



# August 2014 Company News

## Welcome back to Brigade.

We hope you have all had a good summer- it will be good to see you all again and hear what you've been up to.

### Great news

The CL&CGB has received significant funding from the Government to enable it to establish new Companies, grow existing and help struggling companies to survive. This should allow the Brigade to re-establish itself as a creditable Youth Organisation with a substantial future. To enable this, we are recruiting 4 Regional, part-time Development Workers, a Full-time Project Development Manager to lead the Development Workers and a part-time Training and Development Officer to underpin all the training required and revamp training and badge work materials.

**Exciting times ahead.**

### Regimental Camp.

Aberfoyle welcomed the Brigade back for the 28th time in July. Some on camp had been every year since 1986, for some it was the first time and I think they all enjoyed it equally well. John, Chris Hall and Olivia Walker went from St Marks and all had a great time, ask them.

My highlight was the Abseil into Devils Pulpit gorge and the scramble up and out of the gorge, it was majestic! The weather was kind, not brilliant but we hardly noticed it. Old activities merged with new and the old favourites of water and mud fights are still enjoyed today. Great band on camp, great fellowship and a great atmosphere.

**What we need is more people going to enjoy it!**

**Book the date now for next year, probably 25th July 2015.**

## Band Notes!

As we look to start a new year we are finding that we have requests stacking up and look like remaining busy. That means that we need to have regular attendances on Friday night if we are to keep progressing and add new music to our repertoire.

We will continue to hold learner classes from 6:30pm on Friday with full band practice, section rehearsals from 7pm until 8:30.

We have a growing group of musicians who attend **National band** and their meeting dates are on the back page, if anyone want to go to the **recruitment weekend on 31st October to 2nd November**, speak to one of the leaders about what you'll need to do.

We have an enquiry from **St Anne's** to play at their **Harvest Supper** on Saturday night, 11th October. I need to know your availability asap. We've received some very complimentary comments about our performance at the Rose Queen and they want us back.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October Band Concert with the Oldham Music Centre Pop Choir** starting at 7:30pm in Church. We know this is a school night so the band will play in the first half so that anyone who wants to go after they have played can do so. This is a Church fund raiser.

### **Other dates for the Band:**

26th October            **Regimental Parade** at St Ann's in Manchester.

22nd December        Carol Singing round the parish

New members to the band are always welcome, if you want to learn to play or already play and want to join speak to one of the band leaders.

## **Duke of Edinburgh's Award update.**

Well done to the silver group who successfully completed their Expedition over the summer. They went from Micklehurst to Crowden to Greenfield and finished in Shaw. The bronze groups were beset with problems and they will be re-scheduled. Can I remind everyone that equipment must be returned this week if not already. Thank you to the leaders who took time of work to supervise and assess the expeditions.

Everyone needs to update their records on eDofE with evidence of what you've been doing so that we can get assessors to sign off sections.

You can do your entries on Wednesday anytime from 6pm.

## National Athletics and Hockey.

Invitations have gone out to team members for the Athletics on Saturday 27th September. The venue will be at Sports City in East Manchester, near the Etihad stadium. More details shortly. Everyone can play hockey but let us know if you cannot make the athletics.

## Bonus Ball Club update.

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

14-Jun-14	15	Nikki Noble
14-Jun-14	15	Kathryn Keiran
21-Jun-14	19	Simon Colebrook
28-Jun-14	42	Carole Colebrook
05-Jul-14	9	Mark McDonald
05-Jul-14	9	Kath Hartley
12-Jul-14	34	Graham Lees
19-Jul-14	40	R Bramah
26-Jul-14	11	Emma Mitchell
26-Jul-14	11	Jean Chadwick
02-Aug-14	25	Peter Corbishley
02-Aug-14	25	Brian Hitchen
09-Aug-14	10	Brian Hitchen
16-Aug-14	14	Jean Chadwick
16-Aug-14	14	Denise Fitton
23-Aug-14	45	Perry Gunn
23-Aug-14	45	Jeanette Baker

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

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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.

## CO's Corner Comment!

If any of our Senior members or leaders want to join next years Young Leaders Training Programme, it's open to anyone 16 to 25 and starts on the 4th October. please speak to me.

We hope that all our members have done well in their exams and got the results they need to go on in their studies.

Congratulations to Rebecca Rees on her nomination, by the Head teacher for a "Pride in Oldham" award.

## Parade Sundays

Please remember that attending Parade Sundays is part of your commitment to Brigade. We meet every 2nd Sunday at 9:50am in Church. A reminder is included in the "Dates for your Diaries".

October will be our Harvest Festival and we'll be collecting tinned and dry foods for homeless charities.

November will be our Act of Remembrance in Church.

December will be the Nativity presentation by Sunday school. You can join in with this even if you don't attend Sunday school.

**You should all have a uniform and sweatshirt, if not fill in an order form asap.**

Sue C

# Dates for your diaries

## September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Back to Brigade
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Uniform Nights
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend incl. Trentham Gardens
- 14<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Regimental Commanders meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> National Sports and Hockey

## October

- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Training Programme Weekend 1
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Uniform Nights
- 11<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper at St Ann's Band playing.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Regimental Camp meeting.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Possible Trafalgar Day Parade
- 26<sup>th</sup> Regimental Parade at St Ann's Manchester**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Brigade closes for Half Term.
- 31<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> National Band Recruiting Weekend

## November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Young Leaders Training Programme Day 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Uniform Nights
- 8<sup>th</sup> National Remembrance Service at NMA
- 9<sup>th</sup> Parade & Remembrance Sunday**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation at St Anne's with Bishop Mark.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Regimental Commanders meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> St Marks Christmas Fayre  
Brigade AGM at Leicester
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend

## December

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oldham Battalion Coffee morning at Shaw RBLA
- 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Training Programme Day 3
- 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade closes for Christmas
- 21<sup>st</sup> Youth Sunday and Christmas Nativity
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Singing round the parish.
- 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS Day**