



St Marks Heyside

# August 2016 Company News

## Members moving up in September.

We return to Brigade on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. We have had a mass exodus from the Martins this summer with Lily Brumell, Evie Denton, Mia O'Connor, Libby Robinson, Matilda McDonald, Evan Grime and Thomas Haynes all moving up to the Yteam.

The only other mover is Anabel Sefton who is moving up to the Seniors.

We hope you all enjoy your new sections.

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## **Well done to all our members for their Exam Results**

Olivia Keiran is starting an Apprenticeship leading to a Diploma in Hairdressing

Baden Brumell's GCSE results mean is joining the Crompton House Sixth form.

### **Moving on**

Her A level results mean **Rebecca Rees** is off to Edinburgh University doing Geography and

**Tom Rosedale** is off to Lancaster University doing Psychology.

**Carrying on at University after successfully completing their first years we have:**

**Olivia Walker** in Year 2 at Bangor Uni, doing Biology

**Emily Fletcher** in Year 2 at Nottingham Uni. doing American Studies.

**Charlotte Hitchen** in Year 2 at Leeds Uni. doing Physics.

It has been some time since our last Newsletter and there are a lot of events to cover here. If you wish to read about what we've been doing in the recent past, they are all covered in the Regimental Roundup which is on our notice board in the Church Hall or on the Church website at

[www.stmarksheyside.org.uk](http://www.stmarksheyside.org.uk)

## National Music Competition.

## Band Notes!

Way back in May, our Band took part in the National Music Competition, at Hinckley, in Leicester. It was a great day and our band took part in the Open section. We came second to St Mary's Hinkley but performed really well and won the Percussion section trophy. As well as the full band we had entries in the solo competitions and the ensembles.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Challenge.

We are looking for band members, musicians or singers from every corner of the Brigade to help complete our challenge and support the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Anniversary Challenge. As the Award celebrates 60 years of helping Young People Achieve, they are asking supporters or groups of supporters to raise £60 towards their fund to support future Award participants.

We have asked if we can play at Oldham Athletics game against MK Dons on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. We need a full band and collectors.

Anyone can take part in other events over the same weekend. There may be a small ensemble playing on a mountain top somewhere on the Sunday!

## CL&CGB MUSIC WEEKEND - 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

National Headquarters are sponsoring an open music weekend

This is for any CL&CGB member age twelve and above, who would like to enhance their musical skills and meet other band members from around the country. This unique opportunity is aimed at enhancing our young people's skills, along with encouraging and supporting musical talent and development across the organisation.

Bookings via your Commanding Officer, booking fee is £30.00 per person, this will be refunded to the company/individual following attendance at the weekend. Fee includes: accommodation, meals, activities and tuition.

Transport to the venue is not included.

Venue:- Kingswood - Dearne Valley, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN12 4EA

## Regimental Parade 2016

Our Annual Parade this year is booked for the 30th October at St Ann's Church in Manchester. Please book this date in your Diaries now! It is a special year so we are delighted to add that we will be joined and supported by our Bishop, the Right Reverend David Walker.

## The Battle of the Somme 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Some members from St Mark's joined the Parade through Manchester on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. A small contingent represented the Regiment, and it was quite an occasion with many organisations represented and some excellent bands to entertain the big crowds who came to watch. I suppose the point at which the history of the bombardment at the Somme was brought home was when the two field guns fired in St Peter's Square about 20 yards from our position made you realise just what the real bombardment for days on end must have been like.

## Parade and service in Oldham

Just days after the Manchester Parade, we received a call for help from Oldham Council and the RBLA to see if we could provide a band for their parade, they had been let down by someone else. We did manage to turn out nearly a full band and led their Parade through Oldham to the Parish Church. It wasn't on the scale of the Manchester event but having also been asked to provide someone to play the Last Post and Reveille (thank you Peter) and then our members and leaders paraded the parchments up to the altar with over 800 names of men and women from the borough who had died in WW1 it was a very moving service.

## Highwood commemorations in France and Belgium.

Leicester Regiment also organised a visit to Highwood for services of Commemoration on the Somme battlefields. Their itinerary included a drumhead service at Highwood, services at the Menin Gate and the Thiepval Memorial and finished with something completely different, they led the Parade at Euro Disney on the Sunday before coming home. A fantastic achievement and something to remember for the rest of their lives, for those who went. One of their number was our own Rebecca Rees who has sent in her report featured in the Regimental Roundup.

## **Band Dates.**

The Band is in great demand and I am aware the pressure this puts on our members and families. Some of these dates are unconfirmed enquiries which I need to respond to very soon so I would like you to let me know any that you cannot make. If we don't have enough members to fulfil a booking I will not book it. Events in bold are booked

### **September**

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend.

10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> **Open Music Weekend at Kingswood, Dearne Valley**  
National Headquarters are sponsoring this free event.

11<sup>th</sup> **Parade Sunday and Sunday school presentations**

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> **DofE Diamond Challenge weekend.**

1<sup>st</sup> **Playing at Latics v MK Dons**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Up a mountain.**

9<sup>th</sup> **Parade Service, Band playing in Church.**

30<sup>th</sup> **Trafalgar Day for Sea Cadets in Albert Sq 11:30 to 1pm**  
**Regimental Parade at St Ann's Church, Manchester 1:30 pm**

### **November**

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> **National Band Weekend**

11<sup>th</sup> **Festival of Remembrance, the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham**

12<sup>th</sup> **Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum**

13<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Sunday and Parade Sunday**

### **December**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **National Band Weekend**

3<sup>rd</sup> **HNC Christmas Festival, Band playing carols.**

11<sup>th</sup> **Carol Service in Church**

23<sup>rd</sup> **Carol Singing round the parish.**

## D of E Award Expedition

Over the summer two of our Senior Girls joined forces with a group of 3 lads and one girl from St James Gorton to undertake their Bronze DofE expedition. Initially, Olivia Wainwright and Isabelle Keiran were not keen on the idea of going with others that they didn't know very well but soon made friends with the others and had a great Expedition in the Cheshire countryside around Lyme Park. Friendships which then extended into Regimental camp and beyond!

## Subscriptions.

Parents are reminded that Subs are due for every week we meet so that we can meet our financial commitments. Weekly subs enable us to pay our fees to National Headquarters which then means that our leaders, and more importantly, your Children, are insured for the activities they undertake at Brigade. It covers everything that we do, on Company nights, parades, at National Band, at camps and at sports events. If your subs are not up to date you risk not being insured as insurers will request proof that members are current and paid up from our registers. Our subs have not increased since 2004.

Subs, and the Bonus Ball club, then allow us to run Brigade, concentrating on the activities we do rather than constantly be looking to fund raise. It also allows us to undertake and provide equipment for activities, like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Seniors, and band, without charging.

## Sports News.

The final National Event for 2016 will be the Athletics and Hockey at Kingsway Park Sports Centre, Rochdale, starting at 11am. With the Regimental sports being cancelled we do not have a team to enter so we need you all to turn up. We will make two teams from everyone who is available on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please try to address this in early September and let us know roughly how many you can bring. Also, on the same afternoon we will be having the Hockey competition. Again it's open to everyone to play so please come on down and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

## Aberfoyle Camp Review 2016 by Perry Gunn

Whilst I had been to a couple of CLCGB camps before, I hadn't been to Aberfoyle, so was a little apprehensive as to exactly what I would make of it. The journey began on the coach from St Peters, Ashton, via St James, Gorton, I got a seat on my own, "peace and quiet", I thought, Wrong, opposite me was Chloe from St James, who surpassed Olivia and Charlotte in the words per minute challenge for 8 hours. So what did I get up to at camp. Well, I checked the schedule of events and was pleased to be involved in activities every day, but was quite worried when I saw, cycling, the last time I cycled any distance was when I was about 16, so hoped the planned route was perhaps around the camp-Wrong. Discreet enquiries suggested 7 miles, oh no! then 10 miles, oh no, oh dear, then 15 miles OMG. I would not be physically able! But you know what, it was 13 and a half miles, the length of Loch Katrine and I did it! Mind over matter! It's like the DoE, it can overwhelm you but once you get going, you soon arrive at your destination.

Next challenge, Canoeing, or to be correct, Kayaking, I had never tried this, so was quite excited, I enjoyed the being on the water, even in the water, but my creaky old back didn't like the sitting upright, so I had to abandon Kayaking at the lunch break, to enjoy Peter Davies BBQ Sausage hot dogs. Delicious. Whilst talking food, I must state that the catering at the camp was excellent, every course of every meal really good.

Okay, so another day we were led into the wilderness, and through a forest by Bear Grimshaw (Stephen) we were set a challenge to build a shelter for an overnight stay, make it rainproof, I was really impressed with the results, there were some really good shelters and I would have been happy to sleep under the branches and leaves, if needed. Unfortunately, Bear on the day, who was cutting wood up for the fire, had a slight mishap and we almost had hot dog sausages again, but in this case Stephens thumb. Glad to report he was fine with a few stitches. We finished the afternoon with a nice long walk to Fairy hill, where we left a small note tied to the tree, with all of our names on.

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## Bonus Ball Club update.

Winners of our £20 weekly draw since the last Newsletter:

26-Mar-16 28 No Winner  
02-Apr-16 15 Nikki Noble  
02-Apr-16 15 Kathryn Keiran  
09-Apr-16 18 Susan Corbishley  
09-Apr-16 18 Johnnie Hartley  
16-Apr-16 54 Jennifer Chapman  
23-Apr-16 24 Ernie Holt  
23-Apr-16 24 Mark Ford  
30-Apr-16 31 Kay Hartley  
30-Apr-16 31 Susan Noble  
07-May-16 28 No Winner  
14-May-16 16 Tammy Robertson  
21-May-16 46 Chris Hall  
28-May-16 59 No Winner  
04-Jun-16 30 Lucinda Todhunter  
04-Jun-16 30 Andy Baker  
11-Jun-16 3 Peter Corbishley  
11-Jun-16 3 Linda Payton  
18-Jun-16 47 Margaret Holme  
25-Jun-16 16 Tammy Robertson  
02-Jul-16 13 Sharon Morrow  
09-Jul-16 12 Chris Hall  
16-Jul-16 41 John Corbishley  
23-Jul-16 25 Peter Corbishley  
30-Jul-16 48 Joanne Lewis Ryan  
06-Aug-16 8 Susan Corbishley  
06-Aug-16 8 Perry Gunn  
13-Aug-16 38 Sandra Prestidge  
20-Aug-16 17 Paul Roberts  
27-Aug-16 8 Susan Corbishley  
27-Aug-16 8 Perry Gunn

Our NEW Summer  
bonus draw on

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
was won by:

**No. 51**

**There was NO winner,  
the number is spare.**

**THANK YOU ALL, for your support!**

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## **Cont. - Aberfoyle camp review.**

Activities day on camp soon arrived, and again, I joined up with the leaders team, to protect our injured soldier (an egg) Sergeant Fryer, I think was his name, and we all took part in a lot of fun, messy, dirty, exhausting games.

Regiment very proudly represented itself on the first Sunday on our march to Church, and again when we marched down to meet the pipe band from Calander, I was very proud of our members on both occasions, and the townsfolk and tourists seemed very impressed.

I would like to thank Neil and Jeanette, but to only mention two would be unfair, when there was an obvious team ethic and spirit about the whole week, I met a lot of really, nice genuine, typical Brigade people, and would like to thank the whole Camp!

Perry Gunn

If you want to help support Brigade, financially, join our Bonus Ball club for £1 per number per week. We do have some spare numbers. See John or Sue for an application form.

The Bonus Ball club makes enough money for us to run all Brigade activities, insurance and fees, and means that we don't have to run other fund raisers for ourselves. Our members can then raise money for other good causes.

# Dates for your diaries

## September

- 7<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Passing out at Wath upon Dearne
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Open Music Weekend at Kingswood, Dearne Valley  
National Headquarters are sponsoring this free event.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday and Sunday school presentations
- 17<sup>th</sup> National Sports and Hockey at Kingsway Rochdale
- 20<sup>th</sup> Regimental Commanders meeting

## October

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> D of E Diamond Challenge weekend.  
Band playing at Oldham Athletic and up a mountain
- 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade Council Meeting at Wath.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Brigade closes for Half Term
- 30<sup>th</sup> Regimental Parade at St Ann's Church, Manchester

## November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Back to Brigade
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend
- 8<sup>th</sup> Regimental Commanders meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> Festival of Remembrance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham
- 12<sup>th</sup> National Service of Remembrance at the  
National Memorial Arboretum
- 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday and Parade Sunday
- 15<sup>th</sup> Confirmation service at St Ann's Royton.

## December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend
- 16<sup>th</sup> Brigade closes for Christmas
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carol Singing round the parish.

## February

- 25<sup>th</sup> Regimental Skills Training Day at St Mark's Heyside.