

Roundup



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

75 years and still going strong!

A celebration to mark 75 years service by Don Nuttall MBE

DON Nuttall joined the CLB as a boy in 1938 and has never looked back. In 1956, he took Command of the Holy Trinity Company and ran it for 57 years. Don's many achievements both as Company CO and as CO of the Manchester Regiment included running the Manchester Regimental Camp and being instrumental in the Brigade operating the Duke of Edinburgh's award in Manchester which he started in 1961. Don received his MBE in 2001 for Services to Youth from HRH Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

At Holy Trinity, Platt, on Sunday 8th September at 11:30am, a packed Church joined in celebration of the work that Don Nuttall MBE has done over 75 years with the Brigade in their parish, at Battalion, Regimental and National level, work which must have touched the lives of thousands of young people over that time. Many past members and leaders were present with many of Don's current friends and colleagues to help celebrate his achievements. Many of his 'old boys' – including our current NHQ Treasurer, John Smith, - came to celebrate with him. We all enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch and a chat, Don was presented with an engraved crystal bowl by the Vicar, Rev. Steve James.

We can all take a lesson from the way Don has dedicated his life to the Lord through his work with the Brigade and we give thanks to God for what he has done. Long may he continue to be an example to us all!

John Corbishley

Some of the tributes paid to Don:

Bishop Tony of Sherwood: "What a privilege to have served the Lord with Don and Betty Nuttall at Platt, seeing first hand the dedication, enthusiasm and cheerfulness of an amazing ministry. There was no deviation, and a commitment to the ministry that was total. We gratefully thank God for an astonishing ministry"

Rt Revd. Michael Baughen wrote: "Your life of commitment to Christ has

been outstanding... All this depended on a leader who was utterly trustworthy to his word and to his faith and who had vision, fun, great care for individuals and a longing to see lads' become men for Christ. It was a privilege for me to have a Leader like you, Don and I thank you very sincerely for all your leadership, friendship and sharing in the cause of Christ's kingdom. Well done, you good and faithful servant of our glorious Lord."



At the same service, Martin Lambourne also presented Pam Corbishley, our Governor, with the Brigade Cross in recognition of her long and committed service to the Brigade, including her leadership of Manchester Regiment as well as of the Brigade as a whole.

Regimental Conference

The Regimental Conference has been postponed until January 11th, 2014

This is to enable us to present information to all Officers and helpers about the forthcoming reorganisation of the Regiment following a consultation exercise which is currently with Battalion staff.

It will also feature the introduction of the new Brigade Training Scheme to deliver BVQ's (Brigade's Vocational Qualifications).

Want to know more? Then book the date, more information will be available soon.

CLCGB National Band Recruitment Weekend

October 19 & 20th, 2013

COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT NATIONAL BAND IS ALL ABOUT

Activities on the weekend will include:

- ◆ Sectional rehearsals
- ◆ Drill



- ◆ Full band rehearsals
- ◆ Saturday night disco

We are recruiting players for all sections – bugles, brass and woodwind, mallets, drums and mixed percussion

For more information contact:
skhedges@hotmail.co.uk



Focus on...

Holy Trinity Platt

A retrospective focus on the history of Holy Trinity Platt CLB and CGB

THE BRIGADE AT HOLY TRINITY PLATT

In July 1933 the Revd J McAlpine formed a Senior Corps of the Church Lads' Brigade Company at Platt. In September 1934 a Junior Section for boys between 10 and 13 was enrolled. A drum and bugle band was also formed. 1938 saw the completion of the Company when the Young Boys' section for boys of 8 to 10 years was formed. In 1938 Don Nuttall joined as a young boy of 9

THE OUTBREAK OF WAR

The company was closed when Officers and Senior lads were called up and the younger boys were evacuated away from the city. Platt Company was fortunate as Captain Robert Gaskell was not eligible for military service having served in WWI and company work recommenced some 12 months later as the children gradually drifted back from evacuation areas. Just in time for the Manchester Blitz, Christmas 1940.

In 1956 Don took over the Command of the Church Lads' Brigade. The Girls Company had opened in 1945. Both Companies at Platt had approx. 50 members at any one time.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF BRIGADE ACTIVITIES

- 1964 – Handball team went by air to Belfast

and became National Handball Champions for the first time.

- July 1969 – Group of boys from the Company attended the first CLB overseas camp held at Arnhem in Holland.
- 1970 – Manchester Regiment organised a camp in Scotland for its members, both girls and boys.
- 1978 – The Church Lads' Brigade and Church Girls' Brigade amalgamated although our own Companies at Platt remained separate.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

In 1955 Don Nuttall attended a conference with Sir John Hunt, together with other organisations, to introduce the Duke of Edinburgh Award to the Brigade.

On 16th May 1961 our first six Gold Awards were presented by Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace. (One member being a certain Tony Corbishley) 170 boys and girls from Platt Company have received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from Buckingham Palace or St James Palace.

On 31st December 2001, Don received his MBE for services to youth from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

JLGB Interfaith weekend

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade together with the Jewish Lads' & Girls' Brigade held the 2nd Interfaith Weekend for leaders and young leader at the Anderton Centre, Chorley, from Friday 4th October to Sunday 6th October 2013. There was lots of interest with nearly all the 25 places for CLCGB Leaders being taken. The weekend was also combined with the third meeting for our Young Leaders on their Development programme. Reports on the Weekend with the JLGB and our own training will follow.

Skills Training Day

Following the success of the last Training Day at Heyside back in March, we're planning another for early next year. It will become mandatory for all Companies to have a First Aider present at all meeting nights soon and it is recommended that you have people trained in Food Hygiene when preparing food or refreshments. ARE YOU COVERED? If not watch for the booking forms coming out, and book early. These sessions are now open nationwide and are being used by others more than Manchester Regiment staff and helpers.

If you need or want some specific training then ask now and it could be included in the programme.

Leaders required

The Company at Holy Trinity Bardsley needs the help of at least one Brigade leader to work with either the Martins or the JTC.

We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30 - 8pm in Holy Trinity Church and you will have my support and the help of our enthusiastic and dedicated team of parent helpers. We have a great bunch of Children, about 12 in each section and are looking for someone to come in to assist with either section. Existing leaders will accommodate you if you prefer to do one or the other.

If you think you can help or want more information please contact me. If you have someone in your Company who might

want to gain more experience or a different challenge then get them to talk to me. John Corbishley
(johncorbishley@btinternet.com)

I'd like to thank Darren Mills from Holy Trinity Shaw for all his hard work over the last two years in getting the JTC started, he's been great to work with and a credit to his own company.

Service of Remembrance

The Brigade's annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum in Arlewas, near Lichfield on Saturday 9th November. The band from St Marks Heyside will be leading the music this year. Everyone is welcome, the service starts in the Chapel at 2pm with the band playing from 1:30pm. The Act of Remembrance takes place in the Brigade's Memorial Garden following the Service.

The National Memorial Arboretum address is: Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire DE13 7AR

Web: www.thenma.org.uk/

Royal British Legion Learning Packs: Helen Hill, The Royal British Legion's Acting Head of Remembrance, has announced that the Legion's Learning Pack for the 2013-14 academic year is now available – FREE OF CHARGE to uniformed organisations. Helen describes the packs as follows:-

"These free learning resources are created every year to promote messages of Remembrance to young people, taking care not only to focus on the past but also to put a spotlight on the Legion today although they are not designed to recruit members or to raise funds. As well as educating young people about Remembrance past and present, the resources help them to see how they can actively participate in it too. They're crammed with lots of ideas about how young people can get involved, with a particular focus on families. Anyone working with young people can get their hands on these packs, in any quantity, not just now as we approach the key Remembrance period but all year round."

To obtain your FREE pack(s) simply email Helen Hill and request as many of the packs as you think you need to:
hhill@britishlegion.org.uk

National Sports and Indoor Hockey

Well, there is a saying, words to the effect "Difficult jobs we can do, the impossible takes a little longer!" Thanks to Brian and his helpers we still managed to stage the Athletics and Hockey at Blackpool on Saturday 28th September. On Monday evening prior to the event we found out that Leicester Regiment were not competing and the organisers had had to pull out leaving Brian to organise and run the events, despite being low on staff ourselves. On Tuesday, we found out that Ulster were not going to the event and that the only confirmed entries were Manchester, Durham and Chorley and Ribblesdale. It was too late to cancel without spoiling everyone's plans and losing a lot of money for the venue so, do the impossible and sort it out in five days!

We had the usual trickle of drop-outs as the week progressed, making our careful preparations of the 11 Manchester teams useless, we found out at 11:10 (ten minutes after the event had been due to start) that a group of four competitors were not coming. Sorting out the teams was a nightmare for Trevor Dunkerley and Kath Mills so a massive thanks to them for getting as many competitors to the right races as they did. Thanks also to Mark from Standish for his team's help, on the start and finish lines and all the leaders who helped run the Field events. Andy Waterfield on the High Jump, Matthew and Emily on the Shot and the Young Leaders from Standish on the Long Jump. Also to Andrea Knott and Graham Procter on the check-in.

Anyway! The event went extremely well, the sun shone and everyone had a really great day of competitive racing. There were some fantastic finishes, lots of medals with some impressive hauls in all age groups. Well done to all who competed and thanks to all the parents and leaders who sat in that unbelievably cold stand and supported them all.

SPORTS

Results:

Yteam Lads

1st Manchester 1 – 38 pts
2nd Manchester 2 – 26 pts

Yteam Girls

1st Manchester 1 – 30 pts
2nd Manchester 2 – 29 pts
3rd Chorley & R 3rd South – 24 pts
4th Durham – 18 pts

JTC Lads

1st Chorley & R – 31 pts
2nd Manchester 1 – 24 pts
3rd Manchester 2 – 19 pts
4th Durham – 15 pts

SC Lads

1st Manchester 1 – 30 pts
2nd Durham – 28 pts
3rd Manchester 2 – 21 pts
4th Chorley & R – 8 pts

JTC Girls

1st Manchester 2 – 34 pts
=2nd Manchester 1 – 23 pts
=2nd Chorley & R – 23 pts
4th Durham – 10 pts

SC Girls

1st Manchester 2 – 39 pts
2nd Manchester 1 – 28 pts
3rd Durham – 25 pts
4th Chorley & R – 13 pts

INDOOR HOCKEY

The organisation of the Hockey was quite easy after the trauma of the Athletics. Numbers were very low this year with only two teams in the SC Lads and JTC Girls. Three teams in the JTC Lads, SC Girls and Yteam Lads. Competition was, as usual, pretty fierce but in general sporting. Referees and pitch managers did a sterling job and the event ran well, finishing in good time to vacate the sports centre before our 6pm deadline. Everyone who entered the competition played a minimum of two games and everyone came away with a medal.

Results:

Yteam Lads

1st Manchester A
2nd Manchester B

JTC Girls

1st Manchester A
2nd Durham

JTC Lads

1st Chorley & Ribblesdale
2nd Manchester
3rd Durham

Senior Girls

1st Manchester A
2nd Manchester B
3rd Durham

Senior Lads

1st Manchester
2nd Durham

Christmas Band Concert

St Marks' Heyside Band will be giving a concert in their Church on Friday 6th December at 7pm. Tickets will be available shortly.

Historical Group



The Historical Group Conference and Annual General Meeting is to be held at St Martin's House, Wath-upon-Deane on Saturday 19th October 2013. This gathering can be attended by anyone and if you know of any interested people, please ask them to contact me. During the

day there will be various activities in addition to the formal meeting.

The cost of the Conference will be £5 inclusive of morning coffee & afternoon tea.

If you wish to attend contact Nev on ss@fieldfarmhouse.fsnet.co.uk or Doug Lake on doug@douglake.wanadoo.co.uk.

They also need to know if you require overnight accommodation in a Local hotel.

Retirement of Mildred and Fred

After a lifetime service to the Brigade, Mildred Bennett has stepped down as Commanding Officer of Christchurch Company in Ashton. The Officers, helpers and members held a leaving party and presentation evening at the end of the Summer term for her and Fred. We all hope you enjoy your retirement.

I am pleased to say that Janet Davies is taking over the Command of the company with the help of Peter and the support of the other Officers and helpers.

We know that Mildred and Fred built up a large successful Company over many years and have left Janet with very good group of Leaders and members, and a fantastic band with which to start her term of office as CO.

We wish you all, our very best wishes for the future.

Great North Run success

In the Junior Great Run in Newcastle, Christopher Brown from St Marks' Heyside came eighth out of over 160 athletes and as one of the younger runners he completed the 4K race in 13:22 – 12 seconds faster than last year.

He also raised about £300 for The Grenadier Guards in memory of his Uncle.



Interfaith Weekend 2013

JLGB



OVER the weekend of October 3-5, leaders from the CL&CGB and the JLGB (Jewish Lads' and Girls' Brigade), both young and older, had a remarkable weekend together at the Anderton Centre near Chorley. It was the second time that such a meeting had occurred and by all accounts, built on the success of the first. I'm not sure of exact numbers, it was rather frantic at times but there were about 25 leaders from each organisation attending. It was my first experience of the

Jewish Faith, traditions and their worship in action and it was a privilege to share their Shabbat with them.

We all converged on the Anderton centre late on Friday afternoon, leaders from all over the country, London, Manchester, Wirral, Leicester, Durham and many students from their studies elsewhere. The Jewish Sabbath – Shabbat started soon after we all arrived so much of the preparation had to be concluded before 6:21pm, when their day of rest commenced. We tried as best we could to follow the lead of our friend and not undertake work which they could not. The opening session allowed us to introduce each other and start the talking which never stopped the whole weekend. Our meal, cooked before nightfall in the kitchen that they had prepared earlier under Kosher conditions was, we were told, was a traditional Jewish standard, chicken soup, followed by chicken, roast potatoes and two veg, with apple crumble and custard to follow. Nothing new to any of our Christian tastes. The kitchen staff, all young leaders did a fantastic job. The meal was interspersed with ritual washing of hands (after which you couldn't talk until you had eaten the bread) prayers in Hebrew and many of them sung, in Hebrew and accompanied by various actions and much banging of tables. We didn't understand any of it but it was a wonderful experience to be part of. Friday night was quiz night, all on paper, no technology, (especially cheating using Google!) followed by much fun with what we would call parlour games. It was amazing how quickly the early hours of Saturday morning came round! Breakfast was cereals and a cold buffet of egg's bread and cheese or jam and marmalade, all prepared before the Shabbat started.

Throughout Saturday we shared discussion sessions with our colleagues, looking at the real similarities that exist between our two organisations and certainly our young people. How do we recruit and retain leaders and helpers, how do we recruit new members, what keeps them involved, what sort of things help with the programmes we deliver and then, in an "Apprentice" type exercise we looked at creating a new organisation, from scratch. What would it provide, what would it be called and how would it operate, a great reflective time to see if we would create anything different given the chance. Fortunately, no-one was fired!

Our own Young Leaders Training programme participants were represented with five of them on the weekend. One of the sessions was focused on their ongoing training to cover the Bible, Spirituality, Faith and Worship elements. All fitting seamlessly into the overall weekend. It was great to meet Father Tom, (excuse my lack of



Low rope tree course

surnames but we never had time to get that far) from Durham with us. He is Chaplain on Brigade Council and a regular at the NE camp, his input was most welcome to this session. Ann Sankey from Leicester Regiment, their Training Officer and Graham Procter, our Training Officer also helped deliver the unit.

The other sessions we took part in over the weekend included looking at Social action projects, video editing for promotional purposes, and (for the older leaders) using social media to communicate. So, watch out, to the latest #hashtag comments from me (after I've had a chance to learn a bit more about twitter) and also develop my use of facebook.

The day of rest, Shabbat ended with a service called Havdallah which took place about 45 minutes after nightfall, when the first three stars were visible. We had all moved down to the lakeside to hold the service in the dark under the stars. As was the case all weekend the service was led by the young leaders from the JLGB.

Saturday night's meal and entertainment was a Murder Mystery play led by leaders with an obvious penchant for acting, followed by some rather dubious performances on the Karaoke.

On Sunday morning, we celebrated our Eucharist led by Father Tom, who incidentally received a call on his mobile during the sermon from none other than Jesus. It was a wonderfully informal service shared by our Jewish friends. As we did in their service on the Saturday morning, they joined in with everything that they could. On reflection at the end of the weekend we all said how important this had been and what a privilege it had been to share our faiths, in our own traditional way with each other. Each respecting the differences but growing through our similarities.

The weekend concluded with some outdoor activities, archery, low tree rope course and crate stacking led by the Outdoor activity centre on site.

It was a great weekend. Lots of discussion, working together and a general consensus that we should continue to meet and get our Companies working more closely wherever they are close by.

Some of you can expect a call!



Archery



Ann Sankey