



# January 2020 Brigade News

## Happy New Year to all our Members

We hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas and Father Christmas brought you everything you wanted. We'd like to thank all of you who brought presents for the leaders, we appreciated them greatly!

We return to Brigade on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (yes, it's a new decade!) at our usual times, remember if you owe subs for weeks missed up to Christmas, you'll need to catch up.

As well as letting you know of up and coming events, this Newsletter is also catching up on the events from the Autumn term so please have a read and let us know what you think.

### Uniforms and Church Parades.

We would like to remind everyone that we are a UNIFORMED youth organisation and need to encourage everyone to make sure you have a full uniform that fits and encourage you to wear it at least for Church Parades, once a month. We have a stock of uniform to re-issue but headquarters now have a supplier of new uniforms so we should be able to kit everyone out.

We would also like all members to sit together in Church and be recognised as a member of the organisation. It sometimes looks as if we only have a handful of members in Brigade because everyone is spread out around Church. It's OK to bring your mums and dads to sit with us too..

## Social Action.

### **Seniors Charity Toy collection.**

Our senior members and leaders under the leadership of Sarah Fitton, have been collecting Toys for the children who find themselves in hospital over Christmas. The amount collected was fantastic and we thanks Sarah for taking them into the Royal Oldham Hospital in time for Christmas.

### **Christingle Service.**

In the lead up to Christmas, our Seniors (all 3 of them) helped to put together then lead the Christingle Service in Church. They did a really great job on the night but also raised almost £200 for the Children's Society.

### **Carol Singing Round the parish.**

Our annual expedition round part of St Mark's parish was carried out in good, dry, not too cold weather. We had a great band, plenty of singers and some very enthusiastic collectors. It was one of our biggest turnouts and everyone enjoyed the chance to chat as we went between lamp posts (so the band could read their music) and catch up with old friends. Thanks to the many visitors who joined us, even one family from Waterhead who saw the event on the Internet and came to join us. We finished off with Sue's Soup as we counted the £244.00 that we'd collected. With subsequent donations we are sending £ to Martin House, the Hospice for terminally ill children that we support in Wetherby.

### **Church Christmas Fair.**

Thanks to Casey and Lucy for helping to set up our stalls at the Christmas Fair as part of their D of E Volunteering and to Kieran for helping to run the Chocolate Tombola.

.....and finally, thanks to Casey and Georgia for running the sweet stall for us at the Heyside Neighbourhood Councils Christmas festival in December.



## Yteam go to camp.

On a balmy Saturday evening in September camp was set up on the vicarage lawn for our Yteam Camp. It was a first for us at St Mark's, we hadn't taken the Yteam (7 to 10 year olds) camping before. We started with games on the fields and then we ate in



the lower hall, set the tables for supper and had a film, "Secret life of Pets 2", complete with pop corn. After supper, and setting the table for breakfast we got ready to spend the

night under the stars. Camp fell silent, eventually, about 11:00 with Heather doing her best to keep them quiet. We awoke to light rain which had managed to get into one of the tents but everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves.



After breakfast we all went to Church.

Mrs C went camping again, twice in one year!

## Bonus Ball Club update.

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

06-Jul-19	9	Kath Hartley
13-Jul-19	12	Chris Hall
20-Jul-19	32	Richard Walker
20-Jul-19	32	Susan Corbishley
27-Jul-19	3	Peter Corbishley
27-Jul-19	3	Linda Payton
03-Aug-19	31	<b>No Winner</b>
10-Aug-19	49	Dorothy Gibbons
17-Aug-19	45	Perry Gunn
24-Aug-19	38	Sandra Prestidge
31-Aug-19	15	James Read
07-Sep-19	8	Susan Corbishley
07-Sep-19	8	Perry Gunn
14-Sep-19	28	Marion Read
21-Sep-19	54	<b>No Winner</b>
28-Sep-19	26	Lindsay Maclure
05-Oct-19	58	<b>No Winner</b>
12-Oct-19	58	<b>No Winner</b>
19-Oct-19	13	Peter Corbishley
19-Oct-19	13	Darrell Blakeley
26-Oct-19	32	Richard Walker
26-Oct-19	32	Susan Corbishley
02-Nov-19	40	R Bramah
09-Nov-19	31	<b>No Winner</b>
16-Nov-19	17	Paul Roberts
23-Nov-19	31	<b>No winner</b>
30-Nov-19	51	Lisa Haynes
07-Dec-19	39	Dave Brookes
14-Dec-19	56	<b>No winner</b>
21-Dec-19	26	Lindsay Maclure
28-Dec-19	9	Kathy Hartley

**JOIN NOW**  
**it could be you.**

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

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## .Leader Training.

The next Leaders training day will be

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
here at St Marks, Heyside.

**Manchester Regiments  
Skills Training Day.**

*Put it in your diary now.*

## Manchester Regimental Camp

Our Annual Camp to Scotland will be announced shortly:

**Start saving up now!**

Open to all members and leaders JTC and above.

More info shortly.

The winner of our  
£100 Summer bonus draw on  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 was  
**No:- 23.**

We had double winners with  
Brenda Knight and  
Daniel Corbishley

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The winner of our  
£100 Christmas bonus draw on  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 was  
**No:- 45.**

We had one winner with  
Perry Gunn

## The National Music and Drill Competition

This year the Competition was on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the same venue as last year: The Hermitage Leisure Centre, at Whitwick, near Leicester.

We took a coach loaded with members and parents. We entered the Drill Competition with our JTC Drill squad, Who did really well for their first time performing in public.

As well as entering the Main Marching Band Competition as we always do, we also entered a static band which included all our learners on Glock and Cymbals.



We also entered separate Glock and Brass ensembles. Which all told, made for a very hectic day but well worth the effort and the experience that everyone gained.

### **Results.:**

JTC Drill squad - Winners  
U18 Glock ensemble - Bronze 1<sup>st</sup>  
O19 Brass ensemble - Silver 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Static Band - Silver 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Marching Band**

Inspection - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Brass Bronze 2<sup>nd</sup> / Glocks Bronze 1<sup>st</sup>  
Drums Silver 1<sup>st</sup> / GME Silver 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Drill Silver 2<sup>nd</sup> / Display Silver 1<sup>st</sup>  
Overall Silver 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Other Band Notes!

### **Festival of Remembrance**

Once again, we were invited to take part in the Festival of Remembrance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham, organised by the local Royal British Legion. It is a pleasure to attend and take part as well as being a very good opportunity to get the CL&CGB noticed in Oldham. The band performed later than usual and to a much larger audience. Our performance included the full display from the National band Competition plus an extended set of music and marching appropriate to the evening. It was very well received and I had a number of discussions later with impressed members of the audience.



Two days later we were performing in our own **Act of Remembrance** at Church. Our Remembrance Sunday service included the band playing hymns in Church and then leading the singing around the Memorial outside Church as the Brigade led the service outside. We concluded with a parade round part of the parish.

## Confirmation 2019

In November, 5 of our members were Confirmed by Bishop Mark Davies, at St Anne's. Congratulations to Oliver Robinson, Cole Davies, Thomas Haynes, Matilda McDonald and Mia O'Connor. Also Confirmed from St Mark's were George McLean, Eliza Millington, Alfie Pratt and Latoya.



## National Band.

The National Band of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade is still recruiting musicians. They meet at Raywell Park about 6 times a year.

They hold a recruitment weekend in September / October if you want to join them start working now, it's a great experience and a fantastic opportunity.

They are going on Tour this summer as well.

If you are interested in joining National Band, or the Bugle School and would like further information, Please contact Lindsay Maclure

Tel: 07871 572635, Email: linzmac@hotmail.co.uk

## St Marks Learner Band Notes!

Welcome to our new members in the learner band it's great to have so many wanting to learn to play and join the band. We still have spare instruments if anyone else want to join us. See John or Lindsay.

We would also like to invite all our learners to join us on Fridays for lessons, we have much more time to teach you. We can still see you on Wednesday.

## Band Timetable for Fridays

6pm		Learner Lessons
7pm	Main band Practice	+ Learner drill lessons.
7:45pm	Main Band in the Upper hall + Learners dismiss	
8:30pm	Band dismisses	

Learners are welcome to stay until 8:30pm but can go home at 7:45pm.

## Thank you.

We have a very small band at the moment and I am extremely grateful for the members who turn up week in week out and help keep it going. We hope that introducing our learners to Friday nights will help revitalise the band but we ask everyone concerned to play their part. Over Christmas they have been fantastic playing for the Church Carol Service (where we played some carols with Tim on the organ, that was great for us, how was it for you?). And the epic 2 hours playing round the parish, it's a long hard blow so well done.

Thanks to the guests Robbie and Woody!

# Dates for your diaries

## January 2020

- 8<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Parade Sunday**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Regimental Officers Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Church Social - Burns Night meets Lancashire Neet.

## February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Council
- 8<sup>th</sup> Regimental Yteam Games
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Parade Sunday**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade Closes for Half Term
- 15<sup>th</sup> Church Social - Race Night
- 26<sup>th</sup> Back to Brigade
- 29<sup>th</sup> Regimental Skills Training Day at St Mark's Heyside

## March

- 8<sup>th</sup> **Parade Sunday**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Regimental Officers Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> Church Social - Sing-a-long-a GREASE
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Martins Games

## April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade closes for Easter
- 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- 9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday
- 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunday**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Back to Brigade
- 25<sup>th</sup> Brigade Council