

# Roundup



NEWSLETTER OF THE MANCHESTER REGIMENT OF THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

## The Colonel's Comment

**H**OW do we want to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our Brigade?? Yes, on 11th November 2016 we will have been in existence for 125 years. That is worth celebrating. How will you do it? We're all looking to celebrate the 90th Birthday of our Queen and Patron but this is our Birthday and what a milestone it is!

## Congratulations Sylvia!!

Following her nomination for the Halifax Award by Stephen Whitelegg, Sylvia Tinsley won this local award for her work with the Brigade and her Church.

Sylvia has been a dedicated volunteer at the youth organisation, the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade registered charity, for almost 50 years. In her 70s, Sylvia still runs activities every Friday night for 5-21 year olds in one of the most deprived areas of Manchester; she also drives the minibus and caters at youth events (conferences, training, fundraisers, weekend camps, competitions).

Sylvia's generosity includes an 'open door' approach to her home where she warmly welcomes young people, giving them a sense of acceptance and value as part of a wider family. Sylvia manages the community building (home to the Brigade) and is the driving force behind the annual Summer and Christmas fairs.

Many of the elderly rely on Sylvia to get to church and to community events. If someone is in hospital, Sylvia helps and visits them. She is the heart and anchor of



a caring network of help and support and we don't know what we would do without her.

As a local winner Sylvia went forward into the Regional awards but unfortunately Sylvia was not successful this year as one of our regional winners.

## Reverend Jack Hemsworth's 'Meet and Greet'

Reverend Jack Hemsworth retires as Priest in Charge of St Andrew's Droylsden on Thursday, March 31. The parish are organising a 'Meet and Greet' evening for him on Saturday, April 2 in the Church Hall between 2-6pm.

There is an open invitation to friends of Jack to join him and there will be food and entertainment during the afternoon.

The organisers have no idea on numbers attending so get there early to avoid disappointment.

If you are planning on going, please let Alison Harwood know ASAP for catering numbers. You can stay as long or as short a time as you like.



## General news...

### National Band in Shaw Saturday April 30th 2016 7:30pm

The National Band of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade will be performing their annual concert at Crompton House School in Shaw, Oldham at the end of April. The concert is a showcase of the Brigade's musical expertise and with this year's concert being so local, I would recommend everyone to attend and support our members at this great event.

**Tickets are just £5 and can be reserved by contacting Sue Hedges on [skhedges@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:skhedges@hotmail.co.uk) or 07720 055395 or John Corbishley on [johncorbishley@btinternet.com](mailto:johncorbishley@btinternet.com) or 07747 523834**

Music ranges from Military Marches, to music from the shows to Michael Jackson and much, much more.

### DofE Support Network

We are planning a mailshot to all SC to inform them that they can do DofE even as an individual member in a Company. A member of the DofE team can support them and advise them and their officers on how to proceed and plan activities and also support them in linking up with others for the expedition sections. It is also important to inform our last year JTC members that they can do DofE with the CL&CGB in June/July before they move up to Seniors and enrol for DofE with their schools.

### BMS – Brigade Membership System

All Companies CO's (or their designated Officers) should remember that new members need to be added to the Membership system within 4 weeks and remove any members who have left. Now that companies are required to identify their First Aiders and Food Hygiene holders, these should be recorded on BMS under the Leaders training records.

### Regimental Parade 2016

Our Annual Parade this year is probably going to take place on the 30th October at St Ann's Church in Manchester.

# Training

All leaders who are registered on BMS are being offered **FREE TRAINING** – Limited offer.

Food Hygiene Training – Available on-line to order from NHQ  
Safeguarding Training – Available on-line to order from NHQ –  
**ALL** leaders must undertake a Safeguarding course.

## Manchester Regimental Skills Training Day

Thank you to all those leaders from across the NW who joined us for our Training day on Saturday 27th February. We had no takers for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award modules or the Company Administration but 18 leaders undertook the First Aid course and ensured their Company are covered for the next three years. Seven leaders engaged in the Martins Workshop and only three leaders did the Safeguarding Children course.

The feeling was that most leaders enjoyed the day and got a lot out of it.

Thanks to the organisers and tutors for their time and expertise.

## Young Leaders Training Programme 2015/16

This year's Young Leaders training is focusing on the Younger leaders, those in School years 11, 12 and 13. The first meeting was at the Boarshurst Centre in Greenfield in January when 19 Young Leaders turned up. The 3 lads faced with 16 girls looked a bit overawed!

The next weekend will take place at take place at Barnard Castle, in the North East over the weekend of 16th and 17th April 2016. Details will be issued shortly from Ann Sankey, the National Training Officer.

# Sports News

Regimental and National Events for 2016 are listed on the dates page, please make a note of them and try to support them please.

At the January Regimental Meeting, the future of the sports competitions in the Regiment was discussed. It was decided, since many Battalions now don't hold Battalion qualifying competitions, we are now making Regimental events, direct entry for all companies.

That hope is that it will encourage more Companies to enter but PLEASE, let us know you're coming as 13 teams will be hard to manage without careful preparation!

That doesn't mean the end of local events. Some Battalions will still hold local events, some may be open to other Battalions and we hope to encourage more social events. Watch *Roundup* for more news.

# Picture Gallery...



## St Martins Castleton – Christmas Tree festival

Pictures from Christmas tree festival at St Martin's, Castleton. The members chose as their subject Christmas during World War 1. Their Christmas tree had 11 names hanging on it that were the fallen soldiers from St. Martins Company. They also featured the football game that was played in no-mans land on Christmas Day between the Brits and the Germans.

**Barbara Peace**

## Prayer list

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers please let me know.  
RIP – Since our last Roundup we have lost another Brigade stalwart. **Jim Ward** from St Thomas Crumpsall died just before Christmas. His funeral was held at Harpurhey Community Church and was attended by family, friends, Church colleagues and a large group of Brigade Officers. It was privilege to have known Jim and to be present to hear what a life dedicated to his Family, Church and Brigade he has lived over many years. Thank you to Regimental Adjutant Peter Corbishley for playing Last Post in Jim's honour.

RIP - In February we also lost **Brian Clarke** from St Andrew's Bebington on the Wirral. Brian was one of the team who maintained the Camp site at Prestatyn, served for many years at St Andrews Bebington and tutored on our Skills day in recent years. A packed Church said their goodbyes to Brian with a guard of honour with Company Colours from all the Companies in Chester and Liverpool. Another extremely sad loss to the Brigade family.



## National Music Competition

The National Band Competition has been revised and now is open to any musician from any Brigade Company. There are 4 age groups for soloists and ensembles for under 12, under 18 and under 25 as well as open age for ensembles. It's open to all sorts of instrument combinations as well so please, even if your band is not entering, think about coming to show what you can do, it is a great day. If nothing else come and watch an support the musicians and bands – Saturday 14th May 2016 at Hinckley Leisure Centre near Leicester.

## FREE DAY OF ADVENTURE (NHQ Event)

You are invited to bring your family or friends along to an outdoor activity adventure centre [www.kingswood.co.uk](http://www.kingswood.co.uk) based in Conisbrough, South Yorkshire. A fantastic opportunity for you to take a break in an outstanding environment, this exclusive, free event is open to party leaders of non-school groups including uniform and youth groups and sports teams.

The day starts at 9.30am with refreshments, followed by a full tour of the centre and the facilities that we have to offer. You will also have the chance to try a selection of action and adventure activities and enjoy a cooked lunch before departure at 5pm. Before you leave, you'll be able to speak to our specialist groups team to learn more about how Kingswood can help develop your groups' teambuilding and personal development skills in the great outdoors.

If you or your members would like to attend please RSVP to secure your free space by calling 01273 666 593 or emailing [Zoe.bruce@inspiring-learning.com](mailto:Zoe.bruce@inspiring-learning.com)



## Diary Dates

### April 2016

- 2nd Rev Jack Hemsworth's Meet and Greet afternoon 2pm to 6pm.
- 8-10th National Band Weekend
- 16-17th YLTP Weekend 2 at The Hub - Barnard Castle
- 19th Regimental Commanders Meeting
- 23rd Midlands Skills Training Day
- 24th Martins Team Games (Prov)
- 30th to 2nd May National Band Concert Weekend

### May 2016

- 6th Regimental Yteam Games (Prov)
- 7th Brigade AGM
- 14th National Music Competition at Hinckley
- 15th Whit Sunday
- 17th Regimental Camp Meeting
- 22nd Trinity Sunday

### June 2016

- 4th Regimental Football and Netball (Prov)
- 7th Regimental Commanders Meeting
- 12th Patrons Lunch
- 18th National Football and Netball (prov)
- 19th Oldham Battalion Parade Possibly
- 21st Regimental Camp meeting
- 26th Martins and Yteam Teddy Bears Picnic (Prov)

### July 2016

- 2nd – 3rd YLTP weekend 3 at Boarshurt Centre, Greenfield
- 9th Regimental Sports (Prov)
- 12th Regimental Camp meeting
- 14-18th Highwood Visit by Leicester Regiment.
- 15th Brigade Closes for Summer
- 30th to 6th Aug Scottish Outdoor Activity Week 2016 at Aberfoyle

Your news and photographs\* are always welcome for inclusion in Roundup – what better way of getting your news circulated throughout the Regiment – and beyond!

Please email your copy by the last Friday in the month to:

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\* Please submit photos attached separately on emails not in Word documents