

# Roundup



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

## The Colonel's Comment

As time goes on, situations change, new rules come into play and we, as Youth Leaders, have to change to accept and embrace those changes. We all feel uncomfortable making changes to the way we do things and especially when the changes seem to make additional demands on our already stretched spare time. We don't always see the need or accept that the change is the best way to do things but they are done for a reason, usually implemented but someone else who is under pressure. So, if you do have an issue, need to discuss the changes then our Regimental Conference or the National AGM is the place to raise and make your views known.

There have been some Orders issued and processes implemented which you, particularly Commanding Officers, need to take note of and implement within your Company or Formation.

- All leaders, Officers Warrant Officers and Helpers, must hold a current DBS before they work with Members of the Brigade. Changes in legislation now mean that all over 18's need to have a DBS.
  - CO's need to ensure that all DBS applications end with you seeing the Disclosure and telling NHQ that you've seen it. The form NF1s is issued by Zoe for you to complete and return.
  - When you get your disclosure, register with the Update service within 19 days, and you won't need to renew in five years time.
- All leaders, must have undertaken a Safeguarding Training course every five years.
  - If anyone cannot take the On-line Safeguarding Training let us know. We are trying to arrange a face to face session on the next Skills Day, or sooner if there is a demand for it.
  - If you have a Certificate from School or Sunday school, or you've done the Diocesan course, that counts as long as it includes both Children and Young People.
- Each meeting night must have the support of a Certified First Aider.
  - There has been a First Aid course on every Skills Day in recent years. If the cost is a problem, why not apply for a Regimental grant.
- If you make food (however simple) someone needs a Food Hygiene Certificate.
  - There is a FREE on-line course available through NHQ.
- Annually, Risk Assess your premises and any new activities.
  - There are samples on the CL&CGB Website or ask for advice, it's a simple process.

All of these (apart from the Risk Assessment) should be recorded on BMS so that we all know that these safeguards, for members and you, the leaders, are in place.

## CL&CGB National 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Activity Weekend

To celebrate the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade's 125th Anniversary National Headquarters are hosting a residential weekend at the fantastic Kingswood Activity Centre in Yorkshire. There will be loads of activities going on throughout the weekend as well as opportunities to spend time with your friends and make new ones. Regiment are offering a £25 subsidy if you still want to go. Those who are already booked will automatically get the subsidy.

*Perry says: "Less than six months to go until the 125th Anniversary weekend at Kingswood. Just to answer a query that we received, yes of course the event is going ahead, we are at full steam now, ready to start planning the menu's and activities.*

*The other good news is that we have removed the deadline arrangements and any members or leaders wishing to attend can now just let us know, send your payments, and we will let you have booking and medical forms. The price is just £90 including all meals, activities and a T Shirt. We will accept a payment between now and the 10th June of £70, the balance of £20 must be with us by 10th July. Details are on the website [www.clcgb.org.uk](http://www.clcgb.org.uk)*

*Come and join us we are going to have a great time!*

## General news...

### Congratulations St Cuthberts

St Cuthberts Miles Platting have been awarded a cheque for £100 which is this year's Sir Hamish Forbes Award. Major Sir Hamish Stewart Forbes, 7th Baronet, MBE, MC, KStJ (15 February 1916 – 3 September 2007) was a British Army officer who served in the Welsh Guards in the Second World War, spending over five years in German custody as a prisoner of war. In later life, he was patron of the Lonach Highland and Friendly Society from 1984 until his death. He was the president of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Association from 1974 to 2000. The fund for this award was donated when the Brigade association closed. It is an annual award for Company which grows the most in the year, so get growing!

### Regimental Grants

As was stated in the last edition of Regimental Roundup, the Regiment is able to offer Companies grants to help meet costs and initiate new projects etc. We have had one application to date. See below what St Peter's Ashton Under Lyne did with their grant.

The Fund is limited so apply as quickly as you can.

### Cenotaph Parade & March Past

Companies have received an invitation from NHQ to attend the Cenotaph Remembrance Parade and March Past in London on Sunday 12th November. If any leaders or members wish to attend you must submit your names before 30th June 2017 to be considered. Places are limited.

### National 125th Anniversary Parade

#### – York Minster

Plans are at an advanced stage to hold a National Parade and Service in York Minster on Saturday 18th November 2017. We are hoping to provide subsidies to help peoples travel arrangements or Group bookings on the train. Book the date in your diary and watch for more information.

# Regimental Sports

**Regimental 5-a-side Football Competition and Hockey** has moved back to the 17th June.

**Regimental Athletics Competition** will take place at Radclyffe School in Chadderton on Saturday 1st July from 1pm to 4pm. Events and team sheets to follow.

We hope you can support these events, and as has become the norm now, we will welcome everyone to join in. You do not need a full team to compete; we will accommodate individuals into all events and make up composite teams. That does place an added burden on the organisers so please, step up to help where it is requested or needed. Those events will run for Yteam, JTC and Seniors.

**There will be NO National level competitions this year.**

## Regimental Y Team Games

**F**RIDAY, May 12 was the date for the Regimental Yteam Games at St James Gorton. It was an early evening start for those travelling there. We had a total of thirty excited Yteam all keen and very eager to take part.

So with six equal teams we made a start. The rules of the games were fully explained, just in case they didn't know already – not much chance of that. Also the scoring system was explained, stressing the fact that it was a combination of speed and control that would provide the winning teams

We held two heats, with the winners being decided on the highest score across the heats.

The first heat contain two superfast teams and one not so fast who proved the fact that speed was not everything as they didn't win a single race, but only gave away 18 penalty points to finish second overall.

The second heat was more evenly matched for speed, but again accuracy was the downfall as one team, who will remain un-named, gave away 51 penalty points. The winning team demonstrated the best of Brigade life as two companies joined together to make a team and never having met before instantly made friends with each other and stuck to the rules and won – so a bigger congratulation goes to St Andrews and Holy Trinity Shaw.

Also thank go to the Officers and staff at St James for their help and hospitality and to those who stepped forward to judge the

A new venture will be a **Regimental Drill Competition**. This is planned for this summer. We hope you will be able support this and possibly enter the National Drill Competition which will take place with the National Music Competition at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday 30th September 2017.

The **Martins Teddy Bears Picnic** has become a regular annual event and will take place again this year on Sunday the 25th June at Park Bridge Heritage site starting at 2pm. All are welcome. We are also moving our Regimental Martins Team games back to September and that will take place on Sunday 17th September.

Finally, perhaps you're organising an event that others would enjoy. Boost your numbers by inviting the rest of the Regiment. It's great to get together and much more fun if you get a good turnout!

event and also the scorer who had the difficult job under pressure from the Yteam desperate to find out the result.

Overall a good night was had by all – Next year let's see if we can get nine teams

### REGIMENTAL CONFERENCE & QUIZ NIGHT

*Sadly, we had to cancel our Regimental Conference this year due to lack of interest from the Regiment. Leading up to the weekend there were only the Regimental Staff and their partners attending. We, as a group, meet and talk regularly, the aim of the Conference was to share what we do and discuss how we face the future, together. I know we clashed with a large family party but that only accounted for one Company and friends Hopefully, when we reschedule, more will make the effort to book and attend.*

*If it was the free supper and quiz, social interaction and the beer that put you off then tell me so we don't make the same mistake again!!!*

## Diary Dates

### June 2017

4th Whit Sunday  
6th Regimental Commanders meeting  
17th Regimental Football and Hockey TBC  
24th-25th Young Leaders Training Weekend Sports Leaders at Bibby's Farm Chorley.  
25th Regimental Teddy Bears Picnic

### July 2017

1st Regimental Athletics at Radclyffe School, 1pm to 4pm  
15th – 16th Young Leaders Training Weekend at St Mark's Heyside.

29th – 5th Aug. Regimental Camp at Aberfoyle.

### September 2017

1st – 3rd National Band Weekend (Recruitment)  
17th Regimental Martins Team Games  
30th CL&CGB Music and Drill Competition at the Hood Park Leisure Centre at Ashby-de-la-Zouch

### October 2017

6th to 8th CLCGB 125th Anniversary Activity weekend at Kingswood, Doncaster  
15th Regimental Parade to St Ann's Manchester TBC.

*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:*

**[johncorbishley@btinternet.com](mailto:johncorbishley@btinternet.com)**

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

# St Peter's Ashton-under-Lyne go to camp

The seniors of St. Peter's Ashton decided to plan an event that would benefit the whole company as part of their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. They began with seeking funding from the Regiment and secured a grant which enabled them to cover the cost of accommodation, food and insurance. This meant that every member of the Company could attend the camp, regardless of their financial situation. The seniors then planned the menu, wrote risk assessments and organised the activities.



The camp ran over the weekend of 1-2nd April and was based at The Boarshurst Centre, Greenfield. The JTC and Senior members stayed at the centre overnight Saturday to Sunday, whereas the Martins and Y Team just joined us for activities on the Sunday. Activities included bike riding, geocaching, sports and a talent show. They included a morning worship on the Sunday morning and everyone had a great time!

We hope to make this an annual event on our company calendar going forward.



## 125th Anniversary Medals and Badges

The winners of the 125th Anniversary Badge and Medal Competition have been selected. There were over 100 entries for both the Badge and the Medal. Due to the high quality of entries it was very hard to choose from, however the panel deliberated and finally selected 2 entries.

The winner of the 125th Anniversary Badge design is by Megan Bradley (14) of St. Aidan's Framwellgate Moor Company (pictured bottom left).

The winner of the 125th Anniversary Medal design is by St. Andrew's Droylsden Company of the Tameside Battalion (pictured 2nd right).

We congratulate our two winners, and thank everyone else for their entries.

The badge (£1), and medal (£2), are now available from Brigade Stores.



## General news...

### National Memorial Arboretum

On Saturday the 11th November 2017 we will be holding our Annual Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum. This year's service will take on added significance as it marks, to the exact day, the formation of the CLB and will mark the end of our 125th anniversary year. Also with it being on the 11th, there will be increased activity at the Arboretum with other National Services being held on that day. If you've not been before, join those who travel to the Arboretum for a very moving service in the Millennium Chapel and afterwards in the Brigade's Memorial Garden, to lay wreaths and the sounding of the Last Post.

Note: NHQ are looking for a volunteer to plan, organise and run this service and a band to play at the event. Anyone interested please contact NHQ.

### Regimental Camp 2017

#### IT'S GETTING CLOSER!

There has been another fantastic response to this year's Camp, if you haven't booked yet, and paid your deposit, you're in danger of missing out. Full payment is due by the end of June 2017.

The leaders are all working hard to ensure we have a great programme of activities, a mix of old favourites and new experiences. As usual we can expect the evenings to be fun filled. Crazy maybe? You'll have the time of your lives!

### Prayer List

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers please let me know.

Please include in your prayers **Rachel Battershell** (Chaplain, Tameside Battalion) **Matthew Fitton** (ex member of St Mark's Heyside), **Cath Sheldon** (Regt. Treasurer and Officer, St Peter's AUL).

## Young Leader Training Programme

Our Young Leader Training Programme for 2017/18 is about to start and looks like being the most exciting yet. If you're between the age of 16 and 25 you're eligible to attend, so don't delay, get your Nomination forms in to John Corbishley asap. Our Young Leaders will be able to attain:

- Sports Leadership Coaching Qualification as well as
- A Level 2 Certificate in Leadership and Personal Development and
- Their CL&CGB Certificate of Leadership.

We have recruited two leaders who will be trained to deliver the Sports Leadership Qualification and encourage our trainees to bring these skills back into Companies and formations. The Training will be a mixture of practical, formal learning, in Company experience with some outdoor activity experience and social interaction.

Venues and Dates already booked are:

**Sports Leadership Weekend at Bibby's Farm near Chorley on 24th and 25th June 2017.**

**A general training Weekend at St Mark's Heyside on 15th and 16th July 2017**

**We hope to plan another meeting in the Autumn  
A general training Weekend at Bibby's Farm on 20th and 21st January 2018.**

There will be a final weekend when our Leaders will be presented with their awards as they "pass out" from Training.

In addition, Richie Clarke, the Brigade's D of E Award Co-ordinator also suggests that this could also see our Young Leaders well on the way to gaining their own Duke of Edinburgh's Award as well.