


# SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

THE HOUSEHOLD DIVISION




MILITARY MUSICAL SPECTACULAR

5th, 6th & 7th July 2022  
7:30pm

HORSE GUARDS PARADE

FIREWORKS    MASSED BANDS    HORSES

Tickets from **£20**



For more Information:  
[tickets.householddivision.org.uk](https://tickets.householddivision.org.uk)

**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**

**Neil Crockett  
Secretary & Editor**

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## Front Page Photograph:

As it says on the tin (well the poster) – The Household Division Bands doing what they do so well – 5, 6, 7 July 2022

## WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING FEBRUARY IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

### Afghanistan

31 March 2011 CSgt Allan Cameron 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Died as a result of wounds received on 13 April 2010. CSgt Cameron received serious injuries when he was struck by an IED while on foot patrol north of Lashkar Gah.



CSgt Allan Cameron

## REGIMENTAL WEEKEND LONDON 1 – 3 APRIL 2022.

### Bullet Points

#### Fri 1 April Evening – 1830hrs

- WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association AGM. Sgts Mess, Wellington Barracks.

#### Sat 2 April 1030hrs

- SGA AGM, Wellington Barracks 1030hrs. Instructions issued to SGA Branch Secretaries.

#### Sun 3 April 1100hrs

- **Regimental Remembrance Sunday – Guards Chapel.**
- **Scots Guardsmen past & serving of all ranks are encouraged to attend** – we look forward to seeing you on the day. Suits, Brigade Tie, Medals.
- Car Parking – Limited available from 0930hrs. Entry to Bks via Petty France. Suitable identification required. You are advised to avoid arriving by car if possible.
- Arrive in Barracks from 0930hrs – Access must be via Petty France – Beware the Guard Mount begins at 1030hrs.
- Tea & Coffee available in Guards Museum before the service.
- During the service a wreath will be laid at the Scots Guards Cloister by Ian Lorimer, SGA Corby, Central & Eastern Branch (Comd Officer's Driver – Op Motorman 1972)
- After the service the Parade will form up on the Barrack Square including the dismounting Queen's Guard (F Company) to march to the Guards Memorial.
- At the Guards Memorial a wreath will be laid by Willie Urban, Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association.
- On return to Barracks refreshments will be in the Junior Ranks Dining Room 1245 – 1400hrs. Lunch will be on a "pay as you dine basis"
- The WO & Sgts Mess will be open after the parade - past and present Scots Guardsmen will be welcome.

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE  
PLATINUM JUBILEE – THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2022**

If you are after Queens Birthday Parade Tickets its worth checking the website <https://qbp.army.mod.uk/queensbirthdayparade/>

You pay for the tickets and go into a ballot to be drawn in early March. You will then be informed by mid March if you are successful.

Remember this year the “Troop” is on a Thursday.

**FALKLANDS 40 – NATIONAL COMMEMORATION @ THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM, STAFFORDSHIRE  
TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022**

The ticket application process arranged by the Royal British Legion is that all Scots Guards Falklands Veterans wishing to attend this National Commemoration should apply to Neil Crockett by email [sga@scotsguards.org](mailto:sga@scotsguards.org) whether they are a member of the Scots Guards Association or not.

Some veterans have already applied, the ticket application is logged and you will receive by email a form to fill in and a reference number. E-tickets will be sent out approx mid May.

Falkland veterans can apply for themselves and one guest. There is an online ticket application process and you need to be accredited. Those who so far applied have found it very easy, you are registered and eTickets will be sent out about 28 days before 14 June.

Members of our bereaved families can also apply for themselves and one guest, the application process is slightly different but they should contact Neil Crockett for details. If you know of any please let them know the information.

You can apply for tickets until 29 April, but sooner the better so you can make your plans for the day.

On the 14 June there will be access to the National Arboretum in the morning, there will be an exhibition and opportunity personal acts of remembrance. 1230 – 1330hrs refreshments will available.

At 1330hrs the UK National Commemoration will take place at the Armed Forces Memorial and it will include royalty, politicians, etc . when only official wreaths will be laid. At the end of the commemoration individuals will be able to lay their own wreath if they wish to.

The general public will be able to apply for tickets later in process and this will include veterans who didn't serve in Falklands.

For more info check out the Royal British Legion website <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/.../remembrance-events/falklands>



# SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

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**GIVE YOUR CLOSEST BRANCH A CALL & ASK ABOUT JOINING IN WITH BRANCH ACTIVITIES. MEET FRIENDS FROM YOUR SERVICE & MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE REGIMENTAL FAMILY.**



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Aberdeen & North East Scotland Branch

The Branch held its AGM after a successful period in office Mitchell Pyper stood down as Branch Chairman, with our thanks & appreciation.

The Branch Office Bearers are:

President: Captain The Honourable JA Fraser

Chairman: Brian Harrison

Secretary & Treasurer: Graeme Thompson

### Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Branch

The Branch will hold its AGM at Datchet Golf Club on Friday 25th March 2022, 1930hrs for 2000hrs.



Secretaries of Southern Branches meet up for coffee & a natter in Windsor

L-R: George Rance (Surrey), Rab Ritchie (BBO), James Nash (BBO Treasurer)  
Ian Blair (London), Ron Booth (BBO Member).

### Borders Branch

The Branch give notice of their Diamond (60<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary Dinner which will take place at Hawick Rugby Club on Saturday 12 March 2022. Scots Guardsmen in the Borders and beyond are invited to attend.

For details contact Branch Secretary Eck Barclay email: [eck01uk@yahoo.com](mailto:eck01uk@yahoo.com) Tel: 07802 4422878

### Durham & Yorkshire Branch

There will be a Sunday Lunch for members on 6 March 2022 @ The Blue Ball Public House, Malton.

The Branch will hold its AGM on Wednesday 9 March 2022 1930hrs at Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club.

### Glasgow Branch

The re-arranged Branch Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 5 March @ Lok Bar & Kitchen, 16 Newlandsfield Road, Shawlands, Glasgow, G43 2XU. To find out more contact Organiser Ronnie Cook on Messenger.

The Branch held its AGM. Keith Norwood stood down as Secretary with thanks for his hard work.

The Branch Officer Bearers are:

President: Captain Sir James Campbell Bt

Chairman: Captain AEC Edmonstone

Treasurer: Jim McArthur MBE

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

### **Surrey Branch**

Welcome to newly appointed Branch Secretary George Rance. He served in RF 1SG in Hong Kong and Pirbright 1982 – 1986.  
To contact George Email: [thebigscotsgeeza@gmail.com](mailto:thebigscotsgeeza@gmail.com) Tel: 07507 901892

### **Highlands & Islands Branch**

Rod Davidson was appointed Branch Treasurer at the recent meeting taking over from his brother George.

Contact Secretary Harry Obern Email: [hobc862@gmail.com](mailto:hobc862@gmail.com) Tel: 01463 717002

### **Edinburgh & The Lothians Branch**

The Branch will hold its Annual Dinner at the Scots Guards Club on Saturday 30 April 2022.

For more details about the dinner and other events contact Branch Secretary Danny Minto [e.lsga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:e.lsga@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel: 07758 193362.

### **Fife Branch**

The Branch AGM took place at the CISWO, Glenrothes on Sunday 27 February.

Branch Office Bearers for 2022 are:

President – Sir Robert Spencer Nairn Bt

Chairman &  
Treasurer – Gordon Dickson

Secretary - Neil Crockett

### **Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums Scotland**



**P/M Iain Lowther**

Iain Lowther has been appointed as the new Piping Instructor at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. He taught piping at The National Piping Centre (TNPC). He is also the Chief Instructor and Training Officer for the National Army Cadet Force Pipes & Drums and Pipe Major of the Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland).

## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 5 March	Swallae Ho, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.
Sat 2 April	Legion Scotland Beating Retreat, Dundee Square.
Thu 2 June	Queen's Birthday Parade. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn Irish Guards.
2 – 5 June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend.
Sat 4 June	Drums Company 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Scots Guards Reunion, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.
10 – 13 June	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration & Reunion, Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association, Blackpool.
Tue 14 June	Falklands Commemoration, National Arboretum, Staffordshire.
Sat 18 June	Falklands Commemoration, Edinburgh.
Sat 25 June	Armed Forces Day Events – Including Edinburgh.
5 / 6 / 7 July	Household Division – Military Musical Spectacular, House Guards Parade – Tkts from £20.
Sat 30 July	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Op Motorman Reunion, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

## DEATHS

### ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

#### Dundee & Angus

24898336 Gdsm Alexander Gibson. Died 3 February 2022. Right Flank, 1SG. Aged 48, Lived Dundee.

#### Berks, Bucks & Oxon

24164297 LSgt Harry Slessor. Died 14 February 2022. Served 1SG 1970 – 1988 Mortars & A/Ts. Lived Slough.

Former Chairman Harry Slessor's funeral will take place at 1400hrs on Monday 21 March 2022 at Slough Crematorium. Afterwards: At Datchet Golf Club, Buccleuch Road, Datchet, Berkshire, SL3 9BP In order for the Datchet Golf Club to know expected numbers accurately of those likely to attend please let Branch Secretary Rab Ritchie know by Friday 11th March 2022. Email: [rab.ritchie@icloud.com](mailto:rab.ritchie@icloud.com) Tel: 07776 411120.

#### Edinburgh & The Lothians

23041631 Gdsm John Millar. Died 18 February 2022. Served 1954 – 1956.

### NON ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

22551445 Gdsm J Stalker. Died late February 2022. Served 1SG August 1953 – August 1956 Egypt. Funeral- 1330hrs 3 March 2022. Warriston Cloisters, Edinburgh.

LSgt John Hobro, Died 13 February 2022. Served 2SG 1960 – 1972 Regt Police & QM Dept. Funeral 1000hrs 7 March 2022, Oaks Crematorium, Havant, PO9 5NA.

24603983 Gdsm Frank Gilchrist. Died late February 2022. Served 2SG Falklands Islands. Funeral 1030hrs 15 March 2022 at Mortonhall, Edinburgh.

22417926 LSgt Geoff Taylor. Died 17 February 2022. Served 1953 – 1956 1SG Egypt.



## **RABBITS BREAKFAST TAKES SCOTS GUARDS CLUB, EDINBURGH BY STORM**

Despite the wild winds of Storm Eunice that disrupted flights and delayed trains Regimental Rabbits arrived at the Scots Guards Club from all points of the compass and on time for breakfast. The day (weekend for some) was deemed to be very successful and much enjoyed. Well done to the organisers.

It was great to see that Eddie McKay (Seagull) & Ronnie Paterson made it after a mammoth train journey from London and that Eddie was looking well.



**Rabbits on Parade**



**Senior Rabbits – Eddie McKay, John Campbell, Ronnie Paterson**



**Hungry Rabbits – waiting for Breakfast  
Major Iain Dalzel Job – Sunray**



**A Rabbits – Toast**



**Rabbits gather at the start of the Breakfast – Calm before the storm!**



## BITS AND PIECES

### VETERANS IN COMMUNITIES – LANCASHIRE

Changing lives and supporting Veterans in Communities with their outreach initiatives in East Lancashire.



Former 2SG, Ray Sharkey is lead outreach representative at the Accrington and Haslingden centres.

### Bite Size - Regimental History

The following article written by Major Jim Grant appeared in the Scots Guards Magazine 1997. At the time his appointment was as Regimental Accountant with similar responsibilities to today's Welfare & Finance Officer.

In the closing days of World War 2 S Company was absorbed into 1SG and was renamed B Company. X Company was disbanded and its men absorbed into 2SG.

I wonder if there were two companies of "Rabbits" in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion from 1879 – 1902?

## COMPANY IDENTIFICATION WITHIN THE REGIMENT

by MAJOR (RETD) JI GRANT

Up to the 17th Century identification of Companies was done by numbering, ie: 1 to 16. In 1831, on the Regiment being renamed "Scots Fusilier Guards" both Battalions renamed their flank companies 'Right Flank' and 'Left Flank' (this was a Fusilier custom at that time). At this date the flank companies were the 'Grenade throwers' consequently the taller men of the Battalion were allocated to RF & LF.

The numbering of Companies (excluding RF & LF), which had prevailed throughout the Crimea War, was continued by both Battalions until 1st January 1879 when the ten companies of the 1st Battalion were 'lettered' ie: RF, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, LF. The 2nd Battalion retained their old designation.

On the introduction of 8 Company Battalions in 1881, Companies were redesignated as:

1st Battalion: RF, B, C, D, E, F, G, LF

2nd Battalion: RF, K, L, M, N, O, P, LF

(These titles were in use throughout the South African War 1900-1902).

It is noted that within an old "ORDER" Book, when the Regiment was then named "3rd Foot Guards", Companies were shown lettered as:

1st Battalion: A, C, E, I, K, L, P, R, S, T.

2nd Battalion: B, D, F, G, H, M, N, O, Q, V.

However in addition, in an "ORDER" Book dated 1855 Companies are 'numbered' — no reason is given for any of these changes.

Throughout World War II, Duty Companies/Squadrons (excluding HQ Coy/Sqn & Spt Coy) were allocated to the following Battalions and Formations:

1st Bn	2nd Bn	3rd (Tank) Bn	4th Bn (4)
RF	RF	RF Sqn	RF
B	F	S Sqn	W
C	G	T Sqn (1)	X
LF	LF	LF Sqn	LF
5th (Ski) Bn (2)	Holding Bn (3)	Gds Dep (Caterham)	Trng Bn (Pirbright)
RF	RF	K	RF
W	P/W	L	O
X	X		P
Y	LF		LF
LF			'Specialists'

### Independent Companies

'S' — Attached to 2 COLDM GDS — Italy.

'X' — Attached to 3 IG & 1WG

(with Gds Armd Div — NW Europe).

'M' — RHQ Staff and Regimental Band

### Notes

1. On Formation October 1940

2. In Formation: January - March 1940

3. Served in London: April 1940 - November 1943

4. Served within UK: October 1941 - August 1943

## NEW WAYS THAT YOU CAN MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION DIRECT TO THE SCOTS GUARDS CHARITY

There have been some recent changes on how donations can be made, they are:

Invest My Community has replaced Virgin Money as a donation platform, donations can be made as follows:



1. Go to the [Scots Guards website](#).
2. Top right corner click donate button – then click the InvestMyCommunity donate button.
3. Enter the amount you wish to donate and tick the box if you wish this to be repeated.

**On Line Shopping.** For those that shop online, you may wish to consider using Give as you Live or Amazon Smile who donate a % of your purchase direct into the Scots Guards Charity account with no additional cost to you:



**Give as you Live.** This is a user friendly website that allows you to shop online and provides a varied % of your purchase as a donation to your chosen charity. This will differ between retailer's the range is between .5 and 7.5%. Compare the market will give £12.5 for each new car insurance policy:

1. Go to the [Give as you live](#) website and search for The Scots Guards Charity.
2. Register as a user.
3. When you next shop online with over 5,500 retail partners, the Regimental Charity receives a percentage of what you have spent. Stores include M&S, eBay, Tesco, John Lewis, Sainsburys (new customers receive 7.5%), Argos, Viking, Hotels.Com, Booking.com, asos, Trainline and many more.



**Amazon Smile.** Amazon have recently moved away from Give as you live and have created their own charity platform called amazon smile, they offer a flat .5% of your purchase to your chosen charity:

1. Go to [Amazon Smile](#) website.
2. Register as a customer.
3. Nominate The Scots Guards Charity as your chosen charity.
4. Shop on line.

**Please do not forget when making your donation you agree to “Gift Aid” then we can reclaim 25p for each £ you donate at no extra cost to you.**

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