

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

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MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN REMEMBERED – 14 JUNE 2018



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Gdsm David Malcolmson



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LSgt Clark Mitchell MID



Gdsm Jim Reynolds DCM



Gdsm Archie Stirling



Gdsm Ronald Tanbini



DSgt Danny Wight



TV & FA Pipe Banner – With Names Of Our Fallen

100th BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS – ALL BEST WISHES TO YOU SIR

The Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, on behalf of all ranks of the Scots Guards both serving and retired, has sent a Regimental Birthday card to Third Guards Club member Colonel Adrian Seymour at his care home in Blandford Forum, Dorset, to wish him a very happy birthday for Monday 11 June on the momentous occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday.

Colonel Seymour served in World War 2 with 3SG (Tank) from its formation in October 1940. He was HQ Sqn 2ic to Major Sir Charles McLean at the Battle of Caumont in Normandy 30 July 1944 and finished the war as Adjutant in May 1945. Later he served with the 2nd Bn in Malaya. He was Commanding Officer 2SG 1958 – 60 and Lieutenant Colonel Commanding from 1962 -64.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Aberdeen and North East Scotland

Haswell Rae BEM and Mark Perie attended Gordon Highlanders Association lunch on 18 May when they received a very warm welcome.

The branch held their own monthly dinner at “The Globe,” North Silver Street, Aberdeen on 14 June when 8 members attended.

The branch took part in Aberdeen Armed Forces Day on Saturday 30 June.

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

The Branch will hold a picnic at the Inter Regimental Day on Sunday 15 July at the Guards Polo Club, Windsor Great Park. Start 1300hrs, ends 1630hrs or after the final Polo Match ends.

Next Branch Meeting Friday 27 July 2000hrs – Datchet Golf Club – Tel Secretary Rab Ritchie 07776 411120 for more details.

The Branch will hold a BBQ at Datchet Golf Course on Saturday 18 August.

Borders

The Branch held its AGM on Monday 19 June and the following were elected;

President:	Major IA Dalzel Job
Chairman:	James Renwick
Secretary:	Alex Barclay
Treasurer:	David Richardson

It is confirmed that the dinner for 2019 will be held in the Hawick Rugby Club on the 8th March.

We also have 3 new members: David Culton, Rory Culton, and Mick Robertson all served in the Household Division.

Carlisle, Dumfries and Galloway

At the recent AGM Chairman Malcolm Temple stood down and is replaced by Major (Retd) Mark Cape. There will also be a change of Secretary with Billy Scott standing down at the next meeting and his replacement being announced soon. Many thanks Malcolm & Billy for your hard work to the Branch.

14 members from the branch attended the Queen's Birthday Parade which was much enjoyed. Everyone was invited back to Wellington Bks by F Company who put on BBQ which was great, many thanks for the hospitality.

Next Branch Meeting – Friday 20 July - Tel: Secretary Billy Scott 01387 380764 for more details.

Dundee and Angus

Glorious sunshine set the tone at Brechin Castle on Sunday 24 June, when neighbouring branches were invited to join us for a BBQ and a suntan, hosted by Lord Dalhousie.

Branch members marched on Dundee Armed Forces Day on Saturday 23 June.



Captain (Retd) Lord Ramsay, David Duncan, Dave Cuthill, act as Security Guards to Treasurer Brian Sulley.



Simon Roberts, Kenny Lawson (on Extra Drills), John Hodge at Dundee Armed Forces Day.

Glasgow

After many years in the post Branch Secretary Willie Brockie has stood down due to ill health. We send him our very best wishes, The Branch is currently in summer recess and a new Secretary will be appointed at the next meeting in September.

Pipers

The Branch will hold its Biannual Dinner at the Scots Guards Club on Saturday 13 October.

Preston

The Branch will hold an informal BBQ with raffle at the Guild Public House at 1900hrs 27 July

Surrey



Surrey Branch Dinner

Colonel A Parsons, Mr D Webster, Major J Whiteley, Major Sir Malcolm MacGregor, Major J Warren, Captain J Curtis.
Mrs R Parsons, Mrs J Whiteley, Mrs P Warren

GOLF MATCH - RETIRED SCOTS GUARDSMEN v 1ST BATTALION

Harry Slessor, Chairman of the SGA Berks, Bucks & Ox Branch was instrumental in arranging a Golf Match at Datchet Golf Club on Wednesday 2 May between a team of retired Scots Guardsmen and 1st Battalion Scots Guards. The result of this first ever match was 4 – 1 to the Veterans . The post match chat was great as was the food and a drink. The lads from the Bn enjoyed themselves and they are looking to arrange a replay at a golf course of their choosing.



Scots Guards Veterans -V- 1st Battalion Scots Guards – Gather at the 19 Hole of Datchet Golf Clubhouse for a Pint & Debrief

L-R: Phil Neill, Ron Stephen, RSM Peter Tetlow, Sgt Davy Harrison, Jim McLaughlin, LSgt Brythe CG att 1SG, Sgt Gary Duffy, Ross Ford (DGC), CSgt Mark McKenzie, LSgt Wise, Tom Bates, Harry Slessor, Sgt Richardson, 2Lt Charles Longstaff, CSM Neil Morton, Marcus Hart, Mark Grieve (DGC), Jason Hart, Tom Kemp.

**TUMBLEDOWN VETERANS AND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
REUNION & REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND 15 – 18 JUNE 2018**

The Tumbledown Veterans and Families Association came together for a weekend of reunion and remembrance at Blackpool. Mark McKay reported arriving on Friday afternoon with Bruce Henderson and their wives along with John McLaren. The initial meet & greet was already in full flow and they could hear the troops well before stepping over the threshold of the Strand Hotel. The TV & FA was back together again and it sent a warm feeling through everyone's veins. The look on members' faces on coming together, we all felt the same, bound together for ever.

It was nice to see members at our weekend for the first time, Shenia Wight, Margaret Davidson, Ian & Theresa Davidson and Mick Gavigan.

On Saturday 20 members were honoured to be invited to the Town Hall to meet the Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress of Blackpool. Later our AGM was held when we voted Max (aka Potter) to be our Padre.

On Saturday evening reconvened at the Cherry Blossom. The generosity of members with raffle prizes and gifts for the auction was brilliant and made our Treasurer a happy man. President, Captain Robert Lawrence presented our own handmade pipe banner to our Piper Anthony Draper. The night continued with acts and with the resident DJ encouraging dancers to show off their moves on the dance floor.

We paraded at the Cenotaph on Sunday, everyone was looking sharp and passed inspection. The ladies in their finery, the men booted & suited, medals and shiny shoes - old habits die hard. The Colours were marched on parade, wreaths and small individual crosses were laid as we remembered fallen friends.

Afterwards we gathered at Yates Pub where our Vice President, Wayne Hanson presented a Tumbledown Plaque to the Pipe Major of 103 Regiment Royal Artillery (V).

We held a final act of remembrance when ten balloons were released into the evening sky. 9 for our fallen and one for our Regiment.

Back to the Cherry Blossom and the weekend drew to a close. Members left slowly with a tinge of sadness, a handshake and promises were made to meet again in 2019. The TV & FA goes from strength to strength.



TUMBLEDOWN VETERANS & FAMILIES ASSOCIATION – SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018

DEATHS

London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire and Surrey Branches

22736341 Ken Stokes died 19 June 2018. Served Nov 52 – Nov 54 2SG. Funeral 5 July. Reading Crematorium.

Glasgow Branch

22652114 Robert (Rab) McBurney died 7 June 2018. Served April 1952 – April 1953 2SG.

23261384 James Allan died 2016.

23887283 Peter Brown died February 2018.

Pipers Branch

24428888 Gary Nicholson died 21 June 2018. Enlisted as Jnr Gdsm Sept 1976, served 2SG until April 84, transferred to 4RTR. Funeral 1100hrs 4 July, Mortonhall, Edinburgh

Not Members of the Association

23229032 Ronald Ritchie Served Jan 1956 – June 1958 1SG. Lived Banchory.

Frank Henderson died 8 June 2018. Served 1970 – 1976 1SG. Lived Croyden.

WO2 Edward Cameron died 14 June 2018. Served 1974 – 1995 2SG, 1SG & Gds Depot. Funeral 4 July Barnstaple, N Devon.

SCOTS GUARDS DIRECTORY

If any former Scots Guardsman has a business which can be offered for the benefit to members of the Regimental family I am willing to share their details.

Medal Supply / Mounting

Tony Stevens email: ts2453@gmail.com Tel: 07789324621 Tony served for a short time in 2SG, then the 1st Battalion in Aldergrove, Hong Kong, Pirbright and Hohne. His hobby is medals and his business medal supply & mounting.

Kilt Making / Medal Mounting

George McKay email: George@mckayskilts.com Tel: 01207 509674 George served for 25 years and was Master Tailor of 1st Battalion for 10 years.



**On behalf of The Royal British Legion Scotland,
National President
Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin KCB CBE**

Invites you to attend

A Service of Commemoration where we say Thank You

Conducted by

**The Reverend Dr Karen Campbell,
National Padre of The Royal British Legion Scotland
and
The Reverend Neil Gardner,
Minister of the Canongate Kirk**

at

**Canongate Kirk,
The Kirk of Hoyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle**

at

1200 on Saturday 11 August 2018

100 years ago the First World War ended, and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. It is time to say Thank You for all they did for us.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by The Lowland & Highland Bands of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

If you wish to attend please let Neil Crockett know on Tel: 01383 721530 or email: sga@scotsguards.co.uk by Thursday 26th of July 2018 so that the names can be passed on to Legion Scotland.



ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

The Royal Hospital Chelsea is currently looking for veterans to join us and become Chelsea Pensioners, representing the Royal Hospital and the wider veteran community.

The story of the Royal Hospital Chelsea began over 300 years ago during the reign of King Charles II. Aware that the Army was supporting a growing number of soldiers who were no longer fit for active service, or who were desolate on the streets of London, the King committed to the creation of a welcoming and safe home for veterans who had fought for their country and who were "broken by age or war". This ethos and tradition continues and the Royal Hospital Chelsea today supports up to 310 older Army veterans.

Now, the Royal Hospital offers independent living in a sheltered housing environment intended for those who, upon admission, are self-caring and able to live independently with extra support where required but without the need for nursing care. We do offer nursing care but the Royal Hospital cannot accept direct entries to the nursing wards as space is limited and, priority is given to our existing residents. Chelsea Pensioners can also access onsite therapy services (Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy) as well as a comprehensive activities programme which involves both onsite and external events & activities.

At the Royal Hospital we believe in active aging and we encourage our community of Chelsea Pensioners to support each other where possible. This includes accompanying each other to external appointments, spending time together socially and visiting each other in hospital. Lots of the Chelsea Pensioners work to support the routine and services at the Royal Hospital and contribute to the community they are a part of. They undertake a variety of roles at the Royal Hospital from delivering the post to working within the gift shop. These roles amongst many others play a key part in ensuring that Chelsea Pensioners are able to keep active and maintain a sense of purpose.

To apply to become a Chelsea Pensioner you must be a retired soldier, able to live independently on our Long Wards. Our residents are ambassadors for the Royal Hospital Chelsea and the wider veteran community. We accept applications from former soldiers, non-commissioned officers and late entry officers of the British Army, who have reached state pension age and who fit the eligibility criteria.

Every application is carefully considered by the admissions panel.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the Chelsea Pensioner Admissions Officer

Call: 020 7881 5204

Email: admissions@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

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