



# The Thistle

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## Chairman of Trustees Foreword



I congratulate the Branch office bearers on the continuing development of our Regimental Association as we examine how best to increase the membership to make it more appealing to all who served in the Regiment; this includes 21st Century style communication. The salute taker and the platform party were extremely complimentary about the high standard of turnout and bearing of the Regimental contingent, led by the Pipe Band, at this year's Armed Forces Day parade in Princes Street Gardens.

In the last six months we have assured the Royals continuing heritage. The former 1st Battalion Colours were laid up in the Canongate Kirk in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal, and the Glencorse Gates were re-dedicated.

The Museum is now open at weekends during the summer months, attracting over 500,000 visitors annually. The future World War I centenary commemorations will provide the opportunity to tell both our story and increase awareness of the Regiment in the community.

Shortly the Club will celebrate its 90th anniversary. I encourage all members of our Regimental family to use the Club both as a rallying point and for special occasions; the new facilities are impressive.

I am grateful to 1 SCOTS who, in spite of their particularly hectic pre-Op HERRICK training schedule, have hosted outstanding and informative Association visits and an excellent beating of retreat. We wish them well on their forthcoming Afghanistan tour and a safe return.

The long awaited announcement on the size of Army 2020 confirmed the retention of former regimental titles for the SCOTS battalions, eg The Royal Scots Borderers 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland – abbreviated to 1 SCOTS, but with 5 SCOTS reducing to become Scotland's ceremonial duties company. The future barracks plan is still under development.

Home Headquarters will shortly become our RHQ SCOTS (East). Whilst there is a name change rest assured that Lt Col Jim Blythe continues as Regimental Secretary based in the former Provost Marshal's House. Our Museum will host the interim Royal Regiment of Scotland Museum; this is good news.

Benevolence remains a key pillar of our activities, providing support and guidance for those Royals in need. Well done to those who fundraise for our Benevolent Society.

Finally, a sincere thank you to the growing band of volunteers who regularly give their time to provide essential expertise and support as we ensure our sustainability in the longer term. In particular I would like to thank Major Ronald Ironside who has overseen the Regiment's finances for over 56 years. Jeremy Richardson has now taken on special trustee responsibility for investment and finance.

*Colonel Martin Gibson OBE DL*

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**Members of  
the Association  
visit 1 SCOTS  
at Dreghorn on  
a wet day in  
June.**



# Laying up of Colours

The 1 RS and 2/52 LOWLAND Colours that were marched off parade for the last time last summer were laid up in the Canongate Kirk, Regimental Kirk of The Royal Scots and now also of The Royal Regiment of Scotland, on the afternoon of Saturday 4 February in the presence of our Royal Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, accompanied by her husband, Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, and before a congregation that filled the Kirk.

HRH The Princess Royal had presented both the 1 RS and 2/52 LOWLAND Colours at Dreghorn and Redford respectively and took part in the Laying Up ceremony by receiving the Colours from Col Martin Gibson and Lt Col Sandy Fitzpatrick and passing them to The Reverend Neil Gardner and into the care of the Canongate Kirk.

Colour parties were provided by 1 SCOTS and 6 SCOTS and music was provided by Pipers of 1 SCOTS, the Lowland Band and the assistant organist of the Canongate Kirk. The congregation comprised representatives of the Canongate Kirk, the RS Association, the RS Club, 2/52 LOWLAND, 1 SCOTS and 6 SCOTS.

Following the service representative groups of the congregation were presented to HRH The Princess Royal and Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence in the vestibule before the Princess and her husband departed for the Calcutta Cup at Murrayfield. Many of those without tickets for the match went on to the RS Club to watch there.



HRH The Princess Royal with The Reverend Neil Gardner.



# Visit to 1 SCOTS at Lydd

Seven members of the Southern Branch of the Association greatly enjoyed a visit to 1 SCOTS at Lydd camp on 28 March where the battalion was training for its forthcoming operational tour in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Following an excellent briefing by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Ben Wrench, the visitors viewed a simulated attack on a patrol base with the defenders responding with a variety of small-arms weapons. The final stand covered complex training for route clearance and compound entry. The visitors were much impressed by the enthusiasm and professionalism of both commanders and soldiers.



Southern Branch visit to 1 SCOTS at Lydd camp

## Regimental Day Events

Home Headquarters issued Regimental Day greetings widely, not least to HRH The Princess Royal who, in return, conveyed her warmest and kindest greetings to her Regimental Association. The message was subsequently read out at the Association Regimental Day Dinner in the RS Club the following weekend. On Regimental Day itself a number of Old Royals met at the Club for lunch with others dropping in during the course of the afternoon.

The Glencorse Memorial Gates were installed in 1927 in memory of the fallen of the Great War. For many decades all Royal Scots passed through them in the course of their training at the then Regimental Depot, subsequently the Scottish Infantry Depot and latterly an Infantry Training Regiment. Many went on to be instructors there. Redevelopment of the Depot into a barracks to house an infantry battalion required the creation of a modern gate and guardroom but the Gates were preserved as a War Memorial and a garden was established within. While on the staff of HQ 52 Lowland Brigade, Maj Ian Johnstone had much to do with the barrack development project and was able to ensure the preservation of the Gates where Old Royals still gather each year to observe two minutes silence on Armistice Day, which this year will fall on Sunday 11th November.



Col Gibson with Standard Bearers

Having invested so much effort in their preservation, Maj Johnstone has kept a quatermasterly eye on the Gates and garden ever since and, along with Col Robert Watson and former CSgt Jake Johnstone, then a member of the Glencorse MOD Guard Service, contributed to a plan. The badges on the Gates were professionally cleaned and re-lacquered to protect them from the elements, the garden was refurbished and two benches were installed. It had also been decided that the garden would be a fitting place for Old Royals to have their ashes scattered if they so wished and the procedure for this is included in this edition of *The Thistle*. Finally, an inscribed stone was installed to commemorate not only those who fell in the Great War but all Royals who served between 1633 and 2006.

The Saturday following Regimental Day was selected for the unveiling of the new stone and the rededication of the Gates and garden. The Reverend Neil Gardner, minister of our Regimental Kirk, led the service with Col Martin Gibson unveiling the stone and Mr Eddie Hanratty of the Association Pipe Band playing the lament and reveille. Altogether sixty attended including Mr Patrick Prenter, Lord Lieutenant of Midlothian, and his wife.

That evening the Scotland Branches of the Association held their annual Regimental Day Dinner in the RS Club. Twenty three members attended and were joined by The Reverend Neil Gardner and Maj Bob Welsh of 1 SCOTS as their guests. Piper Danny Macintosh of the Association Pipe Band provided the music and Mr Jake Johnstone led and conducted in vigorous fashion the entire company in singing *The Gallant Royal Scots*. A number attended for the first time for a while and we hope to see them as regulars in future.

# The Royal Scots Club

Club membership broke the 2,000 mark in June, a new milestone in the Club's recent history. A Charity Fashion Show was held in May in association with House of Fraser and Jenners to raise funds for ABF, The Soldiers Charity. The event was fully subscribed and raised nearly £2,000.

A trustees dinner was held in May in honour of Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson KCB CVO CBE who has recently retired as a Club Trustee and Chairman of RSC Management. General Bob had served as a



Trustee for 25 years and as Chairman of RSC Management since its inception in 2000. At the dinner Chairman of Trustees, Brian Adair, presented General Bob with an original water colour of the Club's exterior on behalf of the Trustees.



The Diamond Jubilee weekend was marked with a reception in Queen Street Gardens at which the Association Pipe Band played superbly followed by a 'street party' dinner in the Club. On 10 August 1922 HRH Princess Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Scots, unveiled the memorial tablet to mark the official inauguration of the Club. To mark the 90th anniversary of that event the Club will be holding a special lunch on 10 August.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE PARADE AT WINDSOR

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen the Armed Forces held a parade and muster in Her presence at Windsor on 19 May. Around 2,500 personnel took part, including bands from all three Services. Following the parade there was a Drum Head Service and a loyal address to which Her Majesty responded. The ceremony ended with one of the largest tri-service flypasts of Her Majesty's reign, including the Red Arrows and aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Lt Col John Charteris MC MBE and Maj Christopher Delacombe were on parade as representatives of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland Royal Company of Archers. The following members of the Regimental Family were present as spectators: Antoinette Charteris, Lucy Delacombe, Capt Jack and Judith Dignan, Mr and Mrs John Neil and Mark and Lesley Shaw.

## VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS 2-6 MAY 2012

The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled most generously offered to take 160 World War Two veterans in 80 London Taxis to the Netherlands to celebrate the Liberation with the Dutch people.

Jack Hall who served in the 7th/9th (Highlanders) Battalion and Bill Scally of the 8th Battalion were the two 'lads' that represented the Regiment at this event. They had a tremendous time and were full of praise for the generosity of the hospitality and the consideration of their hosts. They were equally impressed with the kindness of the taxi drivers – not many people have travelled to the Netherlands in an 80 strong convoy of taxis!



## MILITARY KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR

Col Finlay Maclean was installed as a Military Knight of Windsor on Sunday 25 March 2012. The Knights were instituted in 1348 by King Edward III following the severe defeat of the English army by the French at the battle of Crecy in 1346.

Finlay is the fourth Royal to serve in this capacity. Lt Alexander White was appointed in 1710 and died in 1741. He served under the Earl of Orkney, the Regiment's eighth Colonel, for 18 years and lost a leg

at the battle of Shellenberg in 1704. Col Richard Blacklin was appointed in 1865 and died in 1867 aged 71 years. He was present at the battles of Quatre Bras and Waterloo, where he was wounded, in 1815. Maj (Hon Lt Col) John Munro Mackenzie DSO was appointed in 1946 and died in 1964. He was commissioned into the A&SH and then transferred to RS in 1903. He served in South Africa, India, East Africa, Egypt and Palestine and was twice mentioned in despatches.

## AFGHAN REUNION

Maj Bob Wallace, who left the Regiment in 2006 to join the Australian Army, returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan earlier this year. Just before he left he had a chance encounter with Brig James Stevenson in Kandahar and, although they did not have much time together, Bob reports that much was discussed! Since returning to Australia Bob has been posted to HQ 11 Bde as DQ and is located at Townsville in Queensland.



Brigadier James Stevenson & Major Robert Wallace (both formally 1RS) Kandahar, Afghanistan late 2011

## Visit to Le Paradis in May 2012

by Maj David Dickson

Once again a visit was organised on the anniversary of the events of May 1940 when the 1st Battalion was ordered to: "Stand and fight to the last man". Maj David Dickson attended along with his brother Willie, Col Andy McDowall and Matt Hogan from the Association Pipe Band. We were delighted that Maj Christopher Delacombe and Lucy also came over to France for the weekend.

We were entertained on the Friday evening by the Chauvin family. Their daughter, H  l  ne, is making a documentary of the events of May 1940. On a bright Saturday morning we all met at the Creton Farm where a service was held to remember the massacre of 97 soldiers of the Royal Norfolks. After a march to the village for a service outside the church Andy McDowall gave an excellent address in French thanking the villagers for their support. The final service was in the military cemetery behind the church where many of the Royal Scots are buried. Wreaths were laid at all three services.

With the formalities over, forty of us sat down to an excellent lunch in a local pub. Speeches and Gaelic

toasts were made. Matt Hogan played our Regimental Marches and Entente Cordiale was cemented by a couple of Scottish reels enjoyed by all. The following morning John Simpson, the son of a Royal Scot and our historian, took us on a brief tour of the area reading extracts from our own and the SS war diaries. The Germans had recorded that: "The Royal Scots fought like tigers"!



Military Cemetery at Le Paradis

# News from HHQ

There have been some changes to the office bearers of the Southern Section of the Association. Maj Gen Philip Davis is standing down as President; Col Peter Fraser-Hopewell has taken over as Chairman from Col Edward Cowan and James Milne has taken over as Vice Chairman from Col Finlay Maclean.

Eddie Smiles, who had the vision and determination to establish an Association Pipe Band, which has subsequently proved to be an enormous success, has stood down as the Band President and has, rightly, been elevated to the position of Honorary Band President.

The Pipe Band continues to thrive and has a busy schedule. It piped the Scottish Cup around Hampden before the Hearts/Hibs cup final. It played for the RS Club at both the Jubilee reception and dinner and the annual lunch and Beating of Retreat, was on parade at the Royal Highland Show and on Armed Forces Day. Other engagements include Beating Retreat in Edinburgh University Old Quad and at the Surgeons' Hall and playing at several representative events for the Womens' World Cup and home matches at Hampden Park.

The Band continues to seek drummers and anyone interested in joining should contact Jim Tait, the Band Secretary, on 0131 441 3382.

The Pipe Band, together with representatives of the Association and the Association Standards, were on parade at Rosebank Cemetery on 19 May to commemorate those members of the Leith-based 7th Battalion who were killed in the Gretna rail disaster on 22 May 1915. It was Britain's worst rail disaster and resulted in the deaths of three officers, 29 NCOs and 182 soldiers of that battalion who were on their way to Liverpool to embark for service at Gallipoli.

Two Lowland Brigade rinks took part in the Highland Lowland Bonspiel at Perth on 8 March together with a team from 1 SCOTS. The latter were the runners up but, more importantly, everyone who took part greatly enjoyed themselves.

Some Old Royals will remember the 'Crown & One Ties' that were awarded for those achieving 1 RS Sports Colours. They are coming back, but with a difference. The Regimental Trustees have recently approved a proposal to award 'Crown & One Ties' to those who have provided valuable service to the Association. As a first step ties have been awarded to the following for their service as Association Standard Bearers: Tam Douglas, Sonny Walker, Harry Wright, Stuart Aitken, Tom Logan, Tom Sneddon, John Buckham, Eddie Welsh and Willie Hoy. Ties have also been awarded to Joe Brown, Alex Reid and George Simmonds for outstanding service to the Association over many years. Additionally, replacement 'Crown & One Ties' can be purchased from



Runners Up at the Highland & Lowland Brigade Bonspiel. Lts McLeod, McPherson, Stewart and Stevens

HHQ where the original has been worn out or lost. Applications for replacement ties must be submitted to HHQ stating the sport for which the award was made and the approximate dates.

Col Charlie Herbert, formerly CO 1 SCOTS, has been selected for promotion to brigadier and will assume command of 4 Mech Bde from Brig Bob Bruce who was both the last CO of 1 RS and the first CO of 1 SCOTS.

Congratulations are also due to Maj Sandy Aitchison who has been appointed an MBE.

HHQ has instructed a mill to produce another run of RS Regimental Tweed for gentlemen's and ladies' outfits. Anyone interested should inform the Regimental Secretary by email at [rhqrs@btconnect.com](mailto:rhqrs@btconnect.com) or by writing to HHQ RS, The Castle, Edinburgh EH1 2YT and further details will be forwarded to them.

*Times of Troubles: Britain's War in Northern Ireland* by Andrew Sanders and Ian S Wood, which was published by Edinburgh University Press in May, covers the role of the Scottish regiments during the campaign in Northern Ireland. Dr Andrew Sanders is currently working in the history department of Seattle University. Ian Wood has previously been a lecturer in history at Napier University and has taught part time for the Open University. For many years he has been a regular contributor to the press on the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Dr Rosalind K Marshall is the author of a book called *A Guide to the Memorials in St Giles Cathedral* which was published last year. The Cathedral is home to eight Royal Scots memorials and Dr Marshall kindly gave a tour of those memorials, and others in the Cathedral, to a small group of Royals in May.



# Visit to 1 Scots, 27 June - by Lt Col Jim Blythe

The relationship between the RS and KOSB Associations and 1 SCOTS remains sound. In certain respects it develops as the years go by, not least with golf, where members of 1 SCOTS join in (and often win) RS Association tournaments and Old Royals are invited to play in the annual Loudon Trophy which is still held in memory of the late WO1 John Loudon RS.



The joint Associations visit to 1 SCOTS at Dreghorn on 27 June was a great success. Not only were the Associations briefed on the challenges of the battalion's forthcoming tour of duty in Afghanistan by the CO, they were also kept in touch with modern developments at various stands where weapons, equipment, vehicles and techniques were explained and demonstrated. Significantly, the only items most Association members recognised were the 81mm Mortars. All else was new with an impressive array of heavy machine guns, grenade launchers and anti-tank missiles. Briefing on the difficulty of manhandling a heavy machine gun cross country reminded some of us of manhandling 1,700 lbs of WOMBAT – including on skis!

The professionalism of all the support weapons teams was evident and combined with technical advances the capability of the modern soldier is second to none. Not only do the sniper teams have high resolution



optical sights and all manner of aids for judging distance and wind speeds but the men in rifle sections have first rate personal equipment, body armour and radios. They also have much higher quality optical sights and night viewing devices.

What was particularly impressive was that all the display stands were manned by junior NCOs. These young soldiers, to a man, were confident and competent in demonstrating weapons and techniques



## Visit to 1 Scots, 27 June - Cont.



Association Visit to 1 SCOTS

and not at all fazed by being confronted by an audience of grizzled old veterans. Full marks lads and

well done! They even laid on heavy rain to remind us of life in the infantry.

Fortunately, by the time we had enjoyed refreshment in the various messes, and the opportunity to meet other members of the Battalion and guests invited to the Beating of Retreat on the square, the rain had eased. We were entertained by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, the Fijian Choir and the Pipes and Drums who put on a splendid show. All this had been achieved despite minimal rehearsal time and in competition with the demands of training. We were very pleased to note that the RS pipe banner presented to 1 SCOTS last summer was being carried on parade, along with others from KOSB and CAMERONIANS.

What pleased us most of all was the opportunity to demonstrate support to our successors as they prepare for another demanding operational tour of duty. Best wishes to you all!



In the WO's and Sgt's Mess

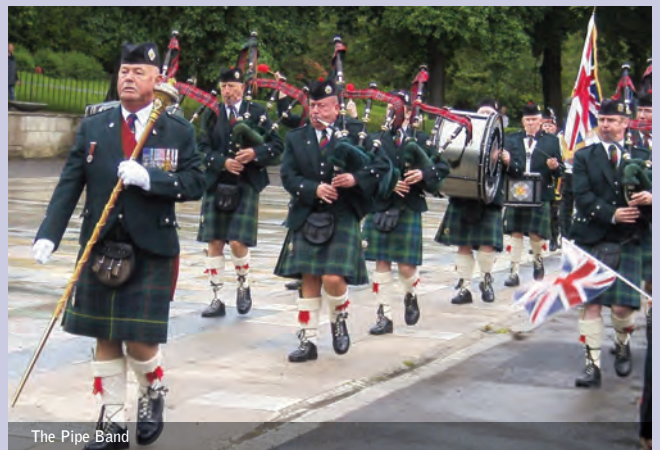


# Armed Forces Day



The Standard Bearers

The Regiment was well represented on parade in Edinburgh on 30 June. The Association Pipes and Drums led the second half of the parade followed by the Association Standard Bearers and a strong contingent of Royals headed by Generals Richardson and Strudwick. We were well received by the considerable number of people lining the route.



The Pipe Band



The walkers to Dundee were also in attendance to raise money for the The Royal Scots Benevolent Fund.



The Royal Scots contingent



# Glencorse Gates Memorial Plaques

Now that the Glencorse memorial gates have been re-consecrated and the garden at the memorial has been enhanced arrangements have been made for memorial plaques to be displayed in the garden.

By arrangement, via HHQ, the ashes of former Royal Scots, and only former Royal Scots, can be scattered in the planted area of the garden and/or memorial plaques may be placed on the new board. Plaques can only be displayed for those who have died since 28 March 2006 or since 1 January 1946 if the death was in-Service, and must comply with the standard pattern shown below.

Bronze coloured aluminium plate measuring 7 inches x 2 inches with screw holes in each corner. Engraved in Bodani script, font size 28, upper case throughout. Three lines of lettering. Top line: rank (short), first name (in full), initials, last name, decorations. A nickname may be substituted for the first name if that is what the individual was usually known by. Second line: year of birth and death. Third line: dates of RS service in italics.

## EXAMPLE:

LT JOHN C HEPBURN MBE  
1960-2012  
RS 1980-1986

To avoid mistakes, and unnecessary cost, the draft of individual plaques must be cleared with HHQ before being ordered. Plaques may only be made by the firm Alex Kirkwood & Son, 13 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3PY. Tel: 0131 556 4779. Fax: 0131 556 4779. Email: [sales@alexkirkwood.co.uk](mailto:sales@alexkirkwood.co.uk) As at April 2012 plaques were approximately £25.00 each, including four small silver screws. Once made the plaque is to be passed to HHQ who will arrange for it to be displayed.



The Association Pipe Band marching on Armed Forces Day



# Domestic Occurrences

## Deaths

### AULD

On 4 March 2012, John (Bertie) Auld, age 59. 1 RS B Coy 70s. Operated spotlights for 32 years at the Edinburgh Tattoo.

### BOLAS

On 23 July 2012, in London, Capt David Bolas. 1 RS 1999-2008.

### BUCKINGHAM

In Linconshire on 12 July 2012, Maurice (Mo or Buckie) Buckingham, 1 RS in the 1960's after a long illness.

### CLAYTON

On 7 April 2012, in Creuse, France, Capt Bill Clayton, PSAO A Coy 52 LOWLAND.

### CORSAR

On 9 April 2012, in Edinburgh, Col Charles (Chay) Corsar. 8 RS 1946, commanded 8/9 RS 64-67, E&HWUOTC 67-72. Hon Col 1/52 LOWLAND 75-87, Chairman Lowland TAVRA 84-88, Chairman of Earl Haig Fund Scotland 84-89.

### GIBSON

On 13 May 2012, after a long illness, Lesley Gibson, age 60, wife of Martin, Colonel RS.

### GOODLASS

On 24 February 2012, Charles Henry Goodlass, age 92 at Burnham on Sea. WW2 1939 A Coy 8 RS.

### GOODWIN

On 5 May 2012, Ryan Goodwin, age 29, at Inverness, son of Tommy and Maggie.

### HALL

On 3 April 2009, Sgt Norman (Norrie) Hall. RS 70s and RHF Pipe bands.

### JOB

On 11 June, Charles (Charlie) Job. 12/2 RS.

### KINSEY

On 5 February 2012, LCpl John Arthur (Joe) Kinsey. 1 RS 72-87, NI Mil Band.

### McCANCE

On 23 May, Majory Paterson McCance, widow of Maj Joe McCance 1 RS.

### McFADZEAN

On 28 April 2012, Ian McFadzean, 1 RS Anti-Tank Platoon and Shooting Team, 1970s NISSAN Shooting Team.

### McGRATH

On 24 March 2012, Maj Bill McGrath in Londonderry. Junior Service Oswestry, MTO Werl.

### McKENZIE

On 13 June, Hugh McKenzie, age 68, of Uphall.

### MYLES

On 26 December 2011, Vera Joyce (nee Reynolds), wife of John Myles 1 RS 42-47.

### NAULTY

On 19 May, Lt Col Denis M Naulty MA FSA Scot, age 89, in Dundee. Commissioned with 2/12 RS 43-47. RAEC from 1953. Author of Dundee Cinemas and proud Royal Scot.

### RICE

On 1 April 2012, James (Shug) Rice. 1 RS C Coy 1970s & QMs Dept.

### SHIPTON

On 8 May 2011, John McKay Shipton, in Peebles.

### STIVEN

On 23 July 2011, Rev Iain Kay Stiven. RS National Service.

### STANIUL

On 27 May, Sgt Julian (Stan) Staniul. Werl A Coy MT Pl.

### URQUHART

George Urquhart of Inverness.

### WILKES

On 7 July 2011, John Arnold Wilkes, age 92 in Devon. RS Paymaster.

### WILSON

On 14 March 2012, John Wilson of Frome, Somerset, age 72. RS 57-79 and member of the Association.

## FORECAST OF EVENTS 2012

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st	RS Association NI Branch AGM
Friday 28th	RS Association Scotland Branches AGM in RS Club
Saturday 29th	RS Association Autumn Dinner
Sunday 30th	RS Day at Musselburgh Races

### OCTOBER

Monday 1st	RS Club Evening Lecture Edinburgh's War 1914-18
Friday 5th	RS Club Speaker's Dinner
Saturday 6th	RSTAOA Lunch in RS Club (tbc)
Fri 19/20th	Canadian Scottish Regiment Centenary
Friday 26th	RS Museum Committee Meeting at HHQ RS RS Benevolent Trustees meeting and RS Benevolent Society meeting in the RS Club RS Officers Dinner Club Regimental Dinner in RS Club
Wednesday 31st	RS Club Speaker's Dinner

### NOVEMBER

Monday 5th	Opening of the Garden of Remembrance in Princes Street Gardens RS Club Evening Lecture Andrew Carnegie and his first Public Library
Thursday 8th	Opening of the Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance
Saturday 10th	RS Memorial Gates Concert of Remembrance in the Usher Hall RS Association Southern Branch evening service in Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance
Sunday 11th	The National Cenotaph Parade and ceremonies throughout Edinburgh, the Lothians and Peeblesshire
Friday 23rd	RS Club St Andrew's Night Dinner
Saturday 24th	RS Association St Andrew's Night Dinner
Friday 30th	East of Scotland Branch St Andrews Night in RBLS Prestonpans

### DECEMBER

Monday 3rd	RS Club Evening Lecture African Adventure
Tuesday 4th	RS Club Members Christmas Lunch

### JANUARY 2013

Monday 7th	RS Club Evening Lecture. Lt Gen Sir Alistair Irwin KCB CBE, on 'The Commonwealth War Graves Commission'.
Monday 14th	RS Club Burns Lunch.
Friday 18th	RS Club Burns Supper – Dr Fred Freedman, Hon Fellow of English at Edinburgh University and expert on Burns and his music.
Friday 18th	RS Association Burns Supper (Central Scotland).
Saturday 26th	RS Association Burns Supper (Edinburgh & East of Scotland). RS Association Burns Supper (Highland Branch).

### FEBRUARY

Monday 4th	RS Club Evening Lecture – Andrew Caskie on 'The New Forth Road Crossing'.
Replacement	
Thursday 14th	
/Saturday 16th	RS Club Valentine's Dinner.
Wednesday 20th	RS Club Dinner - theme TBC.

### MARCH

Monday 4th	RS Club Evening Lecture – Ian Garden on 'Propaganda in the Films of the Third Reich'.
Sunday 10th	RS Club Mother's Day Lunch.
Wednesday 20th	RS Club Dinner – Mr Jeremy Mitchell on 'Shrapnel and Whizzbangs – A Tommy in the Trenches 1914-18'.
Thursday 28th	RS Regimental Day. Also SCOTS Regimental Day. RS Club Regimental Day Lunch.
Saturday 30th	RS Association Regimental Day Dinner in the RS Club.
Sunday 31st	RS Club Easter Sunday Lunch

## Regimental Association Events

### Branch Meetings & Contacts

#### EDINBURGH

Last Friday of each month at 8.00 pm  
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#### CENTRAL SCOTLAND

Last Friday of each month at 7.30 pm  
Royal British Legion,  
Whitburn, West Lothian.  
Contact: Nobby Clarke  
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#### EAST OF SCOTLAND

Last Saturday of each month at 7.30 pm  
Royal British Legion,  
Prestonpans, East Lothian.  
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