



The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers & Greys)

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Letter from the Colonel of the Regiment



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Letter from Colonel Of Regiment

From: Brigadier H D Allfrey, MBE Colonel

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The Regimental Family

Dear All,

As I contemplate my handover to Brigadier Ben Edwards on 1st October, I have been reflecting not only on matters of business that I must pass across but also what it means to have been close to regimental business for the last 43 years. Little did I realise that when I arrived at Catterick Railway station in 1978 for my O-Type course, this start point would result in a long-term association and passion that would colour just about every part of my life.

Last month, we gathered in London with the regimental seniors to update them on the range of Council matters: Home Headquarters, the Association, the Trusts, the Museum, the Shop and of course the Serving Regiment. At lunch afterwards, it was lovely to note that we had all served together at one time or another - as squadron leaders, commanding officers and Colonels of the Regiment, three of our number have sons serving in the current Regiment and, for some, the linkages flow back further across multiple generations and wider families. Whilst our 'take' on the issues of the day were sometimes different, there was no need for a translator or complicated settings of context and, all our discussions were based on mutual trust, common understanding and relationships long-established. What a pleasure.

The Regiment has managed to sustain an enduring set of values and standards, whilst being professionally and socially dynamic to keep abreast of world, national and military trends. And, while it has often been challenging to sustain the same priorities over the years, some precious anchors have held fast: our loyalty to the Sovereign, our belief in a vision for the Nation, a commitment to Defence and the Army - even as resources shorten - a passion for our institution and above all, a deep-seated care and concern for people, with all their glorious differences. Sometimes, it pays to reflect on these important foundations; staples that we might all too easily take for granted.

The last six years as Colonel of the Regiment has reinforced for me many things. Most notable amongst these is the fact that we cannot ignore the vital parts that each of us plays - sometime in quite small ways - in the lives of others. The fabric of life is maintained by the buying and selling of 'stuff' but the real value-added comes from what people do for each other without remark or reward. Whether a simple "Good Morning" to a neighbour, offering some physical help, a phone call or a simple note in the post or a deeper support of others when they are finding life difficult. Each tiny contribution makes a difference, and the sum of the parts adds up to a lot. In many ways the last 18 months in various COVID- strictures have brought this into a brighter light and has compelled all of us to reset on what is truly important in our lives.

Against this background, I must applaud the extraordinary work that has continued, often un-remarked, behind the scenes in every corner of our regimental family. Home Headquarters has been manned pretty much continuously throughout COVID fielding all manner of questions and issues with great patience and elegance. Although the Museum and Shop have been closed for more than a full trading year, they have drawn on hard-gathered reserves and much good nature to refurbish and maintain against the day when our customers return. The Trusts have thrived through careful management and great judgement and taken on additional responsibilities for 'intellectual property' and for the digital project for 'Harnessing our Network'. The Association - and in particular the Branch Officers - have quietly but resolutely maintained the network of comrades across the country, quickly spotting when help is needed and helping to focus attention. And then of course, The Serving Regiment, as its own self-sustaining community, dealing with a relentless series of operational, training and social commitments while also reaching out into the communities in Scotland, recruiting and playing a wider role, whether through our much-reinforced Pipes and Drums or through the contact of each soldier and officer, each in their own way and... in our support of the measures demanded by the COVID pandemic. Finally, I want to pay tribute to the work of our people at Extra-Regimental Employment (ERE), each working dispersed across the Army and wider Defence, each carrying our heritage, prestige, professionalism and 'ways of working' to different streams and pools. All of this is uplifting, a source of immense pride and a major reinforcement of our 'brand'.

So, it is fitting, in this anniversary year for us to bring all these elements together in Scotland in September to celebrate all that we have singly and collectively achieved over the last 50 years - this based on the fabulous foundation of our antecedent regiments and the achievements of our Regiment since amalgamation.

When you look at the catalogue of *all* that has been accomplished - individually, together, modest and great - over the years, it is nothing short of extraordinary and more than worthy of our motto:

Second to None.

Warmest best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David" with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

AMAZING GRACE

The Musical History of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys)

By Colin Dean



Amazing Grace was 'Top of the Pops' for five weeks in 1972 and changed forever the concept of combining the sound of the pipes with the military band. The regiment's new name became well-known throughout much of the world and the bands found themselves involved in numerous overseas tours.

In 2009 the album Spirit of the Glen—Journey had a similar success and won a Classical Brit Award, stirring the emotions of the nation as many of the tracks had been recorded in Basra while the pipers and drummers were on active service in a war zone.

These were special highlights but are just part of a unique musical heritage spanning 343 years that have seen the bands at the very heart of the pageantry of Scotland, as well as representing the nation across the globe. They have uniquely been photographed with a Russian Tsar, a US President and a Pope.

The military band was disbanded in 1994 to great regret, but the pipes and drums have continued and their music has taken new directions, including collaborations with guitarist Mark Knopfler.

This new book explores their great musical history and heritage, and includes the story behind the unique white bearskin. It has over 300 pages and includes more than 700 photographs and illustrations.

Price including UK postage £40.00 (Serving and former members of the regiment: £30.00: enter code scotsdg25 to get the discounted price)

Details for ordering your copy can be found on the Regimental Shop website: www.scotsdgshop.com

Or order by post from Home Headquarters, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, The Castle, Edinburgh, EH1 2YT, enclosing a cheque made payable to SCOTS DG Shop Ltd.

Number of books required..... Cheque enclosed for £.....

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Diary Of Events

Sep-21				
Fri	3	Sep	50th Anniversary Parade	Edinburgh
Fri	3	Sep	50th Anniversary Dinners	Leuchars
Sat	4	Sep	Highland Games/ All Ranks Festival	Leuchars
Fri	17	Sep	Association Golf Meeting (Drumoig Golf Club)	St Andrews
Oct -21				
Sat	2	Oct (TBC)	Aberdeen Branch Dinner	Banchory
Sat	2	Oct	Nunshigum Ball (NW Branch)	Macclesfield
Sat	9	Oct	Edinburgh & East of Scotland Dinner	Edinburgh
Sun	17	Oct	RAC sponsored Sunday at Royal Hospital Chelsea	London
Mon	25	Oct	Anniversary of Balaklava (1854)	
Mon	25	Oct	Opening of Garden of Remembrance (Scott Monument)	Edinburgh
Tue	26	Oct	Opening of Garden of Remembrance (George Square)	Glasgow
Nov-21				
Sat	6	Nov	Bovington Gathering	Bovington
Thu	11	Nov	Opening of Field of Remembrance (Westminster Abbey)	London
Thu	11	Nov	Armistice Day	
Sun	14	Nov	Remembrance Sunday	
Sat	27	Nov	Glasgow & West of Scotland Dinner	Glasgow
Dec-21				
Sun	5	Dec	Carabinieri Memorial Service (Chelsea Bridge)	London
Tue	7	Dec	Council Meeting	London
Tue	7	Dec	Officers Regimental Dinner	London
Jan-22				
Sat	15	Jan	London and South East AGM	RHC (and/or ZOOM)
Feb-22				
Mar-22				
Sat	12	Mar	North East Of England Branch Dinner (Danum Hotel)	Doncaster

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD 2021



The Mounted Band of The Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons) on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle in the late 1930s from a painting by Christopher Clark.

REGIMENTAL CHRISTMAS CARD 2021

Please return the whole form and payment to:

Home Headquarters, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, The Castle, Edinburgh EH1 2YT

Please supply cards as follows	Singles (up to 10)	10 or more	Quantity	Cost
This year's Christmas card	@80p each	@70p each		£
Previous Years Cards	@ 50p each	@ 40p each		£
		Total		£

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I enclose a cheque made payable to 'SCOTS DG Home HQ' for £ _____

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Essential: *If different from above address, card billing address is recorded overleaf.*

Date:

Signed:

In Memoriam

It is with regret that we inform you of the deaths of:		
Officers	M D (Michael) Brunton Esq Captain G M (Murray) Walker OBE W G (George) Fearnley-Whittingstall Esq J D (Johnny) Howard	3DG 1968-1971 Greys 1944-1947 Greys 1952-1954 SCOTS DG 1979-1981
Aberdeen & North of Scotland	Mr J A B (Jimmy) Fraser	Greys/SCOTS DG 1969-1985
Edinburgh & East of Scotland		
Glasgow & West of Scotland	Mr J D (John) Paton	Greys/SCOTS DG 1968-1991
North East of England		
North West of England & Wales	Mr A (Alan) Clayton Mr R (Roy) Pritchard Mr P (Peter) Bloor Mr A (Alan) Shaw	Greys (dates unknown) 3DG/SCOTS DG 1964-1978 (3DG/SCOTS DG dates unknown) Greys 1946-1948
London & South East of England	Mr H (Bert) Kendrick Mr H P (Harry) Barnes	Greys/SCOTS DG 1959-1982 Greys 1947-1949
South West of England	Mr I (Ivor) Scaife Mr P C (Peter) Watson Mr A (Alister) Corson	3DG 1956-1971 Greys 1952-1970 Greys/SCOTS DG 1961-1979
Ladies		
No Branch Affiliation	Mr R (Richard, Mac) McCrimmon Mr A (Alan) Dalton Mr A (Andrew) McLucas	SCOTS DG 1983-1992 3DG 1965-1970 SCOTS DG 1991-1993

Obituaries. The Editor of the Eagle and Carbine relies on friends and relatives to provide timely and meaningful contributions to record the life and achievements of former members of the Regiment.

All such material and good quality (and resolution) pictures of the deceased should be sent in the first instance to Home Headquarters. Readers are encouraged to submit obituaries which can be in any form and length by **1 December 2021**.



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Home Headquarters Notice

This has been yet another extraordinary six months although it has seen the easing of the lockdown restrictions. However, while the Castle opened to a limited number of visitors, the Museum and Shop have remained closed throughout this period because of the work being done to replace the air-conditioning. Annoyingly, the work has overrun by several weeks and, as at the time of writing, the expectation is that they will not open again until towards the end of September.

The Home Headquarters team has also become used to working in different ways to how it operated before the pandemic hit the country. After eighteen months it is hoped it will return to a degree of normality soon.

Apart from the Association Branch events which will be reported elsewhere, the annual Cavalry Memorial Parade was cancelled for the second year running. Headquarters Royal Armoured Corps produced a virtual service for people to watch. The Regiment was well represented at it with, amongst others, the Pipe Major and Captain Scott Robinson taking part.

The usual round of Spring regimental meetings all took place virtually, although there was a face to face meeting in July when the Colonel of the Regiment held a special Council meeting to brief the President and Vice Presidents on all regimental matters.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter, readers will note the article about the new book, *Amazing Grace, The Musical History of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards*, which was written by Mr Colin Dean and published in the early summer. It is an extraordinary book and has received huge complements from so many people. It can be purchased from the Shop with a reduced price for members of the Regiment.

This will be the last Newsletter to be produced while Brigadier David Allfrey is Colonel of the Regiment. All constituent parts of the Regiment will undoubtedly acknowledge him in their own way but everyone in Home Headquarters would like to express their huge gratitude for the support and encouragement he has given to them over the last six years.

HARNESSING OUR NETWORK

By now everyone will be familiar with the Harnessing Our Network Project. Much work has gone on to produce a regimental website which is almost ready to go live. The next phase is to build an alumni page whereby everyone can link up with other members of the regimental family. For this the appropriate permissions will have to be sought from those who wish to be included. More details to follow.

Regimental Museum

The Museum's refurbishment has unfortunately been delayed and at the point of writing is due to be completed in September. However, when the Museum reopens in the autumn there will be exciting new exhibits including a touchscreen interactive on the Regiment's musical history and a refreshed Second World War display including among other artefacts a dagger surrendered to the Earl Haig by the Commandant of the Königstein POW camp in 1945 and a newly conserved Japanese 'good luck flag' captured by a 3rd Carabinier near Bishenpur in 1943. The display also features archive film footage of the Royal Scots Greys in action around Caen in 1944 and the 3rd Carabiniers in the battle to capture Shwebo in 1945. Elsewhere on display is uniform worn during Operation Granby by the new Colonel of the Regiment Ben Edwards and a helmet used by Trooper Lewis Wright whilst serving with D Squadron in Helmand in 2011.

The Regimental Archive has also received an unusual donation all the way from North Carolina in the United States! A very kind lady of Leicester (NC) recently sent us an active service Bible she found in a 'thrift store' that was originally a gift to Lieutenant James Clarke of the Royal Scots Greys during the First World War from a clergyman in Ceres, Fife.

Just a reminder if you have anything you think may be of interest to the Museum or the Regimental Archive please get in touch.

Email: curator@scotsdgmuseum.com

Telephone: 0131 220 0924



The Regimental and Museum Shop

No one has felt the effects of the lockdown more than the Shop and its staff. It has been shut for the majority of the last eighteen months which meant the staff were put on furlough. Furthermore, the almost total loss of turnover means there will be no profit to go to the Regimental and Museum Trusts which in turn will affect their ability to do what they are set up to do. It is expected this will take a few years to recover from. It is hoped that a rosier picture can be painted in the next Newsletter.

The website of the Shop is www.scotsdgshop.com



Regimental Tweed

Tweed in the traditional weave and colour is held at Home Headquarters. If you wish to order tweed please contact the Assistant Regimental Secretary .

Two types are available, *Field Weight*, suitable for country suit, jacket or shooting suit and *Light Weight*, suitable for town or summer wear.



Field Weight £31.50 per metre

Light Weight £29.50 per metre

Prices exclude Postage and Packaging

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NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This will be my last Chairman's Notes before I hand over to Col Charlie Lambert at the end of this year. I have enjoyed 'my time' and wish to thank Home Headquarters, and you - the members, as well as the past and present branch chairmen and secretaries, for their sterling work in keeping the Association going during a difficult time. As well as some poignant and sad times at funerals, we have shared some good banter- not forgetting those occasions when we were privileged to have been invited to march with the regiment on parade. I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to catching up with those of you attending the 50th anniversary celebrations.

REGIMENTAL 50th ANNIVERSARY

To date we have had a good response to the serving regiment's invitation to attend their celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Approximately 96 of you will be marching down the Royal Mile to The Palace of Holyroodhouse and we expect 260 to attend the Drumhead Service on Friday 3 September 2021. That evening, a total of 140 will be attending the dinners held at Leuchars and hopefully will come and watch the Highland Games and final of the Moncrieff Shield the following morning on the Saturday.

The Drumhead Service will enable us to remember those within the regimental family that have passed away during the pandemic and could not have a 'proper' send off.

FAREWELL TO COLONEL DAVID

After the prize giving on Saturday 4 September in Leuchars, both the Serving Regiment and the Association will be saying farewell to our Colonel, Brigadier David Allfrey MBE, after 6 years at the helm. For much of this time Colonel David was also Director of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo- a post that he assumed after having commanded 51 (Scottish) Brigade. To say that his life has been somewhat hectic does not do him justice and is also a huge understatement.

During his Colonelcy we, in the Regimental Association, were honoured to receive a new Standard from our Colonel-in-Chief, laid up the Old Standard in the presence of our Deputy-Colonel-in-Chief, marked the 75th anniversary of Nunshigum and commissioned a new regimental memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. In between these major events have been some memorable after lunch and dinner speeches - more recently of the 'virtual' variety.

It has also been quite a journey for the Serving Regiment which has re-rolled from armour to Light Cavalry having completed the move from Germany to Scotland- since which it has taken every opportunity to enhance it's name. This is reflected in our recruiting and retention figures being some of the best in the army as well as the excellence of the resurgent Pipes and Drums and our sporting prowess. The 'grey beret' partnership with the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry is widely regarded as being highly successful.

Fiona has nobly accompanied David on many occasions and I know that she is looking forward to his 'final' retirement- should she manage to persuade him to slow down.

GULF WAR 1- ANNIVERSARIES

Following on from the successful 'virtual' Battlegroup Officers' lunch marking the 30th anniversary of Operation GRANBY, Lt Col John Sharples will be attending the SW England Branch's Bovington Gathering on 6 November 2021 as well as the Glasgow dinner on 27 November 2021. It is hoped that as many Gulf War 1 veterans will be able to join him and his then RSM, Lt Col Billy Raitt. Lt Col Mark Ravnkilde and Maj Roger MacMillan have produced a souvenir pamphlet which is available from Home Headquarters.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

So far, we have had a good response with 25 takers for our 30 tickets allocated for the Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph in London.

I will be attending the remembrance service in Edinburgh at The Greys' Monument in its 115th. It is probably the best regimental memorial in the country, with its famous backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. Hopefully there will be a contingent from Leuchars - subject to commitments. I encourage you to join us alongside members of the serving regiment and our cadets.

NUNSHIGUM STONE

The NW England & Wales Branch has been approached by Mr Raj, of the Imphal Foundation, to erect a stone commemorating B Squadron 3rd Carabiniers and 1st Dogras action at Nunshigum ridge. Home Headquarters is on the case.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEW IT SYSTEM- HARNESSING OUR NETWORK (HoN)

Prior to the pandemic, many Association members were finding it increasingly difficult to attend regimental or branch events. The cost of travel, food and accommodation, especially in London, were becoming prohibitive. As a result most branches were finding it increasingly difficult to organise formal events. Smaller, cheaper, less formal, gatherings were becoming the order of the day.

The new website, known as Harnessing Our Network (HoN), will hopefully be up and running by the end of the year and will certainly help those who, hitherto, have not used social media and been unable to contact one another.

Subject to data protection rules, HoN will assist each member of the association to communicate with their alumni by looking up their years of service, squadron, postings and operations. This will give our association a much needed shot in the arm and I can see it complementing our long standing branch structure as well as the various groups who use social media platforms.

HoN will also enable members of the Serving Regiment, be they at RD or ERE, to communicate with their local branch of the Association. The Scottish branches are slowly increasing in number as the serving regiment is based in and recruits from Scotland. It is always good to meet up with the serving officers, SNCOs and soldiers- such as at the Bovington Gathering, Cavalry Memorial Parade, Cenotaph, Royal Scots Greys Monument and the Kimberley Memorial. The more serving members who attend branch events, the better- such as the Glasgow and SW Scotland Branch's golf meeting.

ASSOCIATION HIERARCHY

There will shortly be a number of changes within the Association hierarchy and I am delighted to announce an injection of new, (comparatively!) young and energetic blood. I am most grateful to those who are standing down, many of whom have had a long and distinguished time in office.

Col Charlie Lambert will become the new Chairman and we welcome back into the fold Lt Col Billy Raitt who has been co-opted as the Association's Vice Chairman and is actively encouraging younger members to volunteer as committee members and organisers. Thus far the results have been most encouraging.

SW England Branch Lt Col Mike Oliver (after 30 years) will be handing over to Capt Nick Oliver as Chairman SW England Branch. Incredibly, Mike has attended over 50 regimental dinners, 50 Cavalry Memorial Sundays together with 50 Remembrance Sunday parades at the Cenotaph. Lt Col Mick Lillie will be the Deputy Chairman and a secretary will shortly be announced.

Glasgow and W Scotland Branch Willie McLaughlin continues as Chairman after having been in the branch for 53 years with his erstwhile secretary, Mr Ronny Johnson. Glasgow has the most active members and arranges an annual golf match with the serving regiment.

London and SE England Branch Major Howard Elston (after 15 years) will be handing over to Capt Rupert Gather as Chairman London and SE England Branch. Together with Mr John Rochester (Secretary), Howard has done a great deal for the wider association community- particularly with representing the regiment at the Field of Remembrance at St Margaret's Westminster, the auction for C4C at the Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC) and the parade at the Carabiniers' Kimberley memorial by Chelsea Bridge. He has also been a trustee of the Regimental Trust.

Mr John Rochester has recently retired from the Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC) and has moved outside London, but remains, for the time being, as the Branch secretary. He has been pivotal in organising our regimental activities in London, especially Cavalry Memorial Parade and our attendance at The Carabiniers' Kimberley Memorial Remembrance parade in early December alongside the South African Comrades Association. He has organised many of our association meetings at the RHC as well as get-togethers with the Light Cavalry at the In Pensioners Bar. Captain of Invalids George Cochlan together with RQMS Mark Smith and recently arrived In Pensioner 'Boots' Skerratt continues to fly the regimental flag at the RHC.

NE England Branch Capt Nick Orr has taken on the NE England Branch as Chairman with Mr 'Hovis' Brown as the Secretary vice Mr Rod Evans. Nick succeeds the late Maj Tony Crease with whom Rod helped run a distinguished branch as well as successfully organising 22 highly memorable annual dinners. Rod continues as County Chairman of the RBL.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland Branch Capt George Aitchison will be handing over to Maj Aidan Stephen as Chairman of Edinburgh and East of Scotland Branch and it is hoped that a new secretary will be appointed. Both George and Mr Bob Swan have helped keep the branch going of late, the former single-handedly since Bob retired to Ayrshire.

Aberdeen and NE Scotland Branch Mr Alastair Black continues in his capacity as a one-man-show and runs the Aberdeen and NE Scotland Branch as well as the Banchory RBLs. The Banchory dinner is always well attended by members who have travelled from all over Scotland and, sometimes, the odd one or two from England. Do support this Branch if you can.

NW England and Wales Branch Col John Maclean continues in the chair with his erstwhile and long standing secretary, Mr Peter Farley. The branch has increased in numbers thanks to co-opting the Waterloo Pipe Band. Coincident with the recent relaxation of Covid rules, the Branch was the first to hold an informal get-together over a BBQ, once again held at the home of Mrs John Scrivener in N Wales. The 'Mini' Band played some popular tunes to mark the occasion. Who would have thought 50 years ago on amalgamation that the only surviving Carabiniers heavy branch within the Regimental Association would have their own pipe band? They are proud of it too!

Musicians' Branch Lt Col Mike Bullen and Charlie Ralley together with Bert Tomkins are planning a get-together next year, as well as other events, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Amazing Grace. Details will be promulgated by Home Headquarters. Amazing Grace was No 1 in the charts from 15 Apr 72 for 5 weeks. In so doing, it publicised the regiment's new name worldwide and helped towards the successful amalgamation of the Regiment by uniting both sides.

Association Padre The Rev John Murdoch continues as our padre and recently conducted the funeral service of the late Capt Johnny Howard at his kirk- St John's, Perth. Billy Raitt, 'Radar' Mackie, Billy Bootland, Nick Orr, James Lawson Tancred, Angus Stormonth Darling, Alastair Cumming, John Campbell and James 'Jambo' Maberley joined Capt Jamie Howard and the family.

Home Headquarters Despite all the problems associated with working during the pandemic, Miss Sharon McConnell, our Assistant Regimental Secretary together with Maj Jamie Erskine, Regimental Secretary, have maintained communications in difficult circumstances, often plugging gaps and working long hours from home. I wish to thank them for their unstinting support during my time as Chairman.

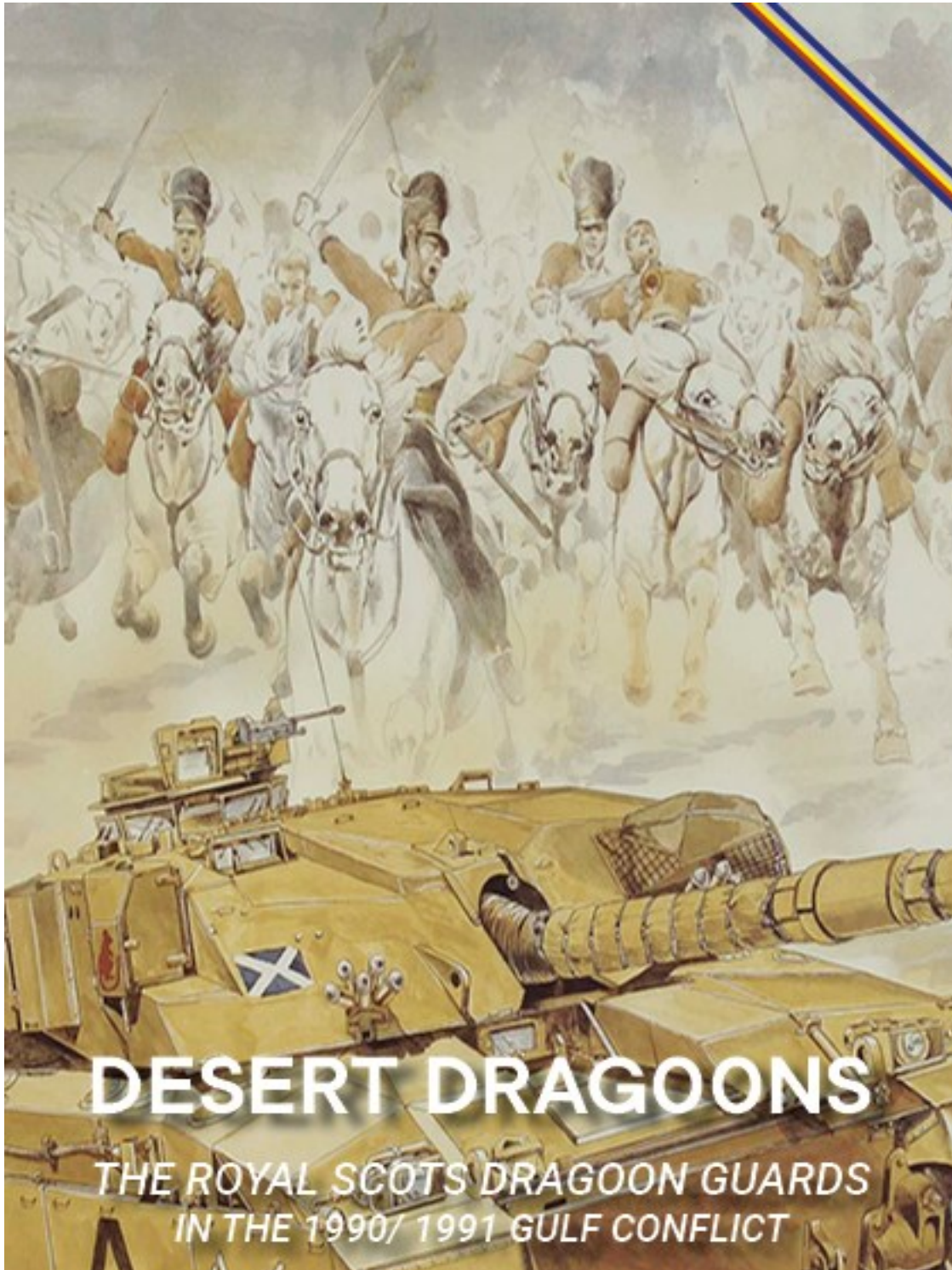
A M Phillips

Op GRANBY 30th Anniversary

Lt Col John Sharples will give 2 talks about Op GRANBY. These will be on the following dates:

6 November 2021: Bovington Gathering, Bovington—see South West Branch for more detail.

27 November 2021: Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch Dinner, GoGlasgow Urban Hotel, Glasgow—see Glasgow Branch notes for more details.



Branch Notices

Aberdeen and North of Scotland

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Branch Dinner

At the time of writing there is still no decision on whether we can go ahead or not with a dinner on Saturday 2 October 2021 at the Royal British Legion Scotland, Ravenswood Club, Ramsay Road, Banchory AB31 5TS. If it goes ahead menu and prices will be produced at a later date.

Breakfast Clubs

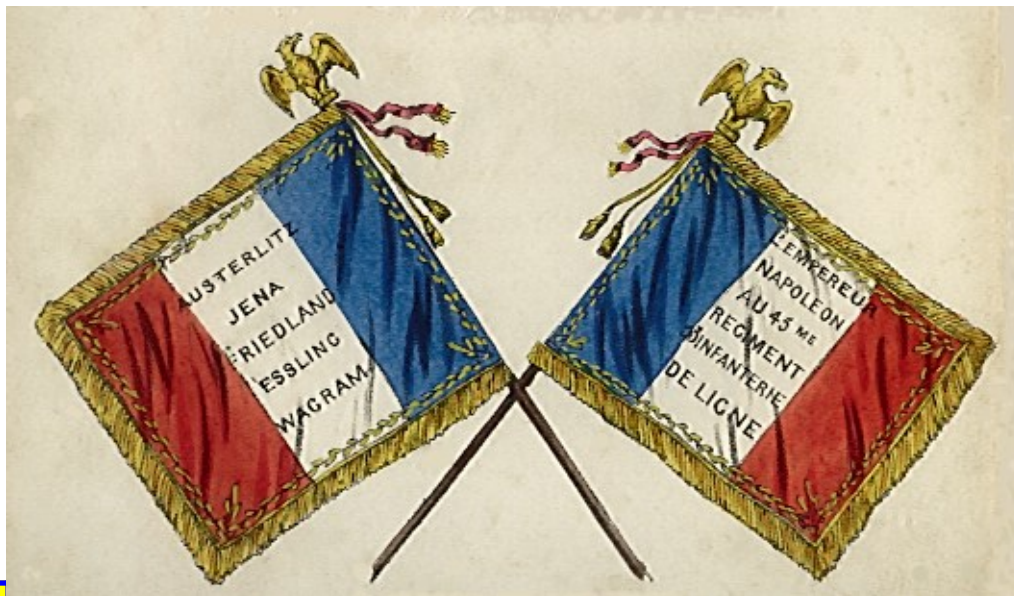
Breakfast clubs are starting to open up again and the Banchory & Deeside Breakfast Club is now meeting at 1100hrs on the first Sunday of each month at the Banchory Legion. Any ex-service members is welcome. Check your local area as there may be a Breakfast Club that you could support.

Army Recruiting

The Army Career Centre Aberdeen are hosting 'Pop Up Shops' in Banchory Legion. This is an excellent opportunity for candidates and claimants from the local surrounding area to pop in and speak to our regulars about further information on a potential career within the British Army. They will be focusing on Infantry and Cavalry during this event, with teams confirmed already from the Parachute Regiment, and the Royal Regiment of Scotland. This event is open to everyone with an interest in joining, as they will have many Subject Matter Experts at hand to discuss everything from how to apply, to what Assessments are involved through the process. If you have family or friends that want a military career then come along to the Pop up Shop days which are 22 September 2021 and 27 October 2021 at the Banchory Legion Ramsay Road, Banchory, AB31 5TS

Banchory & District Pipe Band

Banchory and District Pipe Band are looking for new pipers and drummers both experienced and beginners so if anyone knows of potential recruits please let me know.



Ensign Ewart's
Standard

Edinburgh and East of Scotland

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Since our last newsletter there has not been anything of note to report regarding Branch events.

The diary for the rest of 2021 is as follows.

2021 BRANCH DINNER

It is still intended to go ahead with the Branch Dinner on the 9 October 2021. More details will be promulgated on this after the restrictions review on 9 August 2021 by Scotland's First Minister; hopefully it will be positive.

ARMISTICE SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021

The usual parade will take place at our monument in Princes Street Gardens. Forming up will be at the floral clock at 1030hrs.

NOTICES

This will be my last newsletter as the current Chairman as I will be stepping down in September after 20 years as Vice Chairman/Chairman. I would take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this time.

Your new Chairman has been approved and appointed by the Colonel of the Regiment and will be Major Aidan Stephen, the son of Colonel George Stephen that some of you may remember. I wish him every success and know you will give him your support.

The Branch still requires a replacement Secretary to fill Bob Swan's shoes and to support the new Chairman in moving the Branch forward.

Continue to stay safe.

Best Wishes

G Aitchison



Mother Ross

Glasgow and West of Scotland

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The Chairman and branch committee members do still keep in touch through zoom meetings, so the cogs are still churning away.

Association Golf Tournament This will be held on Friday 17 September 2021 at Drumoig Golf Club. Details have already been sent through social media. Anyone who has not received the details, should let the Secretary know.

West of Scotland Bowling Competition We had one date available for this event, but unfortunately this was not suitable for us. We did try to find another venue but to no avail. We therefore decided that this year's event would be cancelled.

Remembrance Service Sunday 14 November 2021 The parade will form up on George Street under the direction of the parade marshal at 1000hrs prior to marching onto George Square at 1030hrs. The service will be followed as usual by a reception in the City Chambers before moving on to The Auctioneer. Dress: Suits, Blazer, Grey Beret and Medals. It is hoped to once again organise a Breakfast on the morning in the Counting House on George Square between 0900-1000hrs.

Branch Annual Dinner Night 2021 Saturday 26 November 2021 The Branch dinner will be held in the GoGlasgow Urban Hotel. The form for those wishing to attend can be found on page 31 of the Newsletter. We realize there are a few members who completed their meal requests for the cancelled dinner of March 2020. Some of you allowed us to keep the payment for this, for those of you who still wish to attend can we ask you complete the form again and add whether payment has been held over. The entertainment for the evening will be a tribute band called ABBA Dreams. We will also hold our usual raffle, with a few Regimental Items for up for auction.

Lt Col John Sharples will also be holding an Anniversary talk on Op GRANBY. This talk will be held at 1715hrs for those wishing to attend.



Hayes

Watercolour

North East of England

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Can all Branch members who are new (last 12 months) to the Internet or the Branch, please send a simple contact e-mail to: scots.dg.ne.branch@gmail.com also existing members who might have changed their e-mail address recently.

Branch membership 'on line' is always growing so please take the time to send that e-mail. Doing so also enables information from Home Headquarters or other branches to be passed on to you with the minimum amount of delay.

All information below is subject to any advice issued regarding the COVID 19 pandemic.

Remembrance Services

Armistice Day Thursday 11 November 2021.

Remembrance Sunday 14 November 2021.

A wreath will also be laid on the Royal Scots Greys Memorial Tablet at the Presbyterian Church, Priory Street in York. Further details from the Branch Secretary.

Captain Brian Cullen will lay a wreath on behalf of the Association at the National Memorial Arboretum, if you are in the area he would be delighted for you to join him.

Branch Dinner 2022. The Branch Dinner will take place on Saturday 12 March 2022 at the Danum Hotel, Doncaster. Details will be provided in good time, as we hopefully return to some form of normality. Fingers crossed that we will be able to meet again then.

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Foxglove Covert Local Nature Reserve, which Tony Crease was so instrumental in setting up and running, was one of the winners of the prestigious 2021 Queens Award for Voluntary Service which were announced on 2 June 2021. These awards are made to charities, social enterprise and voluntary groups from the United Kingdom for delivering exceptional service within their communities over the past year and beyond. Sadly Tony Crease died before the award was announced.



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The Branch Chairman's BBQ was held at Gales Uchaf by kind permission of Liz Scrivener. The weather was sunny, and all had a great get together, after the long covid lock down. There was a total of thirty in attendance. The Chairman of the Association Lt Col Andrew Phillips paid us a visit and gave an update on the Regiment and events taking place for the 50th anniversary. The branch made Andrew an affiliated member of the branch. Some members of the Waterloo Band were in attendance, and they entertained us for over an hour, sending the sound of the pipes and drums down the Welsh Valleys. Andrew gave us fifteen minutes of his musical talents on the base drum.

I had a Whats App video link with our branch chairman, John, who was working hard in Malawi, while the band played. He sent his regards.

The Branch has lost another two ex-Carabiniers, Alan Dalton (Dolly) and Roy Pritchard. (Taff).

Nunshigum Ball 2 October 2021 in the Masonic Hall Macclesfield, sixty four tickets have been sold.

The Annual Reunion This 13 November 2021 at the United Service's Club Chester. 1900hrs. Please let the Secretary know if you are attending.

Remembrance Sunday Chester Cathedral 75th Engineer Regiment has confirmed a parade. The Secretary is waiting for the Cathedral to confirm the service details.

The Waterloo Pipes & Drums have been approached to take part in the national celebrations of the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the 2 June 2022 at Tutbury Castle.



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DIARY OF EVENTS 2021-22

With the current relaxation of Covid related restrictions on both large and small public gatherings due to the Pandemic infection control measures, the dates of events here are simply reminders of those that, it is hoped can take place in some format. Details will be promulgated closer to the date, regarding attendance and other security measures that may be necessary at the time.

Fri 3-Sat 4 Sep	SCOTS DG 50 th Commemorations (Edinburgh & Leuchars)
Sun 17 Oct	RAC Sponsored Sunday, Royal Hospital Chelsea
Thu 11 Nov	RBL Field of Remembrance, Westminster
Sun 14 Nov	RBL parade at Cenotaph, Whitehall
Sun 5 Dec	Carabiniers Memorial Service, Royal Hospital Chelsea
Sat 15 Jan 2022	Branch AGM Royal Hospital Chelsea (and/or ZOOM)

Covid-19 and Infection Control Measures continued to impact the Branch activities in the recent past and whilst in theory most of these have now been removed, the fact remains that Covid is still out there and represents a significant threat. As such, common sense precautions must still prevail and the Branch is not anticipating trying to arrange any more events other than those which are traditionally held and these will of course be subject to scrutiny to ensure that they remain safe for the members to participate in. The FoE above is, therefore, a projected one and only time and circumstances will dictate just how many of these will go ahead.

For the projected events that are normally at the Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC), be aware that the 'Covid Secure' regime is taken very seriously and so for the foreseeable future whilst there are going to be an ever increasing series of events, organisations need to be aware that things will change if the RHC Covid State is raised from AMBER back to RED.

The future organisation of the Branch is changing due to key personalities retiring and relocating. This process will be orchestrated throughout the remainder of the year to ensure that the Branch is put on the best footing to move into 2022 at the AGM in January. Until then the current executive will remain in their posts shadowing the incoming team and providing them with the benefit of many years shared experience and branch knowledge.

The priority action during this period will therefore be to re-establish good communications with all the members and to help them transition back to some semblance of normality in routine branch activities as best the circumstances will allow. To that end members are asked to confirm their email addresses with the Secretary at his new email Rqmsrhc@gmail.com at their earliest convenience. Thank you.

South West of England

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The last six months for the SW Branch has been the same as for all the branches with all activities stalled and thus very little to report. I can say that we have been able to monitor members in our area to ensure that should anyone need assistance we are there for them. We have used the time to look at how the Branch will be organised and run going forward and I am pleased to inform all that this is going well.

Our Chairman, Lt Col Michael Oliver, has been Chairman for 30 years (and on the Committee for 32) and has decided to retire this year. We are extremely grateful for his years and years of support and guidance. Thus the Gathering on 6 November 2021 will be his last event and we will mark the occasion suitably !

Capt (Retd) Nicholas Oliver will take over as Chairman with Lt Col Mick Lillie as Deputy Chairman. The new secretary will be announced very shortly.

Further news on the new committee will be forthcoming at The Gathering in November and anyone interested in this should let me know.

As reported in the Spring issue, The Gathering at Bovington will take place on 6 November 2021. I am pleased to confirm that Lt Col (Retd) John Sharples will give a talk on Desert Storm to commemorate the 30th Anniversary at the start of the Gathering. As always the Gathering will be held at the Headquarters of The Royal Wessex in Allenby Barracks and we thank Capt Joe Toward for the arrangements. This is always a great evening with both serving and retired members present and we would encourage as many Regimental members as possible (along with wives) to attend. If you intend to attend please let me know at n.oliver@scotsdg.co.uk along with car registration number, make, model and colour. As always we do not charge for this event and dinner is provided.

We are continuing the process of building the Branch's mailing list to ensure that we have captured details of as many of the Regimental family as possible living within our area. Please send in your email address and details if you think you may not be on our list and let us know if you have details of new arrivals in the area.

Next year we are looking at the possibility of adding a SW Regimental All Ranks Family Picnic/BBQ to our calendar. The idea would be to have a get together with all our families (young and old/serving and retired). I would be grateful if members could let me know if they think this is a good idea for next year and where/when we might have this.

We would be really grateful if all could pass onto both serving and ex-regimental members who live in our area the benefits of our activities . Together we can build and build and build.

Afternote: We are keeping our eyes and ears open for any Regimental member in our area that is having difficulty or problems during this fairly difficult time, and we would be grateful if everyone could do the same and let us know if you find anyone in a difficult situation. We can only help if we know.



3rd Dragoon Guards at Honnechy (1918) by Lionel Edwards

Lionel Edwards' painting "3rd Dragoon Guards at Honnechy" which is owned by the Regimental Trust and hangs in the Officers' Mess, was loaned to the British Sporting Art Trust in Spring 2021 for their exhibition of the artists' work in Osborne Street Gallery London. A number of members of the Regiment managed to view it. This was the first exhibition of the artist's work since 1986 and examined all aspects of the artist's career from Hunting and Racing pictures to the illustration work that formed the bedrock of his career and his important military commissions.



Wildflowers for the Queen – Hugo Rittson Thomas

Wild Flower Press, 2021
 Hardback £50 pp
 ISBN 978 1 5272 4959 2

Hugo, the author of this wonderful book, completed a short service commission with SCOTS DG in the late 1970s. We served together in Belize as members of the independent armoured recce troop that was manned by the Regiment and equipped with Scorpion and Scimitar CVR(T)s. Hugo cut his photographic teeth during this tour of duty and afterwards on leave in the Andes, photographing flora, fauna and landscape.

'Wildflowers for the Queen' owes its title to the Coronation Meadows initiative that has created 70 new meadows. One of these is located in Green Park, almost directly opposite the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Hugo's exquisite photographs transport the viewer into the verdant meadows that he so ably illustrates. Little imagination is required to see the grasses and flowers sway in the breeze, to smell their fragrance and hear the buzz of the pollinators.

Hugo has fused his ravishing photographs of meadows and flowers with succinctly written accounts. His book contains descriptions by the Duke of Marlborough, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Fellowes and others about the meadows that they own and nurture.

We learn from the well-placed and expert contributors – including the Prince of Wales - about the husbandry required to make and sustain meadows and their importance in supporting a wide range of fauna and flora. We gain insights into the mutual interdependence of meadows, flowers, pollinators, grazers and mowers.

Meadows are a part of our history and culture and are indicators of the health of the natural world. They also contribute to our physical and mental wellbeing. Philip Mould cites references to meadows in art and tells us that meadows used to be a key element of "nature's dispensary", providing plants that cured a wide range of ailments. I was thus transported into a future when we might replace the baleful influence of "big pharma" with a greater reliance on natural remedies.

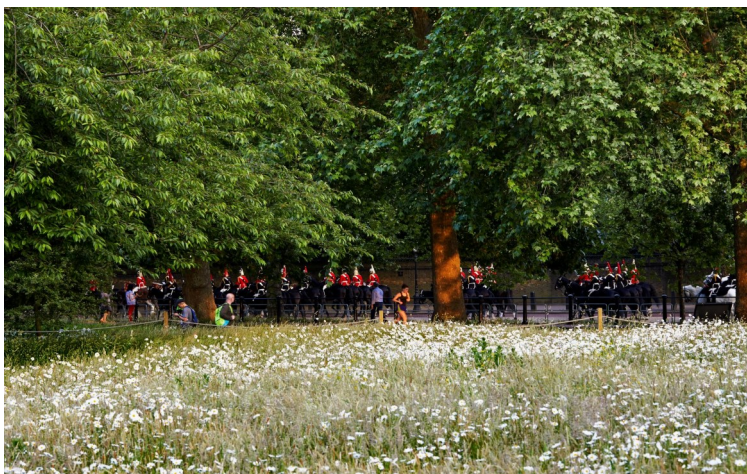
While it is given only to a few to own sufficient acreage to enable significant and personal steps to help recreate the 97% of meadows that have been lost since the 1930s, this book helps us to understand that we can all play a part. Even domestic lawns can include a little patch of meadow. Those who have no garden can be advocates for the creation of more meadows.

We can thus fulfill the recommendation by Ian Dunn, the chief executive of Plantlife - the lead body for the Coronation Meadows initiative – that Britons should collectively create 120k hectares' worth of new meadows over the next 25 years. As Ian says: "If a picture is worth a thousand words, this book will do more than I ever can to show exactly why we need more of this spectacular, life-supporting, life-affirming habitat."

Profits from sales go to Plantlife - mentioned above. A 20% discount is available for orders placed directly through Hugo's website <https://www.hugorittsonphotography.com/> using the code WILD20 at check out - valid to the last day of 2021.

This important and beautiful book will make a wonderful present for wives and girlfriends and indeed for anyone who loves nature.

John Deverell



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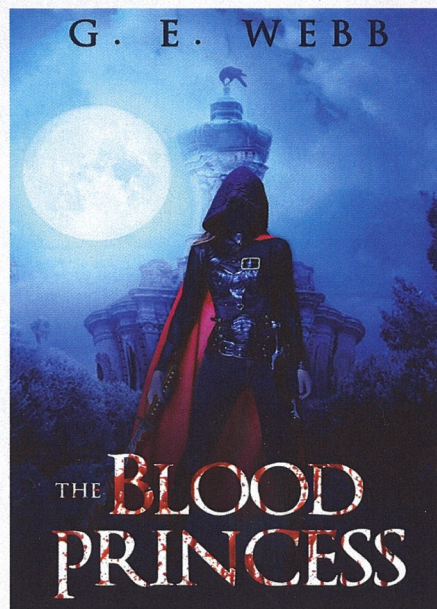
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SCOTS DG MUSEUM SHOP

This is a selection of some of the items the museum shop has available for sale.

Enquiries should be made direct to the Shop, either by e-mail (scotsdgshop@gmail.com) or telephone (0131-220-4387).

		
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Saturday 27 November 2021
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From:.....

Address:..... Email:.....

I / We wish to attend the Glasgow Branch Dinner. Number of places required is:.....

Guest Name/s 1..... 2..... 3..... 4.....

(Forename & Surname)

If Possible, we would like to be seated with:.....

Course		Meal	Self	Guest	Guest	Guest
Starter	1	Lentil Soup with Crusty Bread Roll				
Main	1	Roast Chicken Breast stuffed with Haggis, Fondant Potatoes and Panache of Vegetables				
	2	Roast Rump of Lamb, Braised Red Cabbage, Red Currant Jus, Fondant Potatoes and Panache of Vegetables				
Dessert	1	Vanilla Cheesecake with Vodka Soaked Orange				
		Freshly brewed Coffee or Tea				

There will be a vegetarian meal available should it be required. Please let us know which type of meal you would like and the caterers will try to accommodate.

Dress: Suits, Blazers, Black tie order. Medals may be worn.

Cost: The cost for the evening will be £20 per person attending.

Payment: Cheque for the sum of £..... is enclosed for the full payment for (No's).....

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SCOTS DG MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

1. The SCOTS DG monthly draw was launched in April 2013.
2. Entries for the draw must be paid in advance and each entry will be allocated a unique number which will be eligible for every draw for which payment has been made. The cost of entry is £2 per month (1 draw) which must be bought in a batch covering six (£12) or twelve (£24) months. More than one entry per month can be purchased and payment made by cheque, cash or debit/credit card.
3. The draw by random computer selection is made on the last Friday of each month (or Thursday if the Friday is a Bank Holiday). Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st number drawn – 35% of the month's income.
 - 2nd number drawn – 15% of the month's income.
 - 3rd number drawn – 5% of the month's income.

The remaining 45% will be donated to the Regimental Trust: (55% is the maximum prizes payout allowed under the terms of the licence).

4. The result of each month's draw is posted on the Association web site and cheques are sent to the winners within one week of the draw taking place.
5. A proforma is opposite for those wishing to take part. Spread the word; the more entries there are, the bigger the prizes.

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SCOTS DG MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

Name:

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.....Post Code:

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Please allocate me (qty) draw number (s).

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Date:

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The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Association

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Policy

Introduction

You will all be aware that GDPR is a new, Europe wide, law that replaces the Data Protection Act 1998 in the United Kingdom. It places greater obligations on how organisations handle personal data. It came into effect on 25 May 2018. We, in Home Headquarters, must comply with the new regulations.

We use the information we hold to keep you up to date with Regimental news and events, and to encourage comradeship. This note is mainly aimed at those who served in the Regiment and some family members (eg widows) who are included in certain aspects of our business. We will continue to send you information unless you opt out. If you wish to opt out, thus receive no communication from us, you should contact us in Home Headquarters and inform us that that is your wish.

We also publish the names in the Regimental Journal of those that have given us permission to do so. If you would like your name to appear as a member of the Association, you are asked to contact the Assistant Regimental Secretary if you have not already done so.

Information Home Headquarters Holds

We may hold some information about your service in the Regiment, such as the dates and the regiments in which you served. In addition, in many cases we hold your name, postal address, your email address and telephone numbers where provided.

Privacy Policy and Legal Basis for Holding the Data

To allow Home Headquarters to achieve its objectives through the Association, the information we hold will be targeted and proportionate to allow us to achieve that purpose. As the Association is a voluntary membership organisation there is legitimate interest for us to hold your information. This is the lawful basis for us to hold that information and it will be used in line with members' reasonable expectations.

We do not share your information with any other organisation.

Processing Information

We process your information with the explicit aim of maintaining contact with you as someone who served with The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and its antecedent regiments or with family connections to us. We only send you information that is relevant to your service in the Regiment. This will include Regimental News and social events and when dealing with the regimental magazine or Regimental Trust matters pertaining to subscriptions.

We hold the following lists:

- Retired Officer List
- Serving Officer List
- Officers' Widow List
- Branch Contact List
- Eagle and Carbine Subscribers List
- Gift Aid List
- Trustees' List for Museum and Regimental Trust
- Monthly Draw lists

The information is mainly stored in digital form on desk top computers in a room that is locked when not occupied. Any paper copies are held in secure lockers.

There are two exceptions to the detail above. The first concerns the processing of SSAFA reports that are presented to the Welfare Committee. SSAFA operate an encrypted Customer Management System (CMS) the is compliant with GDPR. Any historical paper records are held in secure lockers. Home Headquarters carries out a review of historical welfare cases. If they are no longer relevant or out of date they will be destroyed. The second involves information published on the Association website and the Museum website (www.scotsdgassn.org.uk and www.scotsdgmuseum.com). Office Bearer's names are published and contact email address is given for each Branch.

Holding of Information – Timelines

We will hold contact details for as long as an individual wish to maintain contact with the Regiment. In the case of the Regimental Magazine and Museum Trust we will maintain details whilst someone is a subscriber/member. Office Bearers' details will be removed from the respective lists, as and when they resign from their post.

Details provided by individuals relating to a specific event will be deleted as soon as possible after the event has taken place.

If a member dies, his/her details will be deleted.

Control of Personal Information

You can control your information in two ways; you can ask us to correct or update your personal information at any time or else you can ask us to remove your details from our lists. If you are not receiving emails from Home Headquarters and think you should be, please update your details by sending them to homehqscotsdg@gmail.com

We will not pass your personal information to any other individual or organisation without your permission.

Access to Data

Only the MOD employed staff of Home Headquarters will have access to individual's data in order for them to carry out their legitimate tasks.

Care of your information

We will take reasonable steps to ensure the privacy of your information.

Subject Access Requests

We hold the minimum information possible to allow us to maintain contact with you, however, you can contact us with a Subject Access Request if you want to ask us to provide you with the information we hold about you. We are required to provide this to you within one month.

Data Breaches

The computers in the office have up to date anti-virus and spyware software but in the event of a data breach we will advise you if there has been loss of your data. We will have to notify the Information Commissioner's Office where it is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Special Data

GDPR refers to sensitive personal data as "special categories of personal data". We do not record any such special data.

