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

Chairman: Roger Davenport  
Hon. Secretary: David Lear MBE  
Hon. Treasurer: Graham (Jake) Thackery  
Drum Major: Geoff Fairfax MBE  
Music & Training: Peter Foss  
Training and Development: Iian Pattinson  
Picture archivist: David Lear MBE  

Other Officers

Editor, Drummers Call: Allison Thackery  
Webmaster: John Emmerson  
Northern Ireland Rep: William Mullen  
Australian Rep: Martin Hartley  

Chairman’s Message

It is with regret that I must inform you of the sad death of Nigel Lillywhite on 24th September 2018, condolences have been sent to his family from the Society

AGM

Minutes for the AGM held ay Kneller Hall om 13th October 2018 have been loaded onto the Corps of Drums Society Website and emailed to members to have given their email address for the database, if you have not received a copy please let me know.
Lord Mayor’s Show 2018

Following a successful LMS Practice at Syston on Saturday 27th October with participation of around 70, the following is the final list of Marches and the order of play.

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

The designated march is the 1914-18 Medley.

Corps of Drums Society Music Meetings

It was reported on by the Chairman at the AGM, that the Society will be looking at holding all Society meetings at SW London ACF at Clapham with assistance as required given to the ACF Corps of Drums.

Dates will follow in the January newsletter

ITC Catterick – Drums Gathering – 16th – 18th November

The details for this year Drums Gathering has been sent out by the Staff Drum Major, Paul Blakelock and emailed to all those on the mailing list, there is a Facebook page under the heading of “The Gathering”

The details for the weekend and Itinerary are attached to the Gathering proforma.

Should you wish to attend, and have not received a proforma please email Paul on the following email, or message through Facebook

Paul.blakelock410@mod.gov.uk
The Ken Wynne Legacy

The following individuals have been selected to form the committee to produce the Music CD and the Book, of which both will link in together.

Chairman, the Hon. Secretary, Iian Pattinson, Colin Dean, Steve Sellwood and Major Richard Powell.

Further updates will be given in the monthly newsletters.

Corps of Drums Society Bass Drum

AMMO & Co of Birmingham had generously donated a new emblazoned Bass Drum to the Society, this will be ready for the LMS

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

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

pamhales@btinternet.com

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

Engagements

- 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

p.garthwaite@ntlworld.com

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

Events and practices for 2019, will be published in the December Newsletter

Music Practice – Sunday 16th December

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

We are always looking for new members, again if you are interested in brushing up on your drumming skills, come along, you do as much or as little as you want to do.
Guards Division Corps of Drums Association - Music Practices / Engagements 2018

Engagements

- Cippeham RBL Remembrance Parade – 11th November

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

stautsutton@virginmedia.com

The Yorkshire Volunteers Corps of Drums

Practice nights are the 1st and 3rd 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

Request from Staff Drum Major Paul Blakelock – ASC Catterick

Paul Blakelock over the past 3 years has raised over £5000,00 for various charities including the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) and is completing a number of events from October 2018 till September 2019 will be participating in a number of events with the aim to raise money for “Cancer Research UK”.

The Corps of Drums Society has given £50.00 to Paul, if anyone else wishes to support Paul in these events then please contact him, either on Paul.blakelock410@mod.gov.uk Or email through Facebook

Picture Archives - Update

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

Facebook

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?
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.

Northern Ireland – William Mullen

William Mullen has volunteered to be the CODS representative for Northern Ireland and will assist any members wishing to join the society over in Northern Ireland.

William Recently held the William Douglas Memorial Flute Band Gathering, in which from the Facebook entries seemed to be well attended, William is looking at holding another gathering next year.

For any information regarding membership or any other event in Northern Ireland please email William on sales@ernemusicssupplies.com

Australia – Martin Hartley

Martin Hartley has volunteered to the be the Society’s representative for Members in Australia, and to promote the CODS over there.

If anyone has questions regarding assistance, please email Martin on hartleymartin@hotmail.com

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