



Roundup

NEWSLETTER OF THE MANCHESTER REGIMENT OF THE CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

Regimental Parade

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at St Ann's Church

MUST admit to looking back to our Parade at St Ann's Church in Manchester on 13th October 2019 with very mixed feelings. Everything was organised perfectly, all the arrangements had been made by Stephen Whitelegg, guests invited, Rev. Craig Smith and Rev. Jack Hemsforth had sorted out the service and Trevor Dunkerley had printed it. We had three bands on parade and they played wonderfully, attracting a fantastic crowd to watch and listen. We are so blessed in Manchester to still have THREE bands. So many Companies and formations don't have one. All the guests turned up, and were so complimentary of our turnout, behaviour and the service – BUT, we only had 127 on parade. That makes it almost impossible to march with one band, they are so close together. We need to inspire our members to join us on the ONE occasion in the year where we come together as the Brigade Family in Manchester and show the City what we are about.



We are proposing moving the Parade to an early summer date and have approached St Ann's to see what dates they could offer us. Would you get more on parade if the weather was better? We would like your ideas about the time of year, the venue, ways to bring in more members who are not in the bands. The answer is not to leave one band out each year it is to fill the gaps between the bands with ALL our members and really give the Sunday afternoon shoppers something spectacular to watch.

Colonel's Comment

My apologies to the Regiment, this is the first Roundup since October 2018, I started writing this update as far back as May 2019 but never reached the point of issuing a finished Roundup. It's partly due to the many other commitments I have both within Brigade and in the wider Church community but primarily I have struggled to provide the leadership and guidance that the Organisation has needed over the last 12 months.

I have indicated my desire to step down and hand the leadership of the Regiment to a younger person but, as yet, no-one has come forward or been suggested. Please give it some prayerful thought and let's move forward.

As a consequence this issue will be a mix of old news, updates and new items.

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Duke of Edinburgh News...

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Expeditions

Over the Autumn half term break (back in November 2018) three of our leaders from the Regiment, Sarah Fitton and Heather Dennis from St Mark's Heyside, and Bradley Lee from St James Gorton, joined forces with Jess Doig and Nathan Storm from the Wirral to undertake their Gold Award Qualifying Expedition. They spent 4 days in the Yorkshire Dales at the start of November, which I was a bit apprehensive about! The weather was actually better than that for their practice in August but waking on day 3 to -5 degrees was no fun. Zips frozen, gas frozen and fatigue setting in. They did however emerge from their problems to complete the four day expedition and completed the debrief in front of their Assessor Martin Lambourne, Expedition supervisors and parents in the comfort and warmth of the Cross Keys at East Marton.

Well done to everyone.

D of E Awards

Congratulations to Lucy Haynes, Thomas Robertson and

Casey Greenhalgh who were awarded their Bronze awards at a recent Parade service at St Mark's Heyside. Well done to you all.

Do you want to do your award? If you are between 13 and 25 you can undertake the award with the Brigade whether your Company is in a position to run it or not. Other leaders will support you and lead you through the various elements. It will cost a fraction of what schools ask you to pay, you will do it at your own pace plan your own events and the sense of achievement will be fantastic. We can support you right up to your 25th birthday to complete any level, Bronze, Silver or Gold. Get in touch if you're interested.

John C

D of E Practice Expedition

From Sunday 5th April to Tuesday 7th April St Mark's Heyside have a Silver group going out for a Practice expedition. If there is anyone who needs a Silver or Gold Practice then you are welcome to join the group. Please decide soon as we will need to make the necessary sessions available so you can come together to plan routes and book camp sites.

Manchester Regimental Camp 2019

Colonels Comment! I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Officers and Leaders who were at last year's Regimental Camp at The Dounans Centre in Aberfoyle, Scotland. As many of you will know, I was unable to attend, having had an operation on my eye just weeks before camp. The risk to my sight and infections led to my surgeon advising me not to attend. I was extremely pleased to see the many posts on the Regimental Camp Facebook page, showing the range of activities on offer, and the joy and enjoyment that are evident on everyone's faces. I brought it home to me how much I was missing camp, the fellowship, the friendships that are created and the feeling of achievement in doing something exciting for the first time. Thank you to Neville Tinsley and his team for delivering another fantastic camp. We are all grateful.

People ask why we keep going back to the same place. It's not 5* accommodation but its great and what we want. The area is majestic and the people are so welcoming. On a recent visit to Aberfoyle, (they were just passing!) Pete and Janet Davies bumped into some locals they knew. "This was about 3 months after camp, we called in at the Aberfoyle shops (It's not Aberfoyle if you don't go to the Wool Centre). At one of the shops (The hut that used to be the "Christmas Shop"), the lady recognised us. She told us that she remembers the children from camp that came into her shop from the brigade. She said they were polite, pleasant and courteous. She said they were a real pleasure to deal with. It would be easy for us to think that she was just saying things she would think we wanted to hear, until she said, "Caitlyn, Tara and Kalesha – they even wrote nice messages in the guest book". We visited Calendar and saw the bass drummer from the Pipe band selling poppies for the British Legion – he sends his best to everyone and is looking forward to playing with us next July / August. We leave a lasting memory in the village – and it's a good one." Thanks Janet

Planning for Camp 2020 is now in progress, as Colonel Don Nuttall once said, "When one camp finishes, we start working towards next year and prepare for this year. As everyone who has been to camp will know, fantastic value for money the chance of the experience of a lifetime. Very few members or staff just go once, and for those who've been going for most of the 33 years that we've been going to Aberfoyle, that has got to be testament to its success. When you compare it to other camps, school trips and those of other providers like PGL, you get transport to Scotland, a week's activities (all inclusive), all your meals and accommodation in chalets with showers and toilets. Pro rata, it compares very favourably, however you want to compare it. I would suggest you start saving with your Company now for this years camp to spread the cost. Join us and see for yourself.



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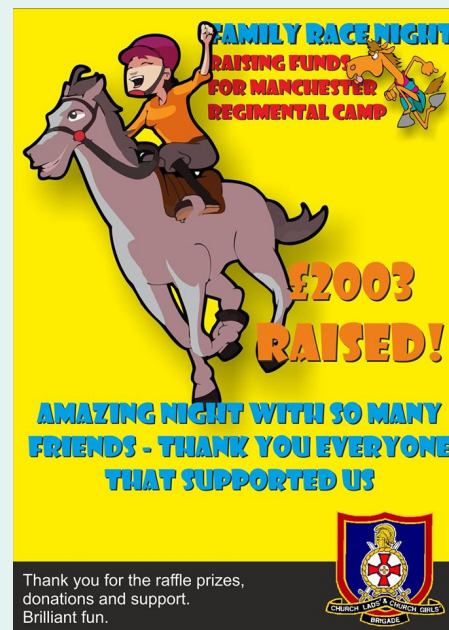
Manchester Regimental Camp Funding Appeal 2020

Stephen Whitelegg has been the driving force in trying to establish this Appeal to raise funds to secure the long term survival of the Camp with the aim of "Passing the joy on to future generations". We are appealing to anyone who has attended camp over the years or is just a supporter of the Brigade in general for your support. Those of you who have attended this or any other Brigade Camp, will know the benefits for our members who attend, the friendships created, the confidence they gain from being away alone, creating a lifetime of brilliant memories, I could wax lyrical all day!

If Camp meant anything to you, then could you help keep it going? If you wish, you could make a one off donation to the Camp fund or better still a regular monthly or annual donation. You can contact any of the Camp leaders for information or contact Stephen at stephenwhitelegg@yahoo.co.uk

Regimental Camp Race Night

Well done to all those involved in the organising, promoting and running the event held at Droydsden Working Mens club back in November. I understand it was a fantastic night, great fun and raised a fantastic £2,003 for the Camp fund.



Manchester Regimental Camp 2020

Finally, this year's Camp will be at...The Dounans Centre, Aberfoyle from Saturday 25th July to Saturday 1st August. The cost for members will be £330.00 ALL INCLUSIVE. Booking forms are available from Company Officers and those on Camp staff.

National, Regimental and Battalion Staff changes

Earlier this year we saw some significant changes in staffing around the Brigade, here's a summary:-

- At National level the Brigade has a new Clergy representative in Father Chris Buckley from Belle Isle Company in Leeds. Father Chris has already been a driving force in some of the changes happening at National level and has recruited Bishop Peter Eagles as our Bishop Visitor. Bishop Peter is to act as our interface with the Church of England, raising our profile and resolving issues.
- Alan Carter from Monmouth (Tintern Company) is the latest addition to the ranks of our Deputy Governors.
- I am pleased to announce that we have a new Regimental Adjutant Major Stephen Whitelegg. Stephen has taken over from Peter Corbishley and his first duties were at last October's Regimental Parade (2018). He was responsible for the Regimental Parade in 2019 which was a great success. Thank you to Peter Corbishley for his years of service to the Regiment.
- We have a new Commanding Officer for Tameside Battalion – Andy Mellor is taking over from Victoria Taylor who is now busier than ever with her young family. I am pleased to say that Vicky Taylor is to continue with a Battalion role as Battalion Adjutant for Tameside.
- We have for some time now been running on empty from the sports and social side of Regimental life. In line with changes at National level we are re-titling the role as Events Officers for the Battalions. We hope to have everyone assigned shortly but to start off we have:
 - o In Tameside – Bradley Nightingale-Monk and Jacob Parkes
 - o In Central – Bradley Lee and Omar Tizini and
 - o In Oldham – Heather Dennis (who's now on maternity leave!!!)Please give them your support, encouragement and ideas as to events both, sporting and social that you'd like to see happening.

Regimental Skills Training Day 2020

Saturday 29th February 2020 at St Mark's Heyside

All Officers, Helpers and seniors are welcome to join us and undertake one or more of the training modules on offer. You need to book in advance to be sure of a place, forms are with CO's.

- **First Aid**
– Full Day Course – £30.00
- **Taking Groups Away 1 & 2 Theory**
– Full Day Course – £10.00
- **Train the Trainers**
– Full Day Course – £10.00
- **Safeguarding (am/pm)**
– Half Day Course – £ 5.00
- **BMS or Gift Aid**
– Half Day Course – £ 5.00
- **Food Hygiene**
– Half Day Course – £15.00



Remember:

Your Company must have a Leader with a First Aid certificate at EVERY meeting and event.

If you go away or go camping there must be a leader with TGA1 or TGA2.

If you prepare food you must have a leader with Food Hygiene.

**Check your Company records NOW!
Book your places today!**

General news...

RIP – Martin Sullivan

It is with great sadness that St Peters Ashton report to the regiment the passing of one of our beloved members. Martin Sullivan unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, 24th November 2019, aged 15 years, following a severe asthma attack. Martin had been a member of the St Peter's family since his older sister Rebecca joined the company when he was two. He had great joy following our parade around Ashton and was a part of the company thereafter. He had a passion for music, showed amazing potential academically and had a sibling bond with Rebecca that was unbreakable. Martin made lots of great friends within brigade and leaves very fond memories with all who knew him. He will be sadly missed by all at St Peters; officers, helpers, parents and members.



All Saints, Heaton Norris

Let's celebrate a new Company in Manchester Regiment. We welcomed Commanding Officer Josh Gaskell and his leaders and members who started their Company in September 2019. Josh is Church warden at All Saints and along with others ran a Church band and music school. They decided to expand their activities and become a Brigade Company. I had the pleasure of visiting them recently after they opened and was very pleased to see so many youngsters enjoying the activities provided and the St Martins day supper. Follow their progress on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsclcgbl/>. On the 13th October 2019 Philip Waddington reported, "yesterday was our first Brigade service in church, where the children were presented with badges and certificates of membership. It was a great service with nearly 100 people in church and the junior and senior band played. It was a great experience!"



Congratulations all round!

Well done Rory! Rory Hand from St Peter's Ashton is a regular at Regimental Camp and has been commended for his "do anything" attitude. He wrote, "I'm in my schools newflash a few weeks ago (about his attendance at Regimental Parade). Then today, guess what happened? I've been asked to play the Last Post with my bugle on Remembrance Day at my school (Droylsden Academy). I'm very honoured, a little nervous and excited at the same time." I've no doubt you gave it your all Rory and did us all proud!

News from National Headquarters (NHQ)

Last year's AGM was held at St Crispin's in Braunstone, Leicester. There were representatives from most corners of the Brigade and discussion was pretty good on many of the issues facing us in Brigade. Thanks go to Paul Matthews and his team for a great venue, lovely lunch and a friendly welcome. The AGM this year is on Saturday 25th April 2020, at St Mary's Beverley, it is open to all Officers and helpers and is a great place to hear what's happening in the Brigade and meet old friends. It would be great to see you there.

Most of you will be aware that Zoe is on Maternity leave at the moment. Congratulations to her and Alan on the birth of their son, Seth. I understand he is now making steady progress after an infection soon after his birth. Please hold them all in your prayers. The remaining NHQ staff, Perry and Helen are there to help you and answer any questions you may have. Please make their jobs easier by, in the first instance, referring questions and problems to Battalion and Regimental staff. I am always available to help.

We are looking for venues for Brigade Council meetings for 2021, if your Company could act as hosts then please let me know. Dates will be out soon.

Book the dates now

Alan Carter has written to all Companies the following: "As I am sure that you are aware 2021 will be a significant year for our organization. 130 years is no mean achievement for any organization especially one with the word church, not once but twice, in its title! In order to celebrate this great achievement the Brigade Council has agreed that we will hold a weekend activity camp culminating in a Royal Review at the National Memorial Arboretum. This will take place over the Whitsun bank holiday (UK) weekend in 2021, Friday the 28th until Monday the 31st of May 2021.

This is a great opportunity for the Brigade to come together for a weekend of fun and fellowship, to allow our young members to meet their counterparts from different regions and backgrounds and to build lifelong friendships.

I would therefore, like to take this opportunity to invite all of our members, wherever they may be based to start planning now for what will be a memorable weekend. Further details will be issued via NHQ over the coming months.

Yours Sincerely
Alan Carter (Deputy Governor)"

A treble celebration from St Mark's Heyside

Sarah Fitton became only the second member of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade at St Mark's to gain her Bronze, Silver AND GOLD Duke of Edinburgh's Awards through Brigade. Sarah completed her Gold award just one week before the deadline of her 25th Birthday and received her award at Buckingham Palace in May 2019. (Pic SF Gold DofE)

Heather Dennis is also now awaiting her call to Buckingham Palace as she completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award last year. Well done Heather.

We also celebrated with Olivia Walker who became the first person from St Mark's in our 50 year history to achieve her Archbishops Award, the highest and most difficult of all the Brigades badges. She received her award from our present Commanding Officer Captain Susan Corbishley with two previous CO's in attendance.

Prayer List

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers please let me know.

Diary Dates

February 2020

29 Regimental Skills Training Day at St Mark's Heyside

March 2020

10 Regimental Commanders Meeting

22 Regimental Martins Games

April 2020

3-5 National Band Weekend at Raywell Park

5 Palm Sunday

5-7 Silver D of E Expedition – Contact John Corbishley

12 Easter Sunday

25 Brigade Council AGM – at St Mary's Beverley

May 2020

5 Regimental Commanders Meeting

7-10 National Band Weekend at Heyside

9 National Band Concert at St Mark's Heyside

16-17 Bag Packing for Regimental Camp

June 2020

19-21 CLCGB Band Weekend at Sandhurst

27 Brigade Council

30 Regimental Commanders Meeting

July 2020

25-1 Aug Manchester Regimental Camp at Aberfoyle

August 2020

15-16 Bag Packing for Regimental Camp

Roundup submissions by last Friday in the month by email to johncorbishley@btinternet.com

Please submit photos attached separately on emails – not in Word Documents

This publication is for EVERY member, leader and supporter of the Brigade – so please pass it on

