



# January 2024 Brigade News

Can we start by wishing all our Leaders and members and your families:

**A Happy, and Prosperous New Year.**

**You should be aware that we are not re-starting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 as we advertised before Christmas.** We will start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the Martins and Band Learners and Band Practice.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and, if you came to Church, that you enjoyed the services we had on offer.

Thanks to those who joined us for Carol singing, we didn't get too wet (until the heavy shower 15 minutes before we finished and we raised a fantastic £350 on the night.

If you came to the Race Night before Christmas, what did you think of it and would you want to attend other social events if we organise them?

**We have room to take new members in all sections. Anyone from Reception class upwards can join us.**  
**Tell your friends about Brigade.**



## **Bonus Ball Club update.**

Winners of our £20 weekly draw.

28-Oct-23	6	Robbie O'Brien
28-Oct-23	6	Michael Sefton
04-Nov-23	43	Richard Walker
11-Nov-23	32	Richard Walker
11-Nov-23	32	Susan Corbishley
18-Nov-23	56	No Winner
25-Nov-23	49	Dorothy Gibbons
02-Dec-23	40	R Bramah
09-Dec-23	30	Corrie Tweedy- Conway
16-Dec-23	8	Susan Corbishley
16-Dec-23	8	Perry Gunn
23-Dec-23	44	Emma Mitchell
30-Dec-23	38	Sandra Prestidge

We have quite a few spare numbers if anyone wants to join.

**The Christmas £100 winner  
was Tammy Robertson  
with NUMBER 16  
drawn on Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

**Members please note:  
On our Auditors advice we will  
be asking you to sign for Win-  
ning payments made in cash.**



We hope you enjoyed the  
Race Night,  
Thanks for your support, we  
raised £80 for Brigade.

## **Manchester Regimental Camp.**

From 27<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024  
at Aberfoyle in Scotland. It's for  
any member in year 6 and over.

**Start saving NOW!**

The full cost will be approximate-  
ly £350.00, but St Mark's mem-  
bers and leaders will be  
subsidised.

**Camp will cost us  
£250.00.**

## **Leaders Skills Training Day**

All Officers, helpers and seniors are welcome to join our train-  
ing day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 here at St Marks. You  
can gain a First aid certificate, (we need a First aider at  
Brigade every time we meet), learn to instruct drill, gain a TGA  
(Taking Groups Away) qualification or join one of the other  
sessions listed on the notices.

**See Sue for an application form.**

## Band

Thank you to all our Band Members, we had a busy time in November and December, I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

We joined forces with **All Saints Heaton Norris** for a number of those events which allows our small band to experience much larger events that we couldn't manage on our own.

We were also joined by Christchurch Ashton and Christchurch Denton when we played at the **National Memorial Arboretum for the CL&CGB's Service of Remembrance**. It was great day out, hardly dampened by the weather!

Later that week, our band and All Saints played in front a packed **Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham** for the **Royal British Legions Festival of Remembrance**.

On the Sunday we played for our own **Act of Remembrance at Church** at the memorial. We led the singing, and Peter played the Last Post and Reveille.

In the lead up to Christmas our band with All Saints played for our Carol Service. Many leaders from around the Brigade's Manchester Regiment joined us for what was a memorable Service enjoyed by many from our Congregation.

Finally, just before Christmas our own band came together with Lucy and Casey back from University and a guest on Cornet (Tom) and many friends to go Carol Singing round parts of the Parish. It was great team effort from band, collectors and singers when we raised an unbelievable (considering the weather and some of the excuses from some parishioners) total of £346.00 on the night and £50 on our Just Giving page, later. We have sent a total of £400.00 to Martin House. A hospice for children in Wetherby.

### **Band dates for your diaries**

We return to our Friday evening practices from the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with learners starting at 6pm and the Full Band at 7pm. We want to start to bring some of the learners into the Full band in the coming weeks to further develop their playing and help sustain the band.

We will be playing for some of the hymns at our Parade services and on Parade on those days. See you on Friday.

John C

## Dates for your Diaries

### January 2024

- 5<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade  
**14<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.**

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Council Meeting on Zoom  
**11<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.**  
14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend at Raywell Park  
16<sup>th</sup> Brigade closes for Half term  
21<sup>st</sup> Brigade Leaders meeting in Lower Hall at 7pm.  
24<sup>th</sup> **Skills Training Day** – Leaders and Helpers at St Mark's  
Young Leaders Training Programme Intro session.  
28<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade

### March

- 10<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.**  
11<sup>th</sup> YLTP Zoom meeting 1  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> National Band Weekend at Raywell Park  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brigade closes for Easter  
25<sup>th</sup> Holy Week  
**27<sup>th</sup> Bonus Ball Easter £100 draw**  
28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
**31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday**

### April

- 10<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade  
**14<sup>th</sup> Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:20am.**  
20<sup>th</sup> YLTP Zoom 2  
27<sup>th</sup> CLCGB AGM – Venue TBC

### July

- 27<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Manchester Regimental Camp at Aberfoyle**

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