

# Roundup



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

## Regimental Parade at St Ann's Church

**N**OT only did we have a new venue for this years Regimental Parade but we had a completely new set of problems to overcome. From the comments I have received everyone is in agreement that St Ann's suits our size and requirements much better than the Cathedral. We fitted in with room to spare (upstairs) and everyone could see and hear. I hope everyone enjoyed the service and the reaction to Reverend Jack Hemsworth's address leads me to believe that everyone did enjoy the service, hymns, parade and the day as a whole. The rain which left us all wet through did nothing to dampen the atmosphere and we'd dried out just in time to get wet again on the return journey.

The Church amazed quite a few people, it is lovely and has a fantastic set of windows, all adding to the grand feel of the place and enhancing the worship we shared in. The Rector, Reverend Nigel Ashworth was genuinely delighted to welcome us and was involved with the service. The Wardens and staff in St Ann's were extremely helpful and helped us get over the unfamiliar surroundings.

Problems did I mention we had problems. Well, Sunday morning started quietly enough but I soon found out that Michelle Foster, our Regimental Adjutant was too ill to attend. When I emerged from our own Sunday morning service I had two messages, one to say that the trams (which would bring Oldham Battalion and Newhey Company to Manchester) would terminate two miles outside the City. The police informed me that Deansgate was cordoned off following an overnight incident., we'd need to change our route, that was easy! When we arrived in the city we found thousands of Scouts at a jamboree in Fennel St where we were supposed to muster and start our parade. We'd have to move the start to the front of the Cathedral but how do we tell everyone especially those arriving late from the trams. Anyway, everyone worked together, got on with it and most people didn't even notice. What else could happen? Well, we had a problem free service, enjoyed by all. We emerged to find that the police (who weren't supposed to be there but thankfully they were) had found Corporation St was blocked so we'd have to change our route again and go back the way we'd come. No problem, we're getting good at this by now. We re-traced our steps to fall out in front of the Cathedral.

All I'd like to say in conclusion is: Thank you to all the leaders and marshals who just got on with it and made it happen. Thanks to all our esteemed guests who joined us and supported us yet again. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Mayors of Oldham, Tameside and Rochdale, all said how much they had enjoyed being with us. Thanks to Reverend Jack for his continued support, sorting the service out and delivering such as grand sermon – Baa! Finally, thanks to RWO Peter Corbishley for carrying on and keeping the Parade moving and coping admirably with the new surroundings of St Ann's. Well done and thank you all for turning out.

**Colonel John Corbishley**

## Scottish Outdoor Activity Week 2013

We're still taking bookings for this years week in Scotland. Booking forms and Brochures have gone out to Company CO's and other leaders, so if you're interested ask for them. It's a great week in the Scotland's Queen Elizabeth Forest and once you've been, you'll want to go back. Deposits need to be paid immediately.

## 76 years' service

A celebration to mark 76 years service by Don Nuttall MBE will be held at Holy Trinity Platt, on Sunday 8th September at 11:30am.

## Len Kent

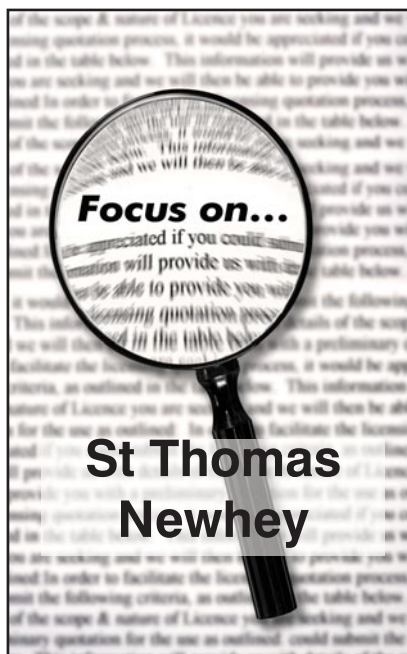
It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Len Kent. Many of you will know Len from the time when the Regimental Office was in Blackfriars road. Len used to sort out stores and uniforms for us at that time. His funeral takes place at St Edmunds, Whalley Range at 3pm on Friday 31st May.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

*Despite the (light) rain we had 36 Martins and Yteam members joined in the Teddy Bears Picnic and then set about hunting down the 40 aliens hidden around the Park Bridge Heritage site. The disappearance of one of our aliens meant that we had a rather frightening substitute who looked vaguely like our Sports Officer! Thanks to Vicky Taylor for organising the afternoon again, and all the leaders and parents who supported her.*

*Great fun for everybody which we hope to repeat at the Martins Fun Day June 9.*





**S**T THOMAS' Newhey CLCGB is in the village of Newhey set in the shadows of the Pennines on the Border between the Boroughs of Oldham and Rochdale.

St Thomas' is commanded by Andrew Waterfield with the assistance of Graham Procter Officer, Mark Fletcher, Judith Jones and Karen Procter as well as an array of occasional helpers. We run all four sections with the Y Team being the largest section at the moment.

The Officers are very much involved in the Brigade, including representatives at Battalion, Regimental and National Level ensuring our voice is heard and offering support throughout the organisation.

St Thomas meet in St Thomas School Hall every Friday night during the school term. The sections are split between the Y Team and Martins 6:30-7:30 pm and the JTC and Seniors 7:30-9:00pm. We run a full programme of activities and have been busy working towards setting up our

own D of E programme. St Thomas' takes an active part in Battalion, Regimental and National activities including the Games, Football and Athletics. We have managed to field Teams in most events over the years.

St Thomas enjoys a number of other activities through the year including sponsored walks, Charity evenings, trips to sites of interest, Bowling, Laser, Cinema and other social events. We hold at least two Camps per year, with one aimed at the JTC and Seniors and the other catering for the Y Team members. We have used the Scout facilities at Bradley Wood for many years as well as Bunking in the Lake District, PGL, and Prestatyn. Our latest trip will be on a Narrow boat on the Bridgewater Canal over the May Bank Holiday.

At present our numbers are steady having grown to over fifty in recent years we have dropped slightly in the last 12 months, however, interest in new membership is growing and we hope to have a healthy Company for years to come.

## Leaders training BVQ's

What's a BVQ I hear you asking! Well, the next generation of Leader training is about to be unleashed on our officers and helpers. You've probably heard of NVQ's, well a BVQ is the BRIGADE's VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION. A Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice is on offer for those who wish to cement their Brigade work with a Nationally recognised qualification. Details will be arriving with CO's in the post (for those who don't use emails) soon. Info will be more widely circulate shortly afterwards. Any questions, get in touch with Graham Procter, your Regimental Training Officer.

## Young Leaders Training Programme

We have nine Young Leaders signed up to the course, we'll keep you updated on their progress.

## Training

A D of E Course circulated by Richie Clarke – Level 3 Certificate in Basic Expedition Leadership.

## Regimental Martins Team Games

Thanks to St Peter's Ashton for hosting the Martins Team Games on Saturday March 23rd. It was a very snowy afternoon which made travelling difficult from outlying areas but Ashton had been spared the same covering of snow that many experienced.

A hardy band of 15 Martins turned out from St Peters, Holy Trinity Bardsley, Holy Trinity Shaw, St Marks Heyside and St Martins Castleton to enjoy an afternoon of fun. Variations on old favourites tested the youngest members of the Regiment but everyone enjoyed themselves and shared Chocolates and drinks together afterwards.

Thanks to Brian and his staff for organising the event, Tricia and her staff as hosts and the many parents and leaders that accompanied the children.

### Results:

1st	St Peter's and St Martins	121 pts
2nd	St Martins	117 pts
3rd	St Marks, H. Trinity Bardsley and H. Trinity Shaw	112 pts

# Sports Calendar

The following dates have been arranged for Regimental and National Competitions:

National Football and Netball	Saturday June 8th	Matthew Moss	12 noon-4pm
Regimental Martins Fun Day	Sunday, June 9th	Stalyhill Junior School, Stalybridge SK15 2TD	2pm
Regimental Sports Saturday	Saturday, July 6th	Radlyffe School Chadderton	2-4pm
National Athletics & Indoor Hockey	Saturday September 28th	Stanley Park, Blackpool	

# Diary Dates

## June 2013

- 1 & 2 National Band Weekend
- 1 National Band Concert at York.
- 8 National Football and Netball at Matthew Moss, R'dale. Register by 11.30am for a 12 noon start – finish by 4pm
- 9 Martins Fun Day at Stalyhill Junior School, 2pm start
- 11 Regimental Commanders Meeting

## July 2013

- 9 Regimental Camp Meeting at St James Gorton, 7.30pm
- 13 Brigade Council at NHQ
- 27 -Aug 3 Regimental Outdoor Adventure Week in Scotland

**Roundup submissions by last Friday in month.**

**Advertise your events, publicise what you've been doing by email to [johnncorbishley@btinternet.com](mailto:johnncorbishley@btinternet.com)**



# Regimental Y Team Games

**T**HIS year's competition took place on Friday, May 17 in St James' East Crompton School Hall and how great it was to see six teams from around the Regiment taking part.

There were representatives from Central Battalion, Rochdale Battalion and Oldham Battalion with one team made up of 'extras' making a total of 48 young people competing – who said we are in decline?

Games were the same as for the past century but the main thing is that the kids enjoy them and know what they are doing – well, some of them anyway.

It never fails to amaze me that after demonstrating each game there's always someone who hasn't been watching or listening but I suppose that adds to magic of the evening and the final winners are never the team who you think it's going to be.

As ever, everyone enjoyed themselves with the event proving to be as popular as ever and the final scores were as follows:

1. Oldham B (East Crompton Girls)	124 pts
2. Rochdale A	121 pts
3. Rochdale B	105 pts
4. Oldham C (St Mark's Heyside)	102 pts
5. Central B (Girls)	97 pts
6. Oldham A ( East Crompton Lads)	88 pts
7. Mixed Team	86 pts
8. Central A (Lads)	77pts

Well done to everyone who took part – you were all winners – and thanks to Tracey for scoring and the four judges who were press-ganged into doing the job!

**Trevor Dunkerley**



*Your news and photographs are always welcome for inclusion in Roundup – what better way of getting your news circulated throughout the Regiment – and beyond!*

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