



June 2023 Brigade News

Our Newsletter for June 2023

As you will be aware we are a Uniformed Youth Organisation but since Covid we haven't pushed the uniform side as opportunities to wear full uniform were limited. We want to start returning to full parade Sundays once a month so we are asking all members to dig out their uniforms and see what still fits you. We have a large stock of uniforms and expect to be able to dress everyone for a very reasonable cost.

We always reissue uniform before purchasing new from our Headquarters (NHQ). There is a uniform order form with this newsletter. Our Martins will be issued with a sweatshirt to go with their Polo shirt when we return in September for the winter months!

Coronation Badges.

Everyone should have received a new badge to mark the Coronation of King Charles III to wear on our uniform or arm band. Many of our new badges are iron on BUT we would ask that you don't iron them onto your uniform as they will not come off when you grow out of it and change your uniform. We are providing arm bands for you to put your badges on, they fit over your uniform on your arm so you can wear them. As you leave a section you will have all your badges together on your armband to keep for ever and you can then start a new one in your new section.



Bonus Ball Club update.

Winners of our £20 weekly draw.

01-Apr-23	49	Dorothy Gibbons
08-Apr-23	17	No Winner
15-Apr-23	29	Sarah Fitton
22-Apr-23	46	No Winner
29-Apr-23	59	No Winner
06-May-23	7	No Winner
13-May-23	28	Marion Read
20-May-23	20	R Bramah
27-May-23	54	No Winner
03-Jun-23	17	No Winner

The Easter £100 draw rolled over when spare number 46 was drawn on Wednesday 5th April 2023. On Wednesday 12th April it was won by

**June Ford and
Norman Sefton
with No. 5**

We have welcomed new members: Corrie Tweedy-Conway, Alison McDonnell, Callum and Georgia Fox, and Sam Jebb. We still have quite a few spare numbers if anyone wants to join. Thank you all for your support - good luck!

The Summer 2023 bonus draw for £100 will be drawn on Wednesday 19th July 2023.

Memorial to Queen Elizabeth.

Many of you will recall that at the entrance to Church, beside the steps there used to be a Cherry blossom tree which unfortunately blew down some time back. Brigade was going to plant a new tree to celebrate the reign of our Patron, Queen Elizabeth II. Procedural difficulties meant that we didn't achieve this before she died. In the interim, the Rose Garden in the Garden of Remembrance has been refurbished by Matthew and Gillian Robinson so brigade has donated some new rose bushes for the garden. One is specifically named to commemorate the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II and one to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles II who we hope will become our Patron like his mother was for her entire reign.



New Members to Brigade

We would like to welcome our new members to Brigade:

In the Martins we have welcomed Alice Fox and Frankie Gray-Forshaw.

In the Yteam we have welcomed Annabelle Jebb.

We hope you all enjoy your time in Brigade.

Band Notes

After Easter we restarted our learner classes on Friday nights and have seen many of our young members start to make much faster progress. We have a number who can't make Fridays so we continue to hold lessons on Wednesday before section nights begin. Everyone is doing really well:

On Glock we have Ruby, on Cornet we have Lucy and Maisie, Ethan and Finley, and Marina, and on Baritone Horn, Annabelle. Keep it up, you're doing really well.

I also need to pay tribute to the band members who played so well on Whit Sunday in Bullcote Park. Thanks to Orla, Archie, Lucy, Ian and Daniel, not forgetting Kieran who has been ever present but wasn't needed on Sunday.

We still have instruments if you want to join us, we could use some more drummers and we've got some amazing drums!

Manchester Regimental Camp

There are still a few places available on Regimental camp. I am certain everyone who goes will have a wonderful time. There's still time to join John and Maisie at Aberfoyle in July. Its only £250 for 6 days all inclusive.

D of E Update

Thanks to Georgia, Thomas and Kieran for looking after the Food collections for the Oldham Foodbank and to everyone who contributed. Lisa Haynes delivered the food with the lads and Rosalind who accepted the donations was amazed at the amount of food and was very grateful.

Expedition update - Our group who undertook their expedition in March discovered that it would class as their Qualifying expedition. As such they are all very close to completing their Bronze awards.

D of E Gold Awards.

I was delighted to be invited to Buckingham Palace in May to join our leader, Heather Dennis, when she went to celebrate receiving her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It was a beautiful day when Heather and her mum, Lisa, met Prince Edward on his walk-about. There were three others receiving their awards from Ulster Regiment of the CL&CGB and our past member, Harry McLean along with others from Crompton House (who I bumped into on Euston Underground station.) Sarah Fitton, who completed her Gold Award with Heather in 2019 paid her visit to the Palace to receive her award on 2020. Both will be recognised at our July Parade. John c.

Dates for your Diaries

June

- 7th & 9th **Brigade re-opens after Half-term.**
- 11th **Company Parade Service in Church**

July

- 8th Brigade Council Meeting on Zoom.
- 9th **Company Parade Service in Church**
- 19th **Summer Bonus Ball £100 draw**
- 21st – 23rd Silver D of E Practice Expedition.
- 21st Brigade closes for Summer
- 25th – 31st Manchester Regimental Camp – Outdoor Activity Week.

August

Watch out for our Summer events, we're planning a treasure hunt and probably another orienteering evening.

September

- 6th & 8th Brigade re-opens after Summer
- 10th **Company Parade Service in Church.**
- 22nd – 24th National Band Recruitment Weekend at Raywell Park

October

- 1st Bring your Pets to Church Service 3pm
- 8th **Harvest Sunday - Company Parade Service in Church.**
- 12th Brigade closes for Half Term
- 27th National Band Weekend at Raywell Park.

November

- 4th National Service of Remembrance
- 10th Festival of Remembrance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall
- 12th **Remembrance Sunday - Company Parade Service.**
- 25th Brigade Council (on Zoom)

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