

Roundup



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

The Joy of Christmas to you all

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the Staff of Manchester Regiment CLB/CGB.

John Corbishley

Regimental Conference 2014

The Regimental Conference was postponed so that we could inform all Officers and helpers about the changes at Regimental and Battalion level. This follows a consultation exercise carried out by 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 info will be available soon.

VENUE: Church of the Resurrection

DATE: Saturday, 11th January, 2014 at 7:00pm

Regimental Reports followed by presentations: The Regimental Structure and its People, Training – Get your BVQ's here, Regimental Camp – final Christmas sale offer

Buffet Supper and a chance to chat! – Cost of supper will be £4 each.

Conference is open to ALL officers, helpers and Senior members.

Book your supper by returning the slip on the Booking Form your CO has or reply to John C by email.

Service of Remembrance

THE Brigade's annual Service of Remembrance was held at the National Memorial Arboretum in Arlewas, near Lichfield on Saturday 9th November. The band from St Marks Heyside led the music this year.

The Chapel was nearly full for the service and afterwards, everyone moved to the Brigade's Memorial Garden for the act of Remembrance, Wreaths were laid for

Members who perished in the World wars, and those who have died in conflicts since, by the Brigade Governor, Pam Corbishley and Deputy Governor Maynard Scott, the Brigade association by Wing Commander Stewart Cresswell and the Brigade Historical Society.

Included on the Roll of Honour were those from the Regiment who had died in the last year, Louise Mellor and Leonard Kent.



General news...

Butlins 2014

At the Spring Half term, Brigade members descend on Butlins at Skegness, for a weekend of fun and fellowship. It's an open invitation to all Companies, parents and members but, anyone attending makes their own arrangements with Butlins. Some formations go in large numbers,

Brian Mills from Oldham and Durham Battalion are regular attendees and some go self-catering and some go half board. As well as Brigade organized activities everyone can make use of all the Butlins organized fun and activities, and shows. Contact Brian if you want more information.

Disposal of equipment by Timperley Companies

Colin Yates has a large amount of equipment that he wishes to pass on to other Brigade units following the closure of Companies in Timperley. The list is available on the email version of this Roundup.

There is a large amount of Band equipment, games, sports and camping equipment. Please contact Colin direct if you require any of the equipment. He asks for a donation to be made to the Brigade Association.

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.

Regimental Camp

Manchester Regimental Outdoor Activity week

at ABERFOYLE, SCOTLAND

26th JULY – 2nd AUGUST 2014

Come and enjoy a week of Fun, Adventure and Fellowship
THE COST IS ONLY - £300 or £290 (if you're under 15) all-inclusive.

If your Company doesn't go to camp come and join us.
We will take individual members for any Company in the UK.
Cost includes transport from Manchester



This is what one of our Senior members thought about Camp 2013:

Regimental camp, Scotland, Aberfoyle, Dounans: This year's exciting mix of activities were canoeing on the loch, climbing, geo-caching and a visit to Edinburgh. The canoeing always goes down a treat with everyone getting suited up in their wet suits and jumping in the icy loch. A scrumptious BBQ of juicy sausages from the local butchers provided the energy to keep us going. Afterwards the campers engaged in the game chariots involving two kayaks with a stable person stood on the back of them. The aim is to sink the other chariots as quick as possible, a great game of balance, stamina and, well, hoping the other chariot sinks!

When a thunderstorm threatened climbing on the crags in Aberfoyle, a pleasant surprise to the usual regime of activities came when the instructor suggested a trip to the Edinburgh international climbing centre. This went down very well, the huge arena was covered top to bottom with millions of climbing holds, arranged in a unique and sophisticated way to give the climbers a real challenge.

A hunt for hidden boxes containing codes and goodies made for a challenging day. The geo-cachers had to travel around the scenic tracks and trails using navigation devices to find the hidden capsules. The leading group ambushed the other unsuspecting team as they approached the lunchtime spot with an array of water pistols. Afterwards the teams indulged in succulent burgers also fresh from the local butchers. Surprisingly the team which arrived last at the lunchtime checkpoint in-fact won the challenge and made it back to base approximately 15mins before the other team.

Another change to the usual activities was a trip to Edinburgh, an opportunity to visit museums, shops, scenic views, architecture and history the capital has to offer. A visit to the 'Real Mary Kings Close' allowed the gang to delve under the streets of Edinburgh into its rich history. After lunch the second visit was to 'Camera Obscura' right at the top of the royal mile. 'Camera Obscura' is an amazing optical illusion museum with spectacular viewing opportunities on the roof top, full of all things camera and illusion. Edinburgh is definitely worth a visit for anyone who hasn't been, and more so, regimental camp, don't miss out on some of the best experiences you will ever have!



Chris Walker - St Andrews Droylsden

General news...

Christmas Band Concert

St Marks' Heyside Band gave a band concert in Church on Friday 6th December. They played a range of music including a selection of Military marches, Film music, Carols and "A Last Night at the Proms" medley. The Glocks played a range of Pop, dance and folk music. The Drum Corps received many plaudits for their precision drum tattoos and featured three parents for their Sticks tattoo.

The highlight for most was the encore of Highland cathedral. Well done band, it was a great show and worth all the extra practices.



Rydal Hall Leaders Camping weekend – Durham Battalion

Each year in May some of the leaders from the Durham Battalion have a social weekend away camping in the Lake District! We use the weekend to relax, share ideas and try out new activities in preparation for North East Camp. This year we would like to extend the invite to other CLCGB companies and leaders from the JLGB and use it as an opportunity to get to know each other better, share stories and ideas and take part in some fun Lake District activities.

The weekend has no set structure and is more of a social get together however we will be organising to go ghyll scrambling /walking/climbing while there so bring appropriate clothing if you would like to join in.

Cost: £7.50 per night, £3.50 for car per night

You will need:

- Tent (We have spare at St Aidans Company if needed)
- Cooking equipment i.e. camping stove, pans etc...
- Food – although there is a pub close by!

We need to know final numbers by Saturday 14th December and have received payment by Fri 31st January.

Congratulations

Karryann Rose from All Saints and Martyrs, Middleton has successfully completed her Bishops Certificate in Children's Ministry. She received it in the Cathedral during November.

Regimental Chaplain

The new Bishop of Manchester, the Right Reverend David Walker, has said that he is delighted to accept our invitation to become our Regimental Chaplain.



Diary Dates

January 2014

11th Regimental Conference at Church of the Resurrection
18th
or 19th Young Leaders Training day
21st Regimental Commanders Meeting
25th Rochdale Battalion Dinner Dance

February 2014

1st FTOG Meeting
1st More Core Skills at Heaton Moor United Church, Stanley Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport, SK4 4HL from 9.15am to 3.15pm
11th Regimental Camp meeting at St James Gorton.
14th-7th Butlins Skegness weekend.

March 2014

1st Regimental Skills Training Day at St Marks, Heyside
11th Regimental Commanders Meeting
22nd and

23rd Young Leaders Training, Passing Out Weekend.
25th Regimental Camp meeting at St James Gorton.

April 2014

13th Palm Sunday
18th Good Friday
20th Easter Sunday

May 2014

13th Regimental Camp meeting at St James Gorton.

June 2014

3rd Regimental Camp meeting at St James Gorton.

July 2014

1st Regimental Staff meeting
15th Regimental Camp meeting at St James Gorton.
26th to
2nd Aug. Regimental Camp at Aberfoyle Scotland

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

Please email your copy by the last Friday in the month to:

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