

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:

Top: Lord Charles Bruce, HRH The Duke of Kent, Colonel & Colonel JDL Leask MBE Regimental Lieutenant Colonel on the steps of Broomhall House.

Bottom: The Band of The Scots Guards

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING AUGUST IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

2nd Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

	2 nd Lt JA Forbes – Leith	- Age 21 }	
2818374	Sgt William Riach	- Age 34	} Killed 25 September 1949
22022534	Gdsm Dennis Moore	- Age 19	}

2nd Battalion Scots Guards - Londonderry, Northern Ireland 1972

24048414	Gdsm John Van Beck	- Age 26	Killed 18 September 1972
24185619	Gdsm George Lockhart	- Age 24	Wounded 23 September, Died of Wounds 26 September 1972

DEATHS

Association Members

Highlands & Islands Branch

24000437 WO1 John McDonald Died 16 September 2023. Served 2SG & 1SG Mid 1960s – late 1980s. Lived Inverness.

Berks, Bucks & Oxfordshire

24096970 LCpl Derek Drummond Died 8 September 2023. Served 2SG Mortars Oct 1968 – June 1975.

Gds Parachute Assoc

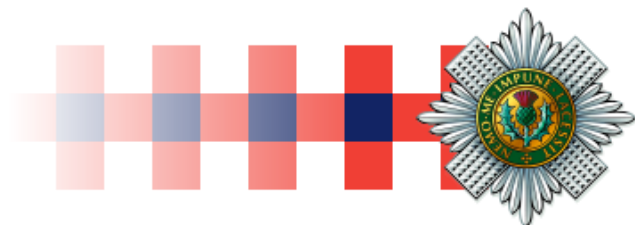
24004098 Sgt Ken Cameron Died 16 September 2023. Served 2SG & Gds Parachute Coy from 1964. Formed Gds Para Freefall Team. Funeral 4 October 2023 1315hrs at Cardross Crem G82 5HQ.

Captain Anthony Hopkinson Died September 2023. Served 1953 – 1967 inc Gds Parachute Coy 1957 – 60.

Non Association Members

Gdsm Duncan Rogers. Died 5 September 2023 Aged 63. Served 2SG G Coy & Mortars inc Falkland Islands 1982. Funeral Monday 2 October 2023 1030hrs Holytown Crematorium, ML1 5RU.

Gdsm Jordan Chadwick Died June 2023 in Ukraine. Served 1SG 2011 to 2015. Lived Burnley.



ASSOCIATION DINNERS

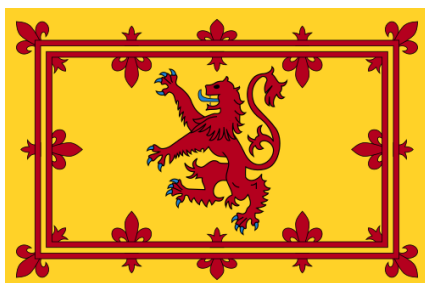
The Autumn period of dinners begins ~ Contact your local SGA Branch Secretary to attend ~ Support your Local Branch.

Fri 6 Oct	SGA Glasgow – Glasgow Arts Club, Bath Street.	Colin Downie 07956 526283
Sat 7 Oct	SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway – Auctioneer, Rosehill Estate, Carlisle, CA1 2RW	Tony Mason 07980 103804
Fri 13 Oct	SGA Dundee & Angus, Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.	Iain Bryson 07447 700536
Sat 21 Oct	SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon, Datchet Golf Club.	Jim Simmonds 07340 297328
Fri 27 Oct	SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland, Althens Hotel, Aberdeen.	Graeme Thompson 01224 317738
Wed 1 Nov	SGA Manchester, Ukrainian Club, Cheetham Hill, Manchester (Lunch).	David Courtney 07785 224678
Fri 3 Nov	SGA Ayrshire, RAFA Club, Prestwick.	Jim Fraser 07765 490477
Fri 10 Nov	SGA Fife, Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy.	Neil Crockett 01383 721530
Fri 17 Nov	SGA Preston, Masonic Club, Preston.	Michael Nutter 07976 909001
Sat 25 Nov	SGA Pipers, SG Club, Edinburgh.	Dougie Watson 07515 263716
Sat 25 Nov	SGA Australia, Twin Towns Services Club, Coolangatta.	John Linn +061 (0) 435865765



Dates of Remembrance - 2023

Fri 20 Oct	Opening of Inverness Garden of Remembrance, Edith Cavell Gardens.
Mon 23 Oct	Opening of Edinburgh Garden of Remembrance. Princes Street Gardens.
Tue 24 Oct	Opening of Glasgow Garden of Remembrance. George Square.
Sat 4 Nov	Angus, Perthshire & Fife Festival of Remembrance. Caird Hall, Dundee 1900hrs
Sat 11 Nov	Festival of Remembrance, Albert Hall, London.
Sun 12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, UK Wide.



SCOTS' GUARDS ASSOCIATION NORTH AMERICAN BRANCH

President: Douglas Mackintosh

Secretary/Treasurer: David B. Rennie

ANNUAL DINNER 2023

Well, at long last, we have finally managed to get together as an Association and have our annual dinner. For 2023, this was a very small event with only 13 in attendance; even though we were small in attendees it was indeed a success, everyone had a great evening.

The venue for the 2023 dinner was at the Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre in Cobourg, Ontario, Canada. Cobourg lies on the north shore of Lake Ontario it is a very picturesque location, it is some two hours East of Toronto and some 2 hours west of Ottawa, the Nation's Capital. The venue was well suited for our small group with all of the necessary amenities.

Our attendees this year were:

- William and Cintia Swinton (SG)
- Jamie and Colleen Fairholme (SG)
- William and Ellen McCarroll (SG)
- David and Maureen Rennie (SG)
- Fumi Campbell (spouse of the late Jim Campbell SG)
- Geoffrey Davies (WG)
- Kirk Hill (Piper)
- Art Mackenzie and Josée Cote (GGFG)

We were pleased to have had Kirk Hill, a former piper in the Canadian Armed Forces, play throughout the evening, and appreciated his playing all of our well-known Scots Guards pieces (thank you, Kirk).

The highlight was Willie McCarroll's rendition of Robbie Burns "Address to the Haggis." Willie once again excelled, but it was a pity the haggis didn't match the perfection of our orator.

It was great to see that we had another former member of the Household Division in attendance Geoffrey Davies, formerly of the Welsh Guards.

We are going through some changes at the moment, but we would be remiss if we didn't recognize our long-standing president, Douglas MacKintosh, (at the helm since 1984) has supported the Association over all these years and our thanks go out to him. A stalwart member of the association, we wish to thank Douglas - along with his lovely wife, Blu, for your time keeping the association on an even keel over the years; you are indeed a fine Scots Guardsman.

We were also very pleased to receive two donations of \$200.00 each from Douglas and Tim Boyd-Wilson thank you both.

The association on the other side of the pond is strong, but many are now in their senior years, it is hard for them to travel but you can be assured their hearts and minds are that of Scots Guardsmen.



Scots Guards Association ~ North America Branch & their ladies



Scots Guardsmen Across the Pond

Lt Col Willie Swinton, Dave Rennie, Major Jamie Fairholme (North American Branch President Designate), Willie McCarroll

Scots Guards Club ~ Newsletter October 2023

Thanks everyone for supporting the club over the past months. It's been a great summer and there's a lot happening at the moment!

The kitchen opened in July and lunches have proved to be really popular. The winter menu will launch at the start of October and will see the return, by popular demand, of our home made mince and tatties. Perfect for these chilly Autumn days! We will also be introducing burgers for the first time which we hope you will enjoy. Our lunches offer tremendous value and are available 12-3 each day other than Saturdays, when pie and beans is the order of the day.

Our team continues to grow and we say 'hello and welcome' to Stacey, Holly and Fatima who have joined us to support the kitchen, bar and housekeeping.

As of 24 September, we will have music every single Sunday afternoon from 2pm. The ever popular Dennis Kennedy will be with us regularly and a variety of other musicians will be coming along over the winter months for your delight and delectation! The first of our new artistes is Matthew Mcghe on the 24th. Sundays are fun days and we hope to see loads of you there.

Remember too that we have music on a Thursday evening with Kit and his gang and at this time we think of our dear friend Finlay McLeod who passed away recently. Thursday's won't be the same without his gentle company, humour and fiddle music and our love goes out to his lovely wife and fellow musician June.

Talking of Sundays, our long standing piping knockout competition will run again over the winter months as follows:

29 October.	Angus MacColl.	V	Bobby Allen
26 November	Brodie Watson Massey.	V.	Angus Macphee
28 January.	Sandy Cameron	V.	Christopher McLeish
25 February.	Cameron May.	V.	Luke Kennedy

Tickets cost £6 on the day with the usual club pies on sale at half time!

The Club used to open on a Wednesday evening but has not done so since the lockdown closures of 2020/21. From October, we will once again open on a Wednesday evening for a trial period to see how it goes.

There are a few weekend dates still available for the function room over the festive season so if you are looking for somewhere for your Christmas do then you know where to come.

All the best from all the Team @ The Scots Guards Club

Pipe Major John Mitchell ~ Pipe Major 1st Battalion Scots Guards

Making history as the youngest Pipe Major to hold the appointment (in peace time of course), the Pipe Major had the honourable privilege of creating a composition for HRH The Colonel. This was to mark and celebrate the 50 years of service the Duke of Kent has dedicated to the Regiment.

Titled 'The Colonel' the march was presented to HRH before making its public debut at the Regimental Gathering. It was very well received and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



The plaque reads: "His Royal Highness ~ The Duke of Kent The longest serving Colonel of the Scots Guards ~1974 -2024"

1st Battalion Scots Guards ~ Foxhound in the Oman



Left Flank hitting speeds in the Foxhound during their mounted training phase out in Oman

With a top speed of 70mph, the Foxhound delivers high-levels of operationally proven protection, reliability, availability, and adaptability due to its modular design. **A fantastic operating vehicle in the dusty and hot conditions.**

1st Battalion Scots Guards Pipes & Drums – Followed the Route of The Late Queen’s Final Journey Through Scotland

Between Saturday 9 & Friday 15 September 2023 in the 1st Anniversary week on the Late Queen’s death the 1st Battalion Pipes and Drums followed the route of her final journey from Ballater to St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.



Saturday 9 Sept ~ Ballater



Sunday 10 Sept ~ Aberdeen



Monday 11 Sept ~ City Square, Dundee



Tuesday 12 Sept ~ Perth



Thursday 14 Sept ~ The Glen Gates, Dunfermline



Friday 15 Sept ~ St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh

If you’re wondering if they had a rest day on Wednesday 13 September ~ No they were playing for a military veterans group.



On Friday evening 22 September 2023 a piper quartet was invited to Holyrood Palace to perform for HRH the Duke of Kent - the Colonel of the Regiment.

The Gathering Weekend – Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 September 2023

There are lots of photographs from many sources of weekend ~ This is a small selection ~ Enjoy



Left: St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh. Major Evin Frost DOM with Councillor Robert Aldridge, Lord Provost of Edinburgh



Right: The Band of the Scots Guards plays to a packed house at Dunfermline Abbey.



Left: The Pipes & Drums of Queen Victoria School Dunblane. Pipe Major Iain Lowther is piping instructor at the school.



Right: Tristram Carter & Jimmy Cree meeting up for the first time in many years ~ That's what it's all about.



Left: Keith Kirtley, Major Mark Cape & Jimmy Lindsay.

Right: The Scots Guards Association (Scotland) Pipes & Drums



Left: Rab Sharp snaps fellow photographer Kevin Wylie with his Grandfather & WW2 Veteran John Murdoch. John Hodge behind.

Centre: Iain (Dan) Newton & Lt Col Stuart Rowe

Right: Namesakes ~ Tam Paterson & IP Colin Paterson



Left: A gaggle of Prontos ~ Signals Pltn 1SG Ken Woods, Willie Coffield (Chairman SGA Surrey), Captain Tom Ingram Clark, Doug Robinson, Alan Strachan & Brian Harrison (Chairman SGA Aberdeen).

Centre: 2 x SGA Chairmen catch up ~ Major Mark Cape (Carlisle, D & G) and Alf Clempson (Preston). Alf is also Armed Forces Champion for Lancashire County Council.

Right: Danny McDermid(SGA Glasgow) & Gordon Dickson (Chairman SGA Fife)



Band of the Scots Guards & a Mammoth Marquee



Keith Bowes



Steve Hills, Mick Gregson with Steve & Sharon Jones



**The SGA Pipes: Ian Davidson, Mike Donald
Donald McFarlane**



The Dancers of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane



**Lady Fiona MacGregor, Lord Charles Bruce,
Jimmy Banks.**



Then it was all over & time to go home ~ "TAXI"