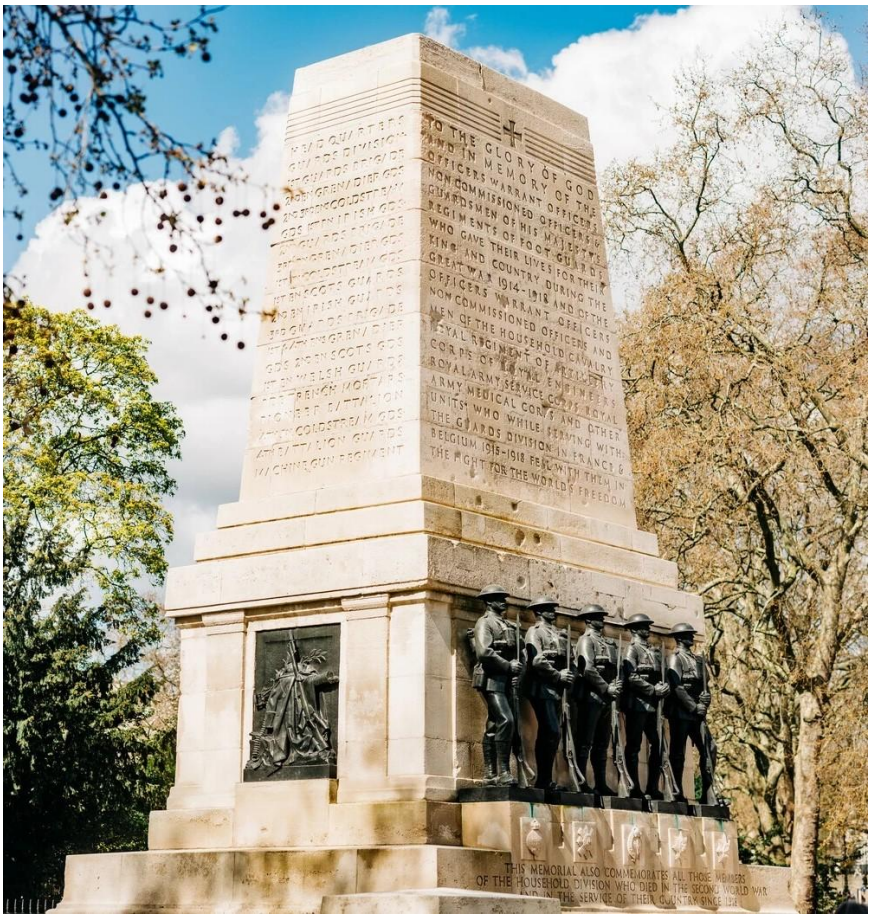
SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



"The traditions of this Regiment mark you and mould you, and stay with you and never let you go. But as each man must know himself, so each generation must know its own times. The issues men faced in days before our own are not precisely or exactly the same issues which we face now. Their day was their day. Our day is our day. What they have handed on to us is an example and tradition. What we do with it is our responsibility."

The Reverend David "Hutch" Whiteford CBE. Chaplain to the Scots Guards from 1945 to 1953.

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BRIGADIER THE REVEREND DAVID "HUTCH" WHITEFORD CBE QHC

You will notice that the previous inspirational statement by General Sir Michael Gow has been changed. He was Commanding Officer and spoke in an address to HM The Queen, the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards and to the spectators at the Presentation of New Colours to 2nd Battalion Scots Guards at The Palace of Holyroodhouse, in 1965.

It has appeared on every edition of the SGA Newsletter since Captain Ernie Marchant was appointed SGA Secretary in 1999 until now. It is perhaps time for a change.

The new statement comes from the sermon by Reverend David 'Hutch' Whiteford at the Thanksgiving Service in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh for the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards service in the Falkland Islands conflict after their return. The service took place on 12 November 1982.

During World War 2 Reverend David 'Hutch' Whiteford served first as Padre to 5th Bn Black Watch in 51st Highland Division from mid June 1944 in Normandy during hard fighting around Caen. He joined 2nd Battalion Scots Guards in March 1945 during the Battle for the Reichwald and when they stayed in Germany until November 1947 when the Bn returned to UK. Through the time in London and including the Battalion's moved to Malaya from October 1948 until early1951. Staying with 2SG in Victoria Barracks, Windsor a period which included the death of King George IV and the Coronation of the late Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953.

Later he was posted on a speaking tour to the United States at the request of the Foreign Office which without doubt gives indication to his ability as an inspiring speaker. Until 1971 he was Deputy Chaplain General and Honorary Chaplain to the Queen.

For many years after retiring from the Army, Padre Whiteford was minister to a parish church in East Lothian and was Chaplain to the Edinburgh Branch of the Scots Guards Association.

Padre David Whiteford also wrote our Regimental Collect at the instigation of then Major John Swinton when he was Regimental Adjutant.

WE REMEMBER THOSE KILLED DURING SEPTEMBER IN CONFLICTS SINCE 1945

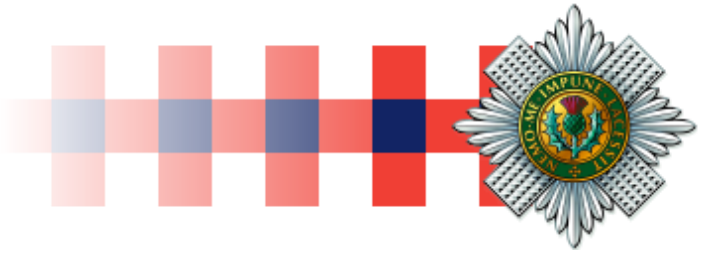
2nd Battalion Scots Guards – Malaya Emergency 1948 – 1951

	2nd 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

SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland

24153807 LCpl Frank Farquhar Died 18 August 2026. Age 74. Lived Aberdeen. Enlisted as a Junior Leader 1968 – 1977 Served 1SG, Windsor, Munster, Chelsea. Funeral Aberdeen Crematorium, East Chapel, 9 September 2026, 1330hrs.

Sgt Robert Storrie Died 25 August 2026. Lived Aberdeen. Served 2SG and as a renown barber at the Guards Depot in the 1960s – 70s. Lived Aberdeen.

SGA Fife

24194674 WO2 (MTWO) George Boag Died 10 August 2026. Age 79. Lived Perth. Served 1SG 1971 – 1993.

SGA Fife & Tumbledown Veterans & Families Association

24558860 Gdsm John McLaren Died August 2026. Lived East Lothian. Enlisted as a Junior Leader 1980. Served 2SG G Coy & MT, Chelsea, Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Hounslow. Funeral will be at East Lothian Crematorium, Musselburgh, EH21 8XN on Saturday 12 September 2026 @ 1030hrs.

SGA Glasgow

22167283 John McKinnie Died August 2026. The funeral will be held at Hurlet Crematorium, Glasgow, G53 7TH on 1September 2026.

SGA Dundee & Angus

23229994 LSgt George McLean MBE Died 22 August 2026. Age 87. Lived Forfar. Served 1SG 1957 – 1960. Distinguished service in Tayside Police to Chief Superintendent & awarded MBE. Funeral at Forfar All Soul's Church Friday 11 September 2026 at 1400hrs.

NON ASSOCIATION

24048488 LSgt William Grubb Died 18 August 2026. Age 77. Lived Cowdenbeath. Served 1SG late 60s – mid 1970s. 1969 C Coy, 1970 Attached Army Air Corps in Sharjah, Belfast 1971 in G Coy 1SG. Funeral 10 September 2026 1015hrs Kirkcaldy Crematorium.



Frank Farquhuar



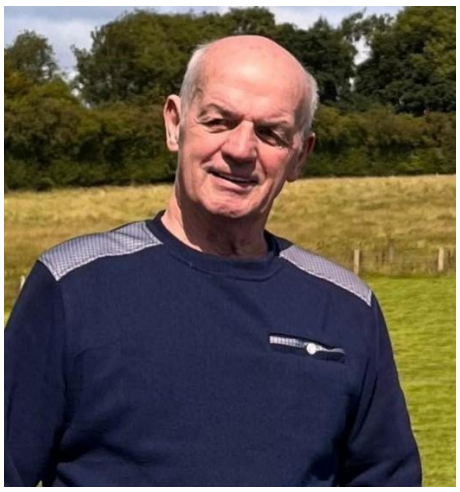
John McLaren



Rab Storrie



George McLean MBE



Willie Grubb



George Boag

LET'S BE FRANK ~ THEY SMASHED IT





Setting Off



Enroute



The finish ~ Fort William ~
The centre man front row ~ fresh as a daisy & ready to "rock on"

Well Done to Sgt Ross Trainor & the team from 1st Battalion Scots Guards.
Day 1 = 41 miles : Day 2 = 31 miles : Day 3 = 24 miles

Other details & still time to donate at the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ross-trainer-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

The Winners : Scots Guards Charity : Army Benevolent Fund : Men Matter Scotland

100 YEARS CEREMONIAL ~ UNVEILING OF THE GUARDS MEMORIAL ~ FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026

The Guards Memorial was unveiled by Field Marshal HRH The Duke of Connaught, Senior Colonel of the Brigade of Guards, on 16 October 1926.

On Fri 16 Oct 26, the Household Division and HQ London District will commemorate the centenary of the unveiling through a major ceremonial event centred on the Guards Memorial and Horse Guards Parade.

The event will seek, where practicable, to replicate the ceremonial effect of the original unveiling and honour those members of the Foot Guards and Guards Division who served and fell during the Great War and in subsequent service in war and peace.

I have been asked to circulate the early information, to receive names of Scots Guards Association and other Regimental Veterans wishing to take part.

Ceremony for the Guards Memorial on Fri 16 October 2026

Taking Part

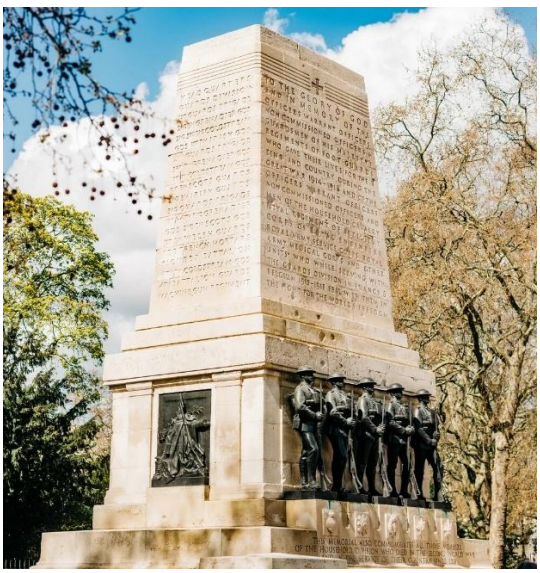
- Composite Guard of Honour formed from all five Foot Guards Regiments.
- Household Cavalry detachment.
- King's Body Guard.
- Household Division Bands, Pipes and Drums & Corps of Drums.
- Representation from Corps historically associated with the Guards Division.
- Veterans, Regimental Associations and Royal Hospital/Chelsea Pensioners.

Ceremonial unveiling and rededication of the Guards Memorial.

- Wreath-laying ceremony.
- Commemorative service.
- Ceremonial march past.

Attendance:

- Can SGA Branches circulate the information as widely as possible and collate returns of members able to attend.
- Other Scots Guards veterans wishing to attend to contact Neil Crockett – email sga@scotsguards.org
- Information such as mobility requirements and other relevant remarks on returns.
- Returns to attend are required to me by Wednesday 9 September 2026.
- I will let you know further details when I have them.



SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION DINNERS AUTUMN 2026 – JANUARY 2027

September

Fri 25 SGA Fife (72th) Dinner, Victoria Hotel, Kirkcaldy.

Sat 26 SGA Durham & Yorkshire (90th) Dinner, Sgts Mess, 1st Bn Scots Guards

October

Sat 3 SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway (76th) Dinner, Auctioneer, Carlisle.

Sat 10 SGA Dundee & Angus Dinner (100th Anniversary), Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa, Dundee.

Thu 15 SGA Manchester Annual Lunch, Ukrainian Club, Manchester.

Sat 17 SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon Dinner, Datchet Golf Club. /

Fri 30 SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland Dinner, Altens Hotel.

November

Fri 6 SGA Ayrshire Dinner, RAFA Club. Prestwick.

Sat 7 SGA Australia Dinner

Fri 16 SGA Preston, Masonic Temple, Saul Street.

Sat 28 SGA Pipers Dinner, Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh.

Sat 28 SGA Glasgow Dinner, Arts Club, Bath Street.

Sat 28 SGA Surrey 50th Anniversary Dinner, West Clardon Royal British Legion.

Sun 29 SGA Merseyside, Annual Lunch, Garston Masonic Hall.

2027

January

Sat 23 SGA Highlands & Islands Dinner, Legion Scotland Club, Inverness.



REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2026

Fri 23 Oct 1100hrs Opening of Glasgow Garden of Remembrance, Kevingrove Art Gallery, Argyle Street.

Sat 24 Oct 1100hrs Opening of Edinburgh Garden of Remembrance, Princes Street Gardens East.

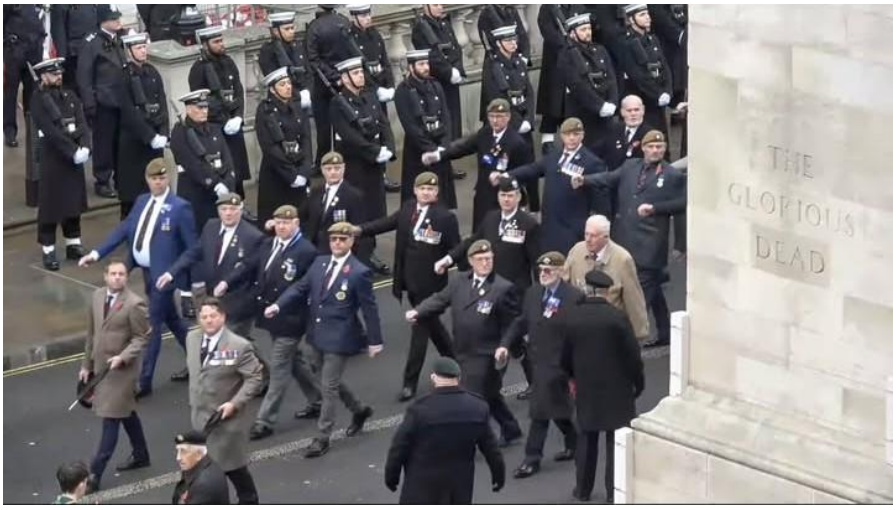
Fri 30 Oct 1500hrs Opening of Inverness Garden of Remembrance, Cavell Gardens, Inverness.

Sat 7 Nov 1930hrs Scotland's National Service of Remembrance, Usher Hall Tickets £24.20, £27.50, £33.00

Sun 8 Nov Remembrance Sunday, UK Wide.



Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2026 ~ 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. At the end of 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 /2026.

ALAN CRAIG ~ SCOTS GUARDSMAN TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES VOLUNTEER ~ GLASGOW 2026
After volunteering as a Games Maker at the London 2012 Olympics, working in the radio distribution room with the technology team, and then as a cast member at the opening ceremony of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games (performing a dance routine with Rod Stewart!), I knew I wanted to volunteer for this summer's games. I applied last year and, from 30,000 applicants, I was selected along with another 3000 volunteered.

Between 26 June & 23 July 2026 I completed 9 shifts and loved every minute of every shift. I worked with wonderfully enthusiastic and committed of staff and volunteers alike. I'm so proud of my city of Glasgow for stepping in and agreeing to put on the Commonwealth Games. Athletes and visitors loved the city. Thank you for the opportunity to serve my country in this way. People Make Glasgow.



I was assigned to the 'Logistics Team'. Our job was to ensure cast members were looked after throughout the rehearsals leading up to the opening ceremony. Our responsibilities included everything from feeding the cast to ensuring there was enough water, marshalling visitors and key staff. It was amazing watching the volunteer cast members putting their hearts and soul into their respective performances. My shifts started on 26 June, nearly a month before the games began. For the first three weeks, I was based in a massive gym in the Gorbals. In the final week we relocated to the Hydro/SEC and Armadillo complex.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE REGIMENT

Presentation of New Colours 2027
Next year is a big one for the Regiment. It is very much hoped that His Majesty The King will present F Company with new Second Battalion Colours in the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the last week of April. (The exact day is not yet confirmed). There will be some restriction on numbers at PONC in Edinburgh.

Kings Birthday Parade 2027
F Company will Troop their New Colour on Horse Guards on Saturday 12th June 2027. It is expected that the Regiment will receive an enhanced allocation of tickets and details of how to apply for them will be given out nearer the time.

It is being planned that London Scottish House, now very much available for us to use, will be the venue for three lunch events after the Major General's Review, the Colonel's Review and after the King's Birthday Parade. Details will follow.

1st Battalion Scots Guards
The First Battalion will deploy on a two year posting to Cyprus in the early Summer 2027. It has been announced that their next Commanding Officer will be Lieutenant Colonel Edward Roffe-Silvester Irish Guards.

Scots Guards Magazine
Regimental Magazine is being put together at the moment, with a view to being printed in mid-September and sent out to all members by early October. At present lots of work is going into producing a quality magazine.

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SCOTS GUARDS ASSOCIATION ~ LONDON BRANCH

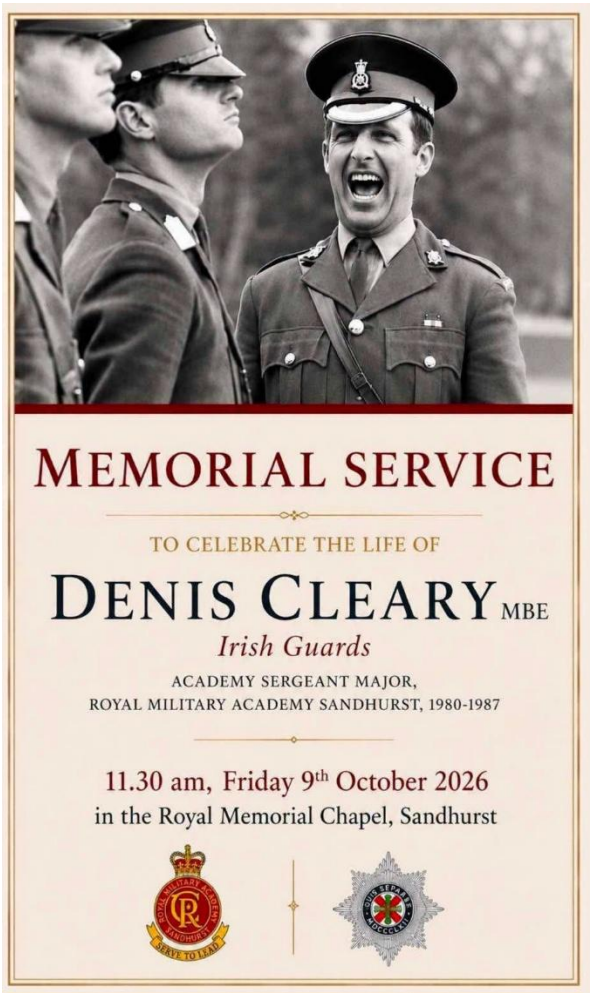
In line with the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel's intent to re-establish the Scots Guards Association London Branch, the Wellington Barracks Sergeants' Mess has been booked for Friday 4th September 2026 from 1900hrs.

The purpose of this meeting is drinks and meet and greet, which will hopefully start the foundation of the London Branch going forward.

If you are able to attend, please reply to RSM Munro by email by 1 September 2026.

James.Munro837@mod.gov.uk

Please pass this information on to anyone else that you know.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

DENIS CLEARY MBE

Irish Guards

ACADEMY SERGEANT MAJOR,
ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST, 1980-1987

11.30 am, Friday 9th October 2026
in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst







