



# The Corps of Drums Society

Registered Charity No. 1073106

## Newsletter – June 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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### Chairman's Message

#### "THE FUTURE OF SOCIETY MUSIC MEETINGS

The last two Society music meetings have been very poorly attended. At the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 there were four members. This was probably influenced by the fact that it was a Bank Holiday weekend and because some members were at the rehearsal for Trooping the Colour. However, the date was chosen because Finsbury Barracks are often in use at weekends and we would not be welcome.

This raises the question of why members have been staying away and whether you still want such meetings to take place?

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at South West London ACF HQ

This is therefore a request to all members to please advise the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible of your feelings on whether such meetings are still required and whether you will be attending on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.

Music meetings have been taking place since the Society started in 1977 and it would be unfortunate if they were to cease. In the past attendees have tended to be from civilian Corps, many of which no longer exist. It would be good to attract young drummers and flute-players, who would benefit from extra tuition.

We have also now been told that the HAC Barracks will no longer be available to us for Corps of Drums Practices.

***YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!***

***(Note this message has been emailed to all current members, where have the email addresses)***

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

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September – The planned meeting has now been CANCELLED and will held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 - South West London ACF HQ, 27 St Johns Hill, London, SW11 1TT**  
(The centre is opposite Clapham Junction Train Station)

#### **Music Meeting Content**

- Briefing
- 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.

It is also planned to hold a Music Meeting and hold the AGM on this day.

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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**ITC Catterick – Drums Gathering – 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Itinery 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](mailto:Paul.blakelock410@mod.gov.uk)

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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**

- 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

[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**

- Ramsgate Battle for Victory, Kent – 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Rye Show – 18<sup>th</sup> August
- 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@corpsoddrums.com](mailto:secretary@corpsoddrums.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 2018**

**Engagements**

- Ypres/ Menin Gate – 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, Belgium
- Cipeham 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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### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> May until 20<sup>th</sup> June has again been very good, with 958 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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