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*Piper Kenny Whittaker  
playing at the Sovini Group  
Remembrance Service*



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# From the Chairman

Initially I thought that there would not be much to report on for 2021 but as you will see, I was wrong. 2021 turned out to be another year in which the nation was limited in the functions that could be held and the numbers that could attend those functions. This was all due to the restrictions imposed by the government to combat the Covid Pandemic. However, despite the constraints efforts were made to continue to mark Regimental events.

As you will read in this Journal, a service of commemoration was held for Hooge Day in Liverpool and another in Ypres by our Belgian friends who laid a wreath for us on the battlefield. Remembrance Sunday was memorable for the wrong reasons but at least we were able to get together at long last. Armed Forces Day was again a virtual event and it is to be hoped that we have seen the last of such events and that in 2022 we can return to some sort of normality. Restrictions were finally lifted in time for us to hold our Reunion Dinner which meant that this regular event was only absent for one year.

## His Royal Highness The Prince Philip

All Liverpool Scots were sad to hear the news that HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh passed away on Friday 9th April 2021, aged 99. HRH was the Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders from 1953 to 1961, Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) from 1961 to 1994 and Colonel in Chief of The Highlanders from 1994 to 2006. HRH visited 1st Battalion Liverpool Scottish on two occasions, the first at Fraser Street in 1957 and the second time when they were at Annual Camp at Castlemartin. The Battalion twice won the Duke of Edinburgh's Trophy, which was competed for by all Regiments of which he was Colonel in Chief.



HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at Fraser Street

## Pipe Major's Sporran

Halton Royal British Legion is a very active branch and runs many events for veterans. They also have a small museum. Pipe Major Jay Axon has played for the branch on a number of occasions and actively supported their events. One day whilst looking at the artefacts in their

museum he noticed that a mannequin dressed in the uniform of a Liverpool Scottish soldier was wearing a Liverpool Scottish badged hair sporran with three tassels. Such a sporran was, traditionally, only worn by the Pipe Major and, if this item is genuine, it would be a very rare item indeed. After negotiating with the branch Jay was allowed to take possession of the sporran. Jay has consulted Major Ian Riley and Dennis Reeves of the Liverpool Scottish archive and initial investigations indicate that the sporran is genuine. Pipe Major Jay Axon now has the correct sporran to wear with his newly acquired Number One Dress.



The rare Pipe Major's sporran

## Congratulations 1 - WO2 (RSWO) Philip Thompson LANCs

On 24th August 2021 Philip was presented with the citation for his Lord Lieutenant's Certificate by Lt Col Nick Kennon, CO of 4 LANCs.

We congratulate Phil on the award of his Lord Lieutenant's Certificate which is in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the Army Reserve.



Phil receiving his Lord Lieutenant's Certificate

## From the Chairman continued

### Congratulations 2 - Captain Richard Grisdale RVM

On 18th September 2021 the then Pipe Major Richard Grisdale carried out his last official duty as Piper to the Sovereign with a performance at Balmoral Castle in front of Her Majesty the Queen.

He was joined for the occasion by the Current Director and two former Directors of the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming and his successor. Left to right in the photograph, Richard, Stuart Samson MBE (former Director) Gordon Rowan (Current Director), Stevie Small (former Director) and Paul Burns, Sovereign's Piper Designate.

We congratulate Richard on his Commission and wish him well in his new appointment as Regimental Welfare Officer with 3 SCOTS (The Black Watch).



Left to right: Richard, Stuart Samson MBE, Gordon Rowan, Stevie Small and Paul Burns

### Congratulations 3 - Major Roy Bevan MBE

Many Liverpool Jocks will know Major Roy Bevan, in fact there must be very few people in the Military community on Merseyside who do not know Roy as he is an 'ever present' at Military and Civic events on Merseyside with his 'box brownie'. He can be found taking photographs which he then shares with the event organisers, (all this is done voluntarily and at his own expense). Many of the photographs in this issue of the Journal, and many in previous issues, were taken by Roy and we are extremely grateful to him for his contribution, which is immense.

Another organisation that he has wholeheartedly supported for many years is the Army Benevolent Fund, now known as ABF - The Soldier's Charity. He has been Chairman of the Merseyside ABF Centurions for quite some time and has raised thousands of pounds for the Charity. In 2021 he was recognised by The Soldier's



Roy receiving the Montgomery Bowl from the ABF Charity

Charity with the award of the 'Montgomery Bowl' which he received from the charity for 'his outstanding contribution to regional Fundraising'. This award is richly deserved, and we congratulate Roy on his award.

### Update from the current London Scottish Company Commander - Maj JM d'Inverno VR

The Commander of the Household Division has outlined his plan for the Household Division and the London Regiment. The plan includes:

- a. By 1 April 2022, the London Regiment will change its name to the 1st Battalion, London Guards.
- b. Each London Regiment company will re-designate and adopt the identity of a different Foot Guards Regiment, adopting that Regiment's uniform in all orders of dress.
- c. A (London Scottish) Company, The London Regiment, will become G (Messines) Company, Scots Guards.
- d. D (London Irish Rifles) Company, The London Regiment, will become 15 (Loos) Company, Irish Guards.
- e. F (Rifles) Company, The London Regiment, will become 17 Company, Coldstream Guards.
- f. G (Guards) Company, The London Regiment, will become Ypres Company, Grenadier Guards.
- g. 1st Battalion London Guards will command four reserve companies from different Foot Guards Regiments.
- h. Companies will continue to be able to support opportunities and deployments in any regular Foot Guards battalion (not just the battalion of their own foot Guards Regiment).
- i. The reserve companies will still be commanded by the 1st Battalion London Guards, not by the regular Foot Guards battalions.
- j. If the plan is approved by the MOD, soldiers in the serving company will become Scots Guards, not London Scottish or members of the London Regiment. We would wear the uniform and ranks of the Scots Guards in all orders of dress.

This change will of course be very significant because it means that there will no longer be London Scottish uniform worn in the serving army. However, as OC, I consider that this direction also represents a significant opportunity for the company troops. I've set out below the reasons why;

- a. Firstly, the change is part of a much bigger move across the Army under the Integrated Review to integrate reserves and regulars, as the reserves take on a warfighting role.
- b. Secondly, adopting Scots Guards identity is a means of preserving our character as a distinctly 'Scottish' reserve company in the heart of London.
- c. Finally, our new name 'G (Messines) Company, Scots Guards' means that we will never forget our proud London Scottish history and heritage, but will put it to use now as Scots Guards to inspire us to provide the most effective reserve we can to the Foot Guards.

The formal written orders are expected early in 2022. More details will be provided once received but we have been briefed that the target date for the change in identities is 1 April 2022.



# From the Chairman continued



*Doreen and Jim raising money for the RBL at Tesco on Deysbrook Lane*

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

The Merseyside and West Lancashire Counties Branch of the Royal British Legion launched the Poppy Appeal from St George's School, Wallasey on 28th October 2021 and invited fundraising stalwarts Jim and Doreen Smith to take part. Jim and Doreen were interviewed for the BBC North West Tonight Television programme.

Once again, many congratulations and sincere thanks go to Jim and Doreen Smith for their fundraising for the Poppy Appeal. Each year in the first weeks of November Jim & Doreen setup stall in the Tesco Supermarket on Deysbrook Lane in West Derby and sell poppies and other Legion items. In 2021 they raised £9,658.56 taking their total raised since 2013 to £64,990.10.

## John Pollock - Dining Out from Calday Grange Grammar School, Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

John Pollock has had a long and fulfilling career in uniform. He started off in 1963 with the 1st Battalion, Liverpool Scottish then joined V Company. After his TA service he then became an Instructor with the Liverpool Scottish Cadet Detachment moving on to a senior position with Merseyside Army Cadet Force. At the same time he offered his services to Calday Grange Grammar School CCF and he continues to support them to this day. In recognition of his long service to the school he was one of the Guests of Honour at their Annual Dinner. He was piped into the Dinner by Pipe Major Chris Eyres. He was supported by Mark and Joanne McGinn and your Chairman.



*John with Roy Boardman and Mark McGinn*

## Tenuous Link between the Liverpool Scottish and the Beatles

After the Beatles took the decision to replace Pete Best as their drummer, Brian Epstein approached Bobby Graham, first of all, to offer him the job. As unbelievable as it would seem in retrospect, Graham turned The Beatles down.

The second drummer that Epstein approached was Ritchie Galvin, real name Richard Hughes. Ritchie was the drummer with Earl Preston and the TTs. Ritchie Galvin told many fellow musicians how Brian Epstein and Bob Wooller, a DJ at the Cavern, approached him and offered him the job with The Beatles, but he turned it down, especially because he didn't like John Lennon. Ritchie decided to settle down with his girlfriend, and stick with Earl Preston, becoming a highly respected musician on the Liverpool circuit. The tenuous link is that Ritchie's father was a drummer with the Liverpool Scottish.



*The Beatles 'failing their audition' for the Pipes & Drums*



# Hooge Day 2021 - 13th June 2021 in Liverpool

Yet again Covid restrictions still affected the country, but they were relaxed sufficiently to allow for us to hold our Annual Hooge Day service at our Memorial Stone in St John's Gardens. Some fifty members and their friends and family were in attendance.

Readers will recall that of the 23 Officers and 519 men who went into action on 16th June 1915 in the Battle of Hooge, only 2 officers and 140 men came out unscathed. Official figures later showed that 150 of all ranks were killed in the action with many dying of their wounds later.



Hooge Day 2021 in St John's Gardens

At our service of commemoration we remembered:

## **Private James Collingwood Evans. No. 2988. Missing, presumed Killed in Action 16th June 1915**

James Collingwood Evans, known to his friends as 'Jimmy' was born in the spring of 1891 probably at 148 Longmoor Lane, Walton on the Hill, Liverpool where his parents Samuel and Gertrude Evans were living with his two older siblings, Gertrude Magdalena Evans and Samuel Stanley Evans. By 1901 the family were living in Banks Road, West Kirby and Jimmy was educated at Calday Grange Grammar School. By 1911 the family had moved to 'Hardwick', Carpenter's Lane in West Kirby. Jimmy was an active member of West Kirby Sailing Club becoming Assistant Honorary Secretary.

Jimmy was one of the very earliest West Kirby men to join up, enlisting at Fraser Street in Liverpool on 5th August 1914. He gave his occupation as 'stationer' with G. G. Walmsley where he was working with and for his father. He was posted to the 2/10th Battalion Liverpool Scottish, serving initially in Blackpool.

On 23 January 1915 he embarked at Southampton for France. By then the original 1/10th Battalion had been reduced to 370 men, so reinforcements were urgently required. James, serving in 'Z' Company of the Liverpool Scottish, formed part of the second wave whose task was to take the second line of German trenches on the southwest edge of Bellewaarde Lake. There were reports of someone seeing him fallen in a trench, but his body was never recovered. It was many months before his parents' received confirmation that he had died rather than being taken prisoner.

'Jimmy' is commemorated: on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium panel 4 and 6.; West Kirby Sailing Club; West Kirby Methodist Church, Calday Grange Grammar School Roll of Honour and St Bridget & St Andrew Churches, West Kirby.

A second such member of the battalion was:

## **Private George Alexander Wright. No. 3502. Missing, presumed Killed in Action 16th June 1915**

George Anderson Wright was born in Liverpool to James Alexander Wright and his wife, Dinah. His father was a Bookkeeper and Clerk for a Shipping Company. George's mother died shortly after the birth of his youngest brother, James. The family lived at 1 Shepston Avenue in Walton in 1911. After George's mother's death his father re-married in 1908. George had a second brother, Thomas, who went on to serve in the Royal Navy. In 1911 George was an apprentice for a wholesale provisions dealer. By the time he enlisted he was a Clerk for Messrs, Heinz in Manchester.

George enlisted with the Liverpool Scottish on 31st August 1914 but declared that he had previously served with the Royal Engineers Territorials. He enlisted under the name George Alexander Wright and, because of his previous military experience, he was quickly integrated into the Liverpool Scottish Regiment. George was with the first contingent of the 1/10th Liverpool Scottish which sailed for France on 1st November 1914. As a member of 'Y' Company he took part in the attack at Hooge and went missing and was later declared 'presumed killed'. During the period he was reported as missing his fiancée advertised in the Liverpool Echo as to his whereabouts but without success George is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives his name correctly as George Anderson Wright and possessions returned to his father after his death were: His Identity Disc, His Diary, His Testament and some letters and Post cards.



Keith McCarthy lowers the Standard

The service concluded with the laying of wreaths, the playing of a lament and a reading of the 'Liverpool Scottish Collect'. In attendance for the service were the Worthington family and member Warren Mahoney scattered the ashes and buried a memento in memory of former Liverpool Scot, Billy Worthington, who had passed away earlier in the year. As in 2020 we were unable to hold our Annual General meeting due to the Covid restrictions and that will now be held in 2022.



# Hooge Day - Ypres 16th June 2021



*Fernand Vanrobaeys pays his respects*

With Covid travel restrictions still in place it was unlikely that any Liverpool Jocks would be able to travel to Belgium to commemorate the 106th Anniversary of the Battle of Hooge. Liverpool Jocks regularly make the journey and lay wreaths at our memorial on the battlefield each year but were prevented from doing so again. However to the rescue came our good friends the Benoot Family, (Niek, Ilse, Louis & Arthur) along with another good friend of the Regiment, Fernand Vanrobaeys.

Niek Benoot very kindly arranged for a wreath-laying ceremony to be held at the Liverpool Scottish Stone on Wednesday 16th June at 1900hrs Belgian Time, 1800hrs British Time.

Fernand Vanrobaeys LSOM was invited by the Benoot family to lay a Liverpool Scottish wreath which Major Ian Riley had sent to Belgium a few weeks before. A Bugler and Piper were present. Niek arranged for the event to

be livestreamed on Facebook. It was expected that live streaming the ceremony from the middle of a field with hand-held battery run devices would not be the easiest thing to do but in the event Niek was successful.

We owe Niek, his family and his colleagues a great debt for their efforts, this year and last, to honour the fallen of the Liverpool Scottish.

The video of the ceremony can still be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/HoogeCraterMuseum/videos/3015880155354721>

The Hooge Crater Museum Facebook Page, on which the video can be found, is

<https://www.facebook.com/HoogeCraterMuseum> On this page you will find items chronicling all the work that the Benoot family do, to keep the memory of those lost in WW1 alive.



*Our Belgian friends lay a wreath at the Hooge Memorial*



# Armed Forces Day Saturday 26th June 2021

Once again, due to the Covid-19 Restrictions in force, a public event to mark Armed Forces Day 2021 was unable to be held. This meant that Veterans could not be invited to take part in the Civic service and annual march through the City.



Instead, a service to celebrate the Armed Forces was held at Liverpool Parish Church - Our Lady and St Nicholas - on Saturday 26th June and was attended by Mark Blundell, The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside; Councillor Mary Rasmussen, The Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Councillor Jane Corbett, Deputy Mayor together with representatives from each of the services and a limited number of guests to allow for social distancing. Following the service, the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment Band performed in the church gardens.

Your Chairman was invited to represent the Association at the service but two other Association Members

were present. Pipe Major Jay Axon, of course, who piped before, during and after the service along with Colin Hughes in his capacity as President of Southport Royal British Legion. A recording of the ceremony is still available to view on Youtube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7FoEC8WbIQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7FoEC8WbIQ)

It is fervently hoped that a return to the previous format will be possible in 2022.



The Pipe Major in No 1 Dress

# Armed Forces Day - Sauchie, Alloa, Scotland

Associate Member Ally Gemmell sent the following report:

"I've attached a couple of photos from a low key Armed Forces Day event today in Sauchie, Alloa, which former Liverpool Scot and Association Member, Joe Farrell and myself attended. It was a veterans memorial tree dedication service.

The picture is of, left to right, an Argyll & Sutherland Highlander - Duncan Paterson - Clackmannanshire Council veterans champion; Provost Tina Murphy, myself and Joe. All members of Wee County Veterans.

Joe served with the Liverpool Scottish from approximately 1961 to 1963 until he went Regular with the Royal Artillery. Joe can be seen proudly sporting his glengarry, Regimental cap badge and blazer badge!

My London Scottish tie was recognised by a chap whose dad, aged 93, was in the London Scottish and still attends the Glasgow branch lunch!

NB - for the football reds amongst the Association - Sauchie is the home of Alan Hansen!

Yours aye, Ally"



Joe Farrell, Ally Gemmell and friends



# Colonel Christopher Forbes Bell VD



On Wednesday 7th July 2021, at his graveside in Allerton Cemetery, the Regimental Association held a ceremony to mark the centenary of the death of the first Commanding Officer of the Liverpool Scottish, Colonel Christopher Forbes Bell VD (i.e. Volunteer Decoration - the forerunner of the Territorial Decoration). Whilst many members knew that Col Forbes Bell was buried in the cemetery the exact location was not widely known and Major Geoff Green had took it upon himself, a few years ago, to identify the specific location. The Association were grateful to Geoff for sharing this information with us.

In the Regimental History; 'The Liverpool Scottish 1900-1919 written by Col A.M. McGilchrist in 1930 the author provided the following information on the formation of the Regiment:

"On 27 January 1900, a letter signed "G. Forbes Milne" appeared in the daily press suggesting that in view of the great wave of patriotic feeling roused by the Boer war the time might be opportune for the raising of a volunteer corps of young Scotsmen in Liverpool on similar lines to the London Scottish.

The idea was enthusiastically taken up, meetings were arranged, a large number of men anxious to be enrolled gave in their names, a very influential general committee was formed which included such prominent Scotsmen as Lord Balfour of Burleigh - then Secretary for Scotland - and the Earl of Wemyss and March, and a petition signed by Mr David Mclver M.P., was forwarded to the War Office requesting permission to raise the proposed battalion. The War Office was not slow to respond and authority was granted on 30 April 1900, the Battalion to be called the 8th (Scottish) Volunteer Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment.

In the meantime a local working committee of leading business men in Liverpool had been formed, with two honorary secretaries, to do the necessary spadework but, although the machinery was ready, there were unaccountable delays and it was not until 24th October that the first Commanding-Officer, Captain and Honorary Major C. Forbes Bell V.D., was appointed. It would be impossible to suggest a more suitable commanding Officer for a new battalion."

Christopher Forbes Bell was born in Birkenhead, the son of Christopher Bell, Merchant & Ship owner and Margaret Forbes who had married at St. Mary's Church, Edge Hill, Liverpool on 10 March 1849 and took up residence at 60 Bridge Street, Birkenhead, Wirral, Cheshire.

Colonel Forbes Bell was himself married at Kensington, London on 6th April 1880 to Anna Rose Corbould. Shortly after their marriage the couple moved to Liverpool and had three children Ethel Margaret Forbes (born 1881), Henry Corbould Forbes Bell (born 1883) (Henry subsequently served as a Major in the Indian Army (dying in 1944)) and Evelyn Forbes (born 1885).

In Liverpool Colonel Forbes Bell had the occupation of Wine Merchant and Exporter of Ales and a supplier of Ship's Stores. He became a Partner and Director in the firm of Ihlors & Bell, Wine Merchants and Export bottlers, the same firm to which his brother was connected. The firm had offices at 17 Fenwick Street, Liverpool.

On August 19th, 1869, Colonel Forbes Bell joined the 1st Cheshire Rifle Volunteers at Birkenhead as a Private soldier. He was promoted Sergeant in 1871 and subsequently commissioned as an Ensign in 1872. He was further promoted to Lieutenant on 1st June 1873 and then to Captain in 1878 before resigning his commission.



# Colonel Christopher Forbes Bell VD continued



However, his service with the Volunteers was continued in March 1880 when he joined the 5th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps (Liverpool Rifle Corps). Having previously resigned his Commission he was again commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to Captain in 1888 and then as Honorary Major in the same year. He again felt that he had to resign his Commission in 1891 through ill health. However, his health improved and he re-joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment as Quartermaster in 1895, the same year he was awarded the Volunteer Decoration. Ill health again forced him to resign his Commission in 1898.



His volunteer service was not over and when an experienced Officer was required, he was Commissioned Lieutenant Colonel to command the newly formed 8th (Scottish) Volunteer Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment on 24th October 1900.

Colonel Forbes Bell was to be the driving force in raising the new Scottish battalion in Liverpool. He was subsequently promoted Colonel on 15th May 1901. Unfortunately, his health continued to deteriorate, and he felt obliged to resign his Commission on 26th July 1902.

However, his service to the Regiment was not over yet and a further quote from the McGilchrist history records that soon after the first world war began;

"There was work to be done at the depot (Fraser Street), the administration of funds subscribed by generous friends and the organisation of the supply of whatever comfort or necessity the 1st and 2nd Battalions demanded. This work was voluntarily undertaken by Colonel Forbes Bell and to it he devoted every moment that he could spare and many that he could not. In the course of the war £4000 passed through his hands and every penny of it was wisely spent on clothing, general comforts, medical comforts and parcels for the prisoners of war. The Regiment was indeed fortunate in having such a competent provider as its first Commanding Officer and his ungrudging labours in this connection, have won for him a very special place amongst those who have rendered outstanding service to the Liverpool Scottish"

Colonel Forbes Bell passed away on 7th July 1921. A number of Association members and their families gathered at the graveside. Owen Coker, Chairman of the Old & Bold was in attendance and your Chairman, together with Majors Mike Brimage and Green conducted the short service of commemoration. Committee member Mike Davies carried the Regimental Association Standard and Pipe Major Jay Axon played the lament and Regimental March. All considered that true recognition of the part played by Colonel Forbes Bell in the formation and early days of the Liverpool Scottish had been provided by this tribute.





# 80th Anniversary of the Arctic Convoys



*Pipe Major Jay Axon meets the High Sheriff of Merseyside and Andrei Kelin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United Kingdom*

Liverpool led the national commemoration of Arctic Convoys at Liverpool Parish Church, the event was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Arctic Convoy memorials in St Nicholas' Church Gardens. The event was held on the 80th anniversary of the first convoy leaving Liverpool on 12th August 1941 at the beginning of Operation Dervish. Pipe Major Jay Axon played a lament.

The service was led by Reverend Canon Dr Crispin Pailing, the Rector of Liverpool, and guests - including UK and foreign dignitaries - were welcomed by Mr Mark Blundell, the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, and Cllr Mary Rasmussen, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

Among those attending were Baroness Goldie, Minister of State for Defence and Wendy Morton MP, Minister for European Neighbourhoods and the Americas, together with His Excellency Andrei Kelin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United Kingdom.

After the service, the attendees visited the Western Approaches Museum, where a command centre was established in February 1941 with the primary objective to provide protection for the convoys and control their journeys to and from the UK.

The visit concluded with a reception for 150 guests at Liverpool Town Hall where two veterans of the Arctic Convoys were amongst those receiving a presentation from the Lord Mayor.



*Wreath-laying ceremony at the Arctic Convoy memorials*



# Elysium Memorial Foundation - Fundraising Marathon Kayak



Ed and his colleagues Raising Funds for the Elysium Memorial

Former Queen's Own Highlander Edward McKenzie has, since October 2020, been raising money for a memorial to be built at the National Memorial Arboretum. The memorial will be for veterans that have sadly taken their own lives, during or after leaving their respective service. The memorial will be for members of all three Armed Services.

The memorial is to be named Elysium which, in Greek mythology, is the paradise to which heroes, on whom the gods had conferred immortality, were sent. It was "a place where they would remain after death, to live a blessed and happy life, and indulge in whatever employment they had enjoyed in life".

Why is Ed doing this? He, like many others has lost friends that he had served with to suicide and he feels that there should be somewhere to honour them as veterans. The memorial will be for former comrades, family members and friends to visit and remember them. He wishes to raise the necessary funds to have a memorial built and erected within the next 2 years. He has spoken to many sculptors and they think that it would take at least 18 months to make and build. He also thinks that it will take around this amount of time to raise the funds necessary of approximately £50,000-£100,000

To raise funds for the memorial, Ed and a small group of friends kayaked from Preston Brook Marina, Murdishaw, Runcorn, near Liverpool to London using the canal network and the river Thames. The 280 mile route took them down the Trent & Mersey canal, onto the Coventry canal and down the Oxford canal where they joined the river Thames for the last leg of the journey. Ed and his

friends departed on Tuesday 17th August, aiming to kayak about 21 miles a day to reach Putney Bridge in London on 30th August. They were sent on their way to the strains of the Pipes played by Pipe Major Jay Axon.



Pipe Major Jay Axon send Ed and his colleagues on their way

Fourteen days later they came up to the finish line at around 1 o'clock at the Thames Rowing Club, Putney to be greeted by the amazing sight of supporters cheering from the banks, the landing and the club. Fittingly the journey finished as it had started with the Pipe Major from the Irish Guards and a fellow Piper playing as they landed!

This turned out to be a very emotional finish but a fantastic way to finish after over 300 miles in a kayak and more than £20,000 raised!

If you wish to donate to Ed's appeal, details can be found on his website at <https://www.elysiummemorial.co.uk> or via the Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/elysiummemorialfoundation>



# Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021



*The start of the shortened Parade on Remembrance Day*

## Before the Day

To exacerbate the likely problems in trying to hold a Remembrance Day Service and Parade with the Pandemic still present and restrictions only being partially eased came the news in October 2021 that the main contractor, who was landscaping much of Liverpool City Centre, had gone into administration. This meant that Lime Street was unusable and as there was no access to St John's Road or St George's Plateau it also meant that the usual Civic Remembrance Sunday Service could not be held outside St George's Hall as had become traditional over many years. This came on top of the fact that the Remembrance Day Sunday Service had not been held since 2019.

Liverpool City Council drew up a completely acceptable alternative plan to hold the Civic Service at Liverpool Cathedral. However, the City Council proposed that, after the service, there would be a short march by Veterans around the Cathedral. This plan overlooked the fact that many Ex-Service Organisations made their way to St John's Gardens to conduct Regimental Services of remembrance at their own memorials in the gardens. The Merseyside Garrison Sergeant Major supported by WO2 Billy Jones drew up a proposal that the Veterans

march from Liverpool Cathedral along Rodney Street making its way to London Road where it would fall out. This plan would allow the Ex Service Organisations to make their way to the Cenotaph on St Georges Plateau and then onto St Johns Gardens. The City Council declined to agree to this proposal citing, amongst other things, Police advice as the reason for refusal.

It then came to light that the City Council had arranged for a Christmas Market to be held on St Georges Plateau, William Brown Street and in St Johns Gardens and this was due to commence on Thursday 12th November. The Ex-Service Organisations, rightly or wrongly, concluded that the planned market was a significant factor in the Council's decision not to sanction the proposed march. After an outcry and the issue being brought to the attention of the public, a meeting of the Ex Service Organisations and City Council representatives concluded with an agreement that the proposed parade could take place, once the support of Merseyside Police was obtained. WO2 Billy Jones also arranged for a detachment of RMP to provide additional security at the Cathedral. The Police gave the go ahead.

The scene was then set for what could have been the most spectacular Remembrance Day Service and Parade in Liverpool that the City had seen. However, it was not to be.

## On the Day

Sunday 14th November dawned bright and warm and a large number of veterans organisations paraded in the Cathedral grounds supported by a seemingly huge number of members of the public. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions on numbers only veterans could attend the service inside the Cathedral. However, the service was relayed to the public outside using large screens. The service was a fitting tribute to the fallen and, in due course, serving members of the Armed Forces together with the veterans filed out of the Cathedral to begin to form up for the expected parade.



*Liverpool Scottish Contingent Marching to the Cathedral on Remembrance Day*



# Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021 continued

Regrettably, whilst the service had been in progress a suspected terrorist incident had taken place at the nearby Liverpool Women's Hospital. After a long wait, whilst the Police assessed the security situation, permission was received for a march to take place but that it would have to be curtailed as Police resources could only support a march to the end of Rodney Street. The march took place and was as magnificent as it was short.

The true nature of the incident and any other possible attacks could not be known by the Police at that time and they had informed all participants that, after the march, they were to disperse, removing any items that could identify individuals as being part of the military e.g. glengarries and medals, and to avoid Liverpool City Centre.

In these circumstances I informed Committee Members that Association Members should make their way to the Adelphi Hotel and we would conduct a short service of Remembrance in the hotel at 1.30pm. As I made my way to the hotel I received calls from Association members, who had assembled in St Johns Gardens, enquiring as to what was happening. Little information had reached them about the incident at the Women's hospital. I was also advised that they had not seen any Police Officers and had not been asked to move on. In addition, I was advised that Liverpool City Centre had not been evacuated and daily life seemed to be carrying on as normal. In these circumstances when I reached the Adelphi, I informed all who were there that I intended to move to St John's Gardens and conduct the Liverpool Scottish Remembrance Service that had been planned.

It was also unfortunate that, in the time allowed, I was not able to pass this message on to all members. I therefore apologise to those who subsequently arrived at the Adelphi to find no one there and that they were not informed that I had arranged to make my way to St Johns Gardens.



The Service in St John's Gardens on Remembrance Sunday

In the presence of some forty to fifty members and their families I conducted the planned service of Remembrance at our Memorial stone.

*We remembered:*

**2809 Private Robert Spiers who died of wounds in World War One.** It was reported that he was found 'riddled with bullets' on Slaughter Hill, a feature in the Ypres Salient on 1 April 1915. He died of his wounds at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, on 24th August 1915 at the age of 19.

**2931169 Lance Corporal John Alexander Stewart who died in World War Two.** He had volunteered from the Liverpool Scottish to join the Commandos and was serving with 5 Troop, 4 Independent Company, No. 2 Commando when he was fatally wounded during Operation Avalanche at Dragone Hill, Salerno, Italy on 13th September 1943.

In hindsight, the decision to hold the service in the Gardens was perhaps not the best decision as I could have been putting Association Members and their families at risk of harm but with the information known at that time, the risk was not fully appreciated.

**Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021 - West Derby Village, Liverpool** Jim and Doreen Smith were present at the War memorial in West Derby Village where Doreen laid a wreath.

**Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021 - Stocks Hall Care Home Former** Liverpool Scot, Sergeant Jackie Wilson had been a resident at Stocks Hall Care Home and passed away on Thursday 11th November. One of his former carers, who was an Army veteran, organised a short service of remembrance for Jackie on Saturday 13th November with the intention that the wreath used would then be laid at the cenotaph the following day, Remembrance Sunday.



Stocks Hall Care Home

**Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021 - Gavinton, Berwickshire** Chairman of the Liverpool Scottish Museum Trust and former Honorary Colonel of Liverpool OTC, Colonel Professor Donald Ritchie CBE attended a service at Langton Kirk in Gavinton. Afterwards he laid a wreath on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Berwickshire, at the war memorial in the kirk grounds. There were about twelve people in attendance.



Col. Donald Ritchie lays a wreath at Langton Kirk



# Re-Union Dinner 15th October 2021



Reunion Dinner 2021 Top Table

After an absence of two years it was pleasing to be able to hold our Reunion Dinner once again. We were delighted to welcome some 150 guests to our 90th Annual Reunion Dinner at the Adelphi Hotel on Friday 15th October 2021. It should have been the 91st Annual Reunion but the pandemic has affected that and we are now out of sequence with the age of the Association which was formed in 1930.

In addition to Association Members and members of the Old & Bold, we were delighted to be able to host Royal Hospital In-Pensioners, David Godwin and John Honey along with serving members of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, members of the Merseyside branch of the Parachute Regiment Association, members of the Queen's Own Highlanders Regimental Association, Liverpool Prison Officers, members of the KING's Regiment Association and members of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. Hosted by comrades from Liverpool OTC,



Major Halford and the Pipe Major

Major Brian 'Dev' Devaney was dined out following his retirement as PSAO after eight years at Mather Avenue.

On the top table were our Vice-President, Major Mike Brimage, Chief Guest Major Patrick Halford MBE RM, your Chairman and two of his personal guests Brian Halford and Derek Alman. Major Halford was born and brought up in Crosby and has shown a keen interest in the Liverpool Scottish. He is an Arab Linguist and received an MBE for his work in Afghanistan. He is currently a Staff Officer at the MOD but in 2022 returns to his unit to command a Company.

The Pipes and Drums under Pipe Major Jay Axon provided a suitably excellent performance and marched off to an enthusiastic round of applause.

It was satisfying that we could once again meet up with old friends and have a very enjoyable and successful evening. The craic and the reminiscing went on until the early hours. Thanks to all who joined us for the evening.



Dennis Crosbie and IP John Honey



# Pipes and Drums

Pipe Major Jay Axon advises that due to the lockdown restrictions the Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association Pipe Band (LSRAPB) had very few events in 2021 but as you will see, even if the whole band was not playing, the Pipe Major had a full diary of events.

## March 2021

The Pipe Major played at the funeral of former Liverpool FC player, Ian St John, on the 23rd. As the Liverpool supporters amongst us will know Ian St John made 425 appearances for the club between 1961 and 1971, scoring 118 goals. He won two First Division titles under Bill Shankly and scored the winner in the 1965 FA Cup final.

## May 2021

The Band were able to return to rehearsals on the 23rd after a long break.

## June 2021



Hooge Day 2021

On Sunday 6th, the Pipe Major played a lament when The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Mary Rasmussen, laid a wreath on the 77th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings at the Memorial Stone in St John's Gardens in memory of all those who lost their lives.



Hooge Day 2021

On Sunday 13th, The Band played at the Regimental Association Hooge Day Service in St Johns Gardens.

Saturday 26th June saw the Pipe Major play at the service at St Nick's to mark Armed Forces Day.

The following day, the 27th, saw the combined Wirral and LSRA Pipe Bands rehearse together at the Dips in New Brighton.

## August 2021

On the 12th, eighty years to the day that sailors left Liverpool on 'the worst journey in the world', wartime Allies paid tribute to the men of the Arctic convoys. A service was held at St Nick's and the Pipe Major was in attendance.



The Pipe Major meets Convoy Veteran Alec Crowe

Present at the service to commemorate the treacherous convoys was 99 year old veteran Alec Crowe, one of the brave men who sailed with the convoys and survived to tell the tale.

## September 2021



Disability Awareness Day Walton Hall and Gardens

'It was great to be back out doing what we love'. The band were invited to perform at the Disability Awareness day in Walton Hall and Gardens in Warrington.



Disability Awareness Day Walton Hall and Gardens



# Pipes and Drums continued

## October 2021

The 1st October saw the Pipe Major play at the Army Benevolent Fund Merseyside Centurions Dinner at The Athenaeum in Liverpool.



Dame Lorna Muirhead gives Jay a Dram at the ABF Centurions Dinner

On the 13th, the Band opened the show at the Pontins Rock concert.



Opening the Pontins Rock Concert

The Band played at the Association Reunion Dinner on the 15th.



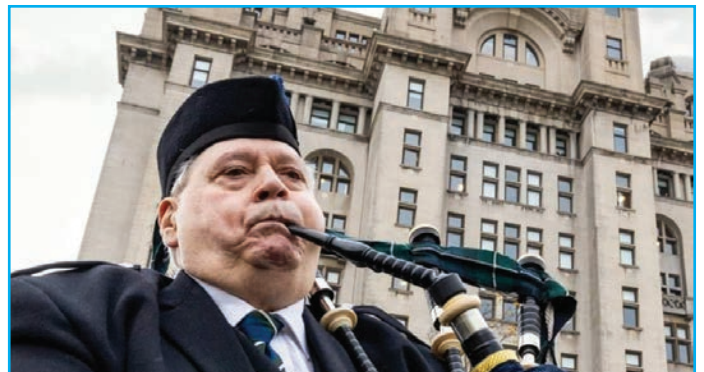
The Pipes & Drums performing at the Reunion Dinner

## November 2021

On Remembrance Sunday, the 14th, the Band played in the Cathedral grounds before the Civic Service and took part in the shortened parade afterwards.

The Pipe Major visited St Clare's primary school in Liverpool 8 twice to raise awareness of remembrance and introduce the children to the Pipes.

Kenny Whittaker played at a Remembrance Service held by the Sovini Group on board the Pride of Sefton Canal boat on the Albert dock.



Kenny Whittaker playing at the Sovini Group Remembrance Service

A Piper was present at the ceremony at Prescot War Memorial.

The Pipe Major played at the Mersey Ferries Remembrance Day service Woodside Ferry terminal then went out on the ferry to play for the committal of ashes into the River for four families.

## December 2021

The Band played at Liverpool OTC Christmas dinner at the Adelphi Hotel

The Pipe Major ended the year in his Santa costume and played at a grotto for the local primary school and at two local nurseries. He raised £800 for local charities.

## Postscript

In order to reduce wear and tear on his Forbes Tartan kilt the Pipe Major has invested in an alternative kilt in Cameron of Erracht tartan.

Covid made a comeback and, unfortunately, the Pipe Major himself contracted the virus. Regrettably the Band had to shut down their activities early in the new year but plan to restart in the first week of February 2022.



Jay sporting his Cameron of Erracht kilt

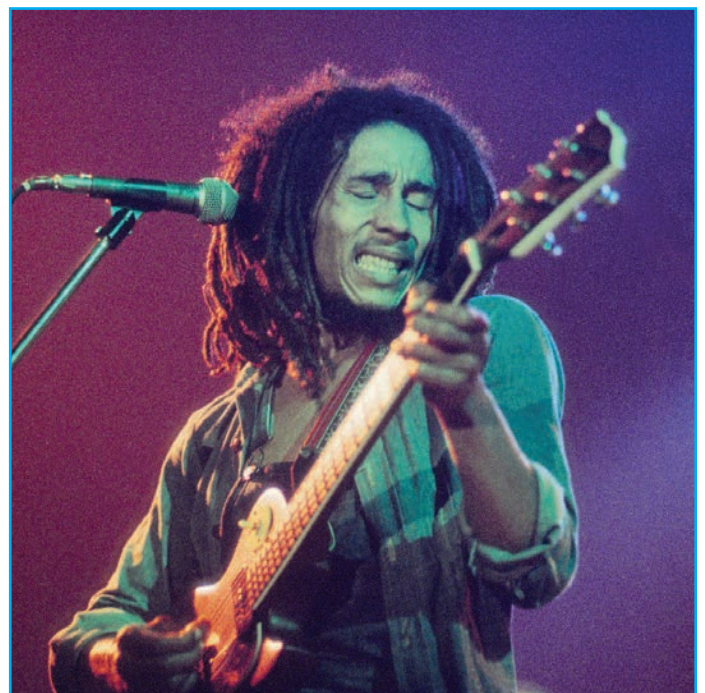


# The Link between The Liverpool Scottish and Bob Marley



Norval Sinclair Marley

At the beginning of September 1916, he reported sick as a result of a strain received during training with the Liverpool Scottish. The subsequent medical report described him as a “neurotic type of man” and he had told doctors the various symptoms he believed he was suffering from. A month later he was sent to the military hospital in Oswestry, where he underwent an operation, although no specific problems had been found. Following this he was medically downgraded and went on to serve with a King’s Liverpool Regiment Labour battalion (rather than a service battalion) seeing service, principally, in the UK. Norval subsequently received a pension because of “ill health caused by army service” and died in 1955



Robert Nesta ‘Bob’ Marley

Robert Nesta ‘Bob’ Marley the singer, songwriter, musician and a pioneer of reggae, was born in a small rural Jamaican village called Nine Miles. His father was 60 year old Norval Marley, a superintendent of lands for the British government and his mother was 18 year old Cedella Malcolm. When Cedella became pregnant the couple married but they separated soon afterwards. Bob Marley rarely talked about his father, and when he did, it was in often scathing terms. The main memento of his father was ‘a photograph of a white man on a horse’. Norval died when Bob was just 10 years of age.

Norval Sinclair Marley was born in the UK in 1885, his place of birth being recorded as Crowborough, East Sussex. Norval enlisted in the Army in Liverpool on 12 August 1916. He gave his occupation as a construction engineer and was recorded as being 5ft 5ins tall and weighing 8st 12lbs. He was declared fit and was posted to the 3/10th (Scottish) Battalion of the King’s Liverpool Regiment at Park Hall, near Oswestry, in Shropshire. This camp was one of the biggest training camps in the UK and housed more than 20,000 men, most of whom were trained in trench warfare at the site, ready for the frontline.

## Last Post 2021-2022

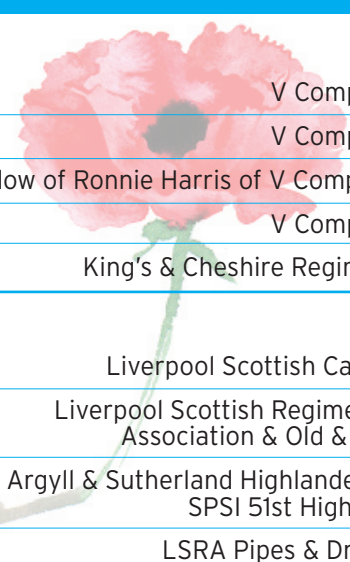
### 2021

Robert Gardner	1st Bn Liverpool Scottish
Billy Worthington	V Company
Bobby Rawlinson	1st Bn Liverpool Scottish & V Company
Russell Start	HQ Company, 5/8 King’s
Billy Morrison	V Company
Charlie Christall	V Company
Phil D’Annunzio	1st Bn Liverpool Scottish & Queen’s Own Highlanders
Eric Warner	V Company
James Gibson	V Company
Ray Berry	1st Bn Liverpool Scottish
John Westhead	Queen’s Own Highlanders - PSI V Company
Sid Page	1st Bn Liverpool Scottish & V Company

John Craven	V Company
Jackie Wilson	V Company
Mrs Esther Harris	Widow of Ronnie Harris of V Company
Michael Bagan	V Company
Major David Duffley	King’s & Cheshire Regiment

### 2022

Robert Francis Taylor	Liverpool Scottish Cadets
Billy Jones Snr.	Liverpool Scottish Regimental Association & Old & Bold
WO2 Roddy Kilbride	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders & SPSI 51st Highland
Andy Cooke	LSRA Pipes & Drums
Ken McKernan	1st Bn Liverpool Scottish





# Update on the Memorial to the Liverpool Scottish

Preparations are well under way for the construction of a memorial to the Liverpool Scottish at the **National Memorial Arboretum**. It is hoped to erect the memorial in Spring 2022 in good time for the unveiling ceremony in July.

## Unveiling of the Memorial

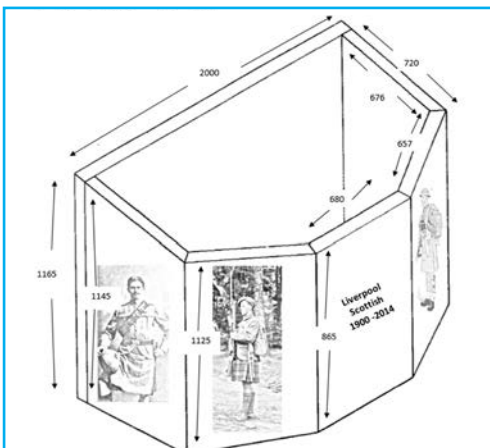
A memorial to the Liverpool Scottish will be unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum on Saturday 9th July 2022 by Brigadier Charles Grant OBE, late Queen's Own Highlanders

Detailed Joining Instructions will be sent out in Spring 2022 but outline timings for and the format of the day are:

- 1100 All Guests and Attendees to have arrived at National Memorial Arboretum
- 1115 Members/Marchers & Standard Bearer assemble, with Pipes & Drums leading  
All march from the Visitor's Centre to the Memorial location.  
Seating provided for those who require it.  
Marching contingent to form hollow square.  
(Possibly arrange Disabled Buggies to provide a shuttle Service to the Statue location)
- 1200 Memorial Unveiling Ceremony
- 1300 Buffet Lunch in the Oak Suite
- 1500 Free time - To tour around the National Memorial Arboretum, etc.
- 1630 Depart
- 1700 Arboretum Closes

## The Memorial

The memorial will be constructed in a half decagon shape and will be formed of granite slabs with etched figures. The top will be cast in metal alloy and will bear four of the glengarry badges worn by the Regiment during its existence and a brief tribute.



3D - Left side and front view

In order for the design to be understood, an overview of the history of the Regiment is required;

**1900** - 8th (Scottish) Volunteer Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment was formed

**1908** - 10th (Scottish) Battalion, The Kings' Liverpool Regiment - The Battalion was renamed on the establishment of the Territorial army

**1937** - 1st Battalion, The Liverpool Scottish, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders - The Battalion officially became a Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

**1940** - No 4 Independent Company, a Special Service Unit was formed of Liverpool Scottish Volunteers. These Special Service Units were to form the Commandos

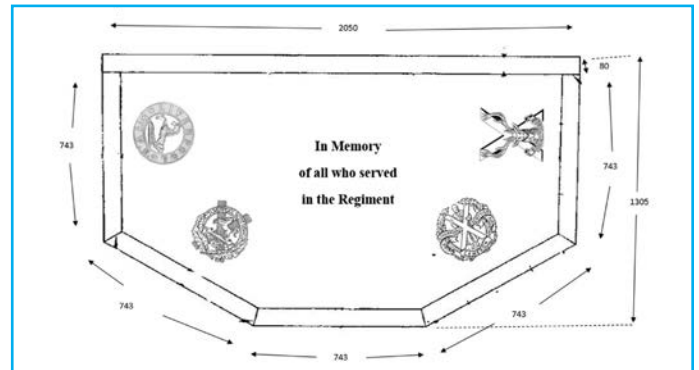
**1967** - V (The Liverpool Scottish) Company was formed after the disbandment of the 1st Battalion. It was initially a Company of the 51st Highland Volunteers and when that was split into three V Company joined the 1st Battalion, 51st Highland Volunteers

**1992** - V (The Liverpool Scottish) Company was transferred to 5/8 Kings then subsequently becoming part of the King's & Cheshire Regiment

**1999** - 2 (The Liverpool Scottish) Platoon was formed on the disbandment of V (The Liverpool Scottish) Company

**2006** - 2 (The Liverpool Scottish) Platoon became part of 4th Bn Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

**2014** - 2 Platoon was Disbanded



Top view - Cast metal

The top will be inscribed in the centre with the words 'In Memory of All Those Who Served in The Regiment'. This will be surrounded by four of the badges worn by the Liverpool Scottish. Viewing from the front of the memorial the first badge from the left is the 8th Volunteer Battalion Badge, second from left will be the 10th Battalion Badge, the second from the right will be the Liverpool Scottish Cameron Badge and first from the right will be the 51st Highland Volunteers Badge.

The upright panels will be in a half decagon shape and will bear images of Liverpool Scots dressed in the uniform that was generally worn during the period that the badge above the image was worn. The panels left to right will therefore be, Boer War figure, First World War figure, the centre panel will be Inscribed 'The Liverpool Scottish 1900 -2014', continuing left to right there is a Second World War Commando figure and finally on the right a figure in the uniform depicting the period of the Cold War.

On the back panel will be an image of the Colours carried by the Battalion from 1937, subsequently laid up in Liverpool Town Hall in 2010, and at the base an image of the LSRA cypher.

## Fundraising

Donations towards the cost of the memorial and the unveiling are still required. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Memorial Appeal please contact Roy Boardman, Chair of the LSRA via email [roynewborough31@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:roynewborough31@blueyonder.co.uk) or text/call 07931 708839 who will provide details on how you can make a donation.



# Soldiering On

Since the last time I had the pleasure of writing, things have changed dramatically for me.

After the sad events of April 2021, when Prince Philip passed away, one of my last responsibilities to Her Majesty was to safely deploy the Royal Family and members of the Royal Household to Balmoral for summer court. This was somewhat emotional as I marched closer to the end of my time as the Sovereign's Piper. Over the last three years, I have had the privilege of spending 12 weeks of the summer at Balmoral Castle.

## The History of Balmoral Castle

Sir Robert Gordon died in 1847, and his lease on Balmoral Castle reverted to Lord Aberdeen. In February 1848, an arrangement was made that Prince Albert (The Prince Consort) would acquire the remaining part of the lease on Balmoral, together with its furniture and staff.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria and Prince Albert arrived for their first visit to Balmoral on 8th September 1848. Victoria found the house "small but pretty" and recorded in her diary that: "All seemed to breathe freedom and peace and to make one forget the world and its troubles" The surrounding hilly landscape reminded them of Thuringia, Albert's homeland in Germany.

Quickly, the house was confirmed to be too small, and in 1848 significant additions to the old house were added. By this point, negotiations were underway to purchase the estate from the trustees of the deceased Earl Fife, and the sale was completed in June 1852, the price being £32,000. The neighbouring estate of Birkhall (later becoming the holiday home of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother) was also bought simultaneously.

Victoria and Albert's growing family required additional staff and the necessary quarters for visiting friends and official visitors. In early 1852, William Smith, the son of John Smith (who designed the 1830 alterations of the original castle), was commissioned to improve the accommodation. Prince Albert commissioned William Smith's designs to include the construction of a new castle.

Construction began during summer 1853, on a site some 100 yards northwest of the original building. Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone on 28th September 1853, during her annual autumn visit.

The new house was completed in 1856; the old castle was demolished. Historian Michael Lynch comments that "the Scottishness of Balmoral helped give the Monarchy a truly British dimension for the first time". Queen Victoria expressed an affinity for Scotland, even professing to be a Jacobite. Her Majesty decorated Balmoral with tartans and attended highland games at Braemar.

To this day, Her Majesty and members of the Royal family still hold Queen Victoria's romantic idea of Balmoral close to their hearts. Balmoral is genuinely one of the locations where Her Majesty can enjoy some sort of respite and try and enjoy some quality family time.

## A New Role

On 29th September 2021, I was received by Her Majesty for my final audience. Saying goodbye is often a hard thing to do; after three years of holding such a prestigious position, I was humbled by Her Majesty's kind words. Since Pipe Major Angus Mackay became the first Sovereign's piper in 1843, I was only the 16th piper to



Warrant Officer Class One Pipe Major Richard K Grisdale RVM preparing to play for Her Majesty for the final time. Balmoral Castle September 2021



## Soldiering On continued

hold the position and only the second piper invested into The Royal Victorian Order by a Monarch.

Over the last three months, I have experienced a shock to the system. In November 2021, I was privileged enough to Commission and was appointed as the Unit Welfare Officer (UWO) for The Black Watch, 3rd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland. Although a thankless job, the UWO position is hugely rewarding. When reading a book, as one-chapter finishes, another chapter is only a turn of a page away.

Readers of this Journal will appreciate that I cannot detail the confidential matters I face daily, however, having the opportunity to help and support our young soldiers as they face some of the darkest moments of their life is a humbling and hugely rewarding experience.

The modern-day soldier faces different challenges from those perhaps experienced by readers of this Journal. The Ministry of Defence expects a high standard of discipline and performance of a British Soldier in the 21st-century.

As the British Army puts the campaigns of Operation Telic and Operation Herrick into our rear view mirror, we find ourselves engaged in a new battle in a new theatre new to us all. The battlefield of mental health and the

headspace of the British soldier is something we now must engage with and help and support. In this new domain of warfare, I find myself helping and supporting "predominantly" our young jocks and Corporal's as they build resilience to deal with the memories and images in that aforementioned rear view mirror.

I would please ask you all, to engage where and when you can to help and support some of our most vulnerable in society. You, as veterans, have far more experience than the average civilian on the street. You are a subject matter expert in camaraderie, and you are subject matter experts in knowing if your friends, loved ones and colleagues are struggling or appear to be less engaging. As the latest television campaign has suggested, it is easy to ask somebody if they are feeling good, but harder to judge whether they answer truthfully, please have meaningful thoughts behind the words.

We, as an Association, have had a troublesome time over the last 12 months as it seems to me that we have lost more comrades than ever. Now is the time to rebuild bridges and engage with those comrades we may have lost touch with. Now is the time to swell and build our ranks. Now is the time to look after each other and ask each other, "Really, are you "Ok?"

**Captain Richard Grisdale**

## Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming

The past 12 months at the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming (ASBM&HD) have seen the majority of Covid restrictions slowly ease and courses returning to normal post pandemic. The team have continued to deliver first class training to pipers and drummers to maintain the musical support to the field army.

With the restrictions easing, we also saw the return of defence engagement jobs. Myself and Pipe Major Reid played a couple of sets for the Royal Company of Archer's first dinner night for 2 years. We were also both invited by Pipe Major (now Captain) Grisdale to play for Her Majesty at Balmoral once again. This year was with a



Pipe Sgt. Joe Davies with PM Reid at Royal Company of Archers



# Soldiering On continued



ASBM+HD Instructors

slight twist, rather than the usual dinner set around the table, HM requested we play after the family BBQ out in one of the cottages on the estate. Joining us were the incoming Sovereign's Piper Pipe Major Burns, and Pipe Major Grant 4 SCOTS.

After a long and bumpy ride in a cramped Land Rover Defender, we arrived at the forming up point to tune. We had a very warm welcome from what seem to be all of 'Midgies Balmoral' who made our tune up a challenge! After playing, we were invited for refreshments and had a good catch up with the family!

I also returned back to 2 SCOTS for a couple of jobs, most notably Assaye Day and Medals parade for the Battalion's return from Op Toral in Afghanistan. The parade was the first outing for 2 SCOTS Pipes, Drums & Bugles following a recent recruitment surge and all the new members did themselves proud. We now look forward to the presentation of the new Assaye Colour and Pipe banner on the 18th June 2022. The band will

also be supporting the Dumfries Tattoo, Finland Tattoo, Queens Platinum Jubilee Parade in Windsor and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a busy year!

As I enter my last 6 Months at ASBM&HD, I realise how privileged I am to have served 4 years there. Becoming an instructor at the School was an early career ambition and I'll look back at my time there with fond memories. I was also lucky enough to serve alongside some of the finest instructors the school has seen in its recent history. I look forward to returning to 2 SCOTS as Pipe Sergeant in October 2022.

I would finally like to congratulate Cpl Will Crawford on retaining his title as Champion Highland Drummer for another year at the recent Army Piping and Drumming Championships. I look forward to seeing you all at the unveiling of the Liverpool Scottish memorial at the Arboretum in July.

**Pipe Sgt Joe Davies SCOTS**



2 SCOTS Homecoming Parade



# FORECAST OF EVENTS 2022

Sunday 12th June	Hooge Day Service & AGM, St Johns Gardens, Liverpool
Saturday 25th June	Armed Forces Day, Liverpool City Centre
Saturday 9th July	Unveiling of Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, Burton-on-Trent
Friday 21st October	Reunion Dinner, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Sunday, Liverpool City Centre



Liverpool Scottish form up on Remembrance Day 2021

## Liverpool Scottish Merchandise

### Marvellous Mugs

On the attached page you will see the range of products that can be purchased from Marvellous Mugs' Our connection with the supplier began when we were looking for a supplier for Forbes Tartan Face masks with either the 10th King's, Liverpool Scottish Cameron or 51st Highland Badges on them. And grew into the range you can see.

The masks cost £8.00 each and are printed on washable material. Postage is £1 for up to 6 masks, £3.50 for 7 or more. The supplier is offering to turn around orders within one day.

The masks are supplied direct from the supplier and your order can be placed by one of the following methods:

1. By message through Facebook Page of 'Marvellous Mugs' which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Marvellous-Mugs-469311813473028>
2. By email to [samantha.580smith@btinternet.com](mailto:samantha.580smith@btinternet.com)
3. By post to Samantha Taylor, 5 Roosevelt Road, Kirknewton, Midlothian EH27 8AD

### Payment can be made by:

1. Paypal - Use PayPal email [taylor.ps@live.com](mailto:taylor.ps@live.com)
2. Bank Transfer to: Account number 20119151, Bank sort code 82-60-25, Account name Samantha Taylor
3. Cheque/Postal Order made payable to Samantha Taylor and sent to 5 Roosevelt Road, Kirknewton, Midlothian EH27 8AD.

Please make payment including postage at the same time or send payment with your order. When ordering please let the supplier know:

1. The number of each item you require
2. Which badge you want on each item(s)
3. The address you would like the item(s) delivered to.
4. Which payment method you have used.

### Liverpool Scottish Polo Shirts and more

Details follow of the Polo shirts and other items that can be embroidered with your choice of Liverpool Scottish Badge



# Liverpool Scottish Merchandise continued



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Money Bank	£8
Dog Bandana	£9
Christmas Ornament	£8



**Face Mask**

Machine washable.



**Money Bank**

Ceramic, with rubber stopper.



**Dog Bandana**

With adjustable neck strap.



**Christmas Ornament**

Ceramic decoration.



# Liverpool Scottish Merchandise continued



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XL	46" - 48"	24"
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## Liverpool Scottish Polo Shirts - £16.00

Delivery charge £3.00 (Merseyside). Items can be delivered anywhere, please ask.

Items can also be collected at Liverpool Scottish events.

1. **LSRA Ties**..... **£11.50**
2. **51st Highland Ties & Bow Ties**..... **£11.50**
3. **Liverpool Scottish Badges - Open Card** ..... **£10.00 for 10**

**All proceeds to the Liverpool Scottish Memorial Stone Fund**

For Polo Shirts and other branded items Contact Mike Davies on:  
 Telephone: 07927 515697 or Email: Mikedavies03@yahoo.co.uk or comment on his Facebook page.  
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