

### YOU London help launch Unremembered Wreath Challenge



YOU London groups from across the capital have launched the nationwide Unremembered Wreath Challenge. It invites community groups and schools across the country to create wreaths for each of the members of the Commonwealth in time for the April Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London.

The challenge also requires up to 300 words explaining why it is important to commemorate Commonwealth citizens who served in the Labour Corps during the First World War. All Unremembered wreaths will be laid at war memorials in November.

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The Unremembered project is a national campaign to remember the First World War's army of workers. Behind the lines, men from around the world supported the war effort. Chinese, Canadian, British, Indian, this is a global story. The challenge was launched during a day of activity centred on the Caribbean contribution to the First World War at the National Army Museum on 20 January with more than 60 participants from You London organisations taking part.



National Army Museum curators explained the history of Caribbean soldiers in the British Army and a 'treasure hunt' enabled delegates to explore artefacts in the museum collection.

Young actors from ALT Actor Training performed the Unremembered Voices script and St Michael's Youth Project performed music from the period on steel pans.

The day also included an 'Unremembered Memorial' with delegates holding the names of men of the British West Indies Regiment who were buried or commemorated in the United Kingdom. 124 men are listed on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) database: the first Unremembered Memorial for this group. Following 'Unremembered Inspire', delegates will hold their own Unremembered events commemorating and creating Challenge wreaths in their own communities.

Each delegate will be offered funding to take part in the Unremembered project. Cadets will hold their events as part of Op-Reflect in preparation for national citizenship awards.





## Staines Army Cadets work with the Staines Girl Guides

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 4 NCO's from 195 Staines detachment were invited to attend the Staines Girl Guides parade night. The evening was to help the girl guides to prepare for their Remembrance Sunday Parade. During the evening we delivered our lessons of introducing them to marching and walking in a smart orderly fashion by staying in step and in three ranks. As well as this we helped teach them how to prepare their uniform to ensure it's ironed and their hair is tidy for the day. But the main lesson was delivering to them the importance of wearing the poppy and what it means. This was a great experience to have been given as we were all able to develop our teaching skills further but to also help other organisations within the local community.

Before we left, we were taught by the Girl Guides leaders how they end their night by a traditional Girl Guide song and dance. Overall, the Girl guides and the Army Cadet Force worked really well together and both organisations looked really smart on the day of the Remembrance Sunday Parade. I would definitely like to do this event again in order to help and support organisations within our community.

***Cadet Corporal S Lee and Cadet Corporal A Lee  
195 Staines PWRR Detachment ACF***



## Joint Poppy Collection

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017, myself and other Army Cadets from 195 Staines detachment took part in poppy collection at Staines.

We also had the opportunity to work with the local RAF Air Cadets with the collection.



This was a great experience as both organisations were able to work together in order to raise money and awareness.

The poppy selling took part at the Two Rivers Shopping Centre. This event was to help support and raise money for the Staines British Legion Poppy Appeal. The poppy selling event will benefit not only the British Legion Poppy Appeal but also the cadets as well as they are able to pass off their cadet in the community and also work towards their volunteering section within their DoFE.

During poppy selling each of us were able to take the opportunity to talk to the local community members and ex-servicemen, about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we wear the poppy but also to hear about the ex-servicemen's experiences.

Taking part in events like poppy selling is important because we all have the opportunity to develop our knowledge around commemorations and develop our team working skills.

***Cadet Lance Corporal Harris***  
***195 Staines PWRR Detachment ACF***

## Staines Remembrance Day Parade

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 195 Staines detachment had two of their senior NCO's attend a small remembrance parade service. This parade was in honour of the fallen, to remember what they have done for us and for those who are still serving today.

CPL S Lee carried the detachment flag whilst CPL A Lee fell into the parade alongside the RAF Air Cadets. The parade was also joined by ex-servicemen. After the service we had the chance to speak to the ex-servicemen and listen to their stories about the war and the effects it had on their lives. Everyone took the opportunity to observe a two-minute silence at the Staines cenotaph, whilst the town centre also fell silent.



# Lord Mayors Show

Among many other uniformed youth groups St John Ambulance took part in the Lord Mayors Show and are seen here flying the YOU London flag.

**Photo: Bryan Jones  
LFB Fire Cadets**



## Lord Mayors Show

On Saturday 11th November, around 50 young people from the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade in London took part in the Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London, as part of the London Massed Bugle Band.

The band is a joint effort between the two organisations and is open to young people aged between 11 and 25 who are members of either. This year marked the 802nd running of the procession, which takes place annually to welcome in the new Lord Mayor of London. The band was one of nearly 150 floats in the procession, and our members were amongst over 6,500 people who took part in some way.

Many thousands of people lined the streets of London to watch, and the procession was also broadcast live on BBC1, which made for a great occasion and an unforgettable experience for our members.

**Tom Boorman, Boys' Brigade**



## Merton Volunteer Police Cadets on deployment with 152 and 157 Detachments, Army Cadet Force

A team of Merton Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC) were recently invited to take part in **Exercise Trident Leader**, an intensive Army weekend training event with 151 Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps (RLC), supported by 152 and 157 Detachments Army Cadet Force (ACF) and other units.

During the 72 hour exercise, the RLC rapidly deployed elements in a Light Team Role, with expeditionary capability providing Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) reconnaissance. Cold and tired Officers and soldiers met every challenge testing their readiness to protect the Nation when called upon.

The ACF and VPC teams undertook a range of field training and drills, sharing experiences, equipment and activities. The teenage Cadets were also called upon to support the Army Reserve units by role-playing as civilians and villagers in one patrol-based scenario and active units in other sections of the Exercise.



For the Volunteer Police Cadets, this experience was outside their usual training programme and they learned a lot about fieldcraft and tactics from their ACF colleagues. In return, the VPCs talked about their role in boroughs and activities including supporting police operations, major public events in central London and community volunteering.

**PC Tim Mann, Merton VPC Coordinator**, said “This has been an outstanding opportunity for our Cadets, working with our Army Cadet colleagues and learning new skills. All our young people have bonded really well and shared everything coming their way. I’d like to thank our Army colleagues for such a warm welcome and making my team feel right at home in the field.

I would particularly like to thank WO2 Tom Stringer, 151 Regiment RLC for kindly inviting us to take part and our ACF friends for taking us under their wing and being such a great team.”

Merton VPC Asim Khan (16) said “I wasn’t sure what to expect this weekend, but seeing the Army up close and what they do has been the best. It really opened my eyes, and there’s so much more all the fieldcraft and tactics than many people might realise.”

## Team London Awards

Scouting, Guiding and St John Ambulance leaders were all recipients of this year's Team London Award.

The annual Team London Awards ceremony celebrates the individuals, teams and corporate volunteers who are making outstanding contributions to their communities and helping to make London the best city it can be.

Each day, tens of thousands of volunteers help charities to deliver their services. The Awards are one of the ways the Mayor of London recognises some of those volunteers who go above and beyond to create better local communities.

The 2017 Awards ceremony took place on 6 November 2017 at City Hall. All shortlisted nominees and award winners were joined by Team London's celebrity ambassadors and VIP guests in an inspirational event.

### Uniformed Youth Group Winners

Amy Cook, St John Ambulance  
Stephen Gafson, Scouts  
Wild Wolf Explorer Scout Unit Leaders

### Long Service Award

Wendy Smith, Girl Guiding UK

Uniformed youth groups should look out for an announcement about the 2018 Awards this summer - there's a specific winner category for uniformed youth groups.

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## Jack Petchey Foundation recognises Voluntary Police Cadets for amazing achievements



An incredible 141 young people from Volunteer Police Cadet units across London came together to receive prestigious Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards presented at The Great Hall, Kensington on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



The event honoured Achievement Award winners aged 11-25 who received medallions to go with their framed certificate and a cheque for £250 each, already presented. They were nominated by their peers and leaders, winning awards for a variety of achievements big and small but always for doing their best.



In addition, Leader Awards were presented to 15 adults who have demonstrated, in an outstanding way, an ability to motivate young people. They received a medallion and a framed certificate.

Volunteer Police Cadets in London have received funding of £430,350 from the Jack Petchey Foundation since funding started in 2008.



## Croydon Scouting

Over the last few months the dynamics of Croydon Scouting has changed. As District Commissioner I was very proud to have made several new adult appointments including our first three District Youth Commissioners. Their role is to work with the District team and support the Leaders in the District to promote Youth Led Scouting and ensure that all our young people are involved in developing Scouting today and in the future.

Over the last few months we have had Beaver Scouts, meeting the residents of a local care home to read poems and recently singing Christmas Carols. Other Beaver Scouts from Croydon helping their local resident association with a community litter pick. Lots of members Groups and Sections from Croydon Scouting participated in UK Parliament Week with various activities including debates and casting votes.



Cubs from Croydon took part in the Supreme Box Cart Championship 2017 at Goodwood Motor Circuit. Over 40 teams participated in this very popular annual event with one team flying in from Northern Island. The Cubs borrowed a Box Cart to take part and what a great experience for all. Plans are already afoot to build their own cart and prepare for a return next year.

Scouts and Explorer Scouts from Croydon were recognised by the Jack Petchey Foundation as part of their Achievement Award Scheme. Attending a presentation evening in November at the Kings Centre in Chessington.



**Some Croydon award winners pictured here with Cllr. Toni Letts (Mayor of Croydon)**



**Our three Youth Commissioners Aidan (far left) Sam and Emily (far right) and Emily Au - Assistant UK Youth Commissioner for Governance.**

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## It's all about



The aim of YOU London is to work together

to support young people by maximising the benefits of the existing youth organisations. Working together takes many forms including inter-group competitions, sharing premises, exhibiting together at recruitment events in borough, or simply being aware of who is who in the boroughs' youth groups. Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts can do.

## Z cards

Fold out business cards sized which advertise all of the YOU London groups are available from  
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