



# The Thistle

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## Chairman of Trustees Foreword

Major activity over the last six months has been bringing together the Benevolence Society and Regimental Trust funds in The Regimental Trust. This was achieved in late March. The Trust's objectives were reviewed to ensure that the former objects are carried forward, eg furthering our Regiment's interests and provision of benevolence support to those with identified need. The administrative costs associated with the former two funds have been reduced, ie accountant's fees.

Relocation of Regimental Headquarters from the Old Provost Marshal's House in the Castle to The Royal Scots Club in Abercromby Place has been completed, with the Museum remaining at the Castle. Jimmy Springthorpe is now very much in the Regimental Administrator's seat having had an excellent handover from Jim Blythe. Jim was dined out in May by representatives of the Trustees and Regimental Association, including the President of the Association Pipe Band.

The Regimental Prize for 2015, formerly known as the Purves Prize, has been awarded to two Royals for their outstanding contribution to the wellbeing of our Regiment over the last year. Many congratulations to Tam Douglas and Andy Kay who have both worked tirelessly.

The outstanding success of the Quintinshill Rail Disaster Centenary Commemorative weekend, when we were honoured by the presence of HRH The Princess Royal in both Gretna and at Rosebank Cemetery, was reported. A huge amount of planning and coordination had been required, which was led by Robert Watson ably assisted by his dedicated team of Regimental volunteers. Over 150 direct descendants of the 216 Royals who died in the crash were present, as well as the First Minister, the Secretary of State for Scotland, local dignitaries, uniformed organisations and contingents from The Royal Regiment of Scotland. After a service at the Canongate Kirk the weekend culminated in a very relaxed, happy Regimental Family Gathering at Redford Barracks which had been organised by John Sands and his enthusiastic team of



Royals' volunteers. Excellent media coverage was achieved with our Regiment's name repeatedly in the headlines.

The same weekend a party of Royals took a prominent part in the 75<sup>th</sup> commemorative event in France to mark the fighting at Le Paradis.

During the last 12 months major improvements, including inventory upgrading and updating accreditation have been carried out at our Museum.

Ahead, the Trustees have set priorities: to continue to settle in to the new Regimental Office and operate to a sustainable tempo with affordable expenditure; to review communication both to the Regimental Family and externally and, finally, to consider how best to encourage and support associating by Royals of all ages.

On associating it is very much appreciated that on leaving the service the majority of Royals moved from having a Regimental focus to their life ahead. So whatever is considered during the deliberation should appeal and have something to offer. Other organisations have found that whilst everyone is not a 'joiner' of an association or equivalent, many do welcome and value contact and comradeship with their former fellows from time to time, particularly at the end of a second career, and finally post on Facebook. There is food for thought here.

May I ask, please, that if you have any views or suggestions as to ensuring how together we all take forward the wellbeing of our Regiment you let either Jimmy Springthorpe or me know?

Colonel Martin Gibson OBE DL

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# Museum and Heritage Matters

Once again Heritage events have been to the fore over the last six months. Three battles/campaigns have been marked by major events: Waterloo in 1815, Gallipoli/the Gretna train crash in 1915 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion's stand at Le Paradis in 1940.



**'Waterloo Colour'**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion's Waterloo Colours, carried in many engagements, and accounting for 11 of the 28 pre-1914 Battle honours from Corunna (1809) to Ava (with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in Burma 1824-26) went on display in The Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle at the beginning of May and will remain there until the end of August. Historic Scotland have done a fantastic job of displaying them, under glass on sloping tables, backed up with detailed information boards. Within the Museum, thanks to a Scottish Government Veteran's Fund grant we have been able to provide an audio description of the Battalion's role at Waterloo, in particular the story of Ensign Kennedy carrying the Regimental Colour. Previously described as being 16 we have now discovered that Kennedy was only one week past his fifteenth birthday when he was killed on the day of the battle.



**'The Great Hall'**

The centenary of the Gallipoli landings on 25 April 2015 was marked with a 'dawn' service, at 7.45 am, in The Scottish National War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle, at which the Regiment was represented. Also present was a small party from our allied Regiment, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who were the only 'Canadian' battalion to be involved in the campaign and where we first served together. (Newfoundland did not join the Dominion of Canada until 1949.) The Southern Branch of the Association, led by Christopher Delacombe, represented the Regiment at ceremonies at the 29<sup>th</sup> Division Memorial, near Coventry, in February and, on 25 April, at the Cenotaph in London and the Gallipoli Memorial Chapel in Holy Trinity Church at Eltham in south-east London.



**'29 Division Memorial'**

At 6.49 am on Saturday 22 May 1915 a troop-train carrying 498 members of the 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> (Leith) Battalion, The Royal Scots (1/7 RS), which had left Larbert near Falkirk at 3.45 am that morning bound for Liverpool, crashed into a stationary local passenger train parked, facing north, on the south-bound line at Quintinshill, just north of Gretna. One minute later a Glasgow bound express crashed into the wreckage resulting in a ferocious fire. As a result of the crash and the fire 216 members of 1/7 RS and 12 others died and 220 members of the Battalion were injured. To this day it remains the worst accident for numbers killed on British railways.



The Centenary commemorations were spread over three days. On Thursday 21 May an evening parade, service and wreath-laying took place at Larbert Station.



**'Martin Gibson at Larbert'**

On Friday 22 May a service and wreath-laying were held at 11.00 am at the memorial at The Old Blacksmith's Centre at Gretna. That was followed by a march to the site of the crash for an Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying.



**'7 RS Regimental Colour flanked by Standards'**

On Saturday 23 May there was a parade from the former 7 RS Drill Hall in Dalmeny Street, along the route the cortege took in 1915, to Rosebank Cemetery. At 11.00 am a service, Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying was held at the memorial by the site of the communal grave in the cemetery. The parade then marched to Hepburn House Reserve Training Centre in East Claremont Street for a Regimental reception. HRH The Princess Royal, Patron of The Royal Scots Regimental Association, the First Minister and the Secretary of State for Scotland attended the events on 22 and 23 May.



**'Association at Gretna'**

Photographs of the three events, and others relating to the commemorations, are included in this Thistle as a supplement. A DVD of the story of the Gretna crash and commemorations, together with a booklet produced by the Scottish Government, will be available from the Regimental Office. Details of how to apply for them will be on the Regimental web-site.



**'HRH at Rosebank'**



The next major commemorative events will take place on 26 September. There will be a parade in Dundee to mark the centenary of the Battle of Loos. More directly linked to the Regiment will be the unveiling of a cairn and flagstone to the memory of Pte Robert Dunsire VC, of 13 RS, at Buckhaven in Fife, his birthplace and hometown. Dunsire won his VC on 26 September 1915 for rescuing two wounded comrades while under fire. The Association plans to be well represented at both events.

Everyone will be delighted to know that the Museum retained its Four Star status following an unannounced inspection by a Visit Scotland inspector in March. Well done to all those involved.

Thankfully the Museum's application to renew its accreditation for the next three years has been approved. Progress continues to be made on the digitisation of the Museum's Contents Record (formerly known as the Accession Register) for which a grant of £5,000 has been received from Museums and Galleries Scotland. A review of the Library holdings is underway and work will begin in the autumn to re-label all the exhibits. Grants have been applied for to offset the costs of the latter.

As always the Museum committee are on the lookout for, and very much welcome, volunteers to help with the various Museum projects. These can range from checking items to answering historical enquiries. A phone call to Tom Gordon on 0131 310 5015 may open an interest or skill you may not realise you had!



**'Association at Rosebank'**

## Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day in Edinburgh was blessed with fine weather. The Regimental contingent, some 80 strong, including the Association Pipe Band and the Standard Bearers, formed up in Johnston Terrace behind a large banner proclaiming our presence as 'Pontius Pilate's Bodyguard'.

The route was down the Lawnmarket, along George IV Bridge, down Candlemaker Row and into the Grassmarket. There the parade was addressed by the Lord Provost, Commander 51 (Scottish) Brigade and Col Martin Gibson representing Veterans Scotland. The Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland provided entertainment until the lure of discounted beer in the pubs proved too strong.



**'Pontius Pilate's Bodyguard'**

We were very pleased to see some faces we haven't seen for some time and hope to see even more next year. Up The Royals.



## Le Paradis

This year marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle at Le Paradis in northern France in May 1940. 1 RS, as part of 4 (Infantry) Brigade, were tasked to stand and fight to give other elements of the BEF the chance to escape via the beaches at Dunkirk. Many were killed or wounded and made prisoner. Barely two dozen members of the Battalion managed to escape to England.

A contingent of 30 RS supporters attended the weekend's events. On Saturday 23 May a short service was held at the Louis Creton Farm where 97 members of 2 Royal Norfolks were massacred by the SS after they had surrendered. The party then marched to the village of Le Paradis headed by the commune band and followed by the British, French and Belgian Legion banner parties.



**'Marching to Church'**

During the service the mayor gave an address to the relatives of the veterans and Brig James Stevenson replied thanking the locals for their help in time of war and during the subsequent anniversary events. A wreath was then laid at the British Military Cemetery.

Following these events a civic lunch was held nearby. The mayor was presented with a pipe banner bearing the regimental cap badges and a plaque. Toasts of whisky and cognac were made using the wooden RS quaich made in France and first used on St Andrews Day 1939. The weekend concluded with a tour of the battlefield. All in all it had been a very moving but at the same time enjoyable weekend.

Next year it is hoped that the anniversary will be held on Saturday 28 May. Anyone wishing to attend should contact David Dickson at [davidpmdickson@gmail.com](mailto:davidpmdickson@gmail.com)

## The Regimental Office

The Regimental Office situated in The Royal Scots Club has been operational since 5 January. Under the guidance of Jimmy Springthorpe procedures are developing at a steady pace. The office which is open from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays is responsible for all Royal Scot matters less the Museum and Heritage issues which continue to operate from the Castle. We are all most grateful to the Club Manager, Adrian Hayes, and his staff who have been most helpful.



Andy Kay and Tommy Douglas were instrumental in setting up the office. Andy continues the good work by helping in the office on a voluntary basis during which he deals with all things clerical and technical. Liz Kyle has kindly offered her services as a volunteer and looks after Association matters on Wednesdays. She quickly cleared the back log of emails and voice mail messages and now manages the office diary.

On Thursdays Helen Spence works in the office where her previous experience of working in RHQ in the Castle has proved invaluable. Helen devoted a lot of time to dealing with the ticketing requirements of the Regimental Gathering and ensuring that peoples' questions were answered. Jim Anderson continues his sterling work as our website administrator and social media guru. Jimmy doesn't think that Jim sleeps as he responds to his cries for help no matter the time of day or night.

Understandably the many and varied events of the Gretna weekend put great pressure on the office staff over many weeks. The fact that everything ran so smoothly for those 'out front' on the day was the result of a lot of hard work by the backroom team.

Visitors to the office are always welcome. Jimmy was extremely pleased that one of the very first visitors was former Regimental Secretary, Colonel Jock Wilson Smith, who had travelled from Duns in Berwickshire specifically to visit the office. Jock's parting words were "don't hesitate to contact me if you think I can help you with anything". Regimental support systems are alive and well!



## Regimental Gathering

Following the formal commemorative events in May members of the Regimental Family came together in the Redford Cavalry Barracks soldier's restaurant for an informal gathering of about 150 persons.



**'Old Sweats'**

All were welcomed by the Chairman of the Regimental Trustees, Col Martin Gibson. In his address he thanked all those who had made the day possible including HQ 51 Brigade, HQ Edinburgh Garrison, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, the Commandant of Redford Barracks and his staff and the Association Pipe Band. Those who fell asleep during the Chairman's address were soon awakened by the entrance of the Association Pipe Band playing the Regimental march, Dumbarton's Drums. The enthusiasm of the performers, combined with the acoustics of the venue, ensured that even the hard of hearing were not deprived of their enjoyment of the occasion.

So engrossed were those present in meeting old friends and colleagues and searching Jim Anderson's excellent photo display for familiar faces that the announcement that lunch was being served almost went unnoticed. Realisation soon dawned and before long everyone was tucking in to a fine lunch while being entertained by the Lowland Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland to an excellent programme of background music. Both bands continued to entertain

those present and their penultimate rendering was the ever popular Highland Cathedral. The Lowland Band remained on stage to accompany our Master of Ceremonies, Jake Johnstone, in leading the assembly in a hearty rendition of The Gallant Royal Scots.

Coasters disco took over the entertainment duties before Jimmy Ovens, aided by Jake and others conducted the raffle in aid of The Royal Scots Benevolence Society. Thanks to them and all those who donated prizes £370 was raised.

Throughout the afternoon the young soldiers of 1 SCOTS Recruiting Team manned their display of weapons and equipment and bravely fielded questions from the old and bold. It was a great pleasure to have them with us.

As the disco got louder the crowd got thinner and the serious business of karaoke got going with Maxie MacDonald senior and Jake Johnstone showing the younger element, including Maxie junior, how it should be done. An amusing and enjoyable finale to our Gathering.

It was most fitting that, following several days of ceremonial during which the numbers on parade and their bearing was in the best traditions of the Regiment, the same team were able to relax and enjoy themselves. There is a time to be sad and a time to be glad.



**'Old Boys with New Toys'**



## Regimental Association

The opening times of the Association Office in The Royal Scots Club have changed. It is now open from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Jim Blythe has now handed over the Chairmanship of the Association to Jimmy Springthorpe. Prior to standing down Jim visited 1 SCOTS in Belfast where he was warmly welcomed. His visit enabled him to view the Memorial Garden and RS stone and the Bessbrook stone. He also found time to share a convivial meal with members of the Northern Ireland Branch. His final duty was to attend the AGM of the Southern Branch before bring his tour of duty to a close at the annual Regimental Day Dinner in the RS Club.

The various Association social events have been well attended and much enjoyed. They included the Edinburgh Branch burns supper held on 6 February; the East of Scotland Branch Fundraising Race and

Disco night held on 7 March and the annual Spring Lunch held in the RS Club on 11 April. As always the annual Association Reunion on 25 April was a sell out and all those present enjoyed a great night of entertainment and banter.

This year marked the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the raising of McCrae's Battalion (13 RS). The annual pilgrimage to Contalmaison to mark the beginning of the battle of the Somme in 1916 took place at the beginning of July. Amongst those taking part were a piper and bugler from the Association Pipe Band and the Association Standard Bearers.



**'Contalmaison Ceremony'**

The annual Fallen Comrades golf tournament was held at Shawpark Golf Club, Alloa, on 14 June. The weather could have been better but the 27 golfers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This year's overall winner was Lawrence Taylor, son of Eric Taylor. The golfers were full of praise for John Buckham and his team for organising the event so successfully.



**'T' on the Table'**



**'Happy Golfers'**



## William Angus VC

A dignified ceremony was held on 12 June at Armadale railway station to commemorate the valour of LCpl William Angus whose actions on 12 June 1915 earned him the Victoria Cross. Angus was born in Armadale but later moved to Carluke in Lanarkshire. He was a pre-war Territorial serving with 8 HLI. That Battalion was broken up in December 1914 and its companies attached to other Lowland battalions and the company Angus was serving in was attached to 8 RS.

His citation reads: "For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty at Givenchy on 12 June 1915, in voluntary leaving his trench under heavy bomb and rifle fire, and rescuing a wounded officer who was lying within a few yards of the enemy's position." Angus had been warned when he volunteered 'it's certain death, lad'. Nevertheless, although wounded, he survived the war.



**'Family and Dignitaries'**

The Provost of West Lothian welcomed those attending, including descendants of William Angus, the RS and HLI Associations and representatives of SCOTS. A service of thanksgiving was conducted by the minister of Armadale Parish Church and the Armadale Primary School choir sang a special song. The memorial stone was unveiled by the Lord Lieutenant. Normally such stones are placed outside the birthplace of the individual but that property was demolished some time ago and that is why the stone was installed at the railway station.



**'Armadale Primary School'**

Because Angus was a footballer of some skill, playing for Celtic amongst other clubs, there was a commemorative football match the following day between Armadale and Carluke. It seems likely that William Angus would have been bemused by the commemorative events but he would almost certainly have approved of the football match.

## The Canadian Scottish

The Canadian Scottish Regiment commemorated and celebrated three events in London on 19 April in which members of the Southern Branch of the Association were privileged to be present.

A commemoration at the Canada Memorial in Green Park was held in the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra, the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief. That event marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Kitchener's Wood, at St Julien near Ypres, in April 1915 in which the Canadian Scottish was involved in heavy fighting.



**'In Green Park'**

Following the commemoration a reception was held in Canada House in Trafalgar Square.



**'At Canada House'**

In the evening the St Julien Dinner was held in the Victory Services Club. At that dinner Jim Blythe, representing Maj Gen James Cowan, Colonel The Royal Regiment of Scotland, formally announced a new Alliance between The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) and the Royal Regiment of Scotland. That new alliance continues the alliance between the Canadian Scottish and the Royal Scots which dates from 1926. At the dinner Jim Blythe presented the Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Scottish, Richard Talbot, with a copy of the Lord Lyon King at Arms proclamation authorising The Royal Regiment of Scotland's cap badge.



**'Presentation of Proclamation'**



## The Royal Scots Club

The first half of the Club's social programme for the year ended on 19 June with a most successful and very well attended Waterloo Dinner. No one will be surprised to learn that the main course was Beef Wellington. The guest speakers were the Consul General of France in Scotland, Pierre-Alain Coffinier, and the renowned military historian, author and broadcaster Trevor Royle. In contrast to the 1815 battlefield it was an amicable meeting with Gallic charm assuaging harsh historical fact.



**'The Top Table'**

The outgoing and incoming Chairman of Trustees, Mr Brian Adair and Maj Gen Mark Strudwick, were received by the Club Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, at Buckingham Palace in April. The Club, like the Regiment, is rightly proud of its association with The Princess Royal and greatly appreciative of her interest and support.

A group of Club members have recently been hard at work cleaning and updating the records of the Club silver. The Club has quite a large and varied collection of silver most of which dates from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. These items were originally the property of the independent militia and volunteer units which became part of the greater Regimental family as a consequence of The Reserve Forces Act of 1907. The majority of the cups were presented annually, usually for musketry competitions, although one is for bowls!

There are however special pieces. A pair of Victorian silver bugles was presented to The Penicuik Rifle Volunteers by Lady Clerk in 1860. A silver arrow was presented to the Linlithgow Archers in 1844, to be 'shot and won' annually. One of the more elegant pieces is a silver ewer, hallmarked Sheffield 1863, presented to the East Lothian Rifle Volunteers by Lord and Lady Elcho. The most intriguing item, and probably the oldest, is a rose bowl, hallmarked London 1812. It bears no inscription and why it became the property of the Club remains unknown.

## News from the Isle of Wight

Danny McMeechan is the Chairman of the Ventnor WW1 Commemoration Committee. The first major commemorative event took place in August last year to mark the outbreak of the Great War. Following a march through the town a service was held at the local war memorial. There were 15 standards on parade and the event was very well attended by the local community.



**'Danny on Parade'**

There are 113 people recorded on the Ventnor war memorial and ceremonies to honour them are taking place in the month they died. On 29 November the ceremony will mark the death of Pte William Drudge who was born in Ventnor 1895. Drudge enlisted in 1/8 RS in Peebles in 1914 and died of wounds in the area of the Somme. At the ceremony Danny will lay a Regimental wreath and deliver the Exhortation.

We wish Danny well with his work on the Commemoration Committee and in his capacity as Chairman of the Ventnor Branch of the RBL.



**'Working on the Silver'**



## Regimental News

Congratulations to Lt Col Matt Munro, CO 1 SCOTS, on his selection for promotion to Colonel and to Maj Jonny Bristow, OC A Coy 6 SCOTS, on his selection for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

It was good to hear that Lt Col Tom Perkins MBE will assume the appointment of Regimental Lt Col of SCOTS in November.

1 SCOTS have been all over the place. The 40 soldiers that deployed to Sierra Leone last October to assist with the Ebola crisis are now safely back home. Early this year Charlie Company deployed to Jordan for a demanding four week exercise. A training team deployed to Malawi to assist elements of the Malawian Defence Force to prepare for operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Anti-Tank Platoon was in Kenya in the spring and a company has deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the EU mission in the Balkans. In the autumn most of the Battalion will deploy to Cyprus for a six month United Nations operational tour.

Not to be outdone the bulk of 2 SCOTS deployed to Afghanistan in early August in the support and

protection role. They will spend seven months helping to train the Afghan Army.

Victoria's Scottish Lion: The Life of Colin Campbell, Lord Clyde, by Adrian Greenwood has recently been published by The History Press. Campbell's military career spanned 55 years fighting the French, Americans, Irish, Chinese, Russians, Pathans, Indians and the British establishment. For more information visit: [www.adriangreenwoodbooks.co.uk](http://www.adriangreenwoodbooks.co.uk)

The Armed Services Advice Project provides dedicated information, advice and support to members of the Armed Forces Community in Scotland. The service is provided by the Scottish Citizens Advice Bureau service. Google 'Armed Services Advice Project' to get more information.

As reported elsewhere Jim Blythe stood down earlier this year as Chairman of the Association. We are all most grateful for all his hard work over recent years. The picture below shows the Association office bearers showing their appreciation at their AGM in April. It is a classic demonstration of a picture being worth a thousand words!



**'Jungle Jim on his Way Out'**



# IN MEMORIAM

## **BROWN**

On 22 May, Maj Joe Lawler Brown 8RS and later 7/9 RS in WW2 and in 7/9 RS until the 1950s, formerly Chairman of the WW2 Association Branches

## **CUTHBERT**

On 5 March in Edinburgh, John (Cubby) Cuthbert

## **GALLOWAY**

On 11 March, at Roodlands Hospital, Haddington, Danny Galloway, member of the Association and President of RBLS Prestonpans

## **GLOVER**

On 18 May, David Glover, member of RS Association East of Scotland Branch

## **INGLIS**

On 15 April in Castle Douglas, William Inglis, formerly 1 RS P&D

## **MASON**

On 9 July in Edinburgh, Morag Mason, wife of Col Dick Mason former Regimental Secretary

## **McKENZIE**

In January in Edinburgh, William (Bill) McKenzie

## **McQUEEN**

In January in Gullane, Elizabeth McQueen, aged 99, widow of the late Brig David McQueen

## **TAIT**

On 21 March in Edinburgh, James (Jim) Tait, Secretary RS Association Pipe Band

## **TILLEY**

In December 2014 at Broxburn, Robert Tilley 7/9RS in WW2 and Association member

## **WALLACE**

In June in Edinburgh, Robert (Rab) Wallace father of Maj Robert Wallace and formerly RSM School of Infantry

## **WOODS**

In April in Prestonpans, Archie Woods, 1RS in 1960s

## Joe Brown

Sadly, the death of Joe Lawler Brown is reported above. Joe enlisted in 8 RS at the outbreak of WW2 and was subsequently commissioned into 7/9 RS with whom he served for the remainder of the war and afterwards into the 1950s. In the course of the liberation of Europe he was one of those who fought waist deep in flooded polders at Walcheren in south Holland. As intelligence officer he found routes of advance less heavily defended by the enemy and took part in the capture of a Wehrmacht headquarters in the Hotel Britannia in Flushing.

Joe represented the Regiment and his 7/9 comrades at many pilgrimages to the Low Countries including to the Hotel Britannia where, on approaching the front door, he used to quip that when 7/9 RS first visited they entered through the windows at the rear!

Joe was a stalwart of the Regimental Association and in particular maintained contact via letters and newsletters with his comrades in 7/9 and 8 RS. His website [www.lawlerbrown.com](http://www.lawlerbrown.com) relates his service with 7/9 RS and he was a regular contributor to the RS Website Forum. He was a proud Peebles man and had been a Warden of Neidpath. He was instrumental in the laying up of 8 RS Colours in the Chambers Institute in the centre of Peebles.

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## From the Editor

The editor would like to thank all those who have contributed articles and pictures. The deadline for contributions for the winter edition is 16 November and these should be sent to me at [carlingnose@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:carlingnose@tiscali.co.uk) Please let me have contributions, including pictures, when they become available rather than waiting for the deadline.

*With best wishes.*

Bob Paterson



## FORECAST OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Tattoo Evening
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	HRH The Princess Royal's Birthday
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gladdy Murray Golf

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club evening lecture The KOSB at Gallipoli
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	RS Club Speaker Lunch – The Forth Crossing
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Commemoration of Pte Robert Dunsyre VC, Buckhaven, Fife Battle of Loos Commemoration, Dundee Association Dinner RS Club
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Musselburgh Races

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Speaker Dinner – HMS Queen Elizabeth
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Speaker Lunch – Coffee Experts
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	RS Governance Meetings Officers Dinner RS Club
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Band Reunion RS Club
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Association Scotland Branches AGM RS Club

### NOVEMBER

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Opening of Garden of Remembrance, Princes Street, Edinburgh
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Charity Cookery Demonstration
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Opening of Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Glencorse Memorial Gates Ceremony
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Speaker Lunch – Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club St Andrew's Night Dinner – Speaker Prof Norman Drummond CBE FRSE
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	East of Scotland Branch Association Dinner Night

### DECEMBER

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Members' Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	RS Club Christmas Carol Concert

## Association Meetings

### EDINBURGH

Last Friday of each month at  
8.00 pm at Leith ex-  
Servicemen's Club, 7 Smith's  
Place, Edinburgh  
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### CENTRAL SCOTLAND

First Sunday of each month at  
2.00 pm at Hillcroft Hotel,  
Whitburn, West Lothian.  
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### EAST OF SCOTLAND

Last Saturday of each month at  
7.30 pm at RBL Prestonpans,  
East Lothian.  
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### NORTHERN IRELAND

Contact: Davy McKendrick,  
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### HIGHLAND

On the first Thursday of the  
month at 7.30 pm at Raigmore  
Recreation Rooms, Inverness  
Contact:  
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### SOUTHERN

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# Gretna Centenary Commemorations



## Larbert





## Gretna Quintinshill



## Leith/ Edinburgh

