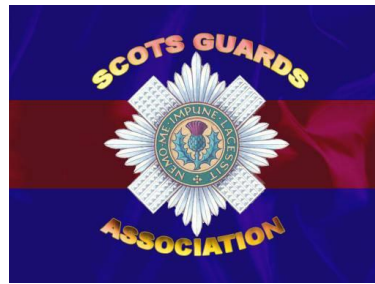


SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

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 Photograph:

Sgt Jamie Bell overlooks the city as Lone Piper on the Edinburgh Tattoo 2025.

Well known to members of the Scots Guards Association, particularly in Scotland when he played at Branch dinners over about 3 or 4 years when he was a Piper & LCpl on the Regimental Support Team.

Many congratulations on his recent promotion.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING SEPTEMBER IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

2nd Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

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

Non Association

George Carlyle Died Early August 2025. Aged 92. Lived Moffat, Former Member SGA Carlisle 1954 -1957.

Tim Gilmore Died 7 August 2025. Served 1SG Aldergrove , RF 2SG Falklands 1982. Lived Crosshouse, Ayrshire.

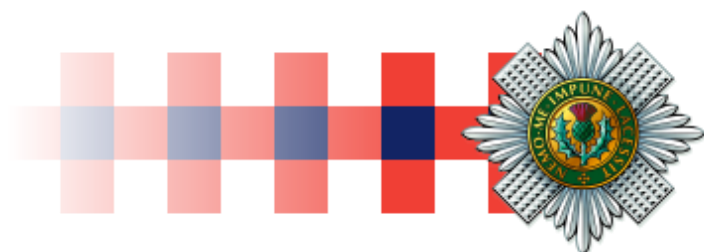
Sgt Kenneth Nettleton Died 11 August 2025 Age 98. Served 1948 – 1953 2SG Malaya and 1SG Cyprus and at the Gds Depot. He was awarded 2 x MID in Malaya Also served Essex Police as a Dog Handler.
Funeral Monday 8 Sept 2025 at 1145hrs at Weeley Crematorium Colchester Road, Clacton – on – Sea, CO16 9JP

23517628 Gdsm John Ure Died 16 August 2025 Lived Arbroath. Served 2SG 1957 – 1967.

Alan Fox Died 21 August 2025. Served 2SG Falklands Campaign. Funeral 1300hrs Friday 19 September 2025 Oak Havant Crematorium, Havant, PO9 5NA.

24755379 Gdsm Mark Kilpatrick Died 31 July 2025. He served 2SG 1988 -1993 then transferred to AGC. Funeral Saturday 6 September 1100hrs at Stirling Crematorium, FK7 8AJ then to Bannockburn Cemetery FK7 8UF.

24076820 LSgt Peter McCue Died 22 August, 2025, Age 76 years. Lived Paisley. 2SG 1966 – 1976 well known Bn boxer.
Funeral Mass at St. Thomas RC Church, Main Street, Neilston, G78 3NJ on Monday, 8 September, at 10am, thereafter, to Hawkhead Cemetery, PA2 7BE arriving approximately 11:15am.



1st BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS PIPES & DRUMS ~ AT THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

23 shows, over 19 nights, the Pipes & Drums have completed a busy month performing at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on it's 75th anniversary year. 75 years and the first time a performance has been cancelled due to very stormy weather.

The positions of Director of the Army School of Bagpipe Music & Highland Drumming and Senior Drum Major are currently filled by proud Scots Guardsmen.

The Commanding Officer was welcomed as a VIP guest at the 75th anniversary of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Before deploying with the remainder of the Battalion to Kosovo he took the opportunity to recognise some well deserved promotions and appointments.

Pipe Sgt – formally appointing Sgt Bell to the honour.

Sgt Liliequist – Regimental lead drummer, ready to take charge of all things Pioneering



Left: Sgt Jamie Bell waits for his cue as Lone Piper



Right: Was it just a mirage or did we spy a picture of the most famous Scots Guards Pipe Major of the modern age projected on the Castle walls. Yes I think we did ~ Pipe Major Angus MacDonald MBE.

FORECAST OF EVENTS UNTIL JUNE 2026

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6 SGA Durham & Yorkshire Dinner ~ Sgts Mess, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Somme Barracks, Catterick.
Contact: Mark Wall Secretary ~ Email: Markwall442@outlook.com Tel: 07535 029061

OCTOBER

Sat 4 SGA Carlisle D & G Dinner ~ The Auctioneer, Rosehill Est, Carlisle.
Fri 10 WOs & Sgts Past & Present Association 73rd Annual Dinner, Sgts Mess, 1st Bn Scots Guards, Catterick.
Sat 11 SGA Dundee & Angus 99th Annual Dinner ~ Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.
Sat 11 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon 61st Annual Dinner, Datchet Golf Club 1800hrs for 1900hrs.
Sat 25 SGA Glasgow 100th Annual Dinner ~ Glasgow Arts Club, Glasgow, (125th Anniversary)
Thu 30 SGA Manchester Lunch ~ Ukrainian Club. Cheetham Hill, Manchester.
Fri 31 SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland Dinner ~ Althens Hotel, Aberdeen

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 SGA Australia Dinner ~ Bribie Island RSL, Bongaree, QLD
Fri 7 SGA Fife Dinner ~ Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy
Fri 7 SGA Ayrshire Dinner ~ RAFA Club, Prestwick
Sat 29 SGA Pipers Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh
Sun 30 SGA Merseyside Lunch ~ Masonic Club Garston, Liverpool.

DECEMBER

Wed 10 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Christmas Lunch ~ Datchet Golf Club 1230 for 1300hrs.

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JANUARY

Sat 24 SGA Highlands & Islands Dinner / Burns Supper ~ Inverness.

APRIL

Fri 17 – Sun 19 Regimental Weekend ~ London
Sun 19 Regimental Remembrance Sunday

MAY

Fri 29 SGA Edinburgh & The Lothians Annual Dinner ~ Scots Guards Club.

JUNE

Fri 12 – Mon 15 Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association Weekend ~ Blackpool

DATES OF REMEMBRANCE 2025

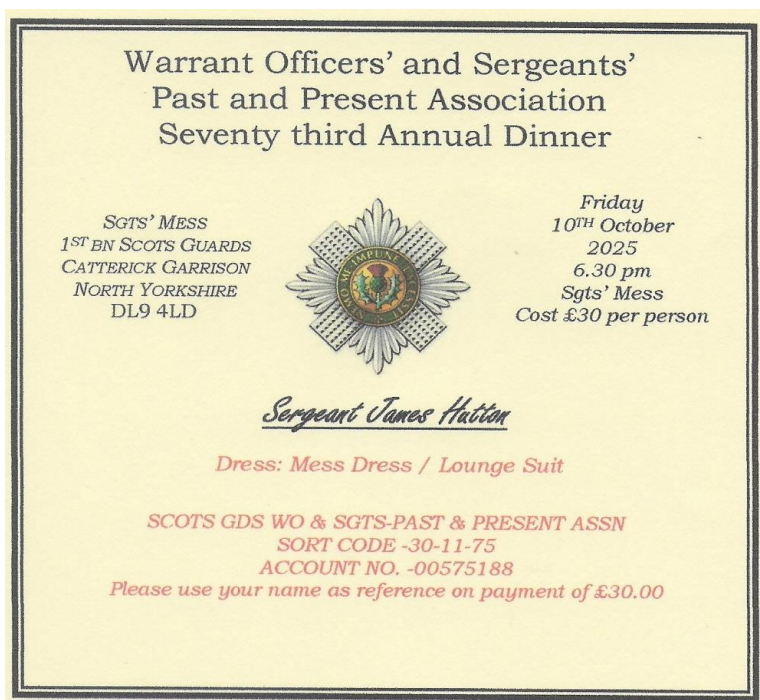
Fri 1 Oct Opening of Inverness Garden of Remembrance, Edith Cavell Gardens.
Mon 20 Oct Opening of Edinburgh Garden of Remembrance. Princes Street Gardens.
Tue 21 Oct Opening of Glasgow Garden of Remembrance. George Square.
Sat 1 Nov Angus, Perthshire & Fife Festival of Remembrance, Caird Hall, Dundee.
Sat 8 Nov Festival of Remembrance, Albert Hall, London.
Sun 9 Nov Remembrance Sunday, UK Wide.

On behalf of RQMS Munro Secretary & Treasurer of the Scots Guards Warrant Officers & Sergeants Past & Present Association : We now have a Facebook page ~ check it out!

JUST THE TICKET

WARRANT OFFICERS & SERGEANTS PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION 73RD ANNUAL DINNER

Closing Date Friday 26 September 2025



Date: Friday 10 October 2025

Venue: Sgts Mess, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Catterick Garrison.

Time: Gather at 1830hrs

Dress: Serving Mess Dress / Past Lounge Suit, HDiv Tie, Miniature Medals

Cost: Tickets £30 ea.

Payment: Bank Transfer preferred.

Scots Guards WO and Sgts Past and Present Association

Sort Code: 30 - 11 - 75

Account Number: 00575188

Please use your name as reference of payment.

Misc:

- Please email James.Munro827@mod.gov.uk to let him know you've made payment.
- There wont be any military accommodation available, however transport will be made available from & return to local hotels.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

SGA Highlands & Islands Branch

Our next branch meeting is on Wednesday 3 September in the Nairn Legion. Be good to see you there for 1900hrs.

SGA Fife Branch

The Branch intends to hold a Sunday Afternoon High Tea at The Horizon Restaurant, Pettycur Bay Holiday Park, Kinghorn on either 21 or 28 September TBC. For further detail contact:

Neil Crockett: Tel: 01383 721530

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Remembrance Sunday 9 November 2025 ~ Cenotaph London.

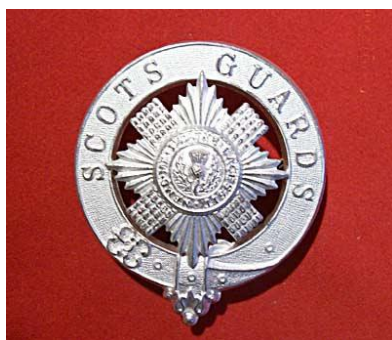


If you want to be part of the Scots Guards Detachment on the parade.

Email Neil Crockett sga@scotsguards.org

I will then add your name & email address on the Royal British Legion booking system. You will receive an email back from Royal British Legion requesting your full details. In October you will then receive the necessary security passes to get you into the forming up point on Horse Guards Parade.

Do it quickly as we are only allocated 25 tickets ~ only 10 places left as at 31 / 8 /2025.

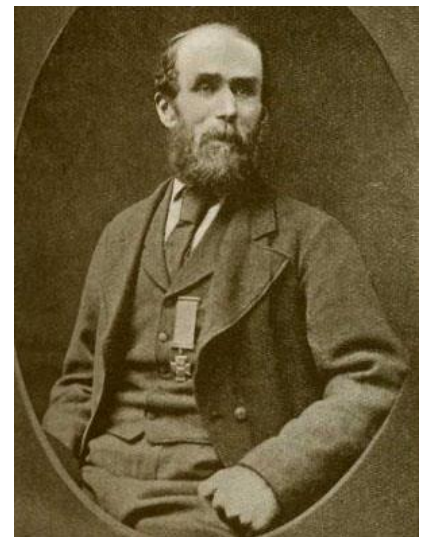


Invitation to a Lecture on the Scots Guards in Crimea, delivered by Ian Fletcher

The event is free entry
There will be a bar.

London Scottish House from 18:00 29 October 25.

The lecture has been organised by the Historic Committee. This is an interest piece on the actions of the Scots Guards during the Crimea War. A war which saw Scots Guards win five VCs including three in one day. With Eastern Europe back under conflict, it will be a good opportunity to draw any parallels and differences between war in the 1850s and 2020s.



Victoria Crosses

Lieutenant James Craig VC (Grave photographed)
Ensign Robert James Lindsay (Lord Wantage) VC
Sgt John Simpson Knox VC
Private William Reynolds VC
Sergeant James McKechnie VC

Yours Aye

Capt Robert J O Russell

Company Second in Command, Right Flank | 1st Battalion Scots Guards | Somme Barracks, Catterick Garrison, DL9 4LD

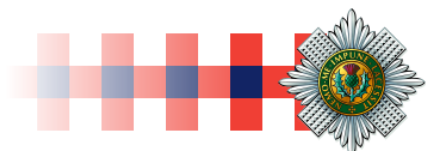
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GIVE YOUR CLOSEST BRANCH A CALL & ASK ABOUT JOINING IN WITH BRANCH ACTIVITIES. MEET FRIENDS FROM YOUR SERVICE & MAKE NEW FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE REGIMENTAL FAMILY.



1st BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS KOSOVO



Regimental Sergeant Major Campbell & WO1 Botes oversee the Battalion's arrival in Kosovo

Nearly 400 soldiers from 1st Bn Scots Guards have deployed to Kosovo. As part of NATO's Strategic Reserve Force (SRF), the Scots Guards will work with Kosovo Force (KFOR), conducting peacekeeping missions with their NATO partners. This operational rehearsal sees troops conduct in-country acclimatisation and training in preparation for operational commitments across the country.

SCOTS GUARDS CLUB NEWS



Our defibrillator was finally installed. Primarily as an asset to our members and those who use the club but also as a wider community benefit at our highly visible location at the Haymarket junction. Thanks again to those who contributed to this project.

Furniture was delivered to our new library room which is very nearly ready to go. Thanks to all who have donated books. The shelves are much fuller since this photo was taken.

Next SG Club newsletter out in a few days.



Left: Congratulations to Senior Drum Major WO2 McCutcheon, the Army School of Bagpipe Music & Highland Drumming on winning the G2 World Pipe Band Championships and also being crowned the 2025 Champion of Champions playing with Glasgow Skye Association Band.



Right: Well done to DMaj Rab McCutcheon on what was his last lead of the Massed Pipes and Drums on the Esplanade of the Castle at the Edinburgh Tattoo.



Left: LSgt Calum Davidson is presented with his LS&GC by Captain Walker. He's currently working at Army Careers Centre, Edinburgh and moving on to Infantry Engagement Team on the 6 September for 2 years.



Right: In the Scots Guards Club ~ Captain Walker, Captain Little, Captain Hamilton, CSgt Thorley doing all they can to re - enlist Ted Middlemass back into the Regiment (A pint will do it!!)



Left: Alf Clempson Chairman of SGA Preston & Chairman of Lanashire County Council shows off his world renowned dancing skills. For all Scots Guards Pensioners ~ See Right!

