emergency 1948 – 51**

**Captain MG Bax Killed 11 June 1950**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant MJ Morrice Killed 11 June 1950**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Scots Guards , Falkland Islands 1982**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**The Regimental Gathering will take place in Fife over the weekend 23 – 24 September 2023**

Saturday 23 Sept 1100hrs Central 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 will come out by mid June.**

## **DEATHS**

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

#### **Third Guards Club**

Captain David Ronald Stuart Menzies of Menzies. Died 27 April 2023 age 88. Enlisted on National Service 1953, Commissioned August 1954. Served 1SG 1954 to 1958, with K Coy and as ADC to Governor General Western Australia to 1961.

Captain Peter Richard Hill. Died April 2023 age 84. Commissioned 1960 Served 1SG & 2SG BAOR, Aden & East Africa to April 1965

Captain Peter David Atholl Copeland. Died May 2023 age 87. Enlisted 1954, Commissioned July 1956 to 1SG BAOR to July 1961.

Captain NA (Alan) Young. Died 13 May 2023 the day before his 75 birthday. Lived Lancaster.  
Alan enlisted in 1965 and joined 2SG, most of his early service was in the Anti Tanks Pltn. He served as a LSgt in S Company, British Honduras in 1971. He came across to 1SG about 1978 firstly in the Training Office and then as a well respected CSM of Left Flank in Chelsea, Kenya and Aldergrove 1980 – 81 and early Hong Kong 1982. He was then DSgt for much of Hong Kong and Pirbright 1984. He returned to Hong Kong as Garrison Sergeant Major at HMS Tamar. On commissioning he was first Families Officer 1SG at Hohné, he served in the Gulf 1991, then as Warrior Company Gunnery Officer and later he was at Armoured Infantry Training & Advisory Team, Sennelager, serving to around 1994.

Sadly his wife Maisie deceased him as did his eldest son Bobby who died earlier this year.

The funeral will take place a Lancaster Crematorium on Friday 2 June 2023 at 1430hrs.

#### **Third Guards Club / Fife Branch**

Lieutenant John Bullough of Culcreuch MBE. Died 5 May 2023 age 54. Commissioned 1989. Served 1SG Hohné, NI Fermanagh & 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War. Left the Army 1992. Instrumental in setting up Scottish Air Ambulance Service in Perthshire. Member of the Royal Company of Archers & Adjutant The Atholl Highlanders.

#### **Correction to previous report**

#### **Third Guards Club / Edinburgh & The Lothians**

Lieutenant John Woodman Blair. Died 6 February 2023 aged 86.

#### **Ayrshire Branch**

23185124 Thomas Getgood passed away on 19 May 2023. Thomas was a past Branch Chairman of the Ayrshire branch. The funeral will be Thursday 1 June 2023, at 1315hrs @ Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, KA6 6EN.

### **NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

23517963 Arnold George Davidson, Died Early May 2023. Lived Dundee.

Bruce Kilshaw Died 12 May 2023.

ORQMS Gordon Lamont Died 3 May 2023. Served 2SG & RHQ, also served MOD Inc MOD and CGS Information Team. Lived Hounslow.





## **NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY – SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023**

There will be events taking place in cities, towns and villages across the UK

### **Edinburgh Armed Forces Day - Saturday 24 June 2023**

**Dress:** Blazer / Suit. Household Division Tie, Beret / Medals in wear.

**Standards:** Please arrange for them to be on Parade.

**Form Up:** South Side of St Andrews Square 1000hrs.

**Step Off:** 1015hrs.

**Route:** From St Andrews Square, along southside of George Street (East to West). The Lord Provost will take the Salute at the Assembly Rooms. Left wheel into South Castle Street where the parade will fall out.

Crossing Princes St & into west end of Princes Street Gardens. There will be the usual entertainment & beer tent etc.

**The Scots Guards Club will be open for a cool welcome pint!**

Hope to see you on parade.

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **SGA Fife**

The Branch will hold a meeting at the CISWO, Glenrothes at 1300hrs Sunday 4 June 2023.

Contact Secretary Neil Crockett Tel: 01383 721531 Email: [neil.crockett@btopenworld.com](mailto:neil.crockett@btopenworld.com)

### **SGA Glasgow**

There will be a Garden Party at Kilbryde Castle, Dunblane home of Branch President Captain James Campbell.

Contact Secretary Colin Downie Tel: 07956 526283 Email: [cdownie1@icloud.com](mailto:cdownie1@icloud.com)

### **SGA Manchester**

The Branch held a meeting on 24 May 2023. David Courtney has taken over as Secretary and looks forward to supporting the Branch. Email: [dgs.courtney@live.com](mailto:dgs.courtney@live.com)

### **SGA Carlisle, Dumfries and Galloway**

On Sunday 2 July there will be a Garden Party at Boreland House, Lockerbie the home of the Branch President Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor.

Secretary Contact: Tony Mason Tel: 07786 067878

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## SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon

Next Branch Meeting on Thursday 29 June 2023 at Datchet Golf Club 1930 for 2000hrs. Note: Moving forward the Branch intend to hold their meetings on Thursday's.



**From an article in the Sunday Express Supplement prior to the Coronation. The BBO Branch were able to seek out and contact Frank Coles. He now has a connection with the Branch and they will keep in touch.**

Chairman/Secretary is Jim Simmonds Tel: 07340 297328

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## SGA Aberdeen & North East Scotland

Thursday 1 June, is the monthly meeting of the Branch in the Sportsman's Club, Queens Road, Aberdeen. The evening will be different to the normal meetings we have held in that there won't be a 'Meeting' just Beer and Banter in a Woke free environment. No particular order of dress, just come along and catch up with folks. 1900 – 1930hrs.

Secretary Graeme Thompson Tel: 01224 317738

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## SGA Highlands & Islands

The Branch AGM took place on 3 May 2023. The Office Bearers for the year ahead:

President: Alasdair Hilleary

Vice President: Major Cammy Proudfoot

Chairman: Brian (Maxi) MacDonald

Treasurer: Rod Davidson

Secretary: Harry Obern

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Next meeting Wednesday 7 June at The Legion Club, Inverness 1900hrs.

## SGA Surrey Branch

The Branch held a successful lunch at the Red Lion, Horsell on Saturday 27 May.



**Good Food & Good Company**

**Mick Grealish, George Rance & Gary Izzat**

**Major Jeremy Warren & Mrs Jo Clarkson**

Contact: Will Coffield (Chairman) Email: [willcoffield@hotmail.com](mailto:willcoffield@hotmail.com)

## FORECAST OF EVENTS FOR YOUR SCOTS GUARDS DIARY 2023

### June

Sat 3 Major General's Review King's Birthday Parade.

Fri 9 – Mon 12 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association Reunion, Blackpool.

Sat 10 Colonel's Review King's Birthday Parade.

Sat 17 King's Birthday Parade - 1st Battalion Welsh Guards.

Sat 24 Armed Forces Day – UK wide

### July

TBC SGA Fife Branch Golf Competition, Thornton GC

### November

Sun 12 Remembrance Sunday – UK Wide



At the end of a very successful tour as Garrison Sergeant Major Edinburgh – WO1 Anthony Gibson MVO hands over to his successor. He's been a great ambassador of the Regiment in Scotland and we wish him well.



## **SERVING REGIMENT – UPDATE : 1<sup>st</sup> BATTALION & F COMPANY**

Since the last Battalion update there have been four key events: The return of B Company in Estonia, C Company in the Falklands, with the remainder in Kenya and then the rapid turnaround to get those taking part in Operation GOLDEN ORB ready!!

Firstly, B Company were entirely restored to the UK by the end of March having had an immensely successful Op CABRIT tour in Estonia as part of the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence. They formed the first dedicated Anti-Tank Company since the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War attached to the Kings Royal Hussars Battlegroup. They took part in numerous exercises in the harsh Estonian winter with a host of other nations where they really excelled and ensured that the professional excellence and standards of the Scots Guards that are famous in the UK became internationally renowned!

C Company deployed to the Falklands on Op FIRIC where they too were subjected to some wonderful cold weather. They spent time on the feared Onion Ranges and experienced the infamous ‘four seasons in a day’ climate. Nevertheless they did some fantastic looking training as well as the important Battlefield Study up Mt Tumbledown which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion famously fought its way up during the Falklands War.

The remainder of the Battalion deployed to Kenya as Task Force Hannibal, playing enemy for the Coldstream Guards for their validation exercise: Exercise Askari Storm. This was a fantastic opportunity to get some good honest (and sometimes not so honest) soldiering in without the pressure of validation looming over our heads. It was a really useful runout for the Headquarters who were able to get used to planning as a team as well as the troops who were able to stretch their legs on the harsh terrain on offer. Dodging elephants and buffalo on the way to objectives and charging around the Savannah in ‘Mutatus’ (a sort of schoolbus type vehicle) in order to defeat our enemy offered both unique challenges and freedoms. We also got to do some cracking Adventure Training and just enjoy some time in a beautiful country.

After all this, as you can imagine, the turnaround to get everyone ready for GOLDEN ORB was extremely difficult. With very little leave between Kenya and the start of training everyone was certainly tired and a bit drained but, as you will no doubt have seen, cracked on and put on an amazing show. The training consisted of long days on the square and then plenty of polishing and ironing in the evening to stay on top of kit but it was all worth it.

**Marching in Columns 10 deep was a spectacle that the nation should not soon forget and it was a unique opportunity for the Regiment to be a real part of history and, again, demonstrate its ability to provide excellence in all things. It is a testament to every member of the Scots Guards and those attached that so much is able to get done in such a short period of time and then turn it all around to produce such a spectacular.**



**Kenya: A guardsman from Left Flank conducting a scenic dawn assault at the top of a rocky outcrop on the Chololo training area.**



**Falklands: C Company at the summit of Mount Tumbledown during their Battlefield Study of the Falklands War specifically at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion's action on that mountain.**



**Coronation: Troops conducting training for Operation GOLDEN ORB on the sports pitches in Aldershot.**



**Coronation: F Company Group ~ With The State Colour form up on Wilbur Steps, Wellington Barracks**

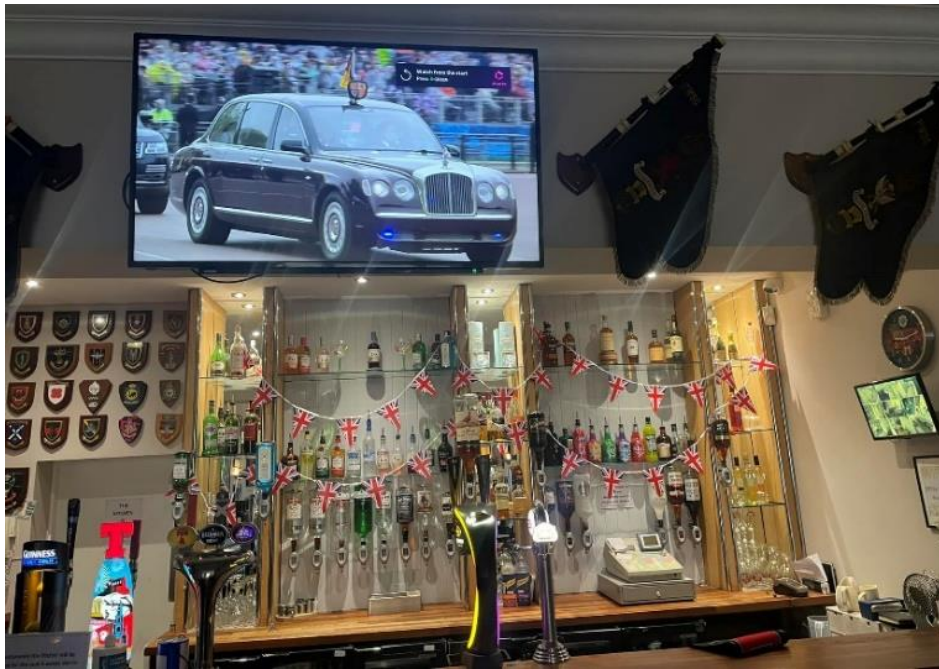


## SCOTS GUARDS CLUB

A busy period for the Club.

A new kitchen has been fitted in the Club ~ sure to enhance to food menu.

On the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Op Motorman the Club hosted a reunion of members of 2SG.



On Saturday 6 May, the club opened its doors and showed the The Coronation on the BIG TV! A complimentary drink was offered to those in the Club and glasses were raised to toast HM King Charles III & Queen Camilla.

### KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE ~ BREAKFAST IN THE SCOTS GUARDS CLUB ~ 17 JUNE 2023

Friday 16 June: Meet & Greet 1800hrs.

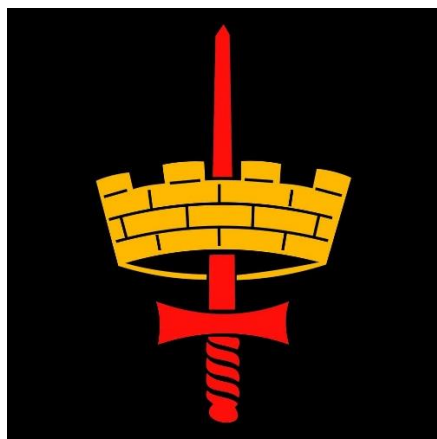
Saturday 17 June: Bar Opens 1000hrs. Dress: Casual

Breakfast: Filled Rolls PM: Curry / Stovies

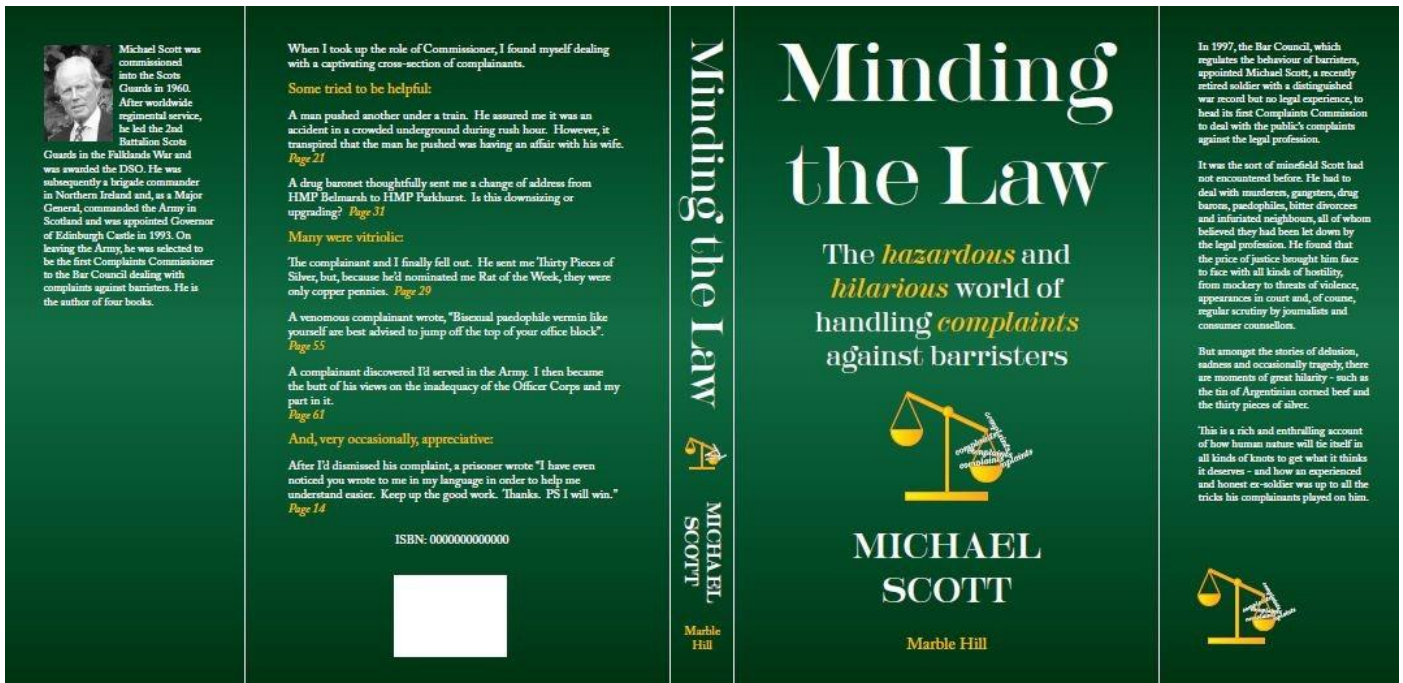
Point of Contact: John Rae (Club Manager) / Pauline Arundel (Bar Manager) Tel: 0131 337 1084

Breakfast is to celebrate the first Birthday Parade of King Charles III reign. For those not serving or for those still serving who appreciate the finer things in life.

**After the parade Scots Guards Association Dundee & Angus Branch will be laying up their Old Standard upstairs in the Club & all are welcome. They hope you can join them for a day of Harmony & Kindred Spirit.**



## MAJOR GENERAL MIKE SCOTT DSO ~ A WORKING LIFE AFTER THE ARMY



### General Scott reports:

While it has absolutely nothing to do with the Regiment, there may be people who might find it not unamusing. There are the occasional references to my happy earlier life in the Regiment.

### MARBLE HILL PUBLISHERS

PRESS RELEASE for immediate release.

*The inside story of the first Lay Commissioner appointed to deal with public grievances against the legal profession*

Michael Scott's *MINDING THE LAW*: The hazardous and hilarious world of handling complaints against barristers will be published on 7 June 2023

Michael Scott left the Army aged 55 to become the first Lay Commissioner to deal with the public's complaints against the legal profession. He had no experience of the law but his years in the military gave him invaluable insights that helped him handle grievances from murderers, gangsters, drug barons, paedophiles, bitter divorces and infuriated neighbours. In doing so, he weathered criticism, threats, vilification - and occasional appreciation.

Michael Scott led the Second Battalion Scots Guards in the Falklands War and was awarded a DSO. He was a brigade commander in Northern Ireland, and as a Major General he commanded the Army in Scotland.

Michael Scott is an experienced speaker and is available for interview to discuss his book and issues currently very much in the news: amongst them the question of starting again for those whom the government wants to be "unretired," and the eternal problem of how members of the public deal with complaints against the powerful institutions of the law.

#### Ends

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