

# Roundup



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

## The Colonel's comment...

**Y**OU will no doubt have heard, either on the grapevine or through the Brigade's website or regular emails, that we have been successful in acquiring a major Grant to fund the Brigade for the next 18 months. This is a fantastic opportunity and is largely down to the efforts of our Chief Executive, Audrey Simm and the support she has had from colleagues in submitting the successful application.

The funding is specifically to allow the Brigade to expand and consolidate existing Companies and support their recovery. Advertisements have gone out to find a Project Manager and four Regional Development workers to undertake the work. We are also looking for a Training and Development Officer to support the expansion and provide updated material for Companies to use.

So, how does this impact me? I hear you ask. Well, if we have to expand the Brigade to meet the criteria of the grant, then that has two means of working. We start new Companies or we grow existing. We've tried the first and we know how difficult that is without Leaders to take on new challenges. The second is to enable Companies to grow, either taking in more members or starting sections they don't have at the moment. The crucial commodity in either approach is having flexible Officers and Leaders.

The Formation Training Officers Group is already considering how we train new and existing leaders to take up the challenge. We have plenty of leaders but we are all very Parochial, nothing new to the C of E. We are reluctant to leave our home

Company and the comfort and support that provides us with. You may be aware that I've been asking for many months now for someone to take on the running of Holy Trinity Bardsley, and more recently help for Emma at Christchurch Denton. Not one offer of help! That means that Christchurch Denton has closed until Emma gets help. Holy Trinity Bardsley is open but just with two parents running a JTC / SC meeting.

One of the pieces of information I draw from the Annual returns is a ratio for Companies. How many members per leader in Companies? Have a guess at yours. The most in the Regiment last year was seven members per leader, the least was 1.3. So, assuming the one with most is operating within the regulations regarding ratios, that means that the one with the lowest has, 10 spare leaders! Could they be better utilised in supporting struggling units and probably have a much greater challenge and sense of achievement. I think they could.

So, how are we going to support such expansion plans? The Young Leaders Training Programme is one way to catch our Young Leaders early, train them and challenge them. Durham Regiment has done this already and has a number of new Companies run by Young Leaders. They are passionate, enthusiastic and are doing what we need to do now. I know a member of Regimental staff who took over the running of his Company at the age of 19 and made a success of doing so. Are you up for the Challenge? If not, why not? Tell me!

**Commanding Officer: John Corbishley**

## Accounts deadline

*All Companies should by now have completed their Accounts and returned to NHQ by the deadline of 15th September. You should also be aware that there is a threat of financial penalty for late submissions, £200 if you miss the deadline. This represents to some degree, NHQ's frustration at late submissions by Companies every year. It also reflects the cost to the Brigade of delaying our overall consolidated accounts and the additional payments we have to make to our Auditors. Your financial year ended on the 30th June, your accounts should be done.*

## Manchester Regimental Parade

*will take place at*

**St Ann's Church in Manchester  
on Sunday, October  
26 at 2:30pm**



## Young Leader Training Programme 2014/15

**W**e have been recruiting applicants for this year's course which because of the recent funding will now be a National Course, not just Manchester Regiment. As a consequence we have interest from 49 Young Leaders and the course is looking like being oversubscribed. It is now too late to apply and even some who applied may be disappointed

because demand has completely outstripped the venue we have booked for the first weekend.

Our first meeting is only three weeks away. We're hoping to make the course an interesting mix of formal training, in Company experience, social and recreational activities. It is open to anyone involved in leadership in the Brigade, aged 16 to 25. Forms and

letters of invitation have been sent to Companies and individuals who have expressed an interest. We will be meeting on a number of weekends, for days and on-line to aid your personal development as Brigade leaders. I will retain all unsuccessful applicants on a waiting list so you can still submit forms for any vacancies or future courses.

# Sports News

## National Sports & Indoor Hockey

The National Sports will take place on Saturday 27th September at Sportcity Manchester. Enter via, Gate 13, Rowsley Street Manchester, M11 3FF

The Regimental team went out in July after the Regimental Sports, any withdrawals or changes, or uncertainties, contact John C. All teams should report to the Track and submit team sheets for 10:30 on the day. The Indoor Hockey will start at 14:00 and teams to register for 13:00. The Sports start at 11am. Help will be needed on the day if you could assign leaders to help. See Brian Mills on the day.

This year we have succeeded, eventually, in booking this fantastic facility but because of the delay in finalising the venue, the number of competing Formations and teams is down on usual.

Therefore we are inviting anyone who wishes to join the competition at this fantastic venue on the day and we will make up composite teams for the sports.

As usual anyone can enter the hockey.

**ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU GET YOUR FORMS BACK TO BRIAN (VIA ME IF NECESSARY) BY THE SEPTEMBER 20.**  
**If your decision is after that let Brian know to ensure he can include you in the event.**

# News update

## National Band Recruitment weekend

On Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd November, the Brigade's National Band are holding a recruitment weekend. Any band member for any Company is welcome to go to sample life at a National Band weekend and see if you want to become a member. Most competent players will get the opportunity to expand their repertoire, improve their playing and really enjoy being part of a larger band than we can ever experience at Company level. Try it most people who do never regret it.

## D of E

Congratulations to Omar Tizini, Liam Redwood and Nathan Gaskell for successfully completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition in the Yorkshire Dales over the summer.

## All Saints and Martyrs

### Malaria No More Campaign

To celebrate our Church's 50th Anniversary in November of this year one of our projects led by Rev. Pauline Jones and supported by the Brigade had pledged to provide enough funds to buy 50 Malaria Nets at £5 each.

During a recent visit to Middleton the Rev. Jones handed to Judy Murray a cheque for £250. Judy Murray acknowledged their efforts in a person Twitter to the team. Meanwhile, having reached our



target efforts are continuing to provide more money in the coming months. Thank you to all of those who have given support for this deserving cause. John B Duffy

## Prayer list

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers please let me know: At this time please keep Fred Bennett in your prayers, also Mildred and their family.

# Diary Dates

## September 2014

23rd Regimental Commanders meeting  
27th National Sports and Hockey at Sportcity, Manchester

## October 2014

4th  
& 5th Young Leaders Training Programme Weekend 1  
14th Regimental Camp Meeting  
18th Brigade Council Meeting at Holy Trinity, Shaw  
26th Regimental Parade at St Ann's Manchester  
31st to  
Nov 2nd National Band Recruitment Weekend

## November 2014

1st Young Leaders Training Programme Day 2  
8th National Remembrance Service at National Memorial Arboretum  
9th Remembrance Sunday  
18th Regimental Commanders meeting  
22nd Brigade AGM at Leicester  
28th  
-30th National Band Weekend

## December 2014

13th Young Leaders Training Programme Day 3

**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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## Regimental Camp 2014

Once again we had a fantastic camp at the Dounans Centre in Scotland. We had plenty of new activities mixed in with old favourites and it was activity all day every day for seven days. Thanks to the leaders who gave up their time, holidays and energy to camp, it was a great team effort. Highlights of the week for me were the Gorge walk, (walk! That's a understatement, fantastic venue and great abseil into the river!), then the new activities at Glasgow Snow Factor, snowboarding, sledging and Ice wall climbing and last, the MUD Fight on the Camp Challenge, especially hosing everyone down afterwards!

What was your favourite bit of camp, either our Regimental camp or your own Company camps?



## St Andrews Droylsden

The Senior group of Matthew Jacques, Rebecca Sidebotham, Jordan Gleave, Jake Mortimer and James Robinson are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze award, we decided that for our volunteering section of the award we would donate our time and take part in learning to knit and then go on to make a scarf. These would then be taken to The Booth Centre at Manchester Cathedral and donated to some of the people who visit there.

In our brigade group, there were a few members who knew how to knit prior to us undertaking this task, however for the rest of us, it was a brand new skill which we had to learn. For these members, Mrs Sylvia Dixon and our company commander, Mr Mark Jacques, assisted us to ensure that we all had the necessary skill to complete the task to an appropriate standard. We did experience a few disasters along the way! Some of these scarves were a very unusual design! However, those designs were soon scrapped and recreated.

Each year at the Feast of Saint Nicholas, our Brigade Company hold a service at which a collection of hats, scarves and gloves etc. are collected for The Booth Centre at Manchester Cathedral. This year, the scarves that we made were included in the items taken to The Booth Centre. We're happy that the scarves which we made will be of some use to the homeless people who received them.