



The Corps of Drums Society

Registered Charity No. 1073106

Newsletter – April 2018



Committee Contact Information

Listed below are the current positions held within the Society, I have also added the relevant email addresses, so if there are specific Areas of concern or information required it will reach the correct person and therefore can be answered in a timely manner

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Corps of Drums Society Music Meetings

Saturday 26th May 2018 **Finsbury Barracks**

Saturday 1st September 2018 **Finsbury Barracks**

Finsbury Barracks is on the same site as Armoury House, the home of the Honourable Artillery Company, but is the headquarters of the HAC Regiment. The address is City Road, London, EC1Y 2BQ.

Meetings at the barracks will begin at 10.00. Car parking is available but not infinite, so please park as economically with space as possible. Refreshments are not provided, so you will need to bring something with you, or there is a mini supermarket across the road.

Saturday 27 October 2018 **Syston, Leicestershire (Lord Mayor Show (LMS) - rehearsals)**

The meeting at Syston is being hosted by Pam Hales and members of the Syston Scout and Guide Band and the precise location and other details of will be provided nearer the time.

Music Meeting Content

- Briefing by the HAC
- Full Corps of Drums Practice
- Coaching stands – Flute / Side Drum & Bugle
- Lunch
- Sectional Rehearsals – Practicing tunes for the LMS
- Full Corps of Drums Practice

Yorkshire Corps of Drums (YCOD)- Music Practices / Engagements 2018

Engagements

- 1940's Festival Bridlington Sunday 10th June
- Armed Forces Day Scarborough Saturday 30th June
- WW11 Weekend Pickering Saturday 13th October
- Remembrance Sunday Goole 11th November

YCOD Practices

Listed below are the Practice dates for the YCOD for the months of May and June, but the Corps meets every 2nd Wednesday of the Month, if anyone requires timings please email Peter Garthwaite on the email below. Practices are held at Harewood Barracks, Regent Street, Leeds LS7 1AT

9th May
13th June

p.garthwaite@ntlworld.com

Cinque Ports (Rifle Volunteers) Corps of Drums - Music Practices / Engagements 2018

Engagements

- Queens Regiment Memorial Woodland (QRMW), Dorking – 10th June
- Armed Forces Day – Islington, London – 30th June
- Ramsgate Battle for Victory, Kent – 14th July
- Military Odyssey Show, Detling Hill, Kent – 25th August -TBC
- Pearly Kings & Queens, The GuildHall, London – 16th September

Practices

13th May
13th June – TBC

The Practices are held at The Scout Hut, Mint Walk Warlingham, CR6 9SA – 10:00 – 15:30 for further Information please email either geoff.fairfax@talktalk.net or secretary@corpsofdrums.com or

Guards Division Corps of Drums Association - Music Practices / Engagements 2018

Engagements

- Grenadier Guards Remembrance Day – Wellington Bks, London – 20th May
- Weymouth Veterans Parade – 24th June
- Ypres/ Menin Gate – 5th – 7th Oct, Belgium
- Cipeham RBL Remembrance Parade – 11th November

Practices

- Sunday 8th July – Grenadier Guards Association Club, Windsor
- Sunday 9th Sept – As above
- Sunday 14th Oct – As above

For further information on any of the above please email Stuart on the email below

stuartsutton@virginmedia.com

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Combined Guards Division Corps of Drums Association & YCOD Visit to Ypres

Below are the details for the planned trip being organised by the Guards Division Corps of Drums Association to Ypres in October.

Friday 5th October travel to Belgium

Saturday 6th October parade and act of remembrance Menin Gate

Sunday 7th October travel back to UK

We have permission from the local authorities in Ypres to play in the town square for 20 minutes. Then March up to the Menin Gate to participate as spectators in the Last Post Ceremony. (Unfortunately, we cannot take part due to a choir being booked through the Last Post Association).

The object of this is to pay homage to Drummers who gave their lives in the Service of their Country. From WW1 to the present day, we will be laying Wreaths.

The cost of the trip is £214.00 per person, this includes Travel, Accommodation, and Breakfast. There are three pick up points.

Anyone interested can contact Mark Eldridge directly via email or by mobile which are listed below.

markeldridge60@gmail.com

Mobile - 07910196849.

This trip is open to anyone Drummers and Spectators.

For all requirements and further information please contact Mark Eldridge Directly

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Household Division Beating Retreat Extravaganza – 6th & 7th June 2018

The Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums from Staffordshire and West Midlands (North Sector) have been invited to play during the pre-show for this year's Household Division Beating Retreat on Horseguards, they will also be joined by the ACF Corps of Drums from Manchester and Gwent & Powys.

The plan, at the moment, is to march on massed alongside the 1st Bn Coldstream and Irish Guards Corps of Drums which will give us massed drums of nearly 100 drummers. This will be the biggest Corps of Drums on Horseguards for some time.

The cadets and adults are working extremely hard at learning the music and polishing off their drill and bearing. The adult instructors will be parading within the Corps of Drums to assist in the overall sound and to steady the nerves of the younger cadets.

As you can imagine this is a very big deal for a cadet Corps of Drums and the cadets and staff are all extremely excited about taking part in such a prestigious show.

Tickets for this event can be purchased from going to the following site

<https://tickets.houseulddivision.org.uk>

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Lord Mayor's Show 2018

We have applied to take part in this prestigious event, as we have done every year since 1996, and assuming that we are invited, we will be contacting you for numbers, names, instruments, car details and any other information required. Owing to security considerations, this is likely to be required earlier than previously. The music will be;

Killaloe:	Flutes with Bugle Intro	Children's Love:	Flutes
Heraldry:	Bugles	Bugle Bells:	Bugles
Hazelmere:	Flutes with bell-lyres intro.	Great Escape:	Flutes
Eye Level:	Flutes & bell-lyres	Galanthia:	Flutes
Mud Cabin:	Flutes	Mechanised Infantry:	Bugles & bell lyres
Little Bugler:	Bugles & bell-lyres	Welsh Medley:	Flutes
1914-18 Medley:	Flutes	The Adjutant:	Flutes
The Longest Day:	Flutes & bell-lyres	Minstrel Boy:	Flutes & bell-lyres

The designated march is the 1914-18 Medley.

If you require any of the music, please contact Peter Foss at Music.training@corpsofdrums.com

Picture Archives

Just as an update to all members, as it seems clear that not many members have viewed the Archives, these are being checked and a register produced, currently we have as society, 29 complete A4 Ring binder folders, with between 180 and 300 photos in each. We are looking at starting to have a photo gallery on the website, so all can view.

If anyone has Photos that they would like to add to the archives, please email them to Archivist@corpsofdrums.com

Facebook

The Corps of Drums Society Face book (fb) is a very good platform to connect like minded people who are interested and passionate about all things Corps of Drums, we have started to place photos from the archives onto this platform, whilst waiting to load onto the website, which has generated some good comments, the adding of Photos will continue.

CODS Website

Within the coming Months we will be amending areas on the website to give it a fresher look and adding additional materials and Information, please be patient as there may be times when the site will not be accessible, further updates will be posted in the newsletters.

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