

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:

SGA Pipes & Drums (Scotland) took part in the City of Perth Salute on Sunday August 6. They were joined on parade with a “Big” Right Flanker looking smart as ever.

The SGA Pipes & Drums (Scotland) will come together to play with the Regimental Band & 1st Bn Scots Guards Pipes & Drums at the Beating Retreat which will bring the Regimental Gathering to a close on Sunday 24 September 2023. It's not too late to get your tickets – contact Neil Crockett NOW!

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

Third Guards Club

Lieutenant Robert Gordon Scott Johnston CB. Died 28 July 2023. Aged 89. Served 1SG 1955 – 57.

Association Members

Highland & Islands Branch

23517306 Gordon Taylor. Died 31 July 2023. Served late 1950s. Lived Inverness.

Non Association Members

24048436 LSgt Arthur Scanlon. Died 2 August 2023. Served 2SG & Gds Depot 1966 – mid 1970's. Lived Preston.

William Burney. Died early August 2023. Served 1SG Corps of Drums.

22611386 Gdsm James Anderson. Died 2 August 2023. Served 1SG 1957 – 1959. Living Stirling.

23866076 LSgt Patrick Hope. Died 11 August 2023. Served 1SG 1961 – 1970 Inc Malaya & Borneo, Sharjah. Lived Glasgow.

24000535 Gdsm Eric Gillespie. Died 13 August 2023. Served as a Piper 2SG Munster, Windsor 1970, S Coy British Honduras 1971. G Coy 1SG 1971, C Coy 1SG Windsor, Munster to 1974. Originally from Kirkcaldy, Lived Ayrshire.

24021225 WO2 William Marr. Died 9 May 2023. Served 2SG A/T Pltn from 1960s. G Coy 1SG Belfast 1971, 2SG A/Ts inc in the Falkland Islands. Finished his service with Honourable Artillery Company late 1980s.

23969153 Gdsm John Pirrie. Died 7 August 2023. Served 2SG Iserlohn / Munster inc exercise in Libya 1968. 15 Pltn LF. Lived Clydebank.

22215538 LSgt Stewart McKeand. Died 9 August 2023. Served 1SG Egypt early 1950s. Age 91.



ASSOCIATION DINNERS SEPTEMBER – JANUARY 2024

Contact your local SGA Branch Secretary to attend ~ Support your Local Branch.

Sat 9 Sep	SGA North America.
Fri 6 Oct	SGA Glasgow – Glasgow Arts Club, Bath Street.
Sat 7 Oct	SGA Carlisle, Dumfries & Galloway – Auctioneer, Rosehill Estate, Carlisle, CA1 2RW
Fri 13 Oct	SGA Dundee & Angus, Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.
Sat 21 Oct	SGA Berks, Bucks & Oxon, Datchet Golf Club.
Fri 27 Oct	SGA Aberdeen & NE Scotland, Althens Hotel, Aberdeen.
Wed 1 Nov	SGA Manchester, Ukrainian Club, Cheetham Hill, Manchester (Lunch).
Fri 3 Nov	SGA Ayrshire, RAFA Club, Prestwick.
Fri 10 Nov	SGA Fife, Dean Park Hotel, Kirkcaldy.
Fri 17 Nov	SGA Preston, Masonic Club, Preston.
Sat 25 Nov	SGA Pipers, SG Club, Edinburgh.
Sat 27 Jan 2024	SGA Highlands & Islands, Inverness.

Scots Guards Association Pipes & Drums (Scotland) ~ On Parade in Perth ~ Sunday 6 August 2023

Led by Pipe Major Iain Lowther the SGA Pipes & Drums (Scotland) took part in the City of Perth Salute on Sunday August 6.



Left: Dougie Watson & John Rae 2 Golspie lads have been playing together before service in 1SG, Aldergrove, Hong Kong & Pirbright. They still do now! John Rae is also Manager of the Scots Guards Club, Edinburgh ~ A place always worth a visit. - Check out the Lunch Menu!!



Right: P/M Iain Lowther leads the SGA Pipes & Drums (Scotland) through Perth.

1ST BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS NEWS

As the Battalion awaits flights to the Oman Captain Tom Gordon, Intelligence Officer takes time out to give an update:

It is normal practice for the Battalion update to start with a comment such as 'it has been an extremely busy period for the Scots Guards' however, and I must admit thankfully, this period has been somewhat restful. In the June edition it was remarked that the Battalion had returned straight from Kenya and smashing the Coldstream Guards onto the drill square for the King's Coronation. Furthermore, at the time of writing we are merely days out from the Main Body flights to start going to Oman where the majority of the Battalion will be spending the next few months. Therefore, I feel not guilty in remarking on a somewhat restful period enjoying the one or two days of summer-like weather that we apparently had.

The Battalion went on leave at the end of July which was very much needed but the two months prior to that were spent really setting the conditions for Oman in a way that simultaneously allowed us to recover from the rigours of earlier in the year. Much of this involved vehicle preparation and maintenance and low level training. Of particular note was a Pre-Cadre run by our genuinely fantastic training wing. This cadre lasted several weeks and had everyone from Guardsmen to Section Commanders on it preparing them for their relevant promotional courses. This included lessons on the Orders Process, Fieldcraft as well as a healthy amount of PT! This should ensure that those we choose to attend these promotional courses and, in the future, become the leaders within the Battalion are best prepared and of the highest quality.

On a less 'green' note, plenty of sport has been played including the Battalion Football team playing several fixtures as well as the Cricket Team including the annual Officers vs Sergeants fixture which, as one can imagine, is a game of cricket of the highest standard. Headquarter Company Commander also led a fantastic three week Adventure Training package to Scotland where they spent time on the water Kayaking as well as Mountain Biking and Hillwalking.

Of particular note was the Inter-Company Pace-Sticking competition which was fantastic to see. Organised by the Sergeant Major it was a great day with a BBQ provided by our excellent attached Chefs. The winners were the Guards Company team from the Infantry Training Centre up the road but everyone enjoyed it as, even if not a particular fan of drill, everyone is a fan of a day off!

Overall it has been a restful yet productive period for the Battalion allowing us to rest and recuperate while also preparing for a busy but hopefully fantastic three months in Oman following which the Scots Guards Association may receive a slightly more action-packed update!

F COMPANY

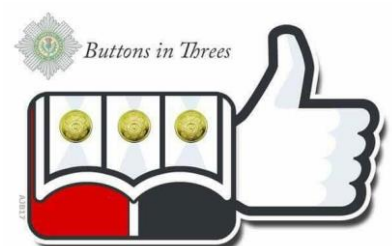
The Company has enjoyed a fulfilling and varied year of exercises, live firing, and ceremonial duties. It was privileged to play a prominent role in celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, forming No. 5 Guard for the Trooping of the Colour and supporting the celebratory pageant. Soon after, the regular drum beat of Public Duties resumed, with the Company conducting Holyrood Palace and Edinburgh Castle Guards during Royal Week, a welcomed return for many of our soldiers.

Trading bearskins for combats, the Company deployed to the sunny climes of the Brecon Beacons to hone their 'green' soldiering skills, conducting a challenging live fire package, whilst a number of Guardsmen also deployed to the Falkland Islands on Op FIRIC under 9 Coy Irish Guards, retracing their forebears' footsteps 40 years after the conflict.

As the autumn approached, the Company was found street lining the Mall during the occasion of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. Despite all these commitments, F Company has still found time to conduct plenty of sport and adventurous training, with skiing in France and skydiving in the UK as particular highlights.

F Company continues to be at the forefront of State Ceremonial occasions, having recently participated in the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and finding No. 4 Guard of his Majesty's The King's first birthday parade.

Following the Regimental Gathering, F Company look forward to a week of recruitment and local engagement throughout Scotland and would love to see as many of the wider regimental community as possible. In October, the Company deploy to Lydd as part of London Central Garrison's exercise COCKNEY WARRIOR, with a crack team competing in the Army's annual patrol competition in Brecon, exercise CAMBRIAN PATROL



Regimental Football – The Sgt John McAulay VC, DCM Shield – Glenrothes – Friday 22 September 2023



Sgt John McAulay VC, DCM was remembered at his birth place, Kinghorn, Fife in November 2017 when a World War 1 100 Paving Stone was laid in his honour in the shadows of the town war memorial.

On Friday 22 September 2023 on the evening before the Regimental Gathering weekend a Scots Guards / F Company football team will be playing Glenrothes Strollers Over 35's at Over-Stenton Park, Kick Off @ 1900hrs.

This inaugural match will be for the **Sgt John McAulay VC, DCM Shield** and will be supported by the Regimental Recruiting Team.

1st Battalion Scots Guards Pipes and Drums will be on hand support the team and to provide pre-match and half time entertainment.

If you are in Fife for the Gathering Weekend or even if you live there, why not pop along to support the Regimental team.



Royal Hospital Chelsea A Team ~ London Central Garrison Pacesticking Team Winners 2023
In Pensioner Colin Paterson, A fine Scots Guardsman 2nd from the left.

City of Dundee Combined Ex Services Association Veterans Day



SGA Dundee & Angus members were on parade including Branch Secretary Iain Bryson. Kenny Lawson (SGA Fife) paraded with the SGA National Standard.

SGA Dundee & Angus Branch

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A report in the Dundee Evening Telegraph of a parade to honour a local man killed in Vietnam: Acting Dundee & Angus Standard Bearer, Ken Duffy (Chairman) & Iain Bryson (Secretary) attended to pay their respects.



VIETNAM VETERANS
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Vietnam Veterans and heal the wounds of a

Australian Wall of Faces

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WALTER DAVISON


is honored on panel 6 of the Australian War Memorial.

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Full Name:	WALTER JOHNSTON DAVISON
Date of Birth:	11/9/1940
Date of Casualty:	1/27/1968
Home of Record:	
State/Territory:	
Branch of Service:	ARMY
Panel:	6
Rank:	PTE

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Leave a Remembrance for Walter DAVISON...

REMEMBRANCES

Gavin Dickson

Army Scripture Reader Colchester Garrison, Woodbridge and Wattisham Flying Station



ASR Gavin Dickson

Since leaving the Scots Guards in 2013, I have become an Army Scripture Reader. I distinctly remember removing my Scots Guards buttons and shoulder titles and replacing them with plain buttons and red Scripture Reader shoulder titles with tears in my eyes. However, I have the privilege to wear my Scots Guard beret still, be it uniquely, with a scripture reader cap badge. Since leaving the battalion, I have moved around a lot. Edinburgh, Catterick, Paderborn in Germany, back to Edinburgh and now in Colchester. Here in Colchester, I have the joy of entering the camps and providing pastoral support to those serving within 16 Air Assault, the Army Air Corps, and the Military Corrective Training Centre.

Having become a Christian while serving in the 1st Battalion, I quickly developed a deep concern for soldiers and their spiritual welfare; knowing God's forgiveness and love through Jesus Christ spurs me to share the same love and care of my saviour with fellow soldiers.

In both the field army and in MCTC, I seek to support soldiers and their families, often taking the form of conversation, helping when things are tough and seeking 'to befriend soldiers and Aviators in light of their spiritual welfare, providing them with a Christian example, and to support the moral component of the fighting force. How I do this takes many forms, from hosting Bible studies to leading Christian worship in the Garrison church and MCTC on Sundays, being a listening ear, and assisting the unit welfare teams and the Army Welfare Service. I have the joy of supporting the three local schools that teach military children with School Assemblies and provide support in building resilience in relationships with courses and activities aimed at military families. Of course, without the support of my wife, Pauline and our two boys, Malachi, nine and Harvey, eight, who have willingly travelled with me, I would not be able to do any of this—especially my wife, who puts up with me and the demands of ministry life.

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 11 Nov	Festival of Remembrance, Albert Hall, London.
Sun 12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, UK Wide.

The Regimental Gathering is Nearly Here – Book your tickets now!

REGIMENTAL GATHERING SATURDAY & SUNDAY 23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

- Saturday 23 Sept 1100hrs St Andrew Square, Edinburgh ~ The Regimental Band & 1st Battalion Pipes & Drums.
- Saturday 23 Sept Day / Eve The Scots Guards Club will be open.
- Saturday 23 Sept 1900hrs The Regimental Band & 1SG Pipers will play in Concert at Dunfermline Abbey. Capacity – 400 (including General Public)
Tickets are req'd although the concert is free.
- Saturday 23 Sept 2045hrs A Buffet Supper in Dunfermline Legion Scotland Club.
Capacity - 150
Tickets Req'd £7.50 Per Person.
- Sunday 24 Sept 1200hrs – 1630hrs **Regimental Gathering @ Broomhall House, Dunfermline.**
Entry by Programme £5.00 Per Person. Children under 14 – Free

The day will start with a short parade when the salute will be taken by HRH The Colonel.

Tickets and full information for the weekend are now being posted out.

DON'T DELAY ~ ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

If you haven't received information or have a question please email Neil Crockett sga@scotsguards.org or phone 01383 721530

