



Roundup

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

The Colonel's Comment

Thought for the day!

What have we got to offer?

YOU'RE probably fed up of me asking questions but I think it is important that we ask what we are doing and why we are doing it. I posed a similar question in the last issue of Roundup which I've re-iterated in this one as no-one reacted to it. Emails are cheap, quick and painless, try one now!

What do we offer our Young people? A night of activities each week, a cheap baby sitting service or a taste of life as a Christian in a caring environment? We should all be striving to have a positive effect on our members lives, providing good role models and giving our children a chance to experience something different. Over recent months I've had the pleasure of seeing our Young Leaders from all around the country make new friends, experience new challenges and grow in confidence. There were some of the group who were already leading sections in their Companies, one was even a CO at 23 years old. Most of the leaders in Manchester's Companies have over 25 years experience and some a lot more. We MUST use our young leaders and tie them into Brigade before we lose them to University or boredom.

The same goes for our younger members. I have really missed going to Camp this year, especially with so many going this year,

many for the first time. Regimental Camp is, in my view, what Brigade does best. We have a fantastic and talented group of leaders who go to lead camp, its fantastic to be part of and watch the JTC members when they relax and get into camp and start to enjoy it. Excitement and apprehension mix and they make friends and settle in. Judging by the pictures on facebook, some of them have really settled into their rooms now and they probably look a lot like their rooms at home! (No chance of winning the tidy room prize, however much Janet massages the points!) What surprises me is, with only two Companies in the Regiment doing their own camp, why more don't send their members to Regimental camp. There is no need for Officers to go to camp with members, there are plenty of leaders going to camp who will look after your members. Think about it for next year and take note of the report in the next *Roundup*.

WANTED!

Finally, as I said in the last full edition of *Roundup*, we have a unique opportunity to start a brand new Company, in a brand new academy in Tameside, with brand new children. All we need is someone willing to run it. Time is now short and if we are to make a success of this we need to get someone appointed. Please consider whether this is an opportunity that you would like to try. We will support you and help you!

Colonel John Corbishley

Meet your Member of Parliament

THE Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade were excited when a member of the St Marks, Heyside Company Seniors section was selected by National

Headquarters to be their representative at a "Meet the Parliament" event at Westminster. Charlotte Walker (14) travelled to London, supported by other members and leaders

and was introduced to, amongst others, Debbie Abrahams and Lindsay Hoyle, MPs.

Charlotte asked Debbie some leading questions such as would she be willing to speak up for uniformed youth organisations in Parliament? Debbie reassured Charlotte that she certainly would do. Debbie seemed really pleased to learn that Charlotte, had researched that Debbie's Brother in Law, Basil had played for Heyside Cricket club for many years.

Charlotte explained to Debbie the things she enjoyed at Brigade and about her success in the Duke of Edinburghs Award, the camping, the games, the arts and crafts, the music and how she plays drums in the St Marks band. Debbie offered Charlotte the opportunity to call upon her if there was anything that she could support her with in future.

**Perry Gunn, Development Officer,
Manchester and Midlands**



Regimental Parade 2015

Sunday, October 25 – St Ann's, Manchester

Last year less than a third of the Regiment was on parade. It's an opportunity to fly the flag, parade your colours and meet with others. Show your members that they are part of something bigger than one night a week. It was great to have three bands on parade last year but unless we have the members to parade with them it gets very confusing so, in order that everyone has as much notice as possible, please put the date in your diary, on your news sheet, on your website or Facebook page and let's make it a great turnout.

I cannot tell you where we will be meeting yet as we're looking at a longer parade this year with a new format. If that proves too difficult we can fall back onto the pedestrianised route we used last year. Whilst not ideal, that had the benefit of attracting some big crowds and a lot of interest. Book the date and watch *Roundup* for more information.

New Company for Old – St Andrews Droylsden!

We all wish Alison Harwood well as she takes over the new joint Company of St Andrews Droylsden. The Lads' and the Girls' Companies have closed and amalgamated. See the Special Edition of *Roundup* from July for more details.

Highwood Commemorations 2016

Leaders and members should be made aware that, in July 2016, a trip is being planned to Highwood in France to commemorate and

remember the members of the 16th Battalion King Royal Rifles Corp who gave the supreme sacrifice on the 15th July 1916 during World War 1. Many of those who died were members of the CLB.

If you are aged 10yrs or over by the 1st July 2016 then you will be eligible to join us on this journey.

The estimated cost of £250:00 per person is a starting point covering the entire trip, however, this figure could be reduced through grant applications and fund raising.

A deposit of £50.00 will be required to register your interest ASAP this deposit is none refundable.

These funds will enable us to reserve accommodation and transport. The full details of the trip have been emailed to Companies (or I can send them to you if you email me. John C). with a booking form. You will need to send the deposit cheque for £50 payable to Highwood 2016 and hand it in to your company CO.

Martyn Bedder – CO for Leicester Regiment

Training

Ann Sankey, the National Training Officer will be holding the following Training Sessions in the North West area, anyone interested in attending any of the sessions then please contact Ann directly on annsanche@clcgb.org.uk.

Saturday 8th August 10am to 4pm – Safeguarding Training in the morning and YTeam resources/badge scheme in the afternoon. Attendance can be at both or either session. Bring a packed lunch, drinks will be available. CL&CGB North West Office, MPAC, 1-27 Bridport Street, Liverpool, L3 5QF – which is 5 minute walk from Liverpool Lime St Station.

Young Leaders Training Programme 2014-15

OUR group of 22 Young Leaders completed their training over the weekend of July 4th and 5th at the Boarshurst Centre in Greenfield. They each received their Certificates of Leadership, ranging from basic to Advanced, at a service of dedication at St Mary's Church in Greenfield. We paraded down to Church through the sleepy Greenfield lanes on a fine and dry Sunday morning to receive a wonderful, warm welcome from the vicar, Reverend Barbara Christopher and her congregation. The theme of the day turned out to be Jesus sending his disciples out and the readings and hymns provided our group with many references

and encouragements for their future leadership and Ministry in the Brigade. A large number of parents, CO's and friends turned out to support the group and we were welcomed to share a coffee after the service and discuss the Brigade with the Congregation. They have all asked us back next year if we wish to do so. I wouldn't think twice about it.

Plans are also being established for next years course which will be for under 18 year old leaders and prospective leaders. I've had a couple of enquiries already so speak to your older Seniors and get them to sign up, information will be out soon.



Sports News

Regimental Sports

Our Regimental Sports were held at Radclyffe School in early July with three Battalions represented. It was a good afternoon of competition with the weather holding out for the afternoon and it was enjoyed by those who took part. The teams have been selected for the Nationals and your CO's have got them. Invitations will follow shortly.



Results	Winners	Runners up	Third place
Yteam Lads	Oldham 36pts	Rochdale 30pts	Tameside 28pts
Yteam Girls	Oldham 40pts	Tameside 18pts	Rochdale 11pts
JTC Lads	Rochdale = 31pts	Oldham = 31pts	Tameside 16pts
JTC Girls	Oldham 35 pts		
SC Lads	Rochdale 35pts	Oldham 12pts	
SC Girls	Oldham 35pts	Rochdale 16pts	

WHERE DO WE STAND AS A REGIMENT?

DO WE SEE SPORT AND COMPETITION AS PART OF OUR PROVISION FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE?

ARE WE FAILING THEM IF WE DO NOT ENCOURAGE AND ENABLE THEM TO TAKE PART?

**As I said in the last Roundup, please have an opinion and tell me!
Up to now I haven't received one comment!**

National Sports and Hockey - invitation to all

The National Athletics is being held on 26th September 2015 at a new local venue, Kingsway Park Sports Centre which is between Rochdale and Oldham so local for us all. The teams for the Athletics have been selected from the Regimental Sports but we have also booked a large sports hall for the Indoor Hockey and would encourage everyone taking part in the Athletics to stay for the Hockey, and, this being an open event others are free to enter irrespective of their being at the Regimental Athletics.

We will inevitably need help on the day and both Brian and I would greatly appreciate your volunteering.

Oldham Battalion Brigade Week

In June, Oldham Battalion held their annual Brigade week where members from Martins up to SC (and above) took part in Team Games, Outdoor Hockey and culminated in their Battalion Sports. A good time was had by all.



Above: Y Team Games

Top right: Y Team Unihoc

Below: SC (and above) Unihoc



Sports in Church?

A further update from Emma Brookes at Christchurch Denton. They now have 20 members and ended the year with a Sport night in Church.



More News...

Need training?

From now on there will be three Skills days located around the country at various times of the year. For many years now leaders from as far away as Durham have travelled to our Skills Training Day in Manchester. Now, they will have one closer to home in October. Our own will still run in February and the third will take place in the Midlands after Easter. It will allow us to cover more topics and accommodate more of the training which has become mandatory for Officers. So, if one date is not convenient look to attend one of the others. We can co-ordinate travelling to help keep costs down.

Taking Groups Away "Overnight"

The latest TGA course covered a new element in our regulations. Taking Martins away overnight. Sign up to the next course and find out what you have to do to take them away! You know they would love it!

Interfaith Weekend 2015

This year's Interfaith Leaders Weekend for Leaders from the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade, and the Jewish Lads' and Girls' Brigade will be held 16th to 18th October 2015 at:

The Boys' Brigade Headquarters, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0BL

Bookings are to be made via the JLGB web site WWW.JLGB.ORG/APPLY

BMS – Brigade membership system

All Companies CO's (or their designated Officers) should remember that new members need to be added to the Membership system within 4 weeks and remove any members who have left. Now that companies are required to identify their First Aiders and Food Hygiene holders, these should be recorded on BMS under the Leaders training records.

YOUTH Forum – nominations coming soon

At the end of last years Young Leaders Training Programme, a Youth Forum was formed under the leadership of Gareth Campbell who is the Youth Representative on Brigade Council. All of last years

group joined the forum. With the numbers we had at the end of this years course, it would be impractical to have them all on the forum so we are asking for nominations from Young People for people to join the forum.

If you want to have your ideas and voice heard by the decision makers in the CL&CGB, then join the group and make a difference. Forms will be with CO's shortly.

Your Accounts – for all CO's and Treasurers

Following the EGM that took place in March 2015 it was discussed and agreed that the accounting year end for the brigade should be changed from June 30th of each year to 31st August each year. The change will, hopefully, allow Companies and Formations to complete the accounts in a timely manner following their summer break. That has now resulted in this year's reporting accounting records to run from the 1 July 2014 to 31 August 2015 and therefore accounting records for companies need to be reported as a 14 month period.

NHQ have sent emails to CO's and Correspondents with a sample of the slightly amended version of the statement sheet which now reflects items that need to be separated for financial reporting standards. Your official accounts forms will have been emailed out last week and will be due at NHQ by the 31 October 2015. NHQ request that all companies submit before or on that date as any delay could result in NHQ not being able to finalise the group accounts by 31 December before sending on to our external audit team. Any questions or clarification please do not hesitate to contact Zoe at NHQ.



Prayer list

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

Since our last Roundup Brian Clarke from Bebington has been through quite a lot of major surgery and is now recuperating. Some of you will know Brian from Prestatyn Camp or as a leader on TGA courses in Manchester, please continue to pray for him and his family.

Diary Dates

August 2015

8th Safeguarding Training and YTeam resources/badge scheme, CLCGB North West Office, Liverpool, L3 5QF

September 2015

4-6th National Band Weekend
5th Bandmasters' Meeting at Uttoxeter, 10.30am
22nd Regimental Commanders' Meeting
26th National Sports and Hockey
Kingsway Park Sports Centre, Rochdale.

October 2015

10th NE Skills Day – Christ the King, Bowburn, Durham.
13th Regimental Camp Meeting

16th-18th Interfaith Weekend at Hemel Hempstead (BB HQ)

25th Regimental Parade at St Ann's Church, Manchester at 2.30pm

November 2015

7th National Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum
8th Remembrance Sunday
21st Brigade Council (and AGM?)
24th Regimental Commanders' Meeting

January 2016

9th Regimental Conference (Provisional)

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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