



# The Corps of Drums Society

Registered Charity No. 1073106

## Newsletter – June 2019



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

**Received from Pam Hales** - I write with great sadness to say we have lost a 'brother', Scout Leader, and Bugle Instructor in excess of 25yrs for 10th Leicester, (1st Syston) Scout & Guide Band, Group, and always as part of our yearly contingent of members who have proudly taken part with the massed band of the

'Corps of Drums Society' every year, for 20 years, in the annual London, Lord Mayors Parade.

David Andrew Lucas aged 39yrs passed away on Saturday 25th May 2019.

David progressed through all units of Syston Scouts, attaining the 'Queens Scout Award' and eventually trained to become a Beaver Scout Leader, teaching the youngest boys and girls to 'join up' and learn all the best 'lessons in life', by a volunteered, time served, loyal Scout Leader.

He was 'Big Dave', and much loved by us all, and over many years by the steady flow of very young recruits, especially as he had a sense of humour and the patience of a 'Saint', enduring hours of listening and encouraging them to progress onto the next note on the bugle scale each week, and to learn the marches, one by one, and eventually learn to add drill and march in our displays, and we have now again, after many years, attained 'National Class' within TYMBA, judged by the best in HMS.



Every year we use the winter months to work on our show 'Sticks and Tones', to raise valuable funds and to entertain the public, and to keep the membership thriving by all the fun we have going out of our 'comfort zones. David was no exception, performing in 'murder mysteries', and often having to dress up as a woman in operatic scenes, or a nun, when we sang our version of ' I will follow him' in 'Sister Act', or stripping off with only a furry drummers apron on for modesty in

'The Full Monty', Syston style.

Ironically, this being the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, we once 're-created a war time trench sketch on stage, originally performed by the 2 Ronnies, entitled

'Deaf in the Trenches', which was hilarious, but with a solemn haunting ending, as the whistle blows to go 'over the top', a lone Bugler sounds 'Last Post' as the poppies fall.

That Bugler was David.

He will be so very sadly missed by us all. rip.

Loved and remembered, and always.....'The Wind beneath our Wing's'.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT – LORD MAYORS SHOW**

I will require numbers and a breakdown of instrument for all those wishing to take part in this years LMS, I will be sending emails and forms which are to be completed so these can be returned to the pageant master's PA. Please note if you have the details now please email to myself (Secretary) so I can collate as from 8<sup>th</sup> July till early October I am out of the Country working and only back some weekends.

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### **Corps of Drums AGM**

The proposed date for this year's AGM will be during the lord Mayors show rehearsal at Cottesmore on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

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### **Corps of Drums Society Ties**

The Chairman has taken delivery of 50 ties, these are the correct shade of red as opposed to the previous orange colour on (the red ones with alternate crown and fleur-de-lys diagonal stripes). The price for the ties is £13.50 and £3.50 for P &P. if anyone is interested in purchasing a Society Tie, please email the Chairman Direct on the email above

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### **Drummer Call – Editors notes**

The DC Editor (Geoff Fairfax) has requested that if there are articles that you would like to have included in the drummers Call magazine, then please send to the Editors email address, Also could you ensure that if you have Photos to go with the article could these be sent separately and not with the photos embedded in the word document.

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### **Lord Mayor's Show 2019**

The Music list for the LMS 2019 (Playlist order to be finalised)

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| • Killaloe            | Flutes with Bugle Intro & Bell Lyres                  |
| • The Adjutant        | Flutes  |
| • Heraldry            | Bugles  |
| • Retreat Marches     | Flute   |
| • Legs Eleven         | Flutes  |
| • Bugle Bells         | Bugles  |
| • Mud Cabin           | Flutes & Bell Lyres                                   |
| • Hazelmere           | Flutes with bell-lyres in the trio                    |
| • Mechanised Infantry | Bugles & bell lyres                                   |
| • Galanthia           | Flutes  |
| • Jelalabad           | Bugles & Bell Lyres                                   |
| • Children's Love     | Flutes with Bell Lyres in the Trio (Designated March) |

The completed **QR Code Booklet for all the above Music is now complete and has been emailed along with all Music Parts** to the regular groups who take part in the LMS. if there are any other members who wish to take part in this year's LMS and would like these codes please email the [secretary@corpsofdrums.com](mailto:secretary@corpsofdrums.com)

You can either view the Music through QR code reader or directly from Apple iPhone camera. All the videos are private and only accessed through the QR. This is to protect ourselves and not have loads of random searches and comments left on our videos.

**If you wish to participate please let me know**

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### **Corps of Drums Society Music Meetings 2019**

The dates for Music meetings and the LMS Practice dates and locations are as follows:

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – 10:00 – 16:00 – Kendrew Barracks, Cottesmore, LE15 7BL - LMS Full Rehearsal

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### **The Ken Wynne Legacy**

There are currently no further updates from the information recorded in the previous month's newsletters, updates as and when will be communicated within the newsletters.

To clarify our purpose, the book will be based on the photos in the Society's and members archives. It is not intended to be a history of drum and fife music or to cover foreign practices. It will mainly comprise photos of British Army Corps of Drums / Bugle Platoons post 1860 but can include appropriate Commonwealth/Empire and non-service photos.

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

Events and practices for 2019 – TFO

For any further information on practice dates and events 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 2019**

Events and practices for 2019 -

- WW11 Weekend Pickering Saturday 12th October 2019
- Remembrance Sunday Goole Sunday 10th November 2019

Please email Peter Garthwaite on the email below. Practices are held at Harewood Barracks, Regent Street, Leeds LS7 1AT

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

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**Cinque Ports (Rifle Volunteers) Corps of Drums - Music Practices / Engagements 2019**

Events and practices for 2019

- Saturday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Rye County Show
- Sunday Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Pearly Kings & Queens – London Guild Hall

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)

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.

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**Guards Division Corps of Drums Association - Music Practices / Engagements 2019**

- Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> Music Practice – Windsor SL4 5EY
- Sunday September 8th Music Practice – Windsor SL4 5EY
- Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> Music Practice – Windsor SL4 5EY
- Sunday November 10th Chippenham RBL Remembrance Sunday

**For further information on any of the above please email Jamie Wallis (Hon Secretary) on the email below**

[Secretary@gdcoda.org](mailto:Secretary@gdcoda.org)

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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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**Staffordshire Corps of Drums**

The Staffordshire Corps of Drums are recruiting Flute Players/drummers (including Tenor Drummers) and Bell Lyre players.

The Corps meets on Monday evenings 7-9 pm and occasional Sunday training days. we are located at the Stafford & Rugeley Sea Cadet Centre, River Way, Stafford. ST16 3TH.

We have a busy 2019 and therefore need to recruit more members in order that we can carry out our Public Duties.

For further information please contact Major (Retd) David J Keates MBE on 01902 850536 or Email [davidjkeates@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidjkeates@hotmail.co.uk)

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**The Fusilier Association Corps of Drums (London)**

The FACOD meet on Saturdays, with practices planned for the following dates

Start times are 1030 coffee tea 1100 breakdown into lessons and admin, finish at 1530 at 213  
Balham High Road, London, SW17 7BQ

Names for security reasons need to be given before attendance, anyone interested please email  
Colin Ashton on [colin@polishspecialities.com](mailto:colin@polishspecialities.com)

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### **Cheshire Drums and Bugles**

The CD&B have recently joined the society, once I receive information on any engagements or  
practice dates, I will enter to the newsletter.

Anyone interested please email Robert Richardson on [robbodrummer@hotmail.com](mailto:robbodrummer@hotmail.com)

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### **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 several events from October 2018 till September  
2019 will be participating in several 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](mailto:Paul.blakelock410@mod.gov.uk) Or email through  
Facebook

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### **Picture Archives – Update**

As always if you have any photos or come across any programme which are related to Corps of  
Drums of Bugling please email me at the address below

[Archivist@corpsofdrums.com](mailto:Archivist@corpsofdrums.com)

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### **Website – Update**

Firstly I need to apologies for the website members area as I know there have been a number trying  
to log in to the area, the main reason at present is that there is no areas that have been included as  
yet, so no one has had the approval sent through. The main reasons are that those involved in  
finalising these areas all work full time jobs and frankly have not had the time to concentrate as well  
as other areas within the website.

However, this is currently the only are still to be completed, the members area will have all LMS  
music and the Photo archives, please bear with us, and once this is completed, I will inform all  
members via email and the newsletters.

Thank you for your patience – Please feel free to email me for any questions on  
[Secretary@corpsofdrums.com](mailto:Secretary@corpsofdrums.com)

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### **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, these are intended to ensure that those joining the fb page have an interest or are wishing to participate within the drumming world.

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