



# The Thistle

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## Chairman of Trustees Foreword

The Regimental Trustees met in April and May to consider progress with ensuring the longer term sustainability of our Regiment and the way ahead for the Regimental Pillars.

The following appointments have been made: Lt Col John Sands to be a Regimental Trustee from 31 May; Maj Ian Johnstone to be a Trustee, nominated by the Regiment, of The Royal Scots Club from 9 April (in succession to Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson) and Lt Col Gordon Rae and Maj David Beveridge to be members of the Museum Committee from 26 April.

The report on the Regimental Survey has been posted on both the Guestbook and Forum on the RS website. The need to enhance associating amongst the wider Regimental family, arrange Regimental 'musters' and embrace social media as a means of effective communication have been highlighted. The intention is to co-opt representative members of the wider Regimental family to assist in progressing the main Survey indicators.

During the last year major steps have been taken to ensure our financial arrangements are fit for purpose as we move ahead. Jeremy Richardson has led on a review of the Regiment's funds, investment and accountancy support. This has included a review of grant giving policy, which was necessary to ensure our overall sustainability in the longer term. A fuller report is enclosed with this Journal.

Maj John Dent has assisted the Trustees with reviewing governance arrangements, ie how we work and who is responsible for what, as we deliver our charitable objects through the four, now well-established, Regimental Pillars (Association, Benevolence, the Club, (which is an independent organisation) and Heritage). Please note the Museum Pillar has been retitled Heritage Pillar to more accurately reflect its objects, ie it is more than the important museum activity and includes the preservation and promotion of our heritage. And thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the Museum Appeal which has raised over £25,000 towards the

target of £60,000.

Looking ahead, the Trustees have determined a programme of development work for the next 12 months. Elements of the overall strategy are the following work-streams: Financial Structure; Governance; Heritage (which includes planning for World War 1 Centenary Commemorative events); Association (which includes not only the Regimental Association but association / comradeship amongst as wide a cross section of the Regimental family as possible) and Communication. Close involvement with the Royal Scots Club, our Regimental memorial and rallying place, remains close to our heart.

We continue to enjoy a close relationship with 1 SCOTS, which as a result of the MOD's basing review moves to Belfast in summer 2014, and the continuing links with SCOTS as demonstrated by the Regiment's representation at freedom marches in April, by 1 SCOTS, in both Haddington and Edinburgh. It was reassuring to discover that our historic connections with 6 SCOTS will continue as the recently announced Future Reserves 2020 is implemented.

Finally, I would like to thank Lt Col Jim Blythe, our Regimental Secretary, for his resolute work on the Regiment's behalf, the band of committed volunteers and Association office bearers who provide vital support across our fine Regimental family.

*Colonel Martin Gibson OBE DL*

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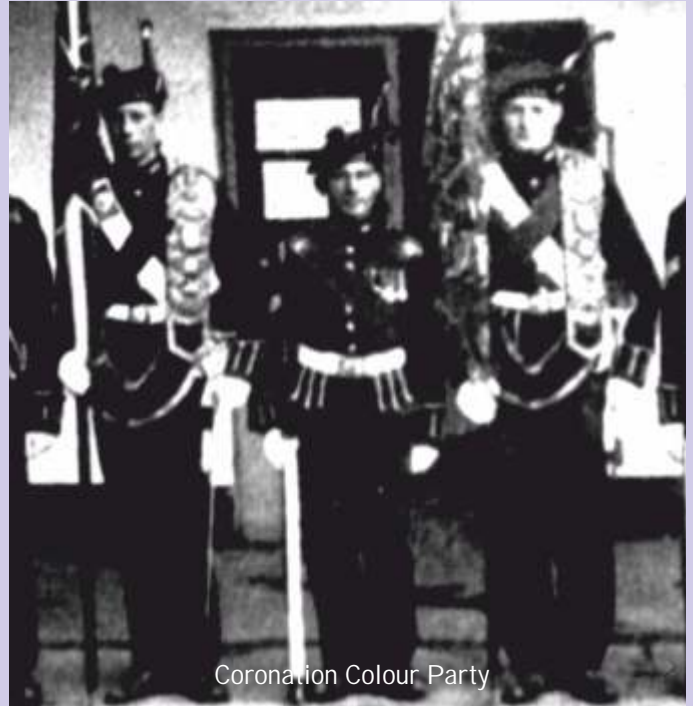
## Sixty Years Ago

On 2 June 1953 an estimated three million people lined the streets of London to catch a glimpse of HM Queen Elizabeth II's coronation procession. Despite the fact that the 1st Battalion was about to embark for Korea at Southampton it provided a small detachment, as did the 7/9th and 8th Battalions, to march in the procession from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace after the coronation ceremony.

Lt Gen Sir Robert Richardson was a subaltern at the time and had the honour of carrying the Regimental Colour. He reported his experiences in the November 1953 edition of *The Thistle* and the following is an extract from that report.

"The crowds cheered consistently and the military bands thundered their reply. On many occasions above the row we heard Scots' tongues shouting "Up The Royals". Perhaps the most impressive part for us was as we marched up the Mall. The Palace all-dominating; the scarlet of the Guardsmen who lined the Mall; the magnificence of the Coronation arches and decorations; the even larger ranks and thunderous cheers of the crowds; and the magnificence of the Colours at the carry."

His euphoria evaporated when he got to Southampton. "On reaching the top of the gangway I met Bill Ritchie [the Battalion Second-in-Command] who had completed the embarkation of the Battalion some time earlier. He angrily said: "Where the hell have you been?" having completely forgotten about the Colour Party on the Coronation Parade. He thought that we had gone ashore for a spree!"



Coronation Colour Party

## Regimental Association

On 28 March the following message was received from the Private Office of HRH The Princess Royal: "As Patron, The Royal Scots Regimental Association, I send my warm thanks and very best wishes to all members of The Royal Scots Regimental Association on the occasion of the 380th Anniversary of Sir John Hepburn raising the regiment on 28th March 1633."



Several Association Branches held very successful Burns Night dinners and it seems that the one held by Highland Branch just squeezed into first place. Twenty eight members of the Association enjoyed a Regimental Day dinner in The Royal Scots Club on 30 March and the Annual Reunion, which was held on 11 May, was well attended and much enjoyed. To help the Scotland Branches celebrate in even more style they now all have their own attractive quichs – slàinte!



Standard Bearers at Rosebank

The Association, including the Pipe Band and Standard Bearers, was well represented at the annual 7 RS Gretna Commemoration at Rosebank Cemetery on 25 May. The service was led by the Rev Iain May, formerly RN, of South Leith Parish Church and the Gretna Poem was read by Mr Alex Meikle of South Leith Parish Church. It is likely that the 2015 service will be the main RS commemorative event of the 2014-2019 period, more details of which will be made available nearer the time.



Delacombes at Ascot

John Myles, of the Southern Branch, attended the annual Kohima service at York Minster. John served in both B and C Coys of 1 RS during the Burma campaign, including fighting in the crucial battle of Kohima. After the service John, who was accompanied by his son, attended the wreath laying service and they were both presented to the Duke of York before enjoying lunch in Imphal Barracks.

In addition to being present at Rosebank Cemetery the Association Pipe Band played alongside the 1 SCOTS bands at their homecoming parade in Edinburgh on 20 April. In late May it played at the opening ceremony of The US Childrens' Golf Tournament at Gosforth House, Aberlady, which was attended by over 800 youngsters and their parents from all over the world. More recently it played at The Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, the Armed Forces Day parade in Edinburgh and at the visit of HRH The Princess Royal to the RS Club on 4 July.



Visitors at Windsor

Congratulations to Harry Wright on the award of the Regimental (formerly Purves) Prize for his services to the Association Pipe Band. Congratulations are also due to John McCulloch, Davy McKendrick, Rab Conquer and Paddy Miller on the award of Crown and One Ties for their sterling fundraising efforts.

In mid-July 13 members of the Southern Branch had a memorable visit to Windsor Castle and St George's Chapel as the guests of Col Finlay Maclean, now in his second year as one of the Military Knights of Windsor, and his wife Caroline. After visiting the castle, including the State Apartments, on a cloudless, sunny and hot day, the party enjoyed a superb lunch laid on by Caroline. A tour of St George's Chapel came after lunch, followed by tea in the very welcome coolness of a house which burrows into the thickness of the castle wall. Those who wished then attended choral evensong in the chapel. The visitors were most grateful to Finlay and Caroline for a wonderful day.

As chairman of the Southern Branch of the Regiment Association Maj Christopher Delacombe and his wife Lucy had the honour and privilege of being invited by HRH The Princess Royal to join her for the first day of Royal Ascot. A private lunch, a private box, access to the members' lawn and the Ascot Authority box made it a quite extraordinarily memorable day. HRH's guests were representatives of nine of the two hundred or so organisations with which she is associated so it is likely to be a very long time before this honour comes round again!

# 1 SCOTS

1 SCOTS returned from their tour in Afghanistan in April. The bulk of the Battalion was deployed as the Brigade Advisor Group to 3/215 Bde of the Afghan National Army (ANA) in central Helmand while C Company formed the Brigade operations company. The general feeling was that the ANA had gained considerably in confidence and expertise since the Battalion's previous tour. Early in the tour 3/215 Bde conducted Op TUFAAN (Storm) with the Advisors very much in the back seat. Indeed, by the end of November the Advisors serving with the ANA battalions returned to Edinburgh as their presence was no longer deemed necessary.

C Company was deployed on a number of operations mainly to find weapons and explosives. Most operations involved deployment and recovery by helicopter and some lasted several days.

In December the Battalion much appreciated a visit from HRH The Princess Royal and her husband, Vice Admiral Tim Lawrence, when she spoke to as many members of the Battalion as could be made available. Happily, an operation which C Company were about to deploy on was cancelled due to adverse weather so they, too, were able to enjoy the visit.

The Battalion returned to Edinburgh in late April and conducted homecoming parades in Edinburgh, Livingston and Haddington before going on leave. In both Haddington and Edinburgh 1 SCOTS received the Freedom of East Lothian and the City on behalf of The Royal Regiment of Scotland. Following the parade in Edinburgh HRH The Princess Royal presented medals to members of the Battalion in the forecourt of Holyrood Palace.

Since returning from leave the Battalion held a most successful Sevens competition at Dreghorn which was won by Edinburgh Academicals. At the end of May the Battalion, along with many of its friends and supporters, attended a service in St Giles to give thanks for their homecoming. More recently the Battalion provided the Guard of Honour at the arrival in Edinburgh of HM The Queen for the beginning of Royal Week during which she presented her personal Pipe Banner to the Royal Regiment of Scotland which was graciously accepted by 1 SCOTS.



Op TUFAAN



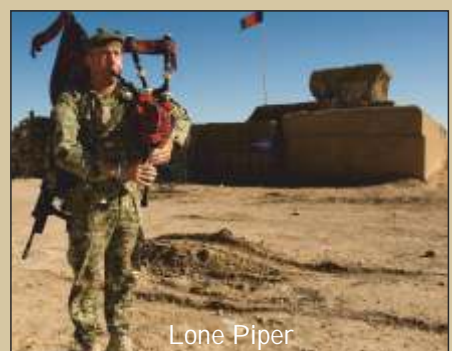
Jocks on Patrol



1 SCOTS in Haddington



HRH presenting medals



Lone Piper

One might think that after six months in Afghanistan it could be felt that a bit of a rest should be the order of the day – well Jocks are not like that. In late June a team of six from the Battalion cycled the 874 miles from John O'Groats to Land's End to raise funds for the Children's Hospice Association Scotland and The Royal Regiment of Scotland Benevolent Fund. Well done guys, we salute you!

## A Coy 6 SCOTS

During March 6 SCOTS spent a weekend at Garelochhead as part of their training for their overseas exercise in Cyprus in the summer. The focus was on dismounted close combat with particular emphasis on patrolling. They much appreciated a visit from HRH The Princess Royal who, on leaving, said that she hoped the weather would hold for the remainder of the weekend. The weather, however, is no respecter of people, not even Royal ladies, and within an hour the Jocks were patrolling in a blizzard. Some things never change!

## Museum Lighting Appeal

The lighting upgrading in the Museum has been a great success and has gone a long way to improving the displays and enhancing the visitor experience. It has been described by the Chairman of the Association of Scottish Military Museums and also by the Head of the MOD Heritage Branch as the best illuminated Regimental Museum in the country.

As at the end of June the Museum Appeal, announced in the last edition of The Thistle, had just passed the £25,000 mark. £10,800 of the total, plus a further £2,700 to be claimed in Gift Aid, has been donated by former members or friends of the Regiment with the remainder coming largely from grants. The Appeal remains open and donations continue to be welcome, if possible with Gift Aid. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Royal Scots Museum' and sent to The Royal Scots Museum, The Castle, Edinburgh EH1 2YT.

The Museum Trustees are most grateful to all those who have supported the appeal, especially those members of the Association who have undertaken strenuous challenges to raise funds.

## Our Museum Attendant at War

Tom Gordon, our trusty Museum attendant, deployed to Afghanistan in February and has recently returned to Museum duty. Tom, originally an RAF Regiment regular, is now an Adjutant General's Corps reservist. This was Tom's second deployment as a reservist, the first being with the very last 1 RS Battle Group on Op TELIC 7 in Iraq, commanded by then Lt Col Bob Bruce, with whom he recently renewed acquaintance in Camp Bastion. At Camp Bastion, Tom was the Chief Clerk in charge of a team of three clerks who looked after the 500 strong Joint Aviation Group. The team clearly did well and received a Commander Joint Aviation Group Commendation in recognition of exceptional service to the Joint Aviation Group.

Tom managed to get out of Bastion on a few occasions reporting: " It's good to get outside the wire and see some greenery" . In addition to meeting up with Brig Bob Bruce, Tom visited C Coy 1 SCOTS before they too returned home. He insists that there is no truth in the rumour that he is, secretly, yearning to be the second Royal to fly an Apache!



Brig Bob Bruce and Tom



Back Seat Drive

# HMS Edinburgh

HMS Edinburgh, a 30-year-old Type 42 Destroyer, which was affiliated to The Royal Scots and subsequently to The Royal Regiment of Scotland, is being decommissioned. She paid her final visit to Edinburgh in May which included exercising the ship's freedom rights by marching up The Royal Mile where the salute was taken by the Lord Provost. The following day the ship was open to the public in Leith docks where there were displays by the Royal Marines Reserves and Sea Cadets and music by the Royal Marines Band.

HMS Edinburgh served with distinction in the Falklands in 1982 where two other ships of the class were sunk. She also served in both conflicts in the Middle East and more recently in support of

operations in Libya.

The Regiment is proud of its links with HMS Edinburgh which, because of the exigencies of service, have often been tenuous. In 2001, however, Piper McIntyre spent two months aboard the ship during which time visits were made to the Azores and Puerto Rico, the Panama Canal was transited and calls made at ports in Columbia, Peru and the Falkland Islands. It was as Piper McIntyre later recalled: 'The chance of a lifetime'.

We send our very best wishes to all members of the ship's complement and hope that they will continue to enjoy their time in the Senior Service.



## Sale of Silver

1 SCOTS have returned a number of surplus silver items formerly the property of 1 RS Officers' Mess. These have been valued by a specialist and some of them, with the agreement of the Regimental and Museum Trustees, will be offered for auction to the Regimental family in the autumn. A 'catalogue' is being prepared which will be sent to all those on the Regimental email list. If you have any doubts as to whether you are on this list, and wish to ensure that you receive a copy of the catalogue, please contact [rhqrs@btconnect.com](mailto:rhqrs@btconnect.com)

# The Royal Scots Club

The Club never stands still. Lunchtime Lectures were introduced recently and have proved to be very popular. During the autumn the speakers will be Sir John Leighton, Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland, Sir John Arbuthnott, President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, a specialist in infectious disease research and Mark Dennis, Ormond Pursuivant of Arms, who will talk about State ceremony in the United Kingdom, with special reference to Scotland.

Despite the foregoing, food and drink still lies at the heart of the Club. In June a charity event in aid of Capability Scotland was held when the theme was

BBQ recipes and wine tasting. Both the solids and liquids went down well. In October a similar event will be held involving beer and cheese. Innis & Gunn, the Edinburgh based specialist independent brewer, will provide the beer while cheesemaker I J Mellis will match his cheeses to the beers.

The Club was delighted to provide a homecoming lunch for some 80 members of 1 SCOTS in April and members much enjoyed an excellent presentation, led by Lt Col Ben Wrench, on 1 SCOTS recent exploits in Afghanistan in late June.



Gen Bob Richardson and Lt Col Ben Wrench

HRH The Princess Royal attended a Reception and Beating of Retreat by the Association Pipe Band in Queen Street Gardens on 4 July to mark the Club's 90th Anniversary celebrations. It was a cool evening for July but it remained dry. The Princess spent an hour talking to those present before taking the salute after an excellent performance by the Association Pipe Band. After the Princess had left members returned to the Club for dinner and entertainment.



HRH meeting Club Members  
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# Golf

The RS Association annual Fallen Comrades golf outing was held this year at the Shawpark Golf Club, Sauchie, Alloa on Sunday 26 May. There are two further outings in the RS calendar. The first is the Gladdy Murray Trophy on Sunday 25 August and the other is the 1 SCOTS Loudon Trophy on Friday 6 September. RS golfers interested in taking part should contact Andy Fitzpatrick (fitzie7226@btinternet.com ) regarding the Gladdy Murray Trophy and CSgt Stevie Skinner (stevanskinner@yahoo.co.uk ) regarding the Loudon Trophy. Please do so sooner rather than later.



Fallen Comrades Golfers

## The Broughton Bursary

The late Colonel Tommy Broughton left a sum of money for bursaries to contribute to the education of children of RS officers demonstrating hardship, a condition of the bequest. The bequest is now exhausted and there is no basis for bursaries to be awarded from funds that are Regimental as opposed to a private bequest. This is now promulgated among the Regimental family so that any who might have wished to apply are aware of the situation.

## Visit to Paradis May 2013

The village of Paradis in northern France was where 1 RS fought valiantly to delay the advance of the German forces in May 1940. This year's pilgrimage was attended by Maj David Dickson, his brother Willie, Col Andy McDowall, Lt Col John and Sheena Sands, Maj Ian Johnstone, Matt Hogan of the Association Pipe Band and John Simpson.



The Pilgrims

Wreaths were laid at Creton Farm, the site of the massacre of 97 members of the Royal Norfolks by the SS, at the village church and at the British Military Cemetery where a number of Royal Scots are buried. Afterwards school children sowed poppy seeds while the local band played Royal Scots marches.

At a lunch given by the villagers Matt Hogan played the pipes. Afterwards the Regiment was toasted in Drambuie using the Regimental wooden quaich that had been made in Lecelles, France, for St Andrews Night in 1939. It has been used ever since at Association dinners.

On the Sunday morning John Simpson led a tour of the battlefield. A special visit was made to A Company's position where Ian Johnstone's father, as the acting CSM, had carried the wounded Maj Bucher around the position. WO3 Johnstone then commanded the remnants of the Company during the final stages of the battle.

Next year's pilgrimage will take place on 24 and 25 May. If you would like to attend please contact David Dickson via the Regimental Secretary.



## Communications

Readers are reminded that the RS Regimental Trustees pay for and manage the RS website in order to keep the Regimental Family briefed on events. Those with on-line access are most strongly encouraged to keep themselves up to date by regularly visiting: [www.theroyalscots.co.uk](http://www.theroyalscots.co.uk) Regrettably with reduced staffing levels there is no longer the capacity to issue information to every individual, despite efforts to maintain email and postal lists up to date. News can be found on the Guestbook page and more detail is often available on the Forum page. The latter is an area for the exclusive use of the Regimental Family. If you have not already done so please register on the Forum by going to: [www.theroyalscots.co.uk/forum](http://www.theroyalscots.co.uk/forum) and following the on screen directions. Please also note that The Thistle is available on line by clicking on the 'Regimental Journal' on the home page.

## News from The Old Provost Marshal's House

Congratulations to CSgt Harry Pitchforth, formerly

RS and now SCOTS, on the award of the MBE.

Congratulations are also due to Charlie Herbert on his promotion to Brigadier and the assumption of command of 4 Bde from Bob Bruce on 12 June; to Maj Piers Strudwick and Maj Graeme Wearmouth who have both been selected for promotion to Lt Col. The former will assume command of 7 SCOTS in early 2015 and the latter is due to assume command of 2 SCOTS in the spring of next year.

We bid farewell to Lt Col Ben Wrench who handed over command of 1 SCOTS on 5 July to Lt Col Matt Munro, formerly of the Highlanders, whom we welcome.

There has also been a change of command at the Canadian Scottish Regiment with Lt Col Eric Boucher handing over to Lt Col David Awalt CD. Col Boucher is about to deploy to Afghanistan for nine months, his second tour, and we wish him well.

Maj Ian Johnstone has made a superb job of painting, in black, the Regimental Badges on the memorial stone at the Glencorse Gates. He has also provided a new, and much smarter, board for the commemorative plaques, of which there are now seven in place.



The Regimental Flag, which was lowered for the last time on 28 March 2006 in Iraq during Op TELIC 7, will shortly be on display in the Regimental Museum.

Glencorse Memorial Gates

## Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day started early in East Lothian with celebrations starting in Haddington on 24 June which were followed by tea and coffee in the Town Hall. Unsurprisingly, the Royals were not caught out by the early start.



Lowering the Regimental Flag



On 27 June a reception was held at the Scotland Office premises in Melville Street, Edinburgh, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. Gen Bob Richardson and Maj David Hay were amongst the thirty Korean veterans present.

Association Members in Haddington

Armed Forces Day in Edinburgh on 29 June saw a superb turnout at the parade from the Grassmarket to Princes Street Gardens. The Association Pipe Band lead the second division of the parade followed by the Standard Bearers and a main body of nearly 100 old Royals, by far the largest single contingent on parade. Maj Gen Mark Strudwick was the senior Royal on parade while Col Martin Gibson was in attendance at the platform on the Ross Bandstand where the salute was taken by the Deputy Lord Provost. The Grassmarket was a much more convivial meeting point than King's Stables Road and the entertainment in Princes Street Gardens was also an improvement on 2012 but we are all praying for a beer tent next year!



A Fine Body of Men

## Gender Bender?

The editor got an email from a friend recently – it purported to be a letter home from a Texas farm kid who had joined the US Marine Corps as a recruit and was finding life pretty cool. Apparently staying in bed until nearly 6.00 am was a luxury, especially with no pigs to slop before breakfast. Breakfast, however, was strong on trimmings like fruit juice, but weak on chops, potatoes, steak and pie. Our recruit proved to be resourceful and learnt to sit between two city boys who lived on coffee and were happy to share their solids. Route marches apparently were no further than the walk to the mail box at home, nevertheless the city boys got sore feet. Getting a medal for shooting at a stationary target as big as a chipmunk's head was a breeze but during hand-to-hand combat training it was important to be real careful with the city boys because they break real easy.

The letter was signed: Your loving daughter, Alice!



Pipe Band at Ross Bandstand

# IN MEMORIAM

## BURNS

On 14 January, Col Thomas Garnet Burns CD, Duncan, BC, Canada, formerly of the Canadian Scottish Regiment

## CAMPBELL

On 13 May, Dr David J Campbell TD, of Oswestry, formerly of No 1 (RS) Coy 2/52 LOWLAND

## CLARK

In March, Jackie Clark, wife of 'Sugar' Clark formerly MT PI 1 RS

## CRABB

On 5 June, Maj Ronald Crabb of Edinburgh, formerly 7/9 RS

## DAWSON

On 14 February, Maj Ian Dawson, in Warwickshire, 1 RS in 1960s and subsequently PARA and SAS

## EBBS

On 24 January, Mathew Lewis Ebbs, at Scunthrope, 1RS 1950s

## FORSTER

On 12 April, Ethel Forster of Edinburgh, formerly a member of the Young Royals

## GALLOWAY

In May, Jane (Jean) Galloway, wife of Danny Galloway RS

## GIVENS

On 5 March, Jean Givens, at Edinburgh, wife of Maj George Givens, originally QOHdrs and later 1 RS

## GREIG

On 20 January, Andrew McNally Greig, at Watford, former Drum Major and CSM Sp Coy 1 RS

## KEARNEY

On 9 February, Anthony (Tony) Kearney of Leeds, 12/2 RS during WW2

## LAW

On 17 June, Capt Robert (Bobby) Law of Prestonpans, ex RS and ACF

## MATTHEWS

On 21 March, Kay Matthews, at Edinburgh, wife of former Sgt Dougie Mathews of 1 RS

## MILLAR

On 6 May, Cpl Peter Millar at Edinburgh, 1 RS 1968-1990

## PATTEN

On 19 January, Capt Jack Patten of Nanaimo, BC, Canada, formerly of the Canadian Scottish Regiment

## RICE

In February, widow of the late Rab Rice formerly 1 RS

## ROBERTS

On 15 March, George Roberts of Northwood, Middlesex, formerly of 7/9 RS

## ROY

On 22 January, Lt Col Prof Reg Roy CD of Victoria, BC Canada, formerly of the Canadian Scottish Regiment.

## SCOTT

On 15 May Rev Dr John Miller Scott of St Andrews, RS during WW2

## SIM

In September 2012, David Sim of Prenton, Birkemhead

## SMITH

On 2 February, Jim Smith of Edinburgh, formerly Sgt 1 RS and long standing member of the RS Club

## SANDERS

On 2 May, Norman (Nobby) Sanders of Doncaster, RS during WW2

## STEWART

On 13 June, Walter Stewart of Bonnyrigg, formerly Drummer 1 RS P & D, later RASC and loyal member of the RS Association.

## STRUDWICK

On 28 April, Janet (Jan) Elizabeth Coleridge Strudwick, in West Lothian, wife of Maj Gen Mark Strudwick RS

## WEBSTER

On 28 November 2012, James Hutchison Webster, at Manchester, 1 RS 1959 -1974

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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 18 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. Photos need to be of high resolution which probably means that pictures taken on mobile phones may be unsuitable.

*With best wishes.*

Bob Paterson

## FORECAST OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 6th	1 SCOTS Louden Trophy Golf
Saturday 7th	SCOTS Highland Games at Fort George
Saturday 28th	RS Association Autumn Dinner
Sunday 29th	Musselburgh Races

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### OCTOBER

Friday 4th	Southern Branch visit to Tedworth House
Friday 18th	Scotland Branches AGM RS Club
Friday 25th	RS Governance Meetings Officers Regimental Dinner RS Club
Saturday 26th	1 RS Regimental Band Reunion RS Club

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### NOVEMBER

Monday 4th	Opening of the Garden of Remembrance in Princes Street Gardens
Thursday 7th	Opening of the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey
Saturday 9th	Southern Branch Service of Remembrance at Westminster Field of Remembrance
Sunday 10th	Cenotaph Ceremony Remembrance Ceremonies throughout Edinburgh, the Lothians and Peeblesshire and at Inverness and NI
Thursday 28th	Joint RS/KOSB Associations visit to 1 SCOTS
Saturday 30th	East of Scotland Branch St Andrews Night

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### JANUARY

Saturday 25th	Edinburgh Branch Burns Supper Highland Branch Burns Supper
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### FEBRUARY

Saturday 8th	Central Scotland Branch Burns Supper
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### MARCH

Friday 28th	Regimental Day, RS and SCOTS
Saturday 29th	Association Regimental Day Dinner

## 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

Last Friday of each month at 7.30 pm at Masonic Hall, 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

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