

Roundup



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

Why do we do it?

THAT'S a question that Brian and his family must have been asking themselves after the Martins Fun Day in June. Let me explain on their behalf, (John C.) It was a packed Brigade weekend, every so often the calendar throws them up. Brian organised the National Football and Netball on the Saturday with the support of his wife and son and a few of the leaders from their Company. Not the best of turnouts, one or two problems to overcome but the weather was good. The response he got from leaders from our own Regiment, bearing in mind it is Manchester REGIMENT, not Brian Mill who are hosts, was very poor with only one or two of the usually reliable helpers coming forward to help. It wasn't much better from other Formations, and that makes it hard work and difficult to start close to the appointed time. BUT, it went off OK.

Sunday was the Martins Fun Day. Before that could happen, their Company had its monthly parade service with all the added work that that places on leaders. Brian's wife Kath, went to the Cash and Carry to restock the tuck shop as they had sold out of a lot of tuck at the Football. So, after a rushed lunch, off to the Martins Fun Day. To me that means a fun packed afternoon for ALL the Martins from the Manchester Regiment. We arrived in time to set up all 10 games, the sun was beating down, the stage was set.

Imagine our disappointment when there were only TWO Martins turned up. What would you do? Judging by the response generally, I'd guess you'd pack up and go home?

This begs a couple of questions for future reference, and you've probably guessed by now, that Brian, his family, his leaders who turned up to help, Trish and Vicky Taylor who'd made the school playing field available, and the parents of the children were pretty angry at the lack of support.

Do you, Brigade leaders and parents want us to organise event for Brigade, because this is not the first time that events have been poorly supported?

Is there a better day to hold Brigade events?

Do we ask you to travel too far?

Does anyone read the information that we put out? Is anyone reading this now?

I do not want to hear a string of apologies, that is not the purpose of my writing. Brian and I would value some positive response to say what you want, what we're doing wrong or just that you see and read the information we put out. If you cannot attend an event, then let us know so we can make a judgement whether it's worth continuing or cancelling.

So, what did we do? We formed a team of children from the two Martins and their brother and sister, we formed a team of parents and two teams of leaders and we played the games, drank the pop, ate the sweets and we had a really great afternoon. I just feel sorry for all the Martins out there who missed it.

Commanding Officer Manchester Regiment – John Corbishley



JLGB Interfaith weekend

The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade together with the Jewish Lads' & Girls' Brigade will be holding the 2nd Interfaith Weekend for leaders and young leader over the age of 18 taking place at the Anderton Centre, New Road, Chorley, Lancashire, PR6 9HG arrival from 4.30 on Friday 4th October to 4.30pm Sunday 6th October 2012.

We are delighted that lots of interest has already been received and we are now taking applications online. There are only 25 spaces for CLCGB Leaders so please apply online by Friday 31st August 2012 at www.jlgb.org/apply then click on the logo for the Interfaith Weekend this will load up the form

There's more information at www.clcgb.org.uk/

Companies to close

It is with a great deal of regret that I have to inform you of the closure of two of our Companies. St Barnabas at Openshaw have been struggling to keep going for some time and have been working in conjunction with Resurrection, Stephen Chow has now taken the decision to formally close the Company.

Similarly, Holy Trinity has been working with a handful of Senior Lads for a long time, they are going to continue working with St James Gorton on their D of E awards.

I'd like to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly to try to revitalise these Companies and ultimately for having taken the very hard decision to close. It's not an easy decision to take and I hope and pray that all involved will continue to work and enjoy being part of the Brigade family.

Congratulations...

...to Eddy Lowe for gaining a First in his Degree and Stephen Grant on gaining a 2/2 in Business Management.



ST PETERS is a small company which is part of Tameside battalion. We have three officers, six Martins, four Y-Team and one JTC member. In September most children will be moving up to the next section and recruitment for new Martins will begin. We all meet on a Friday night between 6:30 and 8pm.



We have recently restarted the company band with all children taking an interest in learning to play a new instrument. We are hoping to be ready to perform at the Whit Walks in 2014. The children are really excited to be able to show the people of Ashton how talented they are!



For the last six weeks the Martins, Y-Team and JTC have been working together to earn the arts and crafts sections of their separate badge schemes. This has included designing, making and decorating a piece of pottery. Everybody was very proud to take home their finished piece at the end of the project and parents were delighted with the masterpieces created.

Regimental Sports

Thank you to everyone who attended, took part in or supported the Sports, it was a beautiful day and there was some good competitions. It was great to see South Battalion represented and that their members also won through to the Nationals. CO's have now had the teams for the National Sports, to be held at Blackpools, Stanley Park on September the 28th. They should be giving out invitations soon.

Results:

Yteam Lads

1st Rochdale – 34 pts
2nd Oldham – 31 pts
3rd South – 29 pts
4th Tameside – 8 pts

Yteam Girls

1st Oldham – 38 pts
2nd Rochdale – 18 pts
3rd South – 17 points

JTC Lads

1st Oldham – 27 pts
2nd Rochdale – 21 pts
3rd South – 11 pts

JTC Girls

1st Oldham – 28 pts
2nd Central – 18 pts
3rd Rochdale – 9 points

SC Lads

1st Rochdale – 22 pts
2nd Oldham – 21 pts
3rd Central – 10 pts

SC Girls

1st Oldham – 31 pts
2nd Rochdale – 20 pts

Fun and games at Oldham Battalion



Oldham Battalion held their annual Fun week at the end of June holding competitions for all sections. Team Games, indoor Hockey and the Battalion sports were on the agenda. Team games for Martins and Yteam were both well attended. We had some excellent competition in the Hockey, especially at Senior / Leader level, but the Sports were washed out by the rain again. We week culminated in the Battalion Parade hosted by Holy Trinity, Shaw at which the trophies were presented.



St Marks Heyside compete in National Band Competition

FOR the second year running we had entered the National band competition in Hinckley. We were in the open section as we have eight over 25 regulars, and as everyone wanted to be in it, we decided not to reduce our numbers.

The morning of the competition came and a nervous band plus family and friends climbed aboard the coach for the trip down the M6. We arrived later than expected and some of our members had to perform in the ensemble competition within five minutes of arriving. It soon was time to get changed into our uniforms and get ready to perform, the children coping far better with nerves than the adults!

After inspection it was time to perform, the moment to show everyone what we had been worked so hard for. Our performance went well and was proud of each and every one of our members. It was all smiles when we came off and before we got on the coach to return home, our younger members were already discussing what we were going to play next year. A big mention needs to go out to all the people who organise and run the competition, the day seems to run like clockwork and everyone is helpful and friendly.

I hope we are going to be competing again next year, and hopefully in an age restriction section to let some of our more talented players come into the limelight.

Robert Brumell

Holy Trinity (Platt) Company Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade



invite you to

A Service of Celebration for **DONALD NUTTALL MBE**

to commemorate 76 years of loyal commitment to the Brigade

**Holy Trinity (Platt) Church
Platt Lane, Rusholme, Manchester
at 11.30am on Sunday, September 8, 2013**

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the service

RSVP: Pam Corbishley – 0161-437 3355 – pam.corbishley@btinternet.com

Diary Dates

July 2013

27
-Aug 3 Regimental Outdoor Adventure Week in Scotland

September 2013

8 A Service of Celebration for Don Nuttall
Holy Trinity Platt, 11.30pm
13-15 National Band Weekend
24 Regimental Commanders Meeting

October 2013

5 & 6 Young Leaders/Interfaith Weekend
Anderton Centre, Rivington, Chorley
12 Regimental Conference
18-20 National Band Weekend

November 2013

9 Remembrance Service
National Memorial Arboretum (Band)
10 Remembrance Sunday
16
or 17 Young Leaders Training Day
23 Brigade AGM
29-1 National Band Weekend

December 2013

17 Regimental Commanders Meeting

January 2014

21 Regimental Commanders Meeting

Roundup submissions by last Friday in month.

Advertise your events, publicise what you've been doing by email to johncorbishley@btinternet.com

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

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