

DOVER TATTOO 2012

ALASDAIR HUTTON OBE TD

...the narrator of the Dover Tattoo

Alasdair Hutton is known as The Voice of the Tattoo to the millions of people who have heard him narrate some 600 individual tattoos from Edinburgh to Las Vegas and Brisbane.

He has written and narrated the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo since 1992 and many other tattoos around the United Kingdom and abroad in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and even in the Netherlands.

He is also the voice of the Household Division's annual Beating Retreat ceremony on Horse Guards Parade in London as well as countless concerts and other events all over the United Kingdom.

He is looking forward to returning to Dover which he has visited as a soldier, a tourist and, he recalls with amusement, a driver's mate loading 20 tons of onions on a truck at Dover Docks

Alasdair served with the 15th (Scottish) Battalion The Parachute Regiment (TA), (later renamed the 15th (Scottish Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment), from 1964 to 1986 becoming Second in Command. Then he served with the Watchkeepers and Liaison Officers



Pool attached to the (UK) Div for another ten years. He wrote the short history of his Parachute Battalion in 1997. He was Honorary Colonel of the Lothian and Borders Battalion of the Army Cadet Force and has been a Member of the Queen's Body Guard for Scotland - the Royal Company of Archers - since 1988.

He has also written and narrated videos and

DVDs of major visitor attractions including Edinburgh, Stirling, Urquhart and Blair Castles, Iona and Melrose Abbeys and Abbotsbury in Dorset and narrated audio guides for Edinburgh Castle, Melrose and Jedburgh Abbeys, the new Museum of Scotland the European Parliament.

His early career was in broadcasting and journalism in Australia and the United Kingdom until he was elected as the first Member of the European Parliament for the South of Scotland in 1979 in which he served for ten years. He returned to politics as Councillor for his local town of Kelso in the Scottish Borders ten years ago and was Convener (Mayor) of the Council for nine years until he hung up his chain in May this year.