



# The Corps of Drums Society

Registered Charity No. 1073106

## Newsletter – May 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 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.

### **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

**Saturday 27 October 2018 - (Lord Mayor Show (LMS) - Rehearsal)**

**10th Leicester (1st SYSTON) Scout & Guide Band COD**

The meeting at Syston is being hosted by Pam Hales and members of the Syston Scout and Guide Band, between 10:00 – 16:00 - details for this practice are as follows;

Humphrey Perkins School, Cotes Road, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough, Leicester LE12 8JU

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**Lord Mayor's Show 2018**

We will be putting together a Combined Corps for this Year's Lord Mayors Show, we will be collating names of those groups and members who wish to participate in the LMS, I have also put information on the CODS Facebook page. Details for the vehicles that you wish to bring to the LMS will be requested in June.

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](mailto:Music.training@corpsofdrums.com)**

Or [peter.foss@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peter.foss@blueyonder.co.uk)

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**Kneller Hall – CODS Visit - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The Corps of Drums Society will be arranging a visit to Kneller Hall on the date stated above, prior to its closing in 2020. Anyone interested in attending this visit are to emails the Hon Secretary (Emails listed above). It is proposed that the visit will commence at 11:00.

We will place a page on the Facebook page, and anyone wishing to attend will reply to admin.

Further details as they are available will be placed on the Fb page and contained within the monthly newsletters.

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**10th Leicester (1st SYSTON) Scout & Guide Band COD**

Planned Engagements for this year, should anyone like to watch.

- The Armed Forces Day, Himley Hall, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 4DF on - Sunday 1st July
- Summer Rhythm Competition, (in conjunction with BYBA) Corby Town FC, Rockingham Road, Corby NN17 2FB - Sunday 8th July
- Greater Manchester Marching Band Competition, Longford Park Stadium, Rybank Rd, Manchester, M21 9LU - Sunday 16th Sept

For any further information, please email Pam Hales on the following email address

[pamhales@btinternet.com](mailto:pamhales@btinternet.com)

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

Engagements

- 1940's Festival Bridlington Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Armed Forces Day Scarborough Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Bridlington – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July – TBC
- Ypres / Menin Gate – (See details under the Combined Guards Division COD below)
- WW11 Weekend Pickering Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Remembrance Sunday Goole 11<sup>th</sup> November

YCOD Practices

Listed below are the Practice dates for the YCOD for the months of May and June, but the Corps meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

6<sup>th</sup> June (Change of Date in order for a full rehearsal for the Bridlington Festival)

[p.garthwaite@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.garthwaite@ntlworld.com)

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

Engagements

- Queens Regiment Memorial Woodland (QRMW), Dorking – 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Armed Forces Day – Islington, London – 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Ramsgate Battle for Victory, Kent – 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Rye Show – 18<sup>th</sup> August
- Military Odyssey Show, Detling Hill, Kent – 25<sup>th</sup> August -TBC
- Pearly Kings & Queens, The Guildhall, London – 16<sup>th</sup> September

## Practices

Dates 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](mailto:geoff.fairfax@talktalk.net) or [secretary@corpsofdrums.com](mailto:secretary@corpsofdrums.com) or

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

### Engagements

- Weymouth Veterans Parade – 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Ypres/ Menin Gate – 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, Belgium
- Cippeham RBL Remembrance Parade – 11<sup>th</sup> November

### Practices

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

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

[stuartsutton@virginmedia.com](mailto:stuartsutton@virginmedia.com)

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## The Yorkshire Volunteers Corps of Drums

Practice nights are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Standridge Community Centre, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

For further information on joining the YVCOD, please contact David Barlow on the following email

[Dtb33@btinternet.com](mailto:Dtb33@btinternet.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 5<sup>th</sup> October travel to Belgium

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October parade and act of remembrance Menin Gate

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

The combined corps will play the following marches Ypres and Menin Gate during our parade in Ypres please see flute parts and recording of Menin Gate. The Music parts for these 2 can be obtained from Mark Eldridge or Peter Garthwaite

There are 10 places still available for this trip if anyone is interested Mark Eldridge confirms

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

[markeldridge60@gmail.com](mailto: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 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.houseulldivision.org.uk>

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### **Picture Archives**

Photos will continue to be loaded onto the Facebook Page, we will be starting to load photos onto the website, this will be continuous as I will have to scan each one to ensure we have the best possible quality.

If anyone has Photos that they would like to add to the archives, please email them to [Archivist@corpsofdrums.com](mailto:Archivist@corpsofdrums.com)

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**Facebook**

The current usage over the period from 26<sup>th</sup> April until 23<sup>rd</sup> May has again been very good, with 943 Active members over that period on the various posts.

To obtain feedback for new members I have asked all those requesting to join to answer 3 drums related questions, which will hopefully get new members to join the CODS and more importantly to give those new members information of Active Corps within the area they live.

Could I ask all that if you are getting friends to join that they answer the 3 questions?

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**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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