



St Marks Heyside

April 2014

Company News

Church Social event - A St George's Day Celebration

will be held in the Parish Hall this **Saturday 26th April**.

There will be food, traditional entertainment, competitions and a sing-a-long. £5 including supper.

Brigade Social event - Race night.

On **Saturday May 10th at 7pm** in the Church Hall we will be holding a Race night with a difference. Have you ever wanted to ride in the Derby, own your own racehorse or just have a flutter on a horse and jockey combination that takes your fancy? Now's your chance to do all of that in one evening. Join us for an evening of fun. Bring your own Drinks, Tea and coffee will be available. Children under 16 must be accompanied by their parents.

Maximum stake is 50p, its just for fun!

National Band Competition 2014.

Plans are taking shape for the Band to enter, competitively, this year. Robert and Lindsay are taking the lead on entering a band completely made up of under 25 year old members, in the novice section this year. It will mean a lot of hard work, we'll need to raise their confidence levels and provide a lot of support. We know they will do well!

Book the date 17th May 2014 at Hinckley Sports Centre, near Leicester. There will be the usual ensemble competitions with an under 18th group and a new, open age ensemble this year so the "old fogeys" may return. We will not be able to book a coach this year so we need parents with cars for the day. If you are going please will you let us know so we can plan the transport. If you want to go but need a lift, again let us know.

Easter Training camp at Prestatyn, North Wales.

At the start of the Easter holidays we took a large group of Seniors to the Brigade Camp at Prestatyn in North Wales to undertake their Duke of Edinburghs' Award Practice camps.



Five members were doing their Bronze and spent the first day training. Seven members were doing their Silver and left camp on Monday to undertake their 3 day, 2 nights practice.

Mondays weather was horrendous, and the Silver group had to endure wet and cold rain for most of the day, very boggy conditions underfoot and many footpaths blocked by farmers. With the support of Lindsay, Chris Hall and Robert they completed the day but morale was low amongst the group. A camp fire provided by the camp site, a hearty meal and a good night sleep meant they started day 2 in a better frame of mind. The weather was much

improved and with better conditions underfoot they all went on to complete the three days without too many other drama's. Speaking of Llamas. We bumped into two of them on one of the tracks on day 2.



Meanwhile, the Bronze group left camp on

Tuesday, to undertake, what was for most of them, their first walk of this type. Loaded down by a heavy rucksack, reading a map and finding their way. There were disagreements, they did go the wrong way sometimes but generally we were pleased with how they managed. Despite some pain and a lack of sleep, (and probably not enough to eat), they all completed the challenge finishing ahead of the Silver group at the end of the final day.

Thanks to the leaders who attended, Perry Gunn, Chris Hall, Lindsay Maclure and Robert Brumell, and all the parents who helped with transport. It was the first time we've done our expeditions so far from home, it was incredibly hard work but, once they looked back, I think most of them enjoyed it. Inevitably, some coped better than others and some excelled in aspects of the expedition but hopefully, it will have prepared them to work as a team when they undertake their actual expedition.



Well Done Erin!

On 22nd March Erin Grime represented Oldham at the Greater Manchester Primary school cross country championships at Heaton Park.

Bonus Ball Club update.

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

08-Mar-14	5	June Ford
08-Mar-14	5	Ann Sefton
15-Mar-14	8	Susan Corbishley
15-Mar-14	8	Perry Gunn
22-Mar-14	40	R Bramah
29-Mar-14	29	Naomi Clare
05-Apr-14	41	John Corbishley
12-Apr-14	32	Richard Walker
12-Apr-14	32	Helen Corbishley
16-Apr-14	32	Richard Walker
16-Apr-14	32	Helen Corbishley
19-Apr-14	11	Emma Mitchell
19-Apr-14	11	Jean Chadwick

THANK YOU, for your support!

**Congratulations to
Rick Walker and
Helen Corbishley
who won the
Easter Bonus Draw of
£100 each.**

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.

Teddy Bears picnic

*Takes place on the 4th of May,
Star Wars Day!*

All Martins and Yteam are invited (with parents and Grandparents and older brothers and sisters) to join us at Park Bridge Heritage park near Bardsley. Opposite Smokies on Ashton Rd.

Bring your picnic and Teddy, or other cuddly toy, and enjoy a fun afternoon and treasure hunt. I wonder what we'll be hunting this year???

Starts at 1:30pm.

CO's Corner Comment!

Can we all get back into the habit of coming in uniforms on the Wednesday nights before Church Parades.

If you haven't got a uniform see your leader for an order form.

Thank you to Claire Brumell for offering to look after Uniform orders from now on. Please continue to order uniform using the usual form.

Attendance at Parade Sundays could be better. Please remember we are a Christian, Uniformed organisation, it's part of what Brigade is all about.

Dates for your diaries

April

26th Pre-school Spring Fair - Games for Fund raising

May

3rd National Band Concert at Chorley.

3rd - 5th Chester DofE Practice Silver expeditions

4th Teddy Bears Picnic

7th & 9th Uniform Nights

10th Race Night for Regimental Camp.

11th Parade Sunday

13th Regimental Camp meeting

16th Provisional Regimental Yteam Games

17th National Band Competition at Hinckley, Leicester.

23rd Brigade closes for Half Term.

24th Core Skills Diocese Training Course Day 1 at Salford.

31st - 1st Young Leaders 2013 Final weekend

June

3rd Regimental Camp meeting

4th Return to Brigade

4th & 6th Uniform Nights

8th Parade Sunday & Whit Sunday

14th Longridge Carnival and Field day

16th, 23rd or 30th Band Concert with Community Choir.

20th Oldham Battalion Sports at Radclyffe Track

21st Heyside Sports

22nd Provisional Martins Family fun day

27th - 29th Leicester Regiments TGA2 training course.

28th Core Skills Diocese Training Course Day 2 at Salford.

July

1st Regimental Commanders meeting

4rd - 7th Chester DofE Qualifying Silver expeditions

5th Manchester Regimental Sports at Radclyffe Track

6th Band playing at Hollinwood Carnival.