

### **Lt. Col. A M Cumming OBE**

Lt Col Alastair Cumming enlisted in 1959 and was commissioned as a Gordon Highlander joining the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. in Kenya.

During his career he saw service in Muscat, Oman, Kenya, Borneo, Cyprus on a United Nations peacekeeping tour, Northern Ireland, Singapore Malaysia. He was appointed Bn. Second in Command of the Queen's Own Highlanders in Hong Kong. He then followed with a tour commanding a Ground Liaison Team with RAF Germany before taking up an appointment as Naval and Military Attache in Warsaw. His final appointment was Commander Troops at the Support Weapons Wing Netheravon and he retired in 1995.

He then took over as Regimental Secretary The Highlanders in Cameron Bks. where he worked until hanging up his pen in 2006. During this period he was also Commandant of the local Army Cadet Force and held other appointments with SSAFA and NADFAS.

However he continued his love of Military History and became a voluntary researcher at The Highlanders Museum, (Queen's Own Highlanders Collection) Fort George.

His last task will be to open the museum for the summer season on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am. We take this opportunity in thanking him for all his work and wish him and his wife Hilary well as they prepare to move south to Wiltshire.