



Annual General Meeting Documents Pack

27th April 2024



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Annual General Meeting

Venue: Collier House (Church Hall), 1 Mercer Rd, Manchester M18 8JR
Date: Saturday 27 April 2024
Duration: 12.00 – 17.00
Agenda:

12.00 Light Lunch available

13.00 AGM to commence

1. Opening Prayer
 2. Chair's welcome and opening remarks
 3. Apologies for absence
 4. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 22nd April 2023
Including any matters arising not covered in the agenda
 5. Governor's Report
 6. Financials
 - Treasurer's Report (Perry Gunn)
 - Approval of Accounts 2022/23
 - Appointment of Auditors
 7. Capitation Fees 2024/25 - Proposal £25.00
 8. Annual reports:
 - FTOG (John Corbishley)
 - Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Richie Clarke)
 - National Band (Lionel Burdett)
 - Overseas Liaison Officer (Terry Hissey)
 - Brigade Memorial Garden (Alan Carter)
 - Brigade Remembrance Service (Fr Chris Buckley)
 - National Events Committee (Olivia Stewart)
 - Cofe Engagement (Fr Chris Buckley)
 - Historical Group (Terry Hissey)
 - Award Scheme (Alan Carter)
 - Regional Reports (Brigade Council Regional Reps)
 9. Any Other Business (Please notify NHQ by 12 April 2024)
 - 125th Anniversary of CNAB
 10. Date and venue of next AGM – 26th April 2025 at Leeds TBC
 11. Closing Prayer & Commemorations
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15.00 Festival of Music & Drill Presentation

15.15 Gift Aid/Fundraising

16:15 Coffee and Award Presentations

17:00 Close

AGM Minutes

Held at St Marys Beverley HQ 22nd April 2023 11am

Attendees: Alan Carter (AC), Alan Stewart (AS), Andrew Hayday (AH), Cath Sheldon (CS), Fr Chris Buckley (FCB), Clare Layfield-Carroll (CLC), Gareth Campbell (GC), Glen Redhead (GR), Helen Altree (HA), Jane Benson (JB), Jason Greenwood (JG), Jayne Warburton-Ball (JWB), John Corbishley (JC), John Hook (JH), John Williams (JW), Lindsay Maclure (LM), Lionel Burdett (LB), Melanie Bruton (MEB), Martyn Bedder (MB), Melvyn Lockhart (ML), Nathan Storm (NS), Neville Gray (NG), Richard Gregg (RG), Richie Clarke (RC), Robbie O'Brien (ROB), Simon Dean (SD), Fr Stephen Parker (FSP), Stephen Whitelegg (SW), Terry Hissey (TH), Thomas Ringland (TR), Zoe Palmer (ZP)

1. Opening prayer

FCB opened the meeting with prayers followed by a short Reading from FSP.

2. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks

AH opened the meeting and thanked those in attendance for coming and also those who had joined via Zoom.

3. Apologies for absence

Ann Sankey, Christine Shuttler, Derick Jackson, Janet Redding, Joan Couzens, Maynard Scott, Olivia Stewart, Perry Gunn, Robin Mack, Stephen Manning, Suzanne Manning.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the last AGM held on 30th April 2022 including any matters arising not covered in the agenda (copy in the attached Reports pack)

The Minutes were accepted as a true and fair record of the last AGM meeting.

Action Points all complete.

TH confirmed that the centenary did receive some coverage on social media. A commemorative limited edition postal cover was created for HG supporters.

AH informed everyone that a letter and historical factsheet regarding the St Martins banner has been sent to King Charles.

New flags have been created and are available to order through HA.

FCB to liaise with NG regards Belle Isle Company Historical items.

Proposer RC Secunder NS

5. Governors Report (copy in the attached Reports Pack)

AH presented highlights from his report.

6. Financials

• Treasurers Report (copy in the attached Reports Pack)

GC presented highlights from the Treasurers Report in the absence of John Smith and Perry Gunn.

TH raised the query of why we are still consolidating unit funds with NHQ funds as this limits grants we can receive. AH confirmed that there had been discussions with Brigade Council about splitting NHQ and unit funds into CLCGB and CLCGB GB. Northern Ireland have already been split as CLCGB NI.

• Approval of accounts 2021/2022

The accounts were approved as a true and fair record of the financial year.

Proposer RG Secunder AS

• Appointment of Auditors

North Accounting will remain as our auditors for CLCGB.

Proposer PG Secunder GC

7. Capitation Fees 2023/2024

Capitation fees to remain at £20 per Leader/member for 2023/2024.

Proposer MEB Seconder LB

8. **Annual Reports**

- **FTOG (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

JC presented highlights from the FTOG Report.

Proposer JC Seconder RC

- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

RC presented highlights from his report.

Proposer RC Seconder JH

- **National Band (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

LB presented highlights from his report.

Proposer LB Seconder ROB

- **Brigade Memorial Garden (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

AC presented highlights from his report.

Thanks were expressed to Maynard Scott for his years of service and dedication to the BMG. NHQ to send letter of thanks.

Proposer AC Seconder RG

- **Brigade Remembrance Service & CofE Engagement**

FCB gave a verbal report.

The 2021 Remembrance Service was very well attended.

The decision was made to move the 2022 service to the weekend before the Remembrance weekend. To enable greater attendance.

FCB confirmed this year's date as 4th November using a new format – Manchester regiment will work with FCB with regards to band, buglers, readings etc. This will then be offered to a different Region each year.

The Bishop of Sodor and Mann (Peter Eagles) is moving back to the UK and hopes to be more involved with the work of the CLCGB.

FCB continues to try and work closely with Clergy.

Proposer FCB Seconder SD

- **Awards Scheme (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

AC presented highlights from his report.

AC asked those present if we need to produce a specific Martins scheme or can the Y Team section be utilised. JC showed preference to 2 separate schemes.

Martins scheme to be ready for September.

RC requested if we can add to the existing scheme regards Band. AC said this was possible.

Proposer AC Seconder NG

- **Historical Group (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

TH presented highlights from his report.

TH confirmed that the Historical Group are to fund the distribution of Robin Bolton's last book 'A Biography of Walter Mallock Gee' 1 per company. These will be sent in due course.

TH presented AH with a Historical Group Lapel Badge.

TH requested that the Historical Group badges be included in the Dress Regulations.

RG commented that a lot of the Historical Group work was with regards the CLB. What is being done to recognise the CGB? TH responded to say there was a lot more history regards the Lads as the Girls history was not very well documented. *NG pointed out that there had been much research over the last few years into the origins of the Girls organisation by Johnny Conn. He confirmed that future Historical projects would be looking at the CLB and CGB combined."*

FCB raised the question regards a discussion at Denham in 2019, will we be marking the grave of the CGB Founder. TH confirmed that RG had found the grave of Mrs Milner in Goole. Revd Milner is located in an unmarked pauper's grave in Whitley Bay. TH suggested that we have an entry in the Crematoriums book of remembrance regards Revd Milner due to cost implications of marking his grave. TH to investigate cost implications of an entry in the Crematorium book as opposed to marking his grave with a headstone. RG to locate a stonemason in Goole to look at cleaning up Mrs Milners Grave stone.

ROB suggested that the Historical Group work with AC to create a History badge for use within the badge scheme.

TH gave thanks to NG for his support as Acting Secretary.
Proposer TH Seconder NG

- **Overseas Liaison Officer (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

TH presented highlights from his report.

AC to supply NHQ with a Welsh flag.

JW to supply NHQ with a Northern Ireland Flag.

HA confirmed that we still had a number of band instruments waiting for St Helena to arrange shipping of. GR offered to help fund the shipping.

Proposer TH Seconder AS

- **Regional Report – NW (Lancashire) (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

The report was created by Janet Redding Brigade Council NW Elected Rep.

- **Regional Report – NW (Manchester) (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

The report was created by SW in his role as Manchester Regimental CO.

- **Regional Report – NW (Liverpool & Chester) (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

The report was created by RC in his role as Chester Battalion CO.

- **Regional Report – Midlands (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

The report was created by MB.

MB confirmed that he had now resigned as Leicester Regimental CO and John Johnson had taken up the position.

- **Regional Report – Wales & South West (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

The report was created by AC.

A new company is to open in Llandogo.

3 Members completed the Young Leaders Course.

- **Regional Report – Ulster (copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

The report was created by JW Ulster Regimental CO.

The Brigades in Ulster are celebrating their 130th year this year with a special service on 1st October.

9. Any Other Business

- **National Archives(copy in the attached Reports Pack)**

NG presented his report.

Historical Group to form a working Group made up from members of HG, Brigade Council and AGM attendees to discuss the way forward with regards location of Historical items.

10. Date and venue of next AGM

Saturday 27th April 2024. Venue possibly Manchester, PG to approach his contact.

11. Closing Prayer

Closing prayers led by FCB.

Remembrance was marked for all who have passed since the last AGM:

Donald Nuttall MBE
HM Queen Elizabeth II
Albert Fernley
Dr Tim Millar
Rev Mike Williams
Jean Savill
Olwen Ollerenshaw
Martha Foster

Action points of the AGM Saturday 22nd April 2023

NHQ	• Send letter of thanks to Maynard Scott	COMPLETE
	• Source cost of shipping instruments to St Helena and liaise with GR	COMPLETE
AC	• Martins Scheme to be ready for September 2023	ONGOING
	• Band badge to be included in badge scheme	
	• HG badges to be added to Dress Regulations	
	• Supply NHQ with a Welsh flag	
TH	• Look at cost implications to marking Revd Milners Grave	
	• Work with AC to create a History badge	
RG	• Locate a stonemason based in Goole to look at cleaning Mrs Milners gravestone	ONGOING
JW	• Supply NHQ with a N.I Flag	COMPLETE
NG	• Form a working group to discuss location of Historical items.	ONGOING

Governor's Statement

This report covers the period from 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, which has yet again been another very challenging year, as we still feel the pain since COVID, with some units closing and others struggling to recruit adult volunteers. This leaves us with a continued reduction in numbers, which we must address by strengthening our existing units and growing new ones with improved resources, well trained leaders and motivation, enthusiasm and vision being cascaded from all levels of the organisation.

My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who has lost someone dear over the past year, especially those in our Brigade family. Their time and commitment to this organisation will always be treasured and their memories will never be forgotten and always in our hearts.

A very special note goes to our patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who passed away in September 2022. She was a beacon to this country and served the CLCGB well during her very long and illustrious reign. We are yet to hear who will become our next Royal Patron, but in the meantime, we pray that His Majesty King Charles III has a long and purposeful reign.

The CLCGB continue to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. NHQ remains registered as a DofE Licenced Organisation and continues to recommend this as a core element of the Senior Corps programme. The DofE scheme enables our young people to learn new skills, challenge themselves, improve their leadership potential and important life skills in a safe Christian environment which exists in all of our units throughout the UK.

In November the annual act of remembrance took place at the National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield, Staffordshire. This is always a moving event and enables the Brigade family to come together in one collective act of remembrance. A group of 30 members and leaders took part in the National act of remembrance at Whitehall, London. This year the salute was taken by HRH The Princess Royal, with the event being televised and airtime given to our group. Yet again the CLCGB was exemplary and made the organisation justly proud.

Our Staff Chaplain has worked tirelessly to encourage other members of the Clergy to become more involved with the CLCGB. We continue to engage with the Church of England at all levels, aiming to demonstrate the value of a CLCGB unit in a parish, acting as a successful tool to enable the Church to engage with its community and positively impact on lives, beyond its normal sphere of influence. We have successfully started/restarted units in Leamington Spa and York, with the potential of a new unit in Clacton-on-Sea.

NHQ accommodation rentals remain strong through the year, with most of the offices in the main building tenanted and the Lighthouse Project continuing to use the training centre. The NHQ team continue to work closely with the businesses in our premises to support them and secure ongoing rentals, giving a major boost to our annual income.

The small team of three paid NHQ staff (2.15FTE) continue to support the organisation in a wide cross section of admin, finance, estate management and stores activities. There has been a huge focus on updating policies and procedures, enhancing badgework programmes, securing grant funding for onsite eco-initiatives, enhancing promotional materials, and developing the organisations social media presence. Their continued work is essential to the efficient running of the organisation. I thank them for their ongoing dedication and commitment.

Grant income to support the organisation remains challenging to secure. Due to the level of reserves held by the organisation, external funding has been impossible to source and secure. A business case was written to support grant bids, but it is planned to re-write this during the coming year to reduce reserves and increase the organisations paid support with a focus on growth, expansion, and to enable the organisation to flourish over the coming decades.

Regional camps and activity weekends have continued to take place over the year all over the UK. These are always fabulous opportunities for members and leaders to spend time together and take part in many different and new activities that they would not normally have the chance to do. These times always resonate with our core focus of Fun, Faith and Friendship.

Throughout the year, most of the planning and trustee meetings have taken place virtually. This has dramatically reduced travel costs and travel time and made the meetings far more accessible and inclusive. The only meeting to take place face-to-face, was the Annual General Meeting, hosted by St Mary's CLCGB, Beverley. This was hugely successful, and thanks goes to this unit for hosting the event. Next year's AGM will take place in Gorton, Manchester.

We continue to have strong ties with our sister organisations across the world in South Africa, Kenya, Newfoundland, St. Helena, and Bermuda. We hope that these relationships continue to grow and flourish, and we offer out a hand of Christian friendship to them all.

Andrew Hayday
Governor & Chair of Trustees

NHQ Treasurers Report & Annual Summary to 31st August 2023.

Bank Balances:

As at **31/08/2023** NHQ balance is **£26,432** plus **£12,187** Ring-fenced monies. = **£38,617**

As at **31/08/2022** NHQ balance was **£10,000** plus **£14,121** Ring-fenced monies. = **£24,121**

Portfolio Valuation: the investments managed by Rathbones as at 31st Aug 23 were valued at **£194,004**

Portfolio Valuation: the investments managed by Rathbones as at 31st Aug 22 were valued at **£198,050**

Other shareholdings We hold shares in 5 other companies these are;

Value as at	Aug 22	Jan 23	June 23	August 23
Shell	1854	1899	1928	1953
Nat Grid	808	770	787	741
M & S	45	54	72	84
Diageo	7791	7205	7034	6680
Centrica	196	261	322	395
Total value	£10,694	£10,189	£10,143	£9,853

Grants, Donations & Legacies

£1,647

Income

Office Rent, Lighthouse rent, Telephone charges & Utility bills income

For the year to 31st August 23 we have received;

Rent £66,675, Telephone income £5,600, Utilities from Lighthouse £10,325 Total £83,230

This is increased year on year in line with inflation, and actual cost increases.

Below is a monthly breakdown;

Lighthouse: **£3263** + contribution to Utility bills (**£860**)

Others: Yorks Hsg **£615 plus phones £60**, Care 4 U Care **£975 plus phones £171**, Oliver

Excavations **£730 plus £275 phones**. Paul Trading **£90**. DFT **£100**

The above includes an inflationary uplift from January (Lighthouse April)

Other NHQ Income Received in current year

Stores £8,175, DBS £180, Investments £331, Gift Aid £272 – this is NHQs net receipt after Brigade Companies receive 90%, Capitation £24,800, Disbanded units £6,194 (below)

Disbanded units

£2205 Unsure of where from, probably a long since disbanded company

£300 Whitchurch, Bristol

£510 St Lukes Ushaw Moor

£1366 St Peters Hednesford

£962 Lichfield Battalion

£850 Unsure of where from, probably a long since disbanded company (Traced later to be Tintern closed account)

Grants Update

We did begin the year commissioning a company called We Raise The Game to actively seek grants for various projects, some smaller (Awards development, Company development, Warm spaces) some very large (Solar Panel farm on grounds) Unfortunately not successful. We hope to be successful in the future, but for now we have cancelled this agreement.

Capitation Fees

Outstanding Capitation from January **2020**

Holy Trinity Wingate £440 This Company is now closed, and we are still awaiting funds to be returned to NHQ

Outstanding **2023**

£550

St James East Crompton

£180 Received at a later date

St Crispin Braunstone	£150 Received at a later date
St John & Barnabus Belle Isle	£40 Received at a later date
St Davids Broom Leys	£80

Brigade Membership (Paying & Non Paying)

Aug 2023	1824 (564 Leaders, 1,242 Children) 508 of which are N.I Members
Jan 2023	1752 (558 Leaders, 1,194 Children)
Nov 2022	1967 (590 Leaders, 1,377 Children)
June 30 th 2022	1967 (595 Leaders, 1372 Children)
January 31 st 2022	2077 (636 Leaders, 1441 Children)
August 31 st 2021	2302 (680 Leaders, 1622 Children)
August 31 st 2020	2319 (670 Leaders, 1649 Children)
April 30 th 2020	2327 (680 Leaders, 1647 Children)
January 31 st 2020	2315 (682 Leaders, 1633 Children)
October 31 st 2019	2381 (687 Leaders, 1694 Children)
August 31 st 2019	2466 (697 Leaders, 1769 Children)
May 2019	2650 (750 Leaders, 1900 Children)
Nov 2018	2451 (670 Leaders, 1781 Children)
June 2018	2521 (661 Leaders, 1860 Children)
Feb 2018	2642 (730 Leaders, 1912 Children)
December 2016 members stood at	2645
December 2015 members stood at	2653

Staffing at NHQ

2 part-time staff (Helen Altree and Zoe Palmer) & 1 full time (Perry Gunn)

Annual Summary

The year 22/23 finally saw us regain some semblance of normality following the pandemic and lockdowns. Although many Brigade units reopened, sadly some did not. Some Leaders did not relish the process of re recruitment, some clergy wanted change, and perhaps other leaders lost the habit of opening a unit every week. Not all bad news though, some companies have really grown since re opening and we do have some new companies opening up and flourishing.

Financially, our bank balances have grown again as full Capitation was re introduced, and following our policy of annual rental increases from our tenants in line with inflation we have naturally seen the rents rise above our main running costs which are held down, due to our fixed gas and electricity tariffs. Regarding tenants, we have not lost any tenants and all tenants pay in full and on time every month, through the difficult business times they may be facing.

Staff & Finance continue to look into Solar panels which will hopefully prove to be prudent management in the long term. Next year we are hoping to negotiate some grant funding, and contributions from stakeholders to assist in the investment.

We have been fortunate in this year to have had no major emergencies or costs which we remain grateful for when managing and maintaining two large and one of these an old property. We did however, receive in this year a payment from our Insurance company of around £7,500 from an emergency last year when the main hot water boiler had burst and been replaced. The claim had taken a while, but is now satisfactorily settled.

NHQ Stores sales are moderate and our optimistic forecast, the new Award badges have been very popular though.

We had commissioned a grant finding company to help us maximise our grant However, they had zero success due to two main reasons. One, we hold a good amount of reserve, and so are not deemed to be in need. And Two, we are a religious organization which many grantors will not support. Therefore, we have closed the contract for the time being, whilst Staff & Finance and the Council discuss a way forward.

We do still have an ongoing problem regarding the Vectis Isle of Wight campsite, previously operated by London Regiment, and this was being dealt with through a solicitor at a cost to NHQ. We have finally spoken to the landlords son and are hoping to move towards finalising the situation, though more costs may yet be found should we have to demolish buildings, have asbestos surveys completed, and pay rental outstanding from previous years to NHQ being asked to pick the problem up.

Perry Gunn, on behalf of John Smith Treasurer.

FTOG - Formation Training Officers Group.

Annual Report to Brigade Council for Sept 2022 to August 2023.

FTOG comprises a number of Brigade leaders, some who are appointed as Training Officers and others who have been involved in training Brigade leaders for some years. All those involved in training are welcome to join the group. We hope to encompass all formations and un-attached Companies over time. FTOG has continued to meet on ZOOM to allow more leaders to take part and reduce costs, we have maintained our presence and continue to plan for the future. During this reporting period we have met 4 times on ZOOM to prepare for the courses on offer.

I would like to pay tribute to all those on our training team. They undertake the training of other Brigade leaders in addition to an already busy home, work and Church life. They are Company Officers with roles at Formation level and we should appreciate the commitment and sacrifices that they make to undertake this vital role for the future of our organisation.

Young Leaders Training Programme

1. **At the end of September 2022 we held the second residential weekend at the BB's NW training Centre at Kirkham, near Preston.**
 - a. 11 Attended and no-one needed to camp this weekend, although we had the space and we could have had a room each
 - b. We continued with the **Sports Leader training Planning, leading and evaluation**, we covered **Understanding Child development**, we had a **Brigade History Quiz**, we looked at **Craft sessions** and **Planning outdoor events**.
 - c. The weekend was largely practical given the amount of space we had. YL's demonstrated their **Sports activities in the Gym and on the car park**. We had an instructor led on the internal climbing wall showing us how to lead a session and manage a group. Finally, we had a very interactive **Morning Prayer session in the open air**.
 - d. Once again thank you to the FTOG Team – Colleen, Perry, Janet, Richie and our cook Lynn. Thank you to Amii Bateson ex-YL who joined us to help out.
2. Our Young Leaders had the opportunity to take a Sports Leaders Level 2 Certificate which was integrated into their training. Five are currently progression towards an award
3. All our YL's had access to take their Food Hygiene Training
4. In February 2023, on the Skills Day many undertook a First aid qualification.

Taking Groups Away and DofE

Meetings have been held at regular intervals with our DofE Co-ordinator and interested Brigade leaders

Following undertaking Expedition Supervisor and Assessor training with DofE, FTOG revised the structure of TGA training and re-qualification to include Expeditions. A process modelled on the APEL for Certification of Brigade Officers was introduced and information disseminated via Training Bulletin No2 TGA in December 2022. Many leaders then went through a re-qualification process to ensure their TGA qualification remained valid. That re-qualification process has now ended and anyone without a valid TGA qualification must attend a TGA 1 &/or 2 Theory course.

Company Administration day

- A planned one Day Basic leaders Training Day at All Saints Heaton Norris in November 2022 was cancelled with only 1 candidate registering.

Skills Training Day

(25th February 2023 at St Mark's Heyside)

The following sessions were really well attended and everyone gained a great deal.

1. TGA 1 & TGA 2 - 5 Leaders attended the course led by Richie Clarke.
2. First Aid - 22 Leaders with Chris Madeley of Elm Training services.
3. Special needs awareness training - 4 Leaders with a new instructor Laura Salisbury
4. Drill - 13 Leaders led by Johnny Conn
5. Games - 13 Leaders led by Johnny Conn

It was a pleasure to welcome Johnny Conn to assist at our Skills Day. We were all devastated to hear of his untimely death and will miss him dearly.

Basic Leadership Training

- We have been faced with many leaders and helpers who needed basic training to help them in the work they do in the Company and ultimately to provide them with knowledge to gain their Certificate of Leadership. To

overcome a reluctance to attend central venues for face to face sessions, we have facilitated a two evening Zoom course at which 15 leaders attended to first session. The second session is on the 11th July.

Ongoing & Future training

- A Skills Training day planned for February 2023.
- Our next Young Leaders Training Programme will meet for an introductory session at the next Skills Training day.
- FTOG staff are available should any leader wish to achieve or update their Certificate of Leadership or their TGA qualifications.

John Corbishley – Chair of FTOG (Formation Training Officers Group)

DofE Report to AGM 2022 to 2023

Over this last year DofE activities have been very quiet, unfortunately a planned Gold Expedition had to be cancelled as we did not have the required members to take part and a Silver qualifying had to be aborted as the temperatures went way past 30 degrees.

NI had a quieter than usual year, not running expeditions and training was light.

We currently have 90 (up from 89 previous year) participants signed up for the award, yet only 20 are active (i.e. logged in within the last few months).

We had 5 bronze, 7 Silver and 6 Gold members signed up.

We have met via MS Teams with our DofE National Officer each month.

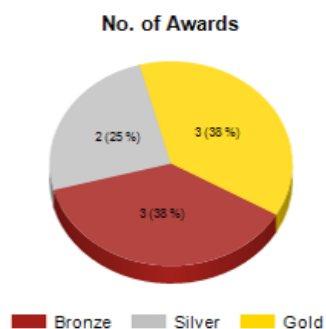
There have been a number of internal Brigade DofE zoom calls, open to all leaders, unfortunately not well attended other than the usual small number.

The temporary conditions for expeditions remained in place for the 22/23 season and will be removed in November 2023.

It has been our ambition for many years to run some open expeditions and we will continue to attempt to organise them.

	01 Sep 2020 to 31 Aug 2021				01 Sep 2021 to 31 Aug 2022				01 Sep 2022 to 31 Aug 2023			
	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total
Total Awards Started	1	2	2	5	3	1		4	5	7	6	18
Disadvantaged Awards Started	0	1	0	1	0	0		0	1	0	1	2
Total Awards Achieved		2	2	4	3		3	6	3	2	3	8
Disadvantaged Awards Achieved		0	0	0	0		1	1	0	0	1	1

Achievers by Award Level



Achievers by Status

Award Level	Active	Archived	Inactive	Total by Level
Bronze	3			3
Silver	2			2
Gold	1	1	1	3
Total	6	1	1	8

Richie Clarke
CLCGB DofE leader

CLCGB NATIONAL BAND ANNUAL REPORT 1 SEP 2022- 31 AUG 23

This reporting period has seen the NB season start with our recruitment weekend (2-4 Sep 22), where we gained 5 new members to the band. The band's numbers stand at 48 playing members (up 3 from last year) and 12 members of staff (up one from last year). Unfortunately, this year the band's cornet section has been under strength due to one player leaving and another being very busy with her new-born baby. That said, the remaining cornet players have performed to a high standard throughout the year, under the leadership of our principal cornet player, Richard Gregg (St Mark's, Heyside).

Our October weekend (21-23 Oct 22), saw the band make further progress with our annual concert programme which continued on our Christmas weekend (9-11 Dec 22), where alongside our usual schedule of rehearsals, we started our Christmas celebrations with a church service, which was followed by mulled wine, mince pies and carols. On Saturday evening, we held a formal regimental dinner and finished off with a Christmas disco.

On our February (10-12 Feb 23) and March (24-26 Mar 23) weekends, we continued the good work towards our annual concert, combined with the usual weekend fun activities and entertainment.

Due to the loss of our accommodation, the venue for our annual concert was changed from St Mark's Church, Heyside, to St Michael's CofE School, Chorley. Accommodation for our concert weekend (29 Apr – 1 May 23), was found at Hothersall Lodge Activity Centre, Longridge. Whilst it was disappointing not to have been able to play at Heyside, we were pleased that alternative arrangements were possible to keep the performance in the North-West. As always, the band performed superbly, spurred on by the largest and most enthusiast audience we have encountered for several years. After the concert NB returned to Hothersall Lodge and held its annual presentation evening and post-concert party.

SUMMER EVENT

21-24 July 2023 saw many members of NB attend North-West Camp, which was held at Fylde Scout Activity Centre, near Blackpool. The camp was a huge success, despite the less than favourable weather and gave attendees the opportunity to look at some of the new season's music, participate in activities and make new friends. Many thanks to Chris Shuttler (St Laurence and St Peter's, Chorley) and her team for a fantastic long weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS

The band would like to congratulate; Georgina Henderson-Neale (St Peter's, Whetstone) and Sean Doughty, on their engagement (17 Oct 22), Jacob Strang and Emily Coultish (both of St Peter's, Whetstone) on the birth of their son, Sebastian (30 Jun 2022), and Tom and Hannah Holder (both of St Mary's, Hinckley) and Robbie and Sarah O'Brien (both National Band) on their marriages (5 and 22 Nov 22 respectively).

FUTURE PLANS

The band will now be focusing on its recruitment weekend (22 – 24 Sep 23) and the possibility of introducing a drum school with the aim of progressing side drummers who may not yet be ready to join the NB Drum Corps, and those who just wish to improve their current skills.

CONCLUSION

As always, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of NB's staff for their support and dedication, and to all its members for their hard work over this reporting period.

Lionel Burdett
DoM
CLCGB NB

Overseas Liaison Officer's Report

I shall break down my report by country and the highlights of the last twelve months, of course I hear from some more than others.

Newfoundland

The efforts of Oliva Stewart of Longridge Company and Michael Cooper, CO of Trinity East-Port Rexton Company that I highlighted last year are continuing to bear fruit. The Company want to visit the UK in the near future, and who know maybe some of our members may head to Newfoundland? The Bugle Magazine keeps me informed about their activities and Michael has been liaising with Alan Carter on resource material for badge work.

I have already made the acquaintance of Sheila Mercer, the new Governor & Commandant, who took office late last year.

We flew the Newfoundland flag at half mast in respect of the passing of David Edwards, former Governor & Commandant. This was really appreciated by his family.

2024 sees the 75th Anniversary of confederation with Canada and I understand a new Company has opened in Toronto. More news next year.

Kenya

I am in regular contact each month with Esther Kamau, who is the Regimental Commander. This seems to be the only regular communication I have, but it is better than none at all. A request for training materials has been received from her.

St Helena

Last year I reported that St Helena had been a bit quiet, but this year, they have been very communicative. In September I met with Cynthia Bennett, the church liaison officer, when she was visiting the UK and had a joyful discussion. This month Perry Gunn and I hosted a zoom meeting with the twelve staff and the Bishop no less. Many ideas were put back and forth and it is so encouraging to see so much progress from a stand-alone company. They now have a Facebook group which I joined last July. I'm also encouraging them to post to the UK FB leaders page. They are keen to fix up some on-line band practice sessions, any takers from the UK?

Barbados

Very quiet this year, only heard from them to acknowledge the Walter Gee biography. But they are on my radar.

South Africa

I hear from the three regiments on occasion, notably including their former members' inclusion in the Roll of Remembrance read out at the annual NMA service.

Bermuda

Sara Demaine has joined the staff of this standalone girls' company and has made an enormous difference to their Facebook coverage. It has been taken to a very high standard and is often shared to the UK Leaders page. Under the leadership of Joy Symonds and her staff, the excellent relationship with the Bermuda Boys' Brigade continues. The UK Brigade could learn a lot from them. The amount of community work they do is amazing.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the NHQ staff for hosting the Commonwealth flags throughout the year. Just wish we could get some decent wind to support the accompanying imagery! However the Facebook posts do reinforce that fact we have overseas units.

I am happy to facilitate any communications between any UK company and an overseas one.

Terry Hissey

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The Brigade Memorial Garden

The BMG remains the only place anywhere in the country, where the name Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade is on show to the general public and dignitaries every day.

The service of remembrance in November 2023 which was led by Manchester Regiment was successful and now we have to start planning this years' service. The concept of different formations taking turns in leading the service under the general template will continue. It is important to emphasise that the service is still open to all members, supporters and guests.

We now have an agreement with the NMA that will ensure the maintenance of the BMG will be carried out by the NMA staff in perpetuity. This should ensure that we keep the prominent position next to the chapel. It should be noted that the NMA reserve the right to move memorials if they fall into disrepair or are under maintained.

There is a proposal with the historical group (HG) that a new body is formed along the lines of a Brigade memorial fund that will be tasked with ensuring the development of the BMG, information boards etc. as well as any other Brigade memorials such as the graves of WMG and Florence Millner. It should also be remembered that there are many other memorials in various churches and halls around the country (St. Phillip's, Bootle springs to mind). I'm sure that the HG would welcome anybody who would wish to contribute and / or help with this.

Alan Carter
BMG Custodian

National Events Committee

During 2023 the National Events Committee was established by individuals who are passionate about working together to plan and deliver future events for all members. We have regular zoom meetings, keep in contact via a WhatsApp group and ensure true and accurate records are kept of all meetings and actions. The Committee is currently made up of 7 members from different geographic locations and of differing ranks to ensure fair representation. We may decide to open for more volunteers with specific skill sets if required later this year.

The Committee started by outlining a plan of events to focus on for the next 12 months- paying attention particularly to events we believed could be re-established.

We have made the decision to focus on 1 event for 2024 and ensuring this is a great success. We will then look at the other events towards Q4 of this year and begin planning for those.

Unihoc Competition

This event has been enjoyed historically by many and there is still a large interest across companies for an event to be re-established as an annual occurrence. In Q4 this year we will work to establish an appropriate date and venue which is central to most companies. We still need to review the rules, understand what equipment we have at NHQ and pull together enough volunteers for this to be viable.

National Camp 125 years celebration of CGB

2026 marks 125 years of the Church Girls Brigade and the Committee believe a National Event to mark this occasion feels appropriate. Many of our events over the years have been focused to the Lads so this event will give the girls an opportunity to be celebrated and recognised for everything they've done and still do for the organisation. Earlier this year work was done by the Committee to begin scoping out what the weekend could look like- this includes inviting a WW2 Re-enactment Nursing Field Hospital (group already approached and willing to support), potential for inviting current Army Medical Corp Women Representatives and a Rededication of Florence Nightingale Milers Grave in Goole. The event will be open to all and would be 2 nights with accommodation being both indoors and camping. The Committee are also in the process of designing a medal for this event which will be presented to all who attend. The proposed venue is Raywell Park- Date- July 2026.

Festival of Music and Drill

It's been several years since we held a national event to celebrate and showcase our Musical talents and Drill. This event has been the main focus of the Committee so far with the event being organised for 5th-7th July 2024 at Raywell Park. The Committee have worked really hard on pulling this event together- we have established a new Facebook page with regular social media posts to drive awareness, an Initial interest form has been created and shared with all companies to help gauge an understanding of attendance which will support the planning for the weekend and a more detailed presentation will be delivered as part of the AGM agenda with more information around cost and breakdown of the event.

We have secured funding from Staff and Finance which means we can offer this event for £10 per person. We are also continuing to look at opportunities for ex Guards to attend to support Drill and for the Royal Marines Band to support our musicians.

Our hope is that this weekend will be a great success and put an annual date in our diary going forward, but we can't do that without the support from our members.

Olivia Stewart
Events Committee

Historical Group Chairman's Report

Following the unexpected passing of Robin Bolton in April 2022, I stepped forward to become Acting Chairman of the Group at the Executive Committee Meeting on 29 September 2022. At the following month's AGM I was duly elected Chairman. An early project was to commemorate the Group's Silver Jubilee and commemorative certificates were sent to all founder members still with us. A small token of recognition for their loyalty and contributions. I would like to thank Nev Gray for stepping forward as acting Secretary after the 2022 AGM, and for his support throughout the last twelve months.

Governance

The Group was at a crossroads in the Autumn of 2022 with a change of three officers. I would like to also formally thank Doug Lake and Janet Mulholland for their work as Secretary and Treasurer respectively for many years. The Executive Committee and AGM endorsed the revision of the 2005 Terms of Reference. Some changes were overdue, such as the financial year end and accounts submission dates which now reflect current policy. However, we don't want to tie ourselves up in red tape and it was agreed to keep the Terms to an A4 page. Thanks to Alan Stewart who presented them and the Chairman's Report to Council. These were approved without question, which pleased me no end. Council also accepted the proposed revised wording in the Brigade Rules with reference to the Group's membership being Associate Members. Recognition at long last! The Executive also endorsed my proposal that the Rev John Collier be nominated as Chaplain. I also welcome Ann Sankey in stepping forward as Treasurer.

Media

I am pleased that the *Brigader* has continued to be produced regularly. Special thanks to Editor Johnny Conn & Distribution Manager Graham Sumner for doing a first-class job. The quality of material is really interesting with lots of unpublished stories seeing the light of day for the first time. The CGB and its forebears were never really documented, certainly during its existence, until recently so it is great the Group is using the journal for this purpose. We have resisted the temptation to go online and make it a downloadable journal. However, we must work within a reasonable budget as the *Brigader* is the Brigade's only national journal. Whilst we are getting contributions to the magazine from a number of 'regulars' we would still like more from those in the field.

Our Facebook group, now open to everyone to join, has over 260 members in October 2023, an increase from 180 the previous year. Do spread the word as it could be an avenue for new recruits and material. Thanks to all who do contribute, particularly David Blake, who is now a moderator.

Interaction with the Brigade

A key initiative was the donation of the Walter Gee biography, inherited from Robin Bolton's legacy stock, to every Company. This was extended to one copy to every overseas formation. Each copy contained a cover letter I wrote explaining the reason for the donation, sadly no response was made from a UK unit, but the overseas ones were more appreciative. The Executive Committee agreed to Alan Carter's proposal that graduating

Young Leaders should be presented with same and a copy of 'Boys of the Brigade Volume 2'. Maybe we shall get more response?

I attended the Brigade's AGM in Beverley in April accompanied by the Secretary and Council Representative. The former gave a good overview on the possibility of our Archives moving out of Wath in a 'house share' with the BB. A good observation was made that a lot of the history of our organisation focused on the CLB and what was being done to recognise the CGB? The Secretary and myself replied that this was a live issue and much research had been published on the CGB, particularly by Johnny Conn. Whilst there Nev Gray received the Exemplary Service Medal in recognition of his lifetime's work with the Brigade, in particular the Group.

NHQ Archives

I would like to thank Nev Gray for keeping an eye on all activity with regard to the National Archive. Sadly, being three hours away via the M1, it is not convenient for me to pop in for an afternoon. It is my long term aim that we can finally gain some National Lottery funding to secure the collection for future generations. An issue brought up at an Executive meeting is that St Martin's House may need a possible increase of insurance cover, as some valuable assets are now contained within. We need to undertake more work in this area and present our findings to Council.

National Memorial Arboretum & Remembrance

Thanks to Tintern Company who laid the Group's poppy wreath at the 2022 annual service. It was pleasing to hear that Alan Carter has taken over guardianship of our Memorial Garden. I felt so happy to see Michael Bolton, (brother), presented with Robin's posthumous Brigade Cross by the Governor.

The question was raised at the Brigade's AGM, following a discussion at Denham in 2019, as to were we marking the grave of Rev Thomas Milner, the CGB Co-Founder. Since then I have been in touch with the respective Goole and North Tyneside Councils regarding commemoration of Rev Thomas and Florence Milner. The former is located in an unmarked pauper's grave in Whitley Bay whereas his wife is in a marked grave. I will be presenting a paper to the Executive Committee on the way forward with the cost implications. Then a recommendation can be made to the Council, hopefully, by the 125th Anniversary in 2026.

Rest in Peace

This year we said farewell to John Halliday, the Group being represented by the Secretary at his funeral. Also Keith Young OAM who was the Curator of the Glengarry Education Centre, Queensland, South Australia which covered the Boys' Brigade and other organisations. They have even borrowed our motto and we shall be considering maintaining our links with them.

I look forward to the next year and the challenges that lay ahead.

Terry Hissey

HG Chairman



CLCGB Award Scheme

The scheme continues to receive a positive response with most companies now using it.

The Martins awards have been written but are at present on hold while the existing badges are run down at NHQ.

The award scheme was always intended to be a live scheme so, with that in mind the feedback that we have received since its launch will be considered and incorporated together with some new environmental and religious additions once time permits.

I have received copies of the new Newfoundland badge scheme based on our new scheme. We will work through it and see what can be appropriated.

As this all has to be carried out in spare time it is difficult to place mile stones on when it will be achieved.

As I always say the key thing is that as the CLCGB prepares for the next 130 years and we continue to concentrate on how to continue to extend the Kingdom of Christ among young people, how we appeal to young people and how we can deliver those needs.

As ever, the feedback from our young members, officers and leaders is essential for the award scheme to stay fresh and relevant.

Alan Carter
Deputy Governor



Cenotaph Parade Report

On Sunday 13th November 2022 25 Brigade members attended the Remembrance Cenotaph Parade in London to pay their respects and to take part in what has always been a poignant event for all in attendance.

The 25 members represented the following regions/companies:

4 from Longridge
10 from Chorley
2 from Manchester
7 from Brightlingsea
2 from North East

All our members were dressed very smartly and represented the organisation with pride and appreciation of the important role they were playing in the Remembrance Parade. Many of the veterans had great interest in the organisation and wanted to speak to our younger members about the event, they made comment on how polite and smart they were. I'd like to make special thanks to Laura Salisbury and John Dines who gave the commands on the day and ensured the drill/marching was of a high standard. We had two of our youngest members on parade on the front row and they did exceptionally well with what can be at times a daunting experience.

Looking ahead to next year and future years, I would like to see this opportunity be made more aware to Brigade members from all companies. It is understood that this hasn't always been the case, members were not aware this event is open to all. It's an incredible opportunity which I truly believe all members should get to experience.

In Summary a personal Thank You to all who attended, yet again we had a fantastic turn out. We were mentioned by the BBC, albeit no coverage. With the extensive coverage received the previous year I think a mention is more than suffice.

I look forward to hopefully taking part again next year and for this opportunity to become available to all.

Olivia Stewart

Captain

St Lawrence with St Paul Longridge

ULSTER REGIMENT REPORT

The last twelve months have been difficult for all of us as we attempted to get back to normality following the Covid Pandemic which you will remember caused a devastating blow to each and every one of us for the two previous years. We hope and pray that with our vaccinations, the wearing of masks, social distancing and meetings via Zoom will be a thing of the past.

It is great to see so many of our Companies have resumed following the lifting of restrictions and carrying on from where they left us. and with the Grace of God and prayer, we can continue the year just as we started.

In January of this year Dean Robert Townley announced his resignation as Regimental Chaplain a position he has held for many years. A presentation of a framed water colour of Armagh Cathedral was presented to him at the May Regimental Staff meeting.

The Reverend Paul McAdam has been appointed as his successor.

On 8th September, we were all very saddened to hear the news that our Patron and Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II had died. During the period of mourning our Companies remained closed. A letter of condolence was sent on behalf of the Regiment to Buckingham Palace.

Later in September the Regimental Staff were invited to Church House in Armagh to have supper with Archbishop McDowell and have our photo taken with him. It was also the opportunity to present Melvyn and Jennifer with the Brigade Cross for all their work within the CLCGB.

Johnny Conn produced a new Leaders Handbook to assist with the weekly programme for leaders, and it was issued to all Companies in Draft form.

Johnny Conn my 2I/C received an invitation to attend the Coronation of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey on 6th May. Johnny attended in CLCGB uniform representing the Regiment.

SCRIPTURE COURSE A number of our Companies are working their way through the various courses.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD training has continued with groups from various Companies participating in practice and actual expeditions in the Mournes. Two members received their Gold Award this year.

TRAINING In January, the newly formed Training Team held a Taster Training Day which was attended by 16 Leaders. Subjects included Drill Movements, Maze Marching, Crafts, First Aid, Dealing with Administration and Games.

TGA TRAINING To date, 8 Leaders for TGA1 AND 2 Leaders for TGA1 &TGA2 have received training.

FIRST AID TRAINING 42 people have been trained over five dates, including 21 trained in an enjoyable day in one of our Battalions.

SPORTS The following Regimental Competitions were held during the year. Uni-hoc. 5 A-side football and athletics.

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS Thanks to our Communications Officer for preparing the Newsletters and supplying information to Facebook on our congratulations to Prince Edward on being conferred the title of Duke of Edinburgh, and a Coronation Best Wishes Video.

130TH ANNIVERSARY During the past year we have been looking forward to celebrating the Anniversary of the CLB in Ireland. This will be reported in next year's report.

John Williams

Ulster Regimental Commander

Chester/Liverpool Battalion Report

The Chester and Liverpool Battalion have seen an unfortunate fall in companies over the last few years, with Bebington and Great Sutton now being the only companies.

Through the year we have met for our Camp Reunion, trip to an excellent Pantomime, oh yes we did! Along with 10 pin bowling and Crazy golf nights. We had our Annual Camp at the Albert Wilson Memorial Field in Prestatyn in July and despite mixed weather had a great time, with visits from the RAF careers team, days out for paddle boarding and ice breaker games and of course the obligatory trip to the swimming baths for the weekly dip. The theme for our devotions was Superheroes. A week of faith, fun and friendship.

The leaders have continued to run the Brigade campsite in Prestatyn, where we had several new bookings this year plus saw the return from BB companies from Scotland and Northern Ireland. The site is run solely with volunteers who carry out maintenance, cleaning, provide welcoming to new camps, put up tents, take tents down etc. A few more volunteers to lighten the load would be welcome at times.

Richie Clarke

Battalion CO

Durham Battalion Report

Durham Regiment was disbanded in February 2023 and became a Battalion. Alan Stewart was commissioned as Battalion CO.

There is one active company within the Battalion – St Aidans Framwellgate moor with a current (2024) membership of 9 Leaders and 17 Members.

There is one inactive company – St Saviours Shotton. Attempts have been made to re-establish the company but unfortunately efforts have been blocked by the Clergy/PCC.

Derick Jackson

Former Regimental CO



Manchester Regiment Report

Currently within Regiment we have 11 companies operational and one dormant, with 107 leaders and 152 members currently registered on BMS.

Due to St Anne's being unavailable (due to interregnum), and it was not possible to secure another venue, the Regimental parade did not go ahead in 2023, however with the Manchester Whit walks re-starting post Covid, many Brigade bands were once again on parade in Manchester with their parishes. This year we also had an increased role in the church service, with once again Brigade bands collaborating to lead several of the hymns.

In December 2022, St Peter's hosted our annual Carol Service, with invitation open to all members and their families. This was led for the first time by a massed brass band formed from several companies from across the Regiment, providing superb music. The service was thoroughly enjoyed and well-remarked on by all who attended.

Through John Corbishley's involvement in training at both Regimental and National, the National training day was again held within the Regiment, at St Mark's Heyside. In the year under review, we had nine Young Leaders from the Regiment taking part in the Young Leaders Training Programme, who were also given the opportunity to take a Level 2 certificate in Sports Leadership alongside their Brigade Certificate of Leadership.

Regimental events that went ahead were enjoyed and well received by those attending. Alongside these successes, it was evident that attendance at Regimental events overall was low and raised a question over the planning of future events. Attempts during 2022 to get an all-company sports and social event were unsuccessful due to lack of interest. As a result, an all-companies open meeting was conducted in March 2023 to consult leaders. The meeting asked whether companies wanted Regimental events and if so, what events companies wanted to see planned and taking place. This meeting was well attended with a positive response in support of wanting Regimental events to continue and a commitment to making this happen, giving Regimental staff confidence to plan and promote further events.

July 2023 saw the return of the annual Regimental Camp in Aberfoyle, Scotland after a couple of years absence previously due to Covid restrictions. All those who attended had an excellent week and thoroughly enjoyed it. Planning for Camp 2024 is underway with a focus on increasing member attendance. Regimental Camp has traditionally been a source of future leaders, lifelong friendships, confidence building, learning new skills, Christian fellowship, experiencing community and trying new things.

In September 2022 we welcomed two new appointments to regimental staff, Lindsay MacClure of St Marks Heyside as secretary, and Rev Josh Gaskell (former commanding officer of All Saints Heaton Norris) as Regimental Adjutant who has added value and significantly strengthened the team. After many years of service in February 2023 we sadly said goodbye to Rev Craig Smith who stepped down from his role as Regimental Chaplain as he relocated to New Zealand. Craig was a regular attendee of Regimental camp, meetings and Regimental parade and his service and contribution are appreciated. Whilst we look for a replacement, Rev Josh Gaskell is currently acting Regimental Chaplain.

Manchester Regiment has been asked to take an active role in the National Remembrance service in November 2023 at the National Arboretum. Plans are underway with Manchester Regiment preparing to provide a band and volunteers to run the service on the day.

The Regimental Commander has had the pleasure of visiting several companies and representing the CLCGB Regiment as a guest at several events such as the Boys' Brigade annual parade, the Prayer Book Society (organised by our own Josh Gaskell) and our own CLCGB National Band concert. It's great to see the Manchester Regiment at these events.

We are grateful to those who have served the Manchester region of the CLCGB through our Regiment, Battalions and Companies and look forward to sharing many more adventures with our members going forward.

"Fight the good fight"

Col. Stephen Whitelegg

Regimental CO

Lancashire Battalion Report

We currently have 3 companies within the Battalion, St Wilfred's Standish, St Lawrence with St Pauls Longridge and St Peter's & St Laurence's Chorley. In 2023 Christ the Servant Digmoor made the difficult decision to close the company- we want to take the opportunity to thank Alison Woods and her leaders for their commitment to the Brigade over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

The Battalion CO is Bob Aldcroft, Adjutant Jayne Warburton Ball, Treasurer Sam Mckenna and newly appointed Training Officer Amii Bateson. Janet Redding has decided to step down as our Training Officer and therefore we share a special thanks to Janet for her many years of dedicated support and guidance as our Battalion Training Officer- no doubt Janet will continue to support Amii as she takes on this role.

St Wilfred's currently have 12 members plus 4 leaders. They have been struggling since Covid with Martins and Yteam members not returning. This left them with a combined JTC/Seniors membership only. NHQ have supported with a recruitment drive within the schools however due to the community of Standish changing over the years this has proved difficult to retain members. There is a plan to relaunch the younger sections in the near future.

St Peter's & St Laurence's Chorley have 23 members plus 7 officers and 6 warrants. They continue to offer a wide programme including band. Church parades continue to alternate between the two churches.

St Lawrence with St Paul Longridge currently have 31 members across all sections and 14 Leaders offering a varied programme. They have several young leaders currently enrolled onto the young leader programme for this year.

Lancashire Battalion is strong and continues to work closely together to support one another with regular communication and opportunities for members to mix. This year we will be holding another camp after last year's success which will be held on Friday 19th-Sunday 21st July at Fylde Scout Activity Centre- this is open to all companies, and we'd love to see you there.

Olivia Stewart

OIC/Captain St Lawrence with St Pauls Longridge