

April 2025 Brigade News

Welcome back after Easter!

We hope you've all had a great Easter break and if you went away we hope you had a great time. If you stayed at home wasn't the weather great.



In March we enjoyed an evening of 10 pin bowling with 80 other Brigade members from across Manchester. It was great evening but too hectic to get to know very many of the others.



Our Silver DofE expedition group were out in the Peak district from the 14th to the 16th April they will report back next time. Thomas Haynes and

Kieran Corbishley completed their Silver qualifying expedition and Archie Robertson did his Bronze training. Thanks to Perry and Ernie who carried our the Assessment and supervision roles.



All our older members should be aware that they can undertake their DofE award with Brigade at

no extra cost above their weekly subs. **We do not charge like schools do.**

Brigade re-opens

On Wednesday 23rd April and Friday 25th April 2025.

We hope you've had a great Easter.

Bonus Ball Club update.

We've recently welcomed new members Chris & Heather Hall and Emma Millington

Winners of our £20 weekly draw. 26-Oct-24 13 Richard Greaa 04-Jan-25 28 Stacey Butler 04-Jan-25 28 Marion Read 11-Jan-25 57 Norman Sefton 18-Jan-25 46 Spare Number 25-Jan-25 50 Spare Number 01-Feb-25 2 Spare Number 08-Feb-25 51 Graham Lees 08-Feb-25 51 Dan Havnes 15-Feb-25 1 Perry Gunn 22-Feb-25 5 June Ford 22-Feb-25 5 Norman Sefton 01-Mar-25 53 Spare Number 08-Mar-25 21 Lisa Havnes 15-Mar-25 28 Stacey Butler 15-Mar-25 28 Marion Read 22-Mar-25 26 Lindsay Greaa 29-Mar-25 19 Simon Colebrook 05-Apr-25 18 Susan Corbishlev 05-Apr-25 18 Johnnie Hartley 31 Reg Prestidge 12-Apr-25

The Easter £100 Draw drawn on 16th April 2024 was won by Number 45. Callum Cachin & Perry Gunn

Our Summer £100 draw will be on Wednesday 16th July 2025. Join now! You have to be in it to win it!

<u>Manchester</u> <u>Regimental Camp.</u>

Preparations are now well advanced for this years camp. While we would all like to stay at Aberfoyle as long as possible, the cost of doing so is quite high. We do not wish to go above our present £350 per person per week so we are, as last year, going from Saturday to Friday. It did work out well last year and we managed to get the same number of activities into 6 days as we used to do in seven.

We will be subsidising Camp for St Mark's members and leaders so it will only cost us £250, all inclusive.

Currently there are two leaders (John & Ernie) and 4 JTC girls booked to go. The good news is that if anyone else (10 years old or older) wishes to go there are still a few places available. Book asap if you want to go.

We are going to the Dounans Activity Centre in Aberfoyle from 26th July to 1st August 2025 for a week of adventure activities and fun, just ask any of the girls who went last year (and are going back again).

We are hoping for weather to match last years again but as most activities involve water, one way or another, it doesn't matter what weather we get.

We require a £30 deposit with the booking forms and full payment by 24th June 2025. There will be some fund raising to cover costs so we ask you to support these if you can.

Who's coming this year?
I wouldn't miss it - John C

Band

Again thanks to the band, we've been playing for our Parade services in Church. We still play with Tim on the organ

Band practices - I would like to encourage all our band members and anyone who is learning to join us on Fridays when we have much more time to teach and play together. We only have a short time on Wednesday. we are always open for new members at any time, and we are starting to see some good progress with our latest recruits. We have plenty of instruments of all shapes and sizes if anyone wants to join us, lessons are free.

Wednesday -

JTC members from 7pm to 7:30pm before JTC
Yteam members from 7:30 to 7:45pm after Yteam

Friday -

any learners from 6pm to 7pm Full Band practice from 7:15pm to 8pm.

Band events.

With our band being so small at the moment, we enjoy joining with other bands from the Manchester Regiment. On Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May 2025 three Brigade bands with be leading various parts of the Manchester and Salford Whit Walks. If you're in Manchester, come and join us for an outdoor service in St Peter's Square at about 10:30am. We parade from the Cathedral at 10am and back again after the service.

We are recruiting!

Can you help us? We are looking for new Martins members. Anyone aged 4 to 7 can join our Martins on Friday evenings - SPREAD THE WORD!

Welcome to our "NEW" Members.

It's always great to welcome NEW members to Brigade:

To the Martins: Oscar Hall

To the JTC:

Robyn Schofield & Freya Millington

Leaders:

we are pleased to welcome Alison McDonnell **We hope you all enjoy your time in Brigade.**

Confirmation.

Three of our JTC Girls, Lucy O'Connor, Ruby Walker-Smith & Freya Millington will be confirmed by Bishop Mark on Sunday 15th June 2025 at St Thomas's Church Moorside.

Dates for your Diaries

April 2025

23rd Back to Brigade

26th Brigade's National AGM at Leeds & on Zoom.

All leaders and Helpers and eligible to attend

28th Band Practice at All Saints Heaton Norris 7:30pm.

<u>May</u>

11th Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.

12th Band Practice at All Saints Heaton Norris 7:30pm.

23rd Brigade closed for Half Term

26th Manchester and Salford Whit Walks - Band

Band members will be playing for the Cathedral alongside All Saints Heaton Norris. Two other Brigade bands will be on

Parade.

<u>June</u>

4th Back to Brigade

8th Whit Sunday Parade Service, Service in Church at 09:20am.

15th Confirmation Service at St Thomas's Church Moorside

<u>July</u>

12th Brigade Council

13th Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.

16th Summer £100 Bonus Ball draw TBC

18th C. House closes for Summer 25th Brigade closes for Summer

26th - 1st August - Regimental Camp at Aberfoyle.

<u>September</u>

3rd Back to Brigade

14th Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.

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