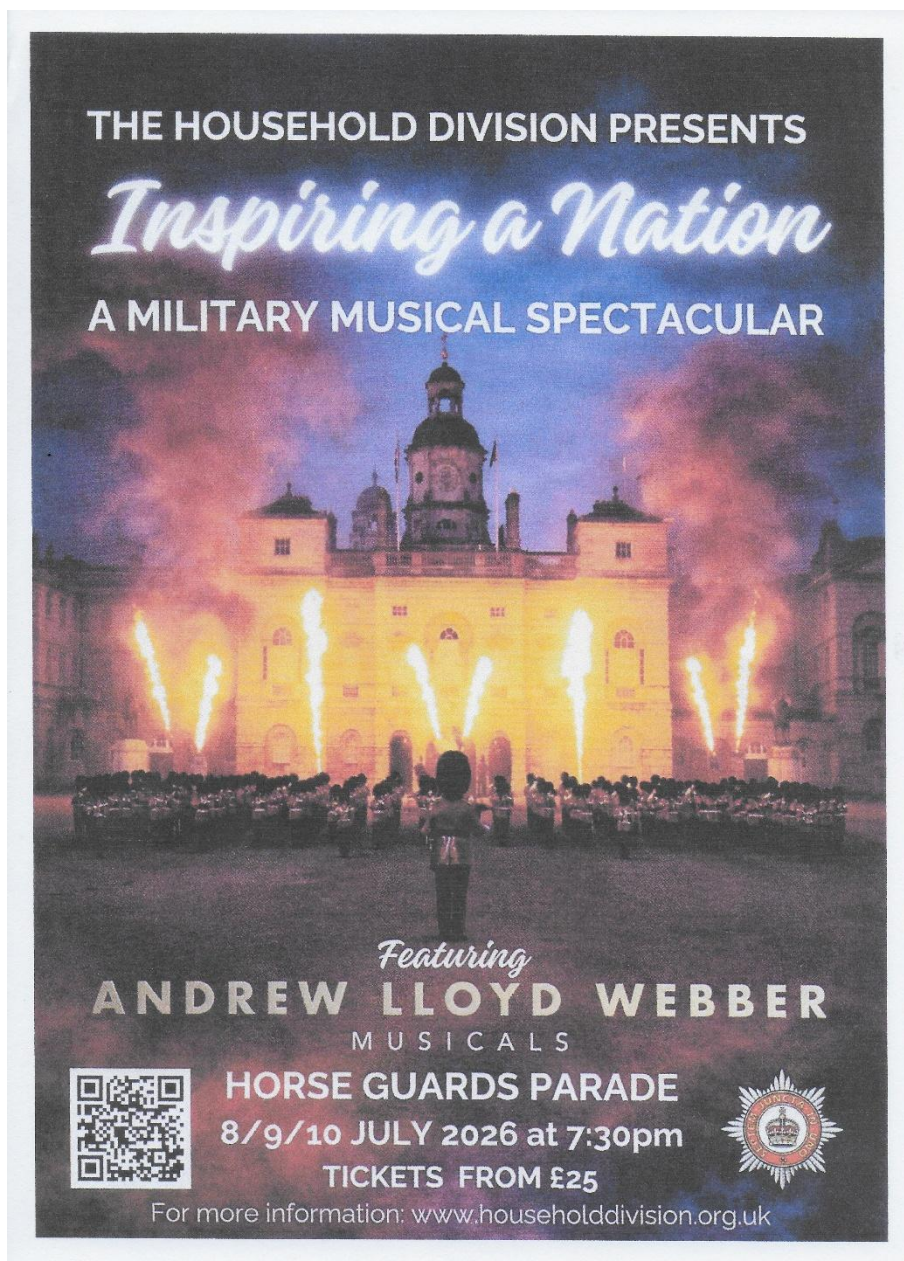


SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

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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To the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel from all members of the Regiment past and Serving on his promotion. Many congratulations to Brigadier JDL Leask MBE.

Inspiring a Nation

Renowned for its stunning displays of discipline and musical excellence, The Military Musical Spectacular returns to the historic setting of Horse Guards Parade this July bringing together the best of British Military music and international guests. **Inspiring a Nation** is influenced by those who have fostered a spirit of unity in communities and the country and left us all with a lasting legacy.

For the first time ever - **The Household Division** is collaborating with **Andrew Lloyd Webber Musicals**, presenting a stunning finale of the most phenomenal and thrilling music from **Phantom of the Opera** and **CATS**.

Presenting visual splendour and inspired by music and tradition, the Bands of the Household Cavalry, Grenadier, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards are joined by the Pipes and Drums of the Scots Guards and The London Scottish Regiment. The Band and Bugles of The Rifles alongside The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas make their debut performance at this year's show, all combining in a musically stunning performance.

Making their debut on **Horse Guards Parade**, are the spectacular **Top Secret Drum Corps** flying in directly from Switzerland. This incredible group of young drummers, known for their precision, humour and thrilling tempo have toured the world in the last 20 years with passion, imagination and dedication, proving themselves to be a sustainable world-class act. They march onto Horse Guards for the most unique performance with the Foot Guards Bands.

Alongside the **Top Secret Drum Corps** we welcome the **NATO Jazz Orchestra** from their headquarters in Belgium. Formed of musicians from throughout the NATO organisation, they support the alliance in music worldwide and are sure to inspire an international flavour to the 2026 Military Musical Spectacular.



For more information: www.householddivision.org.uk

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING JUNE IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

2nd Bn Scots Guards, Malaya Emergency 1948 – 51

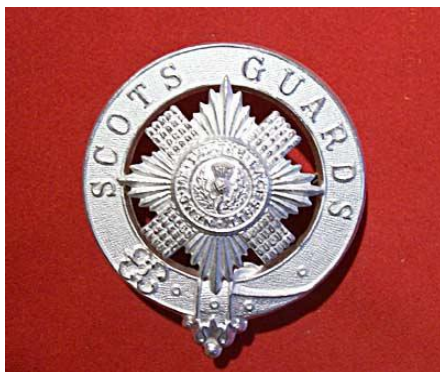
Captain MG Bax Killed 11 June 1950

2nd Lieutenant MJ Morrice Killed 11 June 1950

2nd Bn Scots Guards , Falkland Islands 1982



The Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association Memorial plaque under the shadows of Blackpool War Memorial



DEATHS

ASSOCIATION

SGA Fife

23908922 Sgt Ronald Dick died 16 May 2026. Served 1963 – 1978. Served 2SG as Regt Cook and at ACIO Stirling. Funeral 5 June 2026 at Kirkcaldy Crematorium, KY2 6HQ at 1245hrs and thereafter to the Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy.

Guards Parachute Association

George Baird died 29 April 2026. Age 95. Served B&D Sqns, 22 SAS. Malaya & Oman.

NON ASSOCIATION

David Costello Died 2 May 2026. Served 1SG 1982 – 1987.

22215769 Gdsm Alan Henry Wright. Died 26 April 2026. Age 92. Enlisted April 1951, served 1SG Egypt mid 1950s. He was serving with 2SG in 1952 and took part in King George VI funeral.

22448104 Arthur Howlett Died 3 May 2026. Age 89. Served 2SG Mid 1950s Dusseldorf. Lived Brentwood, Essex. Member SGA London early 1990s.

24164321 LSgt William Park. Died 4 May 2026. Served 1SG RF & MT 1970s. Served Lived Dunfermline.

22517444 LCpl Jim Bews Died 18 May 2026. Served early 1960s to 1981. Mostly 2SG inc Kenya 1962 – 64. Regt Rct Team 1970s & 1SG Hong Kong 1981.

24096999 Alan Lethwaite. Served 1968 – 76. Lived Whitehaven, Cumbria. Died 20 May 2026.

23703262 Gdsm V Deans. Died mid April 2026. Served early 1960s. Lived Aberdeen, Brother of David (Dixie) Deans.

Alex Beattie Died 25 May 2026. Served 2SG 1980's as Bn Butcher.

23229268 Iain Kesson Died 15 May 2026. Age 89. Served late 1950s 1SG Windsor. He was a renown footballer. Lived Queensland, Australia.



Iain Kesson (on the RSM's left) played for 1st Bn Scots Guards when they won the London District Challenge Cup in 1957.

The photograph is taken at Victoria Barracks, Windsor.

They beat the Royal Artillery from Woolwich 7 – 0. The Commanding Officer is Lt Col The Earl Cathcart DSO MC (later Major General). The Regimental Sergeant Major is J Hughes & The Warrant Officer in the back row is CSM Alec (Hammy) Hamilton.

SCOTS GUARDS REGIMENTAL GATHERING FRIDAY 19 JUNE – SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

The Gathering has been widely advertised across the Regiment ~ it is now just under 3 weeks away.

Lots of friends from your service are already attending ~ If you haven't got around it yet there's still time to order ~ **TICKETS ARE FREE BUT WE DO WANT TO KNOW YOU ARE COMING.**

The form tells you what info is needed including your address so tickets can be posted out.

There are lots of activities planned ~ get yourself to North Yorkshire to enjoy the weekend!

ORDER YOUR TICKETS

- Please do fill in the ticket return by email or post ~ If that's not possible email the information on the form direct to sga@scotsguards.org
- Need more information just ask ~ sga@scotsguards.org

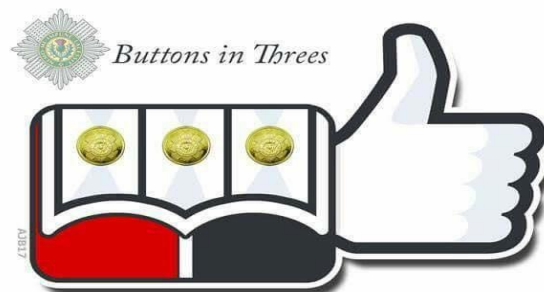
GATHERING NEWS – BULLET POINTS

- **Friday Evening 19 June 2026** – Beating Retreat by Scots Guards Band and Pipes & Drums 1st Bn Scots Guards @ Richmond Castle. Tickets are required (Free).
- Parking is free on Richmond Square from 1800hrs on a Friday. Richmond Castle will be open to guests from 1800hrs.
- There will be a bar which will open before and after the Beating Retreat,
- The Beating Retreat will take place from 1900hrs – 2030hrs.
- **Saturday 20 June 2026** – Regimental Gathering, Somme Barracks, Catterick. The day will begin with the Regiment serving and past marching past HRH The Colonel at 1100hrs. Form Up 1040hrs at the Guardroom. SGA Standards on parade please. Tickets are required (Free).

There are lots of activities and events arranged throughout the day for your enjoyment.

Curry Supper will be served in the Officers & Sgt's Messes after the formal end of the Gathering until 2000hrs – Tickets are required (Free).

- **Sunday 21 June 2026** – Remembrance Service & Consecration of Old Colours @Garrison Memorial Church of St Martin & St Oswald 1000 – 1100hrs. Please advise sga@scotsguards.org of your attendance.



**Always a good chance to meet up with friends
~ What better reason to be there!**

**EVERY SCOTS GUARDSMAN PAST, SERVING AND THEIR
FAMILIES ARE VERY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

SCOTS GUARDS GATHERING 2026 - TICKETS REQUIRED

To:
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28 Sycamore Grove
Pitcorthie
Dunfermline
Fife KY11 8AD

From:
Address:

Tel: 01383 721530

Tel No:.....

Email: sga@scotsguards.org

Email:.....

SGA Branch..... (mark if not applicable)

Please list everyone attending overleaf. Asterisk * against SGA Members.

Tickets are required for both Beating the Retreat & The Gathering including for under 16s.

I require:

Beating Retreat – Friday 19 June 2026 Tickets (Free)

The Gathering - Saturday 20 June 2026 Tickets (Free)

..... Tickets under 16s (Free)

Taking part in the Swinton Quaich **Mark SQ against names (overleaf)**

Taking part in the Pace Sticking Competition **Mark PS against names (overleaf)**

Curry Supper – Saturday 20 June 2026 **List against names (overleaf) if wanting to eat in the Officers or Sgts Mess.**

Church Service – Sunday 21 June 2026

Car Pass Details

Disabled Parking : Circle if Required

VRN.....

Colour.....

Make / Model

Coach or Mini Bus : Circle as Required

Signature:

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SGA Dundee & Angus



The Dundee & Angus Branch visited Lady Haig Poppy Factory in Edinburgh including Kenny Duffy (Chairman), Sue Duffy, Bruce Henderson & Pete Laing (Hon) formerly RMP. 2026 is the 100th Anniversary of the Branch.

SGA Fife

The Chairman's Trophy – Golf Match

The branch is making plans for a golf match in July at Cowdenbeath GC. It will be open to guests ~ if anyone is interested in taking part, please contact Neil Crockett Secretary Tel: 01383 721530 Email: neil.crockett@btopenworld.com.

SGA Manchester

The branch held it's AGM recently & office bearers continue in post:

President & Treasurer:

Brigadier AG Ross OBE

Chairman:

Ian Watson

Secretary:

David Courtney

Tel: 0161 491 4766 or 07785 224678 (mob)

SGA Surrey



At the start of May branch members and their ladies met up for a pub lunch at the Red Lion Horsell. I can see Willie Coffield (Chairman), Roger Huth & Andrew McKeand (Secretary) and I'm guessing David O'Connell was designated photographer.

Some nice pubs in Surrey, fancy meeting up, then contact Andy McKeand Email: amckeand@virginmedia.com

SGA Glasgow

The Branch will hold their annual Garden Party on Saturday 4 July at Knockriach Farm, Fintry

FORECAST OF EVENTS UNTIL NOVEMBER 2026

If you have any Association or wider Regimental events that you want advertised ~ please let me know.

JUNE

- Sat 13 King's Birthday Parade ~ 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.
- Sun 14 Wreath Laying at Gdsm Jim Reynolds DCM Cairn, Sallachy House Estate.
Contact: Rod Davidson Secretary ~ Email: roderick.davidson@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07532 089535
- W/E 12 – 15 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association ~ 44th Reunion Blackpool Weekend.
- Wed 24 Fife Armed Forces Day ~ Flag Raising & Reception, Town House, Kirkcaldy. 1245hrs.

JULY

- TBC The Chairman's Trophy ~ SGA Fife Golf Competition. Cowdenbeath Golf Club

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 25 SGA Fife Dinner ~ Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy.

OCTOBER

- Sat 3 SGA Carlisle D & G Dinner ~ The Auctioneer, Rosehill Est, Carlisle.
- Sat 10 SGA Dundee & Angus Dinner ~ 100th Anniversary Dinner, Apex City Quay Hotel.
- Sat 17 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon ~ Datchet Golf Club.
- Fri 30 SGA Aberdeen & North East Scotland ~ Altens Hotel, Aberdeen.

NOVEMBER

- Fri 6 SGA Ayrshire Dinner ~ RAFA Club, Prestwick
- Sat 28 SGA Pipers Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh
- Sat 28 SGA Glasgow ~ Glasgow Arts Club, Bath Street.
- Sun 29 SGA Merseyside (Lunch)

SUPPORT EDINBURGH ARMED FORCES DAY ~ SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026



The Parade will form up at Charlotte Square outside Bute House at 10.00 and will step off at 10.30. The Parade will follow a route along the south Carriageway of George St passing a Saluting Dias at the Assembly Rooms. On arrival at St Andrew Square there will be a short address and a programme of entertainment, military charity stalls and refreshments

Note: After the close of the formal Armed Forces Day event in St Andrew Square the Scots Guards Club will be open.

Across the UK there are Armed Forces Day events. Most take place between 22 June and 5 July check your local press for detail.



A recent SG Veterans Golf Gompertition ~ organisers Gary Baker & Ian (Buck) Rogers making prize presentations & looking smart in their DPM patterned kilts.



Jason Hart



Willie McIntosh



Iain McIntosh



A “catch up with friends” in Spain ~ residents Gary & Jean Spence and Davie & Maureen McCulloch meet up with Graham & Pat Fowler who were on holiday.

SCOTS GUARDS MEMORIAL PROJECT

A reminder that the Scots Guards Memorial Project is live on the Scots Guards website <https://scotsguards.org/history/the-memorial-project/#> , it is fairly easy to use. As part of the work of the Regimental Historical Committee the project was tasked with setting up a computer database to record memorials across the World that have been constructed to remember Scots Guardsmen in both war and peace. To date we currently have 380 Memorials listed and 927 Scots Guardsmen.

We are looking for:

- Large or small memorials to single Scots Guardsmen, detachments or Battalions, from times long past until the present day.
- The memorial could be anything from plaques to stained glass windows in churches, to trees of remembrance, in fact anything which in the respectful memory of our officers or Guardsmen.
- The names of Scots Guardsmen killed and listed on local town or village war memorials.
- Headstones of graves in UK or abroad which record service in the Scots Guards, but please not those men buried in Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemeteries because they are listed comprehensively by that organisation.

As a reminder please sent any information with photographs that you find to Michael Campbell-Lamerton

Michael@hallestate.co.uk

T: 07920 725572

While you are out on your travels across the UK and beyond keep a look out for memorials to Scots Guardsmen.

