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EDITORIAL

I recently overheard a conversation between a group of our members about what they were getting for Christmas. The conversation didn't mention such words as hope for or wish for, these were things that they were definitely going to receive and I'm sure that they had been coercing their parents for quite a while. The lists were quite extensive and would place a heavy burden on some already pressurised families.

On Sunday we were looking at the story of the Widow's Offering from St Mark's Gospel where Jesus makes comment on the relative contributions of the rich and poor. The young people seemed to understand the point that Jesus was making and widened the discussion to contributing from their time and from their talents, not just from their wealth. However, I'm not sure they related their understanding to their expectations for Christmas – perhaps I should have woven this into the discussion.

Let us ensure that this Christmas our young people are reminded of the free gift of Jesus, a gift that may well be forgotten in the compulsion to acquire the latest gadget.

With my very best wishes for a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Steve Dickinson
Brigade Secretary

PS – The International Team has an article in this Gazette highlighting the Behind Tourism website and resources. The next step will be to bring a small group of young people and a leader from the Caribbean to the UK and Rol to sample BB here. Perhaps this is something that you or your Company or Battalion could consider supporting financially as well as with your prayers. Your gift, however small, will make all the difference to these young people.

President's New Year Message



Dear Everyone,

Time marches on, it stops for no-one and when you've reached my age, it seems to go even faster than it ever did.

I know that younger members may not readily understand this, for them, it seems an eternity till their next birthday; Christmas never

seems to come; and the summer holidays lie on a frustratingly distant horizon.

Curiously, there are 60 seconds in every minute, 60 minutes in every hour, 24 hours in every day and 365 days in every year – and that goes for oldies like me as well as young people who may be reading these words.

In my first year as President of the Brigade, I received letters from a number of Companies scattered across the land. They told me about the achievements of boys who had overcome serious problems in order to make the most of their lives. Severe disability, a patch of alarmingly bad health, the loss of loved ones, and yet they'd overcome. Somehow, people suffering in this way became beacons of light, sources of cheerfulness and fine contributors to the life of their Company. I have been so humbled by hearing of these splendid young people. Add to that, those extraordinary pictures of athletes competing in the Paralympic Games and you can see exactly what I mean. A Fijian gold medallist turned up in our congregation one day, he had one leg and yet he'd jumped 1.74 metres to win the high jump competition. As I looked at him, I could scarcely believe my eyes, such courage, such grit, such an example of what all of us can do if we try hard enough.

My wish for this New Year is that every reader of these lines will catch a glimpse of his or her true potential and take significant steps towards realising it. God has made us in his image. He has given us the gifts of creativity and imagination. He wants us to be all that we can be. It's my New Year wish that this is exactly the way things will play out for you.

The Lord bless you and bless you kindly,

Leslie Griffiths

The Revd the Lord Griffiths of Burry Port



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BOOSTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE BOYS' BRIGADE BY 10% IN 2012



It is fantastic that so far this session over 250 Companies have reported a growth of 10% or more with a further 120+ Companies showing some growth from the previous session. We now need to ensure that the momentum generated from the Ten Percent in 2012 campaign will not stop here.

On these pages and throughout this issue of the Gazette you will see stories and news from Companies across the Brigade that have increased their numbers.

We hope that as we move into 2013 that Companies will continue to try out different ideas for recruiting. Don't forget that resources and support are available and you can find out more at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/tenpercent2012

We have recognised those Companies growing by 10% by listing them below and will be sending a certificate in January (others reporting growth following the publishing of this Gazette will feature in the April 2013 magazine).

Companies With 10% Growth In 2012/2013 Session

England

1st A Birmingham
1st Airedale
1st Alford
1st Altrincham
1st Andover
1st Ashbourne
1st Barnet
1st Billericay
1st Bloxham
1st Canterbury
1st Carlton-In-Lindrick
1st Cheam
1st Cheltenham
1st Chester Le Street
1st Craven
1st Dearham (Cumbria)
1st Enfield
1st Gillingham
1st Great Leighs
1st Guildford
1st Halesowen
1st Hoddesdon
1st Hythe
1st Kendal
1st Kidderminster
1st Kings Hill
1st Larkfield
1st Leyland
1st Lincoln
1st Malvern
1st Market Weighton
1st Mid Suffolk
1st Moreton
1st Newbury
1st Northampton
1st Ossett
1st Over Wyre
1st Plymouth
1st Polesworth
1st Redditch
1st Richmond Upon Thames
1st Rotherham
1st Rugby

1st Rugeley
1st South Woodham Ferrers
1st Southend-On-Sea
1st St Neots
1st Stafford
1st Tewkesbury
1st Tiverton
1st Torquay
1st Ulverston
1st Wallingford
1st Waterlooville
1st Westgate-On-Sea
1st Weston-Super-Mare
1st Withernsea
1st Yeovil
1st Yiewsley
1st/3rd Taunton
2nd Bath
2nd Burntwood
2nd Dorchester
2nd Fleet
2nd Halesowen
2nd Haringey
2nd Hutton
2nd Manchester
2nd North Surrey
2nd Polesworth
2nd Southampton
2nd Stoke Sub Hamdon
2nd Strood
2nd Sutton Coldfield
2nd Tonbridge
2nd Widnes
3rd Basingstoke
3rd Croydon
3rd Derby
3rd Gateshead
3rd Hull
3rd Reading
3rd Spalding
3rd Sutton Coldfield
3rd West Kent
3rd York

4th Cheltenham
4th Norwich
4th Peterborough
4th Stafford
4th Sutton
4th Wallasey
4th Woking
5th Bournemouth
5th Kingstoun & Merton
5th Plymouth
6th & 11th West Bromwich
6th Bristol
6th Cheltenham
6th Ipswich
6th Mansfield
6th West Kent
7th Gloucester
7th Grimsby
7th London
7th North Staffordshire
7th Plymouth
8th Birmingham
8th Leicester
8th Trafford
8th Wigan
9th Widnes
10th Brighton (Hove)
10th Bristol
10th Grimsby
10th Leeds
10th Romford
10th South Shields
11th Bromley
11th Croydon
11th Enfield
11th Hull
13th Bromley
13th Halifax
14th Halifax
14th Nottingham
15th Bradford
15th Nottingham
16th Enfield
18th Halifax

20th Bristol
21st Nottingham
22nd Nottingham
23rd Sheffield
26th Leeds
27th North Staffordshire
28th Nottingham
28th West Kent
29th Birmingham
39th Nottingham
45th Nottingham
49th Birmingham
52nd Birmingham
53rd Manchester
54th Sheffield
55th Manchester
56th Liverpool
58th Birmingham
59th Manchester
59th Sheffield

Northern Ireland

1st Aghalee
1st Ballydown
1st Bluestone
1st Castlederg
1st Cloughwater
1st Donegal
1st Drumgooland
1st Gracehill
1st Granshaw
1st Greenisland
1st Groomsport
1st Killyleagh
1st Maralin
1st Milltown
1st Moy
1st Omagh
1st Randalstown
1st Redrock
2nd Benburb
2nd Saintfield
3rd Antrim
3rd Belfast
3rd Newtownabbey
4th Carrickfergus
7th Lisburn

7th Londonderry
10th Bangor
15th Belfast
29th Belfast
58th Belfast
83rd Belfast
84th Belfast

Scotland

1st Alloway
1st Bankfoot
1st Barrhead
1st Bathgate
1st Campsie
1st Chapelhall
1st Condorrat
1st Elderslie
1st Finstown
1st Fraserburgh
1st Galashiels
1st Greenock
1st Inchinnan
1st Johnstone
1st Kilbirnie
1st Killearn
1st Kilsyth
1st Kirkintilloch
1st Kirkliston
1st Kirriemuir
1st Leith
1st Muirkirk
1st Neilston
1st New Monkland
1st Newmains
1st Rothesay
1st Sandwick/Cunningsburgh
1st St Andrews
1st Stevenston
1st Stranraer
1st Torrance
1st/2nd Milngavie
1st/3rd Renfrew
2nd Ayr
2nd Bathgate
2nd Dumfries
2nd Duntocher

2nd Johnstone
2nd Larbert
2nd Wishaw
3rd Bellshill
3rd Dunfermline
3rd Perth
4th Ayr
4th Fraserburgh
4th Irvine
4th Perth
4th Peterhead
5th Dundee
5th Hawick
5th Livingston
6th Hawick
7th Ayr
7th Falkirk
7th Grangemouth
7th/16th Motherwell
8th Falkirk
8th Greenock
10th Leith
13th Hamilton
14th Paisley
19th Motherwell
22nd Paisley
25th Stirling
27th Glasgow
29th Aberdeen
35th Aberdeen
36th Stirling
37th Dundee
41st Aberdeen
46th Aberdeen
65th Edinburgh
66th Aberdeen
68th Aberdeen
125th Glasgow
134th Glasgow
167th Glasgow
184th Glasgow
208th Glasgow

Wales

1st Blackwood (Gwent)
1st Chepstow



1st Barnet Company (London, England)

This session the 1st Barnet Company has seen an increase in membership of 10% and now has around 150 members. When asked about its success Alan King, Company Captain said:

"To encourage new members to join the BB, a Company has to run a strong programme with activities that existing members will want to talk about with their friends at school.

Company Section recruits come mainly through members bringing their friends. Once the new members are there, they need to see that the activities are exciting and enjoyable, that way they will stay.

We've had a large number of recruits this term in the Anchors. When I asked them who told them about the BB most of them said it was their mums. I have concluded that

it is important to get to know the parents and encourage them to talk to other children's parents, probably at the school gates.

It is useful to have some leaflets or cards which members and parents can hand to prospective recruits. We like to produce our own publicity material so we can tailor it to our own Company. The BB has produced some images and clipart which can be used to make custom leaflets/posters which will be very helpful.

If a particular age group is short of members, we aim our publicity at them. The photograph used by us this term is of a girl in Anchors because we didn't have many young girls.

Another idea we tried last year was to make a PowerPoint presentation consisting of pictures of our members doing activities. We put it on a memory stick and asked local primary schools to show it and at the end put an invitation to come and see what we do."

3rd West Kent Company (Kent, England)

This session the 3rd West Kent Company has seen an increase in membership of over 60% and now has over 40 members. When asked about its success Louisa Nevison-Andrews, Company Captain said:



"This year has seen many exciting things happen in our Church and local area, we had multiple Olympic events take place just down the road, we called a new Minister as a Church and The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association has grown across all sections and firmly established itself as part of the Church's youth work.

Programming is possibly the most important element, because you can recruit well but if the young people don't like what they do, they will vote with their feet. Our Anchor and Junior programmes are designed to let the young people do things they might not have the opportunity to

do at home such as den making, junk modelling, painting and indoor ball games. We have had to think creatively about how to introduce some more traditional items into the programme. We encourage free play with a box of random objects that supports play. We work really hard with Anchor and Junior devotions to make them fun and interactive using a range of media types; they particularly love 'Veggie Tales'.

We have found that some of the ideas in the recruitment tool boxes really do work. We have engaged the church congregation in our recruitment. We have a weekly notice in the service sheet and we provide regular updates of activities during the family service and members meeting. We have a pop up banner in the coffee area of the church with information and ensure all new visitors with children are handed a leaflet after church. A banner outside the church informing passers-by of our existence has proved useful. Parent support is vital to our recruitment strategy, we have provided parents with leaflets to hand out and found that parents are quite prepared to talk to others about what their children do outside of school and personal recommendations cannot be underestimated.

I would by no means say that our Company has done anything out of the ordinary to recruit new members that any other Company could not do. It is through the power of prayer and perseverance that has lead to an increase in numbers in our situation. Not everything we have tried has worked but all things are worth trying because you never really know what is going to work for your particular Company."

* Statistics/facts correct as at 10/12/2012



The conclusion to 2 years of raising awareness, raising money and getting involved...

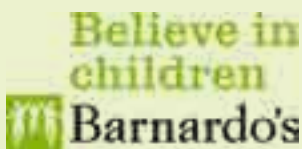
As the Get up and Go project comes to an end, a big thank you to all those Companies that have got involved in one way or another over the last couple of years.

What have we achieved?

Get up and Go has been all about making a difference by...

- **Raising awareness:** Through the resources made available, children and young people have been finding out more about our partner charities and the important work they do. Volunteers and Staff from our partner charities have also been able to visit some BB Companies/ events and share more about their work.
- **Raising money:** We have so far raised nearly £20,000 for our partner charities and money is still coming in thanks to the fantastic efforts of Companies. Fundraising activities have included taking part in the Asthma Mini-Marathon, WWF's Earth Hour, Cake Sales, Sponsored Walks and Christmas Collections to mention just a few.
- **Getting involved:** Through taking a hands on approach our members have been volunteering, giving their time helping with local events and activities and even campaigning!

And a word from our partner charities...



Here at Barnardo's we've been really impressed with the activities undertaken by Boys' Brigade members over the last two years. From virtual challenges to crafting bird boxes, sponsored stay awakes to cake sales, members of The Boys' Brigade have shown us that they truly do Believe in Children.

The money raised as a result of your hard work and commitment will ensure that we can continue to support the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children in our society. The abused, the helpless, the forgotten and the neglected. Thanks to the support and commitment of people like you we can continue to stand up for them, speak out for them and never give up on them.

So we'd like to say a very big thank you from everyone at Barnardo's, and on behalf of the children and families we work with who can't thank you themselves.



On behalf of Asthma UK I would like to say a huge thank you to The Boys' Brigade for participating in the Get Up and Go Campaign. It's great to see so many wonderful groups raising awareness and funds for charity. We are very grateful to the Anchor, Junior, Company and Senior sections for choosing to support our work to reduce hospital admissions from asthma.

There are currently over a million children in the UK living with asthma – that's two pupils in every classroom. We aim to help children take control of their asthma and live free from their symptoms. Your support is vital to Asthma UK, as it enables us to fund more research into the causes of asthma, create better treatments and ultimately find a cure. Your donations are also helping us to provide information and advice to schools and community groups about asthma so that teaching staff and group leaders can create safe environments for children with asthma.

Thank you for your support.



WWF-UK is delighted to have taken part in Get Up and Go, The Boys' Brigade's own call to action. We very much hope that leaders were able to inspire young people to a lifelong commitment of making a positive contribution to the world around us. We feel passionately that taking care of our brilliant planet and enjoying nature are important for our young people and thank all the leaders for the time they give to make this a reality.

The Boys' Brigade has also inspired WWF to develop a range of resources for all groups of young people who meet regularly to have fun and to embrace positive action. We now have 'One Planet Future' resource pack and a poster resource called 'Explore' – the first edition is all about the Snow Leopard. These free resources focus on the work of WWF and we hope to continue to inspire young people to look after the world around us. Leaders can receive free copies by sending the group name and contact details to youth@wwf.org.uk



To find out more about Get up and Go project, what's it been all about or to get involved (it's not too late to make use of the resources available online) go to:
www.boys-brigade.org.uk/getupandgo/



Your invitation to Brigade Council 2013...



Brigade Council has been held in Northern Ireland on a number of occasions, each time at a different venue. Recent visits have been to Newcastle, Londonderry and Armagh.

On behalf of The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland, it is our pleasure to invite you to Brigade Council 2013, which will be held in Belfast during the weekend 6th to 8th September 2013.

Accommodation

Jury's Hotel in Belfast City has been selected as the recommended accommodation for delegates. It is within easy walking distance of the Bus and Rail Station, the Council Meeting and City Hall. Preferential rates will be available to delegates.

Transfers

Delegates arriving at Belfast International Airport or George Best Belfast City Airport will be able to purchase reasonably priced tickets for transfer to Europa Bus Centre. Full details are available at: www.translink.co.uk

Anniversary Reception

Belfast City Council will host a Civic Reception on the Friday evening to mark the 125th Anniversary of The Boys' Brigade in Ireland. All Brigade Council delegates are invited to join with local leaders as we celebrate this significant event at Belfast City Hall.

Council Meeting

All business meetings will take place in Assembly Buildings – the recently refurbished headquarters and conference centre of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Saturday Evening

This part of the weekend will not be programmed. Council delegates will be free to explore and experience the wide range of theatres, cinemas, restaurants, and other visitor facilities now available in Belfast.

Sunday Morning Service

The Council Service will take place at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church – home to the 1st Irish Company. This service will mark the formation of the Company in 1888 and its legacy.

Map & Directions

A downloadable map of Belfast City Centre can be found at: www.discovernorthernireland.com/downloads/belfaststreet.pdf

Young Leaders' Programme

An Under 26 Programme will be organised by BB Connect – the Northern Ireland Under 26 Group. This will take place across Belfast and elements of the programme will enable participants to explore the history and redevelopment of our Capital city.

Accommodation for this programme will be at Days Hotel in Belfast City Centre. This hotel is conveniently located close to the Europa Bus Centre and Great Victoria Street Railway Station. Preferential rates will be available to delegates.



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www.viewbelfast.co.uk
www.gotobelfast.com/whats-on
www.belfastcitysightseeing.com
www.titanicbelfast.com



GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS 2013

“celebrating inspirational young people”

Have you considered nominating a child or young person in your Company for a Go MAD Award?

We all know children and young people
(5 to 19 years old) who make a significant
difference in the lives of others.

We want to recognise commitment through
the **Go Make a Difference** awards to
acknowledge, encourage, reward and most
importantly promote the positive
achievements of our young people.

Nominations for the award
are open until May 2013.

**Download the nomination form at:
www.boys-brigade.org.uk/gomad2013.pdf
or contact your Regional Headquarters**



Faith in the Company

Youth work is demanding. You don't need me to tell you that. The hours are long, the commitment is high, the preparation is vital, the thanks is minimal, and the pay, well, what pay? The cyclists in Team GB owed their Olympic success to a strategy called 'incremental gains', paying attention to every conceivable factor that could boost the riders' performance. Sometimes in BB it feels as if we've got just as many things to pay attention to, and a skeleton staff to do it with. No wonder, then, that some things get less attention than they should. But one area we neglect at our peril is our relationship with the church.

I remember talking to a minister colleague who was engaged in a litany of complaint about her church's BB company. "They leave the lights on, they never tidy the hall, they never come to church meetings, they never answer my emails asking for prayer requests..." I braced myself for the end of her tirade. "But for all that, they do really good work with young people!" I was surprised by the minister's generosity in seeing the good work done by the BB when in many respects the relationship between the Company and the church had broken down. I was sad that the church couldn't get behind the Company more, tell stories of the good work the BB was doing, share their vision for God's mission in that place. But both parties sounded stuck in misunderstandings about the other side. For the situation to change, someone would have to take the initiative and start talking to the other. Who would it be?

Fundamentally, the Church and the BB are working to the same ends; to share the love of God with others, and to be a community where people grow in faith and discipleship. We go about this in different ways; the church through worship to which all are welcome, and the BB by providing activities to an age-group the church struggles to reach. Our different methods and the demanding nature of our ministries are the breeding ground for distance and distrust, but we are serving the same Lord and working to the same goal. Our distinctiveness is a gift to one another. To the church, the

BB brings experience of working with young people, backed up by resources and training. To the BB, the church brings the gift of a prayerful and supportive community, theological knowledge, and a broader sense of the mission of God in that place that can inspire the Company in its work. We need each other! Together we are enriched. Apart, the church is impoverished and the BB simply doesn't make sense.

The BB has prepared a booklet called 'Faith in the Company' which explores the relationship between the church and the BB Company. As well as describing how the relationship should work, there are plenty of questions for discussion that can be explored in a Company staff meeting. Or better still, at a meeting with the Chaplain and other members of the church leadership as well. It's a great way of taking the relationship with your church to a new level.

The Revd. Dean Ayres

President of London District





38th Belfast

The 38th Belfast held a coffee morning for the older residents in the local area and the boys baked all the goodies.



6th Ipswich

Seven Juniors and one Company Section boy from the 6th Ipswich recently enjoyed a weekend at a PGL multi-activity centre in Lincolnshire. The boys were able to try activities including quad biking, the zip-wire, high ropes and rifle shooting.



1st Chepstow

Four Company Section boys from 1st Chepstow took part in Her Majesty The Queen's baton run and cycled across the Severn Bridge from Wales to England where the baton was handed over to Bristol BB.



3rd Airdrie

Congratulations to Sam Haugh from 3rd Airdrie on being selected to represent Scotland at the sport of Taekwondo at the World Junior Championships held in Tallinn, Estonia in August 2012. Sam was very proud to be representing his country and although this was a very high standard of competition for his international debut, he acquitted himself very well. Having achieved this level in an Olympic year, Sam's dream is thinking about working towards the possibility of the Rio Olympics.



5th West Bromwich

Boys and officers of the 5th West Bromwich raised £1,300 when they walked the 10 mile route as part of "Walk for Harry", which raises funds for two local charities, the brain tumour research project at Birmingham Children's Hospital and the refurbishment of Acorns Children's Hospice. The walk was also to support one of their boys, Jack Forrest Sadler and his family. Jack has recently received treatment in America.



10th South Shields

Pictured are young members from 10th South Shields with UK Olympic Torch Bearer Tony Daghli.



Devon Battalion

The Devon Battalion of the 1st, 5th, 10th Exeter and 2nd Bovey Tracey had its annual camp at Pembrey Country Park in Carmarthenshire. They are pictured on parade in Pembrey village.



19th Nottingham

The 19th Nottingham celebrated its 90th anniversary with many special activities throughout the year, but the main event was a weekend of celebration and pictured are members at their display and awards' night with chief guest, Mr Vernon Coaker, MP.



2nd Portadown

Pictured are 2nd Portadown Anchor Boys on a trip to Portadown Fire Station.



2nd Polmont

At the end of August a party of 13 from the Company Section of 2nd Polmont spent an excellent weekend at the Lochgoilhead Centre. They took part in rock climbing, abseiling, kayaking, burn running and bushcraft. All of them are now well acquainted first hand with the aquatic life of Loch Goil having spent time in the loch.



4th and 5th Scarborough

Pictured are members of 4th and 5th Scarborough on a summer holiday at the Well Road Centre in Moffatt, Scotland.



East Durham Battalion

Pictured are Daniel Miller, Jack Rowell and Chris Winn of 1st Chester-le-Street, together with Andrew Berston of 16th East Durham after being presented with their Queen's Badge awards by Hannah Bayman of BBC Look North. Hannah had worked with Daniel in his role as Whizzkidz Ambassador when Daniel and several other Whizzkidz visited the BBC studios.



2nd Oakengates

Pictured are members of 2nd Oakengates at their annual camp at Churston Ferrers, Devon. Also pictured are the DofE group who undertook their silver expedition in the White Peak District, Derbyshire.



4th/5th Kilmarnock

Pictured are members of 4th/5th Kilmarnock on a visit to Delta Force for a day of Paintballing.



10th Exeter

Boys, officers and the church of the 10th Exeter collected £130.10 as part of the BB Get Up And Go Campaign for Asthma UK. This was done by sticking 5p pieces to two cardboard cut outs of a pair of lungs.



3rd West Bromwich

Harrison McCann, aged 8, a member of the 3rd West Bromwich, was inspired by the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and wrote to Her Majesty The Queen to find out more about her role as Monarch and the sort of things she does on a day to day basis. Harrison forgot all about it, but was delighted to receive a letter from Balmoral Castle signed on behalf of Her Majesty by a lady-in-waiting.



1st Maralin

Pictured are members of 1st Maralin with their Silver DofE certificates. Standing left to right, Richard Lyttle, Daniel Greenaway, Gregg Shannon and Scott Armstrong and seated left to right, Andrew Wooster, Joshua Norton and Mark Campbell.



1st Scone

The Company Section boys from 1st Scone ran outdoor games in the car park at the Church fair while officers ran a recruitment campaign at the stall next door... At least a couple of probable new boys for our Anchors!



1st Uxbridge

Christian Hinton and Thomas Rees after being presented with their Queen's Badge awards by The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Michael Markham and his wife Mrs Rosemary Markham.



Paisley and District Battalion

45 Queen's Men at the Civic Reception in Paisley Abbey, given by Renfrewshire Council with Provost Anne Hall and new Battalion President Bill Keddie.



8th Trafford

The 8th Trafford has been awarded the Manchester Queen's and Battalion Colours for the first time in the Company's history at the annual awards night in October 2012.



1st Chapel en le Frith

Members of the 1st Chapel en le Frith Company in Derbyshire with the Wells Dressing they did this summer. Wells dressing is peculiar to Derbyshire and people dress wells in the village with pictures made of flower petals, wool and other natural material. The boys chose to reproduce the Diamond Jubilee badge.



10th North Suffolk

Pictured are members of Company Section of 10th North Suffolk at their weekend camp at North Walsham.



1st Falkirk

The Company Section of 1st Falkirk successfully completed its ascent of Ben Vorlich (a Munro of 985m/3232ft) as part of its BB Week fundraising efforts. There were no fewer than eight first time Munro climbers in the group.



3rd Johnstone

The 3rd Johnstone celebrated its 50th anniversary and held a big party on the 5th October 2012.



1st Downham Market

Pictured is Christopher Gray being presented with his President's Badge by Ralph Perkins, Company Captain. Christopher is the first Company Section member to have achieved this award in the 28 year history of the Company. Another Company Section boy, Harry Yeo, was awarded the "100 Hours Voluntary Service Certificate" for his work at various venues with the St. John Ambulance.



2nd Camborne

Members of the 2nd Camborne were honoured to be able to visit the Penlee Lifeboat. After seeing a DVD explaining the work of the RNLI, Coxswain Patrick 'Patch' Harvey and crewman Graham Henderson gave the boys an 'Access All Areas' tour of the inshore and offshore boats. The Penlee Lifeboat will always have a special place in the heart of Cornwall, but it also has a special significance for The Boys' Brigade as six of the eight crew lost on the RNLB Solomon Browne in December 1981 were ex BB members. This only served to reinforce to the boys the incredible, brave and dangerous work that the RNLI continue to volunteer to do. The boys enjoyed seeing everything the boats could do and they even got to meet 'Dead Fred', the recovery dummy used in training. Pictured are the Company & Senior boys on board RNLB Ivan Ellen alongside Coxswain Patrick Harvey & Crewman Graham Henderson.



66th Edinburgh

Pictured are six Company boys at the Edinburgh vs Saracens Rugby match. It was their first chance to experience a rugby match.

Also pictured, 66th Edinburgh, when they took part in the first ever West Pilton and Muirhouse combined Gala day.



“Lest We Forget”

On Saturday 10th November, members of the 1st Pensnett, church family and Royal British Legion, travelled to London to attend the annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. The Company joined with other BB Companies from Northern Ireland and the Mid Staffs and Sandwell Battalion to mark the event. Rod Stewart was brilliant and the band display gave a lot of food for thought. It was a moving and memorable experience for all.



3rd Dunfermline

Dunfermline and District Battalion hosted its annual Five-A-Side tournament at Tulliallan Police College. Boys, aged from 8 to 18, competed from all over the Dunfermline area in the hotly contested competition. The winners of the Junior Section Competition were 3rd Dunfermline.



51st Edinburgh

Radio presenter, Mark Martin played a “blast from the past” on Friday 12 October as he paid a surprise visit to his old Company, 51st Edinburgh. The presenter of The Hot 20, which is broadcast across Scotland on Forth 1, Clyde 1, Tay FM, Northsound 1, West FM and Radio Borders, dusted down his old BB uniform and went back to 51st Edinburgh BB Company for the evening.



Queen’s Badge Completion Course

There was a most successful mid week QB Completion Course at Carronvale during the October break. The Royal Marines were on hand to help the Seniors with some fitness training.



1st Stewarton

Willie Campbell has been recognised for his tireless work with The Boys’ Brigade at the Westsound Radio Cream of Ayrshire Awards. The Captain of the 1st Stewarton BB Company won the Unsung Hero Award at the gala ceremony on 4th October at the Brig of Doon Hotel in Ayr after being nominated by one of the parents.



Surprise, Surprise!

A BB Captain from East Ayrshire was caught a little unawares recently when his wife and he appeared on ITV’s ‘Surprise, Surprise!’ Gordon McIlwraith from 3rd Kilmarnock was nominated for his decades of dedication helping hundreds of young people. Amongst the surprises was a tour of London from Dom Joly. Members of the London Massed Bugle Band played on the show and the appearance of boys from the Company took the opportunity to thank Gordon in person for all his hard work.



Belfast Battalion

The Belfast Battalion recently received a grant from The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Volunteer Fund/Youth United Foundation for the planting of Yew trees at its Ganaway Centre to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and the provision of a sculpture illustrating the contribution of youth to the community. The planting was carried out by members of the 1st Bangor, 2nd Comber and the 48th N.I. Girls’ Brigade Company.

New Development



In the October Gazette we reported on the exciting opportunity offered to the BB through its membership of Youth United. The Department for Communities and Local Government has recognised the fantastic work that the structured voluntary youth service provides for children and young people and the value for money offered compared with many other initiatives. Member organisations of Youth United have hundreds of years of experience of working with children and young people and the Government wishes to build on this and invest in the organisations' ongoing work.

The Department is particularly keen for the groups to engage with young people who, for a variety of reasons, have not traditionally accessed our activities. As this initiative is part of the Government's Social Inclusion Programme the scheme has targeted specific areas of England and it is within these areas that the work must be directed.

We are delighted that BB has been awarded funding to appoint Development Workers in the following areas: Birmingham (2 posts), Manchester (2 posts), London (2 posts), Middlesbrough & Redcar (1 post), Stoke on Trent (1 post), Bradford (0.5 post). In addition we have received funding for project administration and oversight.

As you will understand, as this is funded through the Government, there are clear targets that have to be achieved in terms of numbers of new units (our sections), numbers of new adult volunteers and numbers of new children and young people joining these units. These targets are quite specific about the areas in which the funding can be used and only units started in certain postcodes within the generic towns and cities will count. The targets are challenging and the areas have been chosen because the member organisations of Youth United are under-represented there. The targets are especially difficult as they have to be attained within an eighteen month period and experience of development work within all organisations is that this may not be long enough to develop and establish sustainable new groups.

The new team, to be managed by Eric Hudson, Director for England, has been appointed and will start work in early January. Some have previous BB knowledge and some do not, but have other Christian youth work experience. All of them will need your prayers and support as they start this very exciting journey.

MEET THE TEAM...

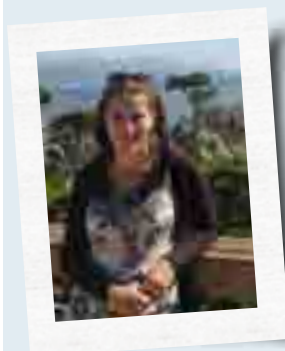
Clare Daly - Manchester

I am pleased to take up my appointment with The Boys' Brigade and I am looking forward to the challenge of engaging the community in an effort to increase the good work of the organisation within the north west. I specifically applied for the post because I became aware of the importance of The Brigade in engaging young people in an informal learning environment. I currently work for The Methodist Church and am excited to be part of a globally recognised organisation which has ambitious aims of reaching out to more young people.



Lydia Miller - Tonbridge

Hello, I'm Lydia Miller and I'm based in Tonbridge, Kent. I'm currently studying for a BA in Youth Work through The Open University and have just started my third year. I'm married to Jamie (we tied the knot last September) and love travelling, reading a good book and going on long (ish) bicycle rides. As a child I was in The Girls' Brigade and more recently I've been volunteering at 1st Tonbridge GB and 2nd Tonbridge BB. I'm really passionate about the Brigades which is one of the reasons I'm so excited to be working for The Boys' Brigade.



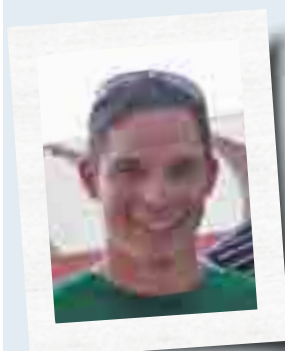
Emily Atkinson - Middlesbrough & Redcar

Hello. I am Emily Atkinson. I live in Durham with my husband Mark and 2 guinea pigs. I moved to Durham in 2003 to attend University but was brought up in Wensleydale (Yes where the cheese comes from.) At university I studied Youth work and I graduated in 2006. Since then I have worked for 2 different churches in Newcastle and Barnard Castle. I have volunteered with GirlGuiding UK since I was 16 and run a Guide unit (10-14yrs) in Durham City.



Peter Newton - Birmingham

I've been part of the 80th Birmingham since the age of 5, which makes this session my 20th (!) Time certainly flies when you're having fun, and I think I enjoy BB more than ever. I have been involved with work in BB Birmingham as a volunteer for a number of years and recently had the opportunity to work for BB Birmingham on a full time basis,



Team for England

heading up the Urban Buddies Project, promoting BB to families from more disadvantaged areas of the city, which has been a fantastic experience.

Beth Goddard – London

I have been a youth worker for many years, having studied youth work at university before working for three churches and a Christian charity. I am passionate about sharing God's love with young people through loving and supporting them. It gives me great pleasure to watch young people grow in confidence and maturity by creating a safe place for them to come and 'be' where they can make friends, learn about themselves and others, learn new skills and passions and have access to supportive encouraging relationships with adults. My husband coordinates Street Pastors in Merton and we are on the leadership team of our church, be church, which is a small house church.



I look forward to moving back up North to Manchester and being involved with a growing Boys' Brigade.

Jan Longhurst – Admin/ Fundraising Officer

I have been a leader in The Boys' Brigade for many years and am a Brigade Training Officer. One of my biggest challenges and joys in Brigade was as Training & Development Director for London District for four years where I came to know and truly understand the wide diversity of work that BB offers.

I am really pleased to now be able to use some of my professional skills in this new role as a fundraiser and in supporting our new workers. This new area of work is really exciting for the BB and I remain very passionate about seeing BB grow and develop, engaging with new communities and using new ways of bringing Christ into young people's lives.



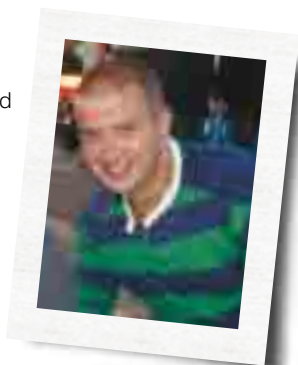
Sean Clancy – Birmingham

My name is Sean Clancy I am originally from Nottinghamshire but now I am living in Birmingham with my wife Marie. I have been in the Army for 14 years, during which I have been on several operational tours to Afghanistan and Iraq. My personal faith started in childhood as my grandma took me to church every Sunday. However my

faith really grew and developed when I attended an Alpha course and due to the overwhelming changes this had on me, I now regularly lead and talk on the Alpha course, where it is amazing to share with people who are starting their own journey with God. I am really excited about working for The Boys' Brigade as I am so committed to young people and empathise with the challenges they face whilst recognising their individual potential. This is something The Boys' Brigade does very well and now it is our challenge to get this message out to the wider community.

Mitch Jones – Manchester

Hi, my name is Mitch, I am very excited to be given this job and about the challenges and changes ahead. I was involved with The Boys' Brigade for 10 years as a lad at the 32nd Nottingham before leaving to go to university at Manchester Met to study Drama. From the annoying Junior Section lad to the Senior knee deep in a bog on my Gold DofE I have many experiences as a BB member. With a gap year in Plymouth working for Mutley Baptist Church, I have plenty of experience working in areas with vulnerable adults and young people, so I am able to work with people of all ages and backgrounds.



Neil Keighery – Stoke on Trent

I'm 48 years old, married with two children and have worked for Boots for just under 32 years, initially in their shops and then in to a varied career in their Head Office. I worship at Arnold Methodist Church where I am the Captain of the 39th Nottingham Company having been in BB for

over 40 years. I am passionate about the need to introduce Jesus to young people in relevant ways and am very excited about the opportunity of promoting the BB through new ways of working and new opportunities; having the opportunity to investigate ways to set up new groups is simply amazing.

John Myers – Bradford

For the last six months I have been working in Leeds Battalion visiting local Companies and getting to know leaders and young people. Over the next eighteen months, half of my role will also be to raise the profile of The Boys' Brigade in and around Bradford and forge links with local Churches that have not partnered BB before. I have worked in the voluntary sector for around 15 years.

During this time, I have been privileged to work for great organisations such as the YMCA, the Salvation Army, Youth for Christ and of course, The Boys' Brigade. I am no stranger to the organisation as I previously served as a leader in the 2nd Bradford Company in the mid/late 90's, eventually becoming Captain.



Around the regions

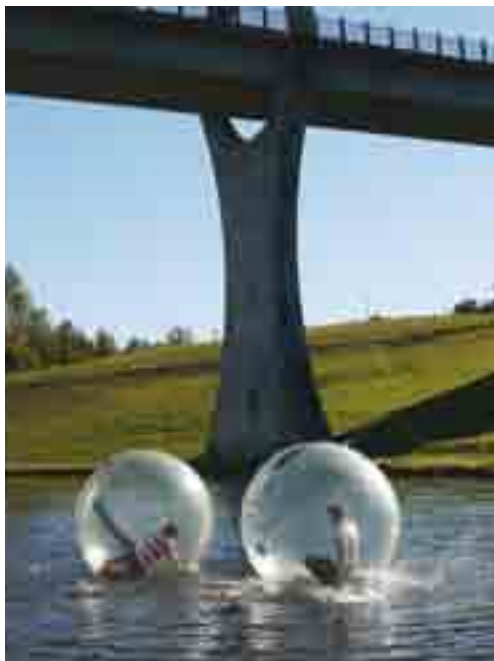
SCOTLAND



Seniors' Challenge Weekend

Twenty-four Seniors and young leaders descended on Carronvale House for the YL:Network's Seniors' Challenge Weekend. As well as gaining a Challenge Plus Award, those attending destroyed several dominoes pizzas, gargled national anthems and managed to attempt to walk on water – such is the power of being in The BB...

The Sunday was spent in beautiful sunshine beside the Falkirk Wheel, where young people took on rafting, zorbing and archery.



Week-long exhibition



Niall Rolland, Development Officer, with MSPs Hugh Henry and Neil Bibby

to keep highlighting the work of the BB to our politicians. The Scottish Government has been a great supporter over the years and we want to keep up the momentum."

Jamie Hepburn, MSP, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, who was the official sponsor of the exhibition said:-

"The Boys' Brigade is a great organisation and I am delighted that they are visiting the Scottish Parliament to set out in detail all the good work that they do across Scotland. The volunteers who dedicate so much of their time to the BB, ensuring that members can participate in a wide range of activities, are to be greatly congratulated for their efforts. Without such dedication, the BB would not be able to function, and the thousands of young people who take part would be much worse off as a result."

The work of The Boys' Brigade in Scotland was celebrated in a week-long exhibition at The Scottish Parliament. The exhibition which took place from the 12-16 November was aimed to highlight the dedication of the thousands of volunteers who give their free time to the Brigade, and also showcase the results of the recent Impact Study into the work of the Brigade.

Bill Stevenson, Director for Scotland, said: "It is important

Funders / Supporters Lunch

Alistair Burrow, Brigade Vice-President, hosted a lunch for a number of funders and supporters at Carronvale House on Wednesday 31st October. The guest list also included the Lord Lieutenant of Stirlingshire and the Provost of Falkirk along with other colleagues from the YouthWork sector in Scotland. The day was used to good effect to up-date those present with a number of good news stories from the Brigade in Scotland.

World Mission Cheque Presentation



Bathgate High Church was the venue for this year's World Mission Fund Cheque presentation to the Moderator of the General Assembly. Last session Companies across Scotland raised £10,000 for the "Marching to a new Tune" project to assist BB Companies in Zambia. The Rt Rev'd Albert Bogle was delighted to receive the cheque and he also presented trophies to Companies that had raised the highest amounts.

The 2012/13 project Play Pumps was also officially launched. More details at www.worldmissionfund.org.uk/current.htm The World Mission Fund is also planning a special picnic to mark the work of the fund and help celebrate the Bi-Centenary of David Livingstone's birth. This will take place in Blantyre on Saturday 8th June 2013 – so keep the date free and watch out for more information.

SCOTLAND CONTINUED

North Scottish Area Gathering 2012

The Annual North Scottish Area Gathering was organised by Buchan Battalion and held at the Palace Hotel, Peterhead from 5th-7th October.

Mrs Esther Slater, North Scottish Area President, welcomed the delegates to the AGM. As well as appointing Officer Bearers for 2012-2013, proposed activities for the year were outlined.

After the AGM, there was a very informative presentation by Buchan Senior boys about a sailing trip from Greenock they had taken part in. There was also a short presentation on plans for NSA Camp due to take place in June 2013.

The rest of the afternoon was taken up by workshops -Funding your Company, DofE e-update and how it all works, Craft Ideas for Anchors and Juniors and the new Anchor and Junior Programme Packs.

The 2013 NSA Conference will be hosted by Aberdeen & District Battalion, which will be a one day conference on Saturday 5th October, 2013.

'On yer Bike' Expo '12

Leaders from across the region gathered at Carronvale on a damp Saturday in June for the first Cycling Expo. Designed to encourage leaders to use the sport more often in their programming, the event included such topics as 'why should we cycle?', 'how do we get groups out into the fresh air?' and 'where can we get access?', plus practical lesson demonstrations and an exhibition area. Discussions centred around how to overcome the obstacles we face when introducing a new activity and the exciting possibilities that biking brings to Company and Battalion life.

Sessions were presented from the world of outdoor pursuits and included Scottish Cycling, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Cycle Touring Club, Youth Scotland, Bike Club, Falkirk Council as well as the BB Development team.

The resource rich day has produced a 'sign post' web page, which aims to provide links to ideas and contacts: <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/sign-posting.htm>. In a year where sport in the UK had a high profile and a current topic is 'legacy' matters, it was agreed that biking in whatever form is to be regarded as a relative and viable programme option.



4th October Anniversary

St Giles Cathedral was the venue for a short service on Thursday 4th October. Representatives from the Scotland Committee and the Edinburgh Leith and District Battalion attended the service to celebrate the 129 years since the 1st Glasgow Company opened its doors and also to give thanks for our founder Sir William Smith.

The short service was given by Revd Bruce Thomson after which flowers were laid by Scott MacLeod, 65th Edinburgh, at the plaque commemorating the founder.



David Sneddon, Scotland Committee Chairman, Scott MacLeod and Rev'd Bruce Thomson.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Annual Founder's Thanksgiving Service - Sunday, 21st October, 2012

Members of The Boys' Brigade in the Republic of Ireland, attended St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street on Sunday, 21st October for the Annual Founder's Thanksgiving Service.

Among the large attendance were Mr. Ken Richards, President of The Stedfast Association, Mrs. Margery McElhinney, President, Girls' Brigade Ireland, Mrs Isobel Henderson, National Commissioner Girls' Brigade Ireland and Mrs Gillian Lesware, Chairperson of the National Board Girls' Brigade Ireland.

The service was conducted by Revd. Martin O'Connor with the address by the Rev'd Vanessa Wyse Jackson, Minister, Rathgar Methodist Church whose address commenced with some of the young people practising their basketball skills. Rev'd Vanessa,

using the theme of sport and in particular basketball and rugby, went on to explain the importance of standing together and uniting in the task ahead.

The lessons were read by Nathan Collins, 12th Dublin Company and Liam Phelan, 5th Dublin Company, while the Prayers were led by the Fergal Francis and Brian Carter, 1st Dublin Company and Ethan McMillan and Jack Battye, 10th Dublin Company.

The music during the Service was provided by The Stedfast Band, conducted by Mr. Peter O'Callaghan.

Following the Service St. Ann's Parish Centre was packed to capacity for the welcome refreshments and our grateful thanks to Anne O'Regan and her team for looking after us so well.

NORTHERN IRELAND



The winning team

Ni District Junior Section Quiz Competition 2012

Seventy-six Companies competed in the First Round of the Junior Section Quiz at Battalion level. The 13 Battalion winners, along with the two highest runners-up, took part in the NI District Final on Saturday 27 October in Movilla Abbey Church, Newtownards. The scoring was high with all teams doing very well. Rounds included General Knowledge, Bible, 2012, Me & My World, Picture Observation and Entertainment and the questions kept everyone (including Leaders) thinking all afternoon. Throughout the competition the leading team kept changing and going into the final couple of rounds a number of teams were in the running to be in the top three places. The winner by one point was 1st Drumachose Company and following a tie-break for second/third place, 3rd Ballyclare Company became runners-up and 1st Charlemont Company was placed third. The trophies were presented by Kenneth McLaughlin, Training & Development Support Officer. Thanks are expressed to Ards Battalion for hosting the competition and for the very welcome refreshments at the end.

BB/GB Expedition and Leadership Award

The BB/GB Expedition and Leadership assessment course took place over two dry sunny days, unique for September 2012!

Twenty-nine students completed the Standard Course and 12 students completed the Advanced Course.

Beautiful Mourne mountain scenery, the waft of sausages frying in the outdoors with a wonderful time of praising God on a mountain side with a sky laden with the brightest stars made the course priceless.

Don't delay; book a place on the 2013 Outdoor and Leadership courses now.



Standard course students



Advanced course students



Get Connected Residential: 1-3 February 2013

The main aims of the Get Connected weekend are:

- **What will you get out of it?**

An opportunity to learn a new skill or explore an existing one to help develop work in your Company and to contribute to the Brigade nationally. It will broaden your experience of BB, make new friends and have a good time.

- **What will be on offer?**

You will have opportunities to participate in outdoor activities, workshops, discussion groups, simulations, team-building/leadership games, etc over the weekend. As well as these, everyone will join together for meals and times of worship.

For further information log onto:

www.bbni.org.uk/nibbconnect.htm

Connect **INDIA 2013** **THE BRIGADE**

Would you like to take part in a life-changing experience and make friends for life, while changing a family's life forever? This year's adventure is for two weeks in South India working alongside families in need. This is BBNI's fourth trip with Habitat for Humanity NI. The trip is planned for 1st-14th early August 2013.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS (YOUNG/OLD, MALE/FEMALE) OF BOYS' BRIGADES

BOYS BRIGADE

TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE OVER 16 ON DATE OF TRAVEL. Participation limited to Queens Badge service members and those of 14-18 with a valid passport.

For further information contact us
MICHAEL MCCOY: mccoy@bbni.org.uk
WILLIAM WALLACE: www.bbni.org.uk

ENGLAND

Brigade's Music Festivals 2012



The BB National Brass Band Association held two music festivals in 2012: in Chandlers Ford, Hampshire and in Halesowen, West Midlands. Seventy-eight entries from 17 companies performed vocally and on varied musical instruments.

There were solos on cornets, saxophones, flutes, clarinets and guitars. There were rock groups and larger groups of mixed instruments. There were brass bands, wind ensembles, duets and trios. Some of the musicians were non-Brigade members – young people from churches or members of the community.

Some of the more unusual entries taking part this year featured chime bars, a recorder ensemble, an organ, Indian drumming and a Ukulele choir. Vocals, solos, and Choirs of all ages took part and the standards were very high.

We would like to encourage new entries for next year from individuals, groups and bands of all abilities. So if you haven't been involved in a festival so far, make a date in 2013! Visit our website: <http://natbrass.boys-brigade.org.uk> for details of the syllabus, entry form and a full report of this year's festivals, or email: bbgbfestival@live.co.uk for more information.

Next year's events will take place on **Saturday 23rd March 2013** in Chandlers Ford, Hampshire and **Saturday 18th May 2013** in Halesowen, West Midlands.

Closing dates: 24th January and 24th March respectively.

National Music Festivals 2013

Do you have talented musicians in your church or BB/GB Company?

If so, why not tell them about the **National Music Festivals 2013** for The Boys' & Girls' Brigade and friends.



Southern event Saturday 23rd March

Midlands event Saturday 18th May

Vocal, Brass, Keyboard, Woodwind, String, Percussion and Mixed instrumental classes for soloists, duets, small groups, choirs and bands. An 'all-age' event. Why not have a go – it's great fun!

For more information visit <http://natbrass.boys-brigade.org.uk/brassfest.htm> or email: bbgbfestival@live.co.uk

Organised by The Boys' Brigade National Brass Band Association



Around the regions



The Big Night Out – 11th May 2013

The largest Christian youth event in the north east of England!

Held at Lightwater Valley, Ripon, North Yorkshire with

'Twelve 24' & 'Galactus Jack'

Put the date in your Diary now – further information is being sent to all Company captains.

Showcase 2013

Following HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and the London 2012 Olympics at which many of our Brigade bands participated, we are hoping to capture the same enthusiasm that was evident last summer by continuing to empower our young people. The British Marching Band Championships next June, are a great way to encourage and provide opportunities for all our musicians to be involved.



Already a number of new bands to the Championships have expressed an interest and we would like to invite all Brigade bands, at whatever level of experience, to enter. We cater for all types of musical instrumentation from trumpets, flutes, brass, BB bugles, pipes & drums in both the traditional marching band and drum corps styles.

On the 1st June 2013 we hope to be able to showcase the best and largest number of brigade bands ever assembled from across the British Isles. The 2013 application/entry form is already available to download from the Showcase website at: www.showcasemarchingbands.co.uk where you can also find additional information and media files from previous years. If you would like more details or are just considering being part of this Brigade Event then please contact: ray.westbrook@hotmail.co.uk

Around the regions

ENGLAND CONTINUED

National Athletics

The Halifax Battalion is hosting the 2013 National Boys' Brigade Athletics on Saturday 13th July at Spring Hall track.

As in previous years the event will be split into 3 age groups as follows:

- Juniors (School years 7, 8)
- Intermediate (School years 9, 10)
- Seniors (School years 11 and above)

Teams can be entered into any of the age groups. The entry fee for each age group is £25.

The events taking place on the day will include:

- 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m,
- 100m Hurdles
- 4 x 100m Relay,
- 4 x 400m Relay,
- Long Jump, Short Jump, Triple Jump,
- Shot, Discuss, Javelin,

Visit the website for more information at www.halifaxbb.co.uk or contact **Robert Batty** (Halifax Battalion) on **07872832244** or by email at halifaxbb@hotmail.com

National Cross Country Championships

The Halifax Battalion is pleased to announce that it will be holding the 2013 National Boys' Brigade Cross Country Championships on Saturday 23rd March at Shibden Park in Halifax.

As in previous years the event will be split into 3 age groups as follows:

- Juniors (School years 7, 8)
- Intermediate (School years 9, 10)
- Seniors (School years 11 and above)

The entry fee for each age group is £5.

Visit the website for more information at www.halifaxbb.co.uk or contact **Robert Batty** (Halifax Battalion) on **07872832244** or by email at halifaxbb@hotmail.com

Diary Dates

Northern Ireland

- 12th Jan..... JS Musician of the Year
- 18th – 20th Jan..... Youth Leader Training
- 25th – 27th Jan..... Skills for Queen's Badge
- 26th Jan..... AB Fun & Games
- 8th – 10th Feb..... Skills for Queen's Badge
- 9th Feb..... Squad Drill Finals
- 15th – 17th Feb..... Queen's Badge Residential
- 23rd Feb..... JS Swimming Gala
- 27th Feb..... Expedition Leaders' Meeting
- 8th – 10th Mar..... Queen's Badge Residential
- 15th – 16th Mar..... Vaulting & Gymnastics Course: Part 1B
- 23rd March..... JS Spring Competition (Figure Marching): Final
- 22nd – 24th Mar..... Queen's Badge Residential
- 28th March..... CS Golf Competition
- 5th – 7th April..... Queen's Badge Residential
- 12th – 14th April..... Expedition & Outdoor Leadership
- 13th April..... CS Bowls Competition: Provisional
- 27th April..... CS 7-a-side Rugby Competition (Junior & Senior): Provisional

Scotland

- 21st Jan..... Burns' Supper – Carronvale
- 9th March..... Presidents, Secretaries and Trainers Conference
- 16th March..... Scottish Cross Country Championships – Dundee
- 3rd April..... Seniors' Sevens Football Tournament
- 27th April..... Scottish Bands Contest – Motherwell

England

- 19th Jan..... D of E Training Day – Nottingham
 - 23rd March..... National Cross Country – Halifax
 - 23rd March..... National Brass Music Festival – Southern
 - 6th April..... National Chess Finals – Kirkham
 - 27th April..... National Senior 5 a side finals
 - 11th May..... Big Night Out – Lightwater Valley near Ripon, North Yorkshire
 - 18th May..... National Brass Music Festival – Midlands
- ### Republic of Ireland
- 5th Jan..... National Juniors Five-A-Side Football Fun Day
 - 16th Jan..... Leaders' Meeting (MD)
 - 24th Jan..... Leaders' Meeting (ED)
 - 25th Jan..... Craft Evening (MD)
 - 26th Jan..... Anchors Fun Day 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (ND)
 - 26th Jan..... Juniors & CS Roll 'n Bowl 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (ND)
 - 28th Jan..... Leaders' Meeting 8.15 p.m. (SED)
 - 30th Jan..... Leaders' Meeting 8.00 p.m. (ND)
 - 9th Feb..... Juniors Figure Marching Competition (ED)
 - 9th Feb..... CS Squad Drill Competition (ED)
 - 16th Feb..... Football Blitz (SED)
 - 1-3rd March..... National Company Section & Seniors Activity Weekend
 - 8th March..... Table Quiz 8.00 p.m. (ND)
 - 22nd March..... Table Quiz (MD)
 - 23rd March..... Juniors Drama Competition (ED)
 - 24th March..... Northern District Service
 - 10th April..... Leaders' Meeting 8.00 p.m. (MD)
 - 13th April..... Activity Day (MD)
 - 13th April..... Blackstairs Shield (SED)
 - 17th April..... Leaders' Meeting 8.00 p.m. (ND)
 - 21st April..... South Eastern District Service 3.30 p.m.
 - 28th April..... Midlands District Service 3.30 p.m.
 - 29th April..... Leaders' Meeting 8.15 p.m. (SED)

TURNING POINT

Have you booked your place at Turning Point 2013 yet?

As Turning Point enters its sixth year, planning is already well under way. This year's event is shaping up to be as big and exciting as ever. Turning Point 2013 will take place at Ganaway Activity Centre, Millisle, Northern Ireland from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April.

Turning Point is a Christian youth festival for young people aged 11 – 18. The event is organised by a dedicated team of youth leaders who aim to provide an active festival style weekend that will be inclusive of all young people aged 11-18 and that will promote and encourage the development of a personal Christian faith in a safe and supporting environment.

So what goes on at turning point?

Well, this year's theme is 'unlocked' and our speakers from Crown Jesus Ministries will be exploring Colossians 2:3 throughout the weekend. As usual our house worship band, Heartablaze, will be leading our worship sessions.

The Beacon will be transformed once again into a prayer pod where people can go to explore and tangibly interact through prayer and meditation, or just get some time to pray or speak with our pastoral support team.

A fun filled programme is being put together as you read this article to include all your favourite activities from previous years, and quite a few new ones. Whether it be football or fondue, social or sandcastles, wet 'n' wild or watermelon face packs, then we have a range of activities to suit you.

In case that isn't enough, all the Ganaway activities have been reserved for the sole use of Turning Point so you can try and scale the lofty heights of the high ropes course, or fly through the air along the zipline or perhaps even explore the dark depths of Ganaways' newest state of the art caving complex.

If you want even more, why not try out a Blitz milkshake made from what combination of chocolate bars, sweets or biscuits you favour, or go shopping, browsing our ranges of limited edition Turning Point merchandise at the Trading Post?

All our Indoor accommodation was booked up immediately after last year's event, but you can still join us by snapping up the remaining spaces in our campsite. Complete with a modern ablution block, it can be the perfect accommodation for weekend

adventurers. If you do not have access to your own canvas, don't worry as tents can be hired from Turning Point!

So what are you waiting for? For more information or a booking pack contact: office@turningpointni.org.uk or visit www.turningpointni.org.uk or check out our Facebook page – just search Turning Point.

It goes without saying that Turning Point requires an army of volunteers in order to happen. If you are interested in assisting for part or all of the weekend then please also email office@turningpointni.org.uk and we will be happy to give you all the information you require.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Turning Point Management Team



MEETING OF THE BRIGADE EXECUTIVE 20TH/21ST OCTOBER 2012

The Meeting was held at Brigade Headquarters Felden Lodge. This is a summary of the main items covered.

The majority of the time over the weekend was spent in reviewing the Brigade's Development Plan and establishing priorities for the next five years

● Finance

The Brigade Treasurer reported on the Brigade Finances for the five months to 31st August 2012. Timing variations had had a positive impact on the figures. The Executive agreed the composition and remit of the Brigade Finance Committee.

● Brigade Secretary

The Brigade Secretary updated the Executive on staffing matters. A number of Trust Funds for which the Executive has responsibility were discussed. The Executive discussed Brigade Council Procedure Rules and the election of young people onto Regional Committees.

● Business Director

The Business Director updated the Executive on the statistical return process and Company Designations. The Executive was updated on the PVG scheme in Scotland.

● Director of Youth and Children's Work

The Director of Youth and Children's Work updated the Executive on current work including a meeting of the Safeguarding Policy Group.

● Brigade Council

A report of Council 2012 was given and the Executive was updated on the plans for Council 2013 to be held in Belfast. The format of Brigade Council was discussed in light of the two year pilot of having one day events.

● Reports

The Executive received reports from Regional Directors and the minutes of Regional Committees.

● Captains

The Executive expressed concern at the large number of Companies without a Captain. The Brigade Secretary will write to Companies in this category to ascertain the barriers to making this appointment.



DONATIONS TO THE GET UP AND GO APPEAL

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Get up and Go appeal.

2nd Barrhead/Paisley Battalion.....	£40.00
1st Dungiven.....	£292.50
10th Exeter.....	£130.10
1st Llangollen.....	£96.50
7th Southampton.....	£196.50

NEW COMPANIES

The following Companies has been enrolled since the last Gazette:

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
12th Birmingham	Roger Green	Trinity URC, Birmingham
1st Coleshill	(Rev'd Nick Parker)	Coleshill Churches Together, Coleshill, West Midlands
2nd Sawston	Paul Whitmell	Sawston Youth Centre

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD – ENGLAND & WALES

As of 1st January 2013, Robert Powell will become the DofE Manager for The Boys' Brigade in England & Wales. Therefore all enquiries relating to the award for the region should be directed to Robert at BB Headquarters.

Long Service Awards

The following items are available to order by Battalions to recognise the long service of volunteers in The Boys' Brigade.

Bronze Badge (for 15 years service)£3-50

Silver Badge (for 20 years service)£3-50

Gold Badge (for 30 years service)£3-50

Certificate (blank with space for name and service)£1-50

To order these items please download and complete the form available on the BB website at:

www.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms/longserviceawards.pdf



GIANT SLEEPOVER

22nd & 23rd JUNE 2013

One Night, One Mission, One World

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2013 GIANT SLEEPOVER
One Night, One Mission, One World
in association with UNICEF UNITED KINGDOM

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Wakey, wakey because we're back again for **The Giant Sleepover on 22nd and 23rd June 2013.**

We know lots of you had a fantastic time at your Giant Sleepover this year and helped to raise valuable funds for UNICEF while having fun! Now it's time to get planning for your next action packed GSO event.

Just like this year we will be working with UNICEF UK, so as well as having a fun night, your group will also be supporting UNICEF's international work with children. In 2013 we want to make **The Giant Sleepover** bigger and better than ever, with groups from all around the UK coming together to have fun and fundraise - making a difference to children around the world.

All of us at UNICEF UK are delighted to be partnering with **The Giant Sleepover** once again - we're already discussing our own office sleepover! Please join us for GSO 2013, and not only can we make this the best GSO yet, we can also make sure that we are making a difference to the lives of children around the world.

Shelley Pigott, Head of Public Fundraising, UNICEF UK.

You may have noticed a change in date for 2013 - **22nd and 23rd June 2013** so make sure you stick it in your diary, planners and calendars so you don't miss out.

Registrations will be opening shortly and we will let you know as soon as you can register your group.

SAVE THE DATE and we look forward to you being part of **The Giant Sleepover 2013!** From all at GSO HQ

Wakey, wakey... we're back!

We know some Companies have taken part in the Giant Sleepover in previous years and had a fantastic time!

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Registration will open soon and you can find out more information on the GSO website at: www.giantsleepover.com

Please Note: Brigade Regulations apply, and all events although registered with 'The Giant Sleepover' MUST be registered with your Regional BB Headquarters. For more details on Brigade Regulations applying to overnight experiences please call your Regional Headquarters or refer to the current version of the Safety Handbook.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

On Sunday 11th November, the 8th Carrickfergus, 1st Drumcree, 16th Newtownabbey and 11th Enfield Companies represented The Boys' Brigade at the National Service of Remembrance held at the Cenotaph, Whitehall in London.





[BEHIND] TOURISM



As you may be aware, a team of young leaders from around the Regions travelled to Tobago in July to participate in and contribute to the Southern and Eastern Caribbean Regional Camp.

The group reported on its venture in the October Gazette and concluded the article with these words, “**The project, of course, does not finish now that we have returned home**”.

SO WHAT NEXT?

A major aim of the project was to provide resources for Companies here to use, to inform and educate our young people about life and especially BB

life in the Caribbean. Activities for all age groups are available to download from the project website www.behindtourism.org.uk.

Why not plan a Caribbean themed evening or a series of activities as part of your programme for your young people to raise their awareness of our global family. Also, it may be possible to invite one of the team to your Company or Battalion to share their story. If you would

like to explore this possibility, then make contact with us at behindtourism@boys-brigade.org.uk. The young people of the Caribbean have the same dreams, hopes and aspirations as our young people. They face many of the same challenges and issues, but for some, lack of opportunity thwarts the ambition.

As well as sharing the resources and learning more of the BB in the Region you may feel able to support in a practical way. The group now wants to invite a small group of senior boys and a leader from the Caribbean to the UK and Republic of Ireland next summer to enjoy our hospitality in the same manner that we enjoyed theirs.

We hope that this will take place in July or August and that the party may be able to visit one of the KGV courses, call in at a BB camp and experience the culture of the different nations. Can you help? Could your young people, Company or Battalion hold a fundraising event (Caribbean Cuisine night for parents and friends!) and assist with the costs?

You can make a one off donation via the website and our JustGiving page. Could you host and accommodate the group in your area? Will you pray for the project as it enters this next phase?

Thank you for whatever you will do and the difference you will make.

Behind Tourism Team





1st Castledawson Company Working Towards

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TEN PERCENT IN TWENTY TWELVE

The 1st Castledawson Company is part of the Mid-Ulster Battalion. The Company was formed in 1968 and in 2012 they took part in once a in a life time opportunity

What a memorable year 2012 was! Great Britain had the greatest Summer of Sport, as London hosted the Olympic Games. The Olympic Torch was carried by 8,000 relay runners throughout cities, towns and villages and Magherafelt town in the Mid-Ulster area was chosen.

A two day special event was held for all the people of Magherafelt and surrounding areas. The evening before the Olympic Torch was carried through Magherafelt, a special carnival procession was planned. Twenty voluntary organisations applied to take part in the procession. 1st Castledawson BB Captain, David Fulton and the Officers, saw this as a 'golden' opportunity to show the community just what The Boys' Brigade was all about.

The Company Section dressed in sports gear and wore "cut out" faces of our well known Olympic sport personalities. The Junior Section boys dressed up and held banners, displaying the different sports and activities that they take part in during the year. The Anchor Boys dressed up as Bible characters to portray the Bible stories and teaching of the Christian faith.

Wednesday 6th June was a warm evening and the crowds of smiling faces lined the mile long route as the procession passed, with our boys cheering and waving as they walked the entire route. In the centre of the town the BB Motto was announced on loud speaker for all of Magherafelt to hear.

In the Diamond Centre of Magherafelt an extravaganza of music and dance was organised by the District Council. Hundreds of children came to our stall

where they could colour in a picture of the BB logo and write Bible verses (Hebrew 12 v 1&2) which they could make into a flag. A large TV showed clips from past BB displays. The officers and Company Section boys gave out 400 BB balloons and small gospel tracts with an invitation for boys to join the BB. As a result, the Company grew 10% in 2012 from 67 to 75 boys. So we see the taking part in this carnival as a great success.

For all of us it proved to be a memorable night when we could say, "We were there". Just to play even a small part in this once in a lifetime event was something we in 1st Castledawson BB Company will not forget.

**Members of 1st Castledawson
BB Company**

Culminating in a week of events and activities, Climate Week takes place annually in March and aims to shine a spotlight on the positive solutions to climate change that are happening across the UK.

These events will inspire people to then take action on climate change for the remaining 51 weeks of the year, creating a national movement for change.

In 2013 Climate Week will take place on **4th-10th March**. Supported by the Prime Minister, Sir Paul McCartney, DEFRA, Girlguiding UK and the CBI, to name a few. The past two years have seen a total of 6000 events attended by over half a million people from every sector of society. The aim is renew annually our ambitions to tackle climate change and accelerate Britain's drive towards a low-carbon society.

In 2013 we are launching the **Climate Week Swap**, which is based on swapping DVDs, clothes, books, toys and so on. Swapping items is great for the environment, a good way of meeting new people and bringing communities together, and completely free to run! We are hoping to push this out and promote it for 2013, so it would be great to hear your thoughts on whether you would be able to promote it as an event through your regional networks and on your website.

We also run a **Climate Week Challenge**, which is the UK's biggest climate change competition and has been extremely

successful for the past two years. Teams of 4-6 across the country all take part in the same challenge, to come up with a solution to climate change. In 2012 over 135,000 people took part in answer to the challenge 'green your space: develop an idea to make a place you know more environmentally friendly.' This could be a great activity for Boys' Brigade Companies and encourages young people to develop their practical skills, creativity and ability to work in teams. You can find more information on the challenge through our website at www.climateweek.com



The Secret Diary of Alexander Williams, Captain of the 1st Nowhere Company *January 2013*

A brand spanking new year, full of fresh hope and promise. The staff rested by the holiday season, the kids still away from school, what better time for a company staff meeting? I filled a biscuit tin with slightly stale mince pies and set off.

We used to try to have company staff meetings at the beginning of every term, but the complexities of finding a free evening proved too much and they are now an irregular affair, with routine decisions being made by email or during informal get-togethers over coffee at the end of the Sunday morning service. However, having read about the Brigade's national campaign to recruit 10% more young people during 2012, I thought that we might at least give the question some thought. Admittedly, not until 2013 – but it's better to be late than never to arrive at all.

The meeting began with the usual debates (who was going to drive the minibus to the Junior Section Battalion 5-a-side, should we have a church parade on Mothering Sunday and what do we do about Jason in Anchors whose mum never arrives on time to collect him at the end of the evening?). Then we turned to the recruitment drive how do we try to swell our numbers by 10%?

Jenny, who leads the Junior Section, was first out of the blocks. The problem nowadays is that you can't get into the schools. They don't like religious groups coming in to do assemblies like we used to' she opined. Billy, who helps with the Company Section and who seems personally to have grown more than 10% over the festive season, helped himself to another mince pie and weighed in: 'The problem with kids today is that they all join football clubs and they do all sorts of activities and adventure holidays at schools. So we can't really compete. We need to identify our unique selling point.' Roger, who helps with the Anchor Boys piped up: 'The parents aren't really committed. Some of them only bring the kids when they want a cheap baby-sitting service. They never show up at church parade.'

There was a lull in conversation and silence descended – except for the unmistakable noise of Billy tucking into a third mince pie.

I took my courage in my hands: I was thinking...' I nervously ventured 'about asking the council for permission to host a fun day in the park, you know bouncy castle, games and races with a display stand and a few of us on hand to give out leaflets. I need to check on the insurance situation and I'm not sure whether it might be better to do it jointly with some of the other organisations in the church. But what do you think?'

There were some sharp in-takes of breath. Everyone seemed stunned. Except Billy who instinctively reached for the biscuit tin.

'Well, I suppose it's worth a try' volunteered Jenny. I don't know how much it will all cost, mind you.' Roger chipped in: 'We tried a bring-a-friend night last year and a few boys brought a friend. Maybe it's a good idea to do something which means we get to see the parents and they get to see us – so they know who they are trusting their kids to.'

I hesitantly enquired: 'So, if Billy is in agreement, shall I look into a budget and see what the other church groups think about it?' Jenny and Roger nodded as all eyes turned to Billy: 'Sounds good. I'll man the refreshments...'

The 1st Nowhere Company and the events which happen there are entirely fictional.



National 10 Pin Bowling Championships

The 21st National 10 Pin Bowling Championships was another hugely successful day and the results were as follows:

The results of the 2 competitions running within the Championships were as follows:

MAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	14th West Bromwich [1]	349
2nd	5th Swansea [1]	339
3rd	1st Kempston [1]	328
4th	1st Newport Pagnell [1]	290

ALLEY TOURNAMENT

1st	14th West Bromwich [3]	318
2nd	2nd Bedford [1]	283
3rd	1st Newport Pagnell [2]	222
4th	20th Luton [2]	173



Members of 14th West Bromwich Teams (including winners of Main Championship & Alley Competition) with their trophies

Brigade Vice President, Chris Row presented the trophies, which included the presentation of the original 'Champions Cup' was presented to the most successful Company over the 21 year history of the event. This was awarded to the 14th West Bromwich Company, also this year's winners of both the Main and Alley competitions; they just managed to push the 10th Enfield off the top into second place.

Find out more on the Championship website at <http://sites.google.com/site/bbnational10pin/>



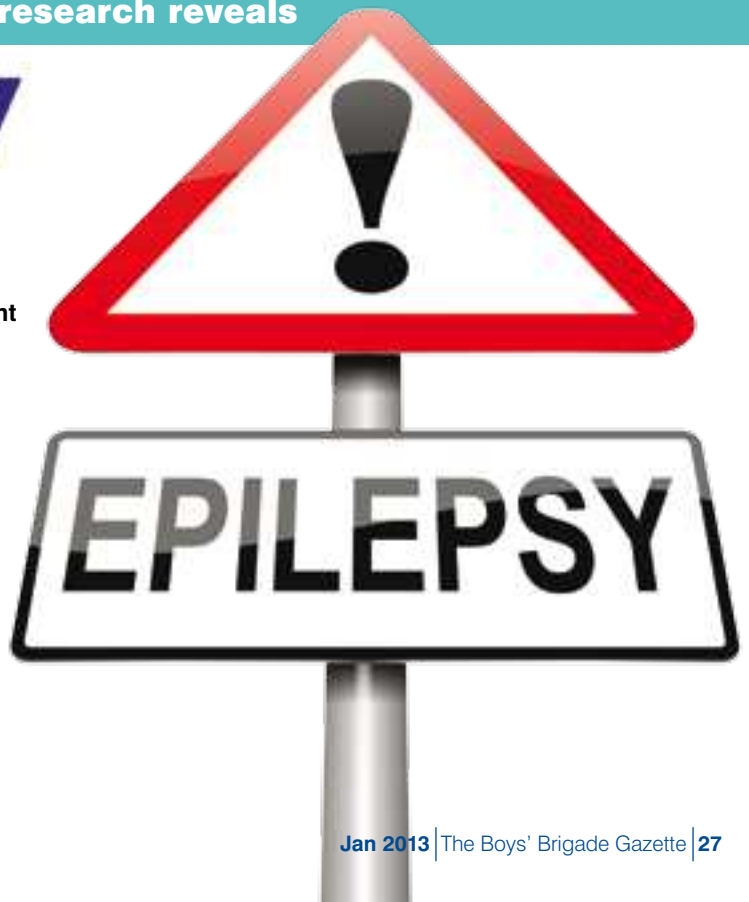
Patients aren't monitoring health symptoms - new research reveals

Independent research commissioned by Young Epilepsy has revealed that 2 out of 3 (64%) people keep no record of health symptoms before seeing their GP, increasing the risk of misdiagnosis and inaccurate treatment plans. Well managed epilepsy, and an understanding of triggers and patterns in seizure behaviour, can make a huge difference to a person's quality of life.

The One Poll survey also revealed that 1 in 3 said they would record their symptoms via a smart phone app if there was one available.

Young Epilepsy is launching a free smart phone app to help young people and their parents keep a track of the condition. The Young Epilepsy app is an information and support tool designed primarily for teenagers with epilepsy, their parents and carers. It is compatible with Apple and is available now, with an Android version coming very soon.

For further information, please visit youngepilepsy.org.uk or follow on Twitter @YoungEpilepsy, like us on Facebook/YoungEpilepsy or view us on YouTube/Young Epilepsy.



Centenary of The King's Badge

Following the proposal in 1913 from the Glasgow Battalion Council for the award of a King's Badge, the Brigade Executive applied to the King for permission and it was granted. Thus came into being the Brigade's highest award the centenary of which is celebrated during 2013.



The regulations for the granting of the award stated:

- The applicant must be recommended by his own Company Captain as suitable, and must be not less than 16 years of age.
- He must have served for three complete sessions and be of Non-Commissioned rank.
- He must have at least 90 per cent of full attendance marks during the above period at not less than 25 meetings each for – (a) Drill, and (b) Bible-Class or Sunday School.
- He must hold a Non-Commissioned Officers' Certificate of Proficiency obtained after examination.
- He must hold at least two out of the following four:- (a) First and Second year's Ambulance Certificates. (b) First-Class Swimming Certificate. (c) First Class BB Scout's Certificate. (d) Signaller's, Bugler's or Band Badge.

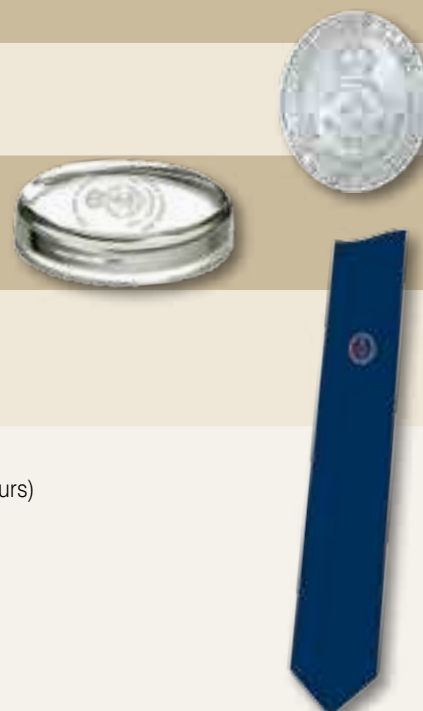
To mark the centenary it is hoped that there will be a special presentation of Queen's Badges to a representative group of recipients. The Brigade has also been asked to supply twelve recipients to form the Guard of Honour at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance next November.

A number of celebratory items are also available to purchase from BB Supplies.



Items available from BB Supplies

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| 11 233 1 | King's Badge Centenary Badge | £2.00 |
| | Souvenir badge featuring the King's Badge Centenary logo in chrome finish | |
| 11 234 1 | King's Badge Centenary Paperweight | £15.00 |
| | Oval glass paperweight featuring the King's Badge Centenary logo in a gift box | |
| 11 235 1 | King's Badge Centenary Tie | £13.00 |
| | Navy Blue tie featuring the King's Badge Centenary logo in gold and shadow imprints | |



The above items can be ordered from BB Supplies by phone on **08707 442 292** (during normal office hours) or online 24 hours a day through the Online Shop at <http://shop.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Queen's Badge 2011-2012

Omissions & Corrections

We apologise to those omitted or shown incorrectly in the Queen's Badge Review 2011-2012 printed in the October issue of the Gazette. Below is a list of all those who were omitted or where corrections have been made.

SCOTLAND

DUNBARTONSHIRE

Name	Company
Keith Shand	1st Bearsden

EAST LOWLAND

Name	Company
Fraser Smith	1st Loanhead
Gregor Millar	25th Edinburgh
Stewart Kinghorn	41st Edinburgh
Calvin Campbell	53rd Edinburgh
Calum Brown	65th Edinburgh
Duncan Robertson	7th Edinburgh
Blair Reavley	3rd Galashiels
Christopher Orr	3rd Galashiels
Eddie Leung	3rd Galashiels
John Hearndon	3rd Galashiels
Mark Riddell	3rd Galashiels
Ross Angus	3rd Galashiels
William Easson	3rd Galashiels
Ruaridh McCusker	1st Bathgate
Marc MacKinnon	2nd Linlithgow

LANARKSHIRE

Name	Company
Kal Davis	1st Coatbridge
Stewart Gillespie	1st Coatbridge
Adam Llewellyn	1st Coatbridge
Thomas Martin	1st Coatbridge
Fraser Clement	1st Viewpark
Luke Coulter	1st Viewpark
Gareth Fenn	1st Viewpark
Christopher Mallan	1st Viewpark
Greig McIntosh	1st Viewpark
Ross Millar	1st Viewpark
Gregor Barrie	7th Airdrie
Peter Lynn	7th Airdrie
Alasdair Mair	7th Airdrie
Ramsay Stewart	12th Hamilton
Garry Reid	1st Law
Calum Scott	2nd Cambusnethan

MID-SCOTTISH

Name	Company
Gregory Chaplain	1st Monifieth
Jonathan Elder	1st Monifieth
Sean Melville	1st Monifieth
Euan McCallum	1st Falkirk
Jack Cochrane	1st Polmont
Michael Scobbie	7th Falkirk
Thomas Broome	34th Stirling

NORTH SCOTTISH

Name	Company
Jack Reid	1st Buckie
Calum Harrison	3rd Inverness

WEST LOWLAND

Name	Company
Craig Cathie	12th Ayr
Kelvin Walker	1st Alloway
Rajbir Sigh Basrai	2nd Prestwick
David Ross	1st Cumnock
Fraser Young	1st Cumnock
Jordan McQueen	1st Stewarton
Ross Klar	2nd Port Glasgow
Jack McElwee	2nd Port Glasgow
Scott Stoddart	2nd Port Glasgow
Jordan Frankgate	3rd Gourrock
Graeme Nock	3rd Gourrock
Matthew Thomson	3rd Gourrock
Grant McWilliams	4th Port Glasgow
Martin Tucker	4th Port Glasgow
Craig Wallace	4th Port Glasgow
Andrew Wylie	4th Port Glasgow
Graham Wylie	4th Port Glasgow
Moray Austin	1st Largs
Scott Douglas	1st Largs
Christopher Monk	1st Largs
Christopher McColgan	1st Stevenston
Connor Shaw	1st Stevenston
Mark Babington	7th Irvine
Fraser Wright	7th Irvine
Jamie Wallace	1st Annan
Michael Todd	1st Troon

GLASGOW

Name	Company
Joshua Burrnet	3rd East Kilbride
Cameron Ellam	3rd East Kilbride
Graeme Orr	3rd East Kilbride
Mark Drummond	4th East Kilbride
Ryan Fennessey	4th East Kilbride
Alejandro Santos	4th East Kilbride
Scott Learmonth	7th East Kilbride
Andrew Semple	7th East Kilbride
Ryan McKay	1st Glasgow
Jack Mills	1st Glasgow
Ben Taylor	5th Glasgow
David Hart	16th Glasgow
Ryan Hendry	25th Glasgow
David Pickering	25th Glasgow
David Buchanan	27th Glasgow
Matthew Gibson	34th Glasgow
Richard Ballantyne	44th Glasgow
Adam Gaffney	44th Glasgow
Adam MacMillan	44th Glasgow
Jordan Morris	44th Glasgow



Glasgow QB Presentation

FAITH IN THE COMPANY

The Boys' Brigade sees that its primary objective is to ensure that no young person will ever leave without having heard and been challenged by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For many churches the BB is seen as its mission and outreach; the bridge into the community that makes connections with young people and families otherwise missing. The BB is a central thread of the church's youth policy and the leadership of church and Company are working towards shared goals.

Sadly this is not always the case and that partnership, so vital for success, needs to be strengthened and nurtured.

As part of the Company Mailing there is a new booklet entitled "Faith in the Company". A copy of the booklet has also been sent to registered chaplains. The booklet gives information such as the role of the church in the Company, but more importantly raises a series of questions.

- Q.** How frequently does the church and Company leadership meet together to discuss their shared mission?
- If this doesn't happen, how can such meetings be developed?

The booklet is produced to support the leadership of both the church and Company to consider **together** their shared role in mission. We hope that you will look for opportunities to explore the booklet and questions as Company and church to strengthen your relationship and be more fruitful.

We'd love to hear how you have used the booklet.



REMARKABLE GROWTH IN ALL SECTIONS



25th Stirling (Dunblane) Company

When HQ contacted us to say we are now one of the biggest BB Companies in the UK, we were a little shocked – but probably shouldn't have been too surprised. We've seen remarkable growth in all sections in the last three years in particular. We currently have 176 boys – 31 Anchors, 49 Juniors, 71 Company and 25 Seniors – as well as 25 enthusiastic officers. We can't put our 10% growth in 2012 down to all the great resources produced because we reached the stage where we weren't actively recruiting; boys and parents are our best advert, and that's how we continue to grow.

Looking a little deeper though, as writing this article allowed us to do, we reflected that we do strive to have a high-quality, stimulating programme. We have had to adapt considerably to manage the numbers we have, but this has been done through careful and regular planning, as well as valuing feedback from boys about what they're enjoying – or not.

About five years ago when we were less than half our current size, we weren't retaining boys between the Junior and Company Section. There was a drop-off after S2 as well. Introducing a series of transition activities helped improve our retention at the younger age, and encouragement to participate in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Queen's Badge and a separate, enhanced Seniors' programme helped keep the older boys. Because of this, we've had several boys stay on to go through KGVI, which, in turn, has given us staff for the future.

Parent involvement is key. Anchors and Juniors have a rota for parents to help even with making juice or setting up crafts. We bring in dads for 'Boys v Men' nights and ask them to help with canteen or run an activity that uses their skills or hobbies. Many of these parents then look to get involved a little more often. It's important we have a balance of leaders who are former BB boys themselves, as well as those coming with 'a blank sheet': it keeps our ideas fresh.

In 2010, we recognised interests are wider

than just the sports and outdoor activities we've always had a strong focus on. Two leaders started our band and through regular fundraising, we provide instruments and tuition to Junior and Company/Senior boys in brass, woodwind and drumming. We run a chess club after our Sunday evening bible class, to complement the existing table tennis, pool and Xbox.

Communication is crucial, too. We use weekly e-mails, group texts, allow parents to integrate our Google Calendar with theirs, update snippets of publicity via our Facebook page and Twitter and try to get in the (frustrating) local press when we can. It's important our community knows we're there, and we have the boys involved with local charity shops, visiting care homes, doing food bank collections, serving coffees at church, doing litter-picks and performing music.

We're not complacent though, nor do we think that 'big' means 'best', and the key thing for us is to keep learning from others. It's easier to do now – the BB Scotland Facebook page is a great idea-sharing site – and it should help us all enhance our programmes. Looking forward, we hope to purchase a minibus soon, to help us get boys to all the different activities we offer, develop a Christian DVD and book library for our Anchors/Juniors to borrow from, continue to develop the band, and keep providing opportunities for achievement through Queen's Badge and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Our former captain – now Battalion Vice-President – Alan Dunn always told a story that rings true today. Telling of the locum minister who put 50p into the collection box upon arriving at a church to preach, only to find it was emptied into his hand at the end of the service with nothing more having been added, we're reminded that 'the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it'. We tell the boys this, but it undoubtedly applies to leaders, too. We're all busy, but the extra effort you need to enhance your programme isn't long in paying dividends.

Fraser Boyd

25th Stirling (Dunblane) Company



To find out more about the work of the Company visit their website at: www.dunblanebb.org.uk



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

>the adventure begins here



In 2008 and again in 2010, members of the 182nd Glasgow Company travelled to the Luwero District of Uganda to support the work of Rev. Gabriel Kijjambu, founder of Luwero Community Projects. The charity was established with the vision of creating a church, school, clinic, farm and orphanage in the village of Kiryanyonza, Uganda.

In 2013, Seniors from Glasgow Battalion are planning a trip that will further develop this link. Work in Luwero is plentiful and varied, ranging from labour and building to water collecting and harvesting. Throughout the trip the young people will be presented with opportunities to develop their skills in communication, leadership and teamwork whilst sharing in Ugandan worship, teaching within the school and delivering sports education classes.

Donations to support this project can be made online at my.give.net/bbgglasgoweniorsugand2013

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8th to 10th February 2013

Who is it open to? Young people in the BB aged 16 to 22.

What will young people get out of it? Opportunity to learn a new skill or develop an existing one to help develop work in the Company or to contribute to the Brigade nationally. It will be a great opportunity to widen experiences of BB, make new friends and have a good time. For those young people completing their Queen's Badge, attendance on this weekend will meet the requirements of 'Skills based training'. If you have been along to a previous weekend, then you are more than welcome to come back and get involved in a different stream.

What will be on offer? Young people will have a choice of streams to focus on over the weekend, including **Sports**, **International** and **Working with Under 11's**. As well as these there will be opportunities for all to join together for activities, meals and times of worship.

Where? The event will be held at Felden Lodge, BB Headquarters. Accommodation will be in twin en-suite bedrooms and all meals will be provided.

What will it cost? The cost of the weekend is **£45 per person**, and includes all accommodation, meals and activities.

How to book... Contact Ann Trigg at BB Headquarters on **01442 231 681** or email ann.trigg@boys-brigade.org.uk



looking for a venue to take your group away?

Felden Lodge is the ideal location, set in 32 acres of ground on the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire (close to M1/M25).

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Stedfast Association News

Federation Annual Council Meeting and Fellowship Weekend

Federation's Annual Council Meeting 2013

The Republic of Ireland Stedfast Association will host the 2013 Federation's Annual Council Meeting and Fellowship Weekend from Friday 10th May to Sunday 12th May 2013 and we look forward to seeing many representatives from the various Associations. Accommodation and the meeting will be at the Stillorgan Park Hotel and full details and cost will be with all Associations shortly.

London Stedfast Association Brass Band

The London Stedfast Association Brass Band is commencing classes for all past and present members of the BB & GB. There is no age limit. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mike Ford on telephone **+44 (208) 464 0689** mobile **+44 (7857) 472 171** or email **bbmford@aol.com**



Your contributions

If you would like to contribute anything for future columns, please contact Philip Daley, The Stedfast Association, Unit C1 Nutgrove Office Park, Nutgrove Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 or email **boysbrigade@eircom.net** or telephone +353 (1) 296 4622.

OBITUARIES

We pay tribute to BB members who have died during the last few months and thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and church and their witness in the community.

ALBERT FOGARTY (97) joined the 20th Belfast section of The Boy Reserves at Ormeau Road Methodist Church in 1924. He transferred to the 16th Belfast Company at All saints Parish Church. In 1928 Albert transferred to the 1st Belfast Company at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church, rising through the ranks. In 1938 he became Captain 6th Belfast Company at St. James Parish Church and the Company flourished under his leadership. Albert had been connected with the Churches' Youth Welfare Council for 23 years, but in 1965 he was appointed as general Secretary of The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland and also of the Belfast Battalion. In 1969 he worked solely for the Belfast Battalion until his retirement in 1978. Following his retirement he and his wife moved to Devon. After his wife died, Albert joined Sidwell Street Methodist Church in Exeter, (1st Exeter Complan), which maintained his interest in the BB.

RONALD JAMES FOSTER (74) was an officer in the former 2nd Beverley (Minster) Company of the North Humberside Battalion, now known as the Hull and East Yorkshire Battalion. Having served in the armed forces, Ron became an

officer in the Company Section and passed on his knowledge of drill. Ron will be remembered most for sharing his strong Christian faith. During his Brigade service and thereafter he served in many ways at Beverley Minster and will be sadly missed.

NIGEL JOHN PEARCH MBE, (47) was an active member of the Fulwell Methodist Church, where he grew up as a member of the 16th East Durham Company, working his way up to achieve the Queen's Award and The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. He also undertook KGVI Officer Training and became Company Captain in 1990. In June 2000 he was awarded the MBE for 'Services to The Boys' Brigade in Tyne and Wear'. Nigel suffered ill health all his life, but his commitment, thoughtfulness and compassion endeared him to all. Nigel will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him.

WILLIAM (BILL) JAMES SCOLAR, (79) was a founder member of the 1st Uphall Company. He devoted his life to serving The Boys' Brigade, locally and nationally. He rose through the ranks to become a Lieutenant. He was an accomplished sportsman and shared his football, gymnastics and camping skills with the Company. He became Company Captain and served on the West Lothian Battalion Executive as Training Officer, Vice President and then President. He served as President of East Lowland District and was invited to undertake the role as Adjutant of The King George VI Course at Carronvale. He was well respected by those whose lives had been influenced by his example.

ANDREW HOSIE was appointed a Lieutenant in the 23rd Paisley Company attached to Orr Square Church, now part of Oakshaw Trinity Church. He was appointed Captain from 1968 – 1997. In the same year he became Captain of the 1st Renfrew Company attached to Renfrew Old Parish Church until ill health forced his retirement in 1993. Andrew served the Battalion in a number of capacities including Training Convener, Service for Others Convener, and Company Section Executive Convener, culminating in his appointment as Battalion President from 1984 until 1994. In addition, Andrew served on the Scotland Committee and on the national Brigade Executive. Andrew was well respected by the community at large.

MATTHEW MUNRO (18) was a member of the 10th North Suffolk Company for 12 years. Despite suffering from Cystic Fibrosis he played an active part in the Company programme. Matthew took part in the National Table Tennis competition and was proud to have been part of the team to reach the National Masterteam final in 2012. For the last two years he helped with the Anchor Boys and was going to move into a leadership role this year. He had just passed his driving test and was looking forward to starting work as an apprentice lab technician in the local high school. Sadly, Matthew did not recover from an illness during the summer. His cheeky smile and witty comments will be missed by all who knew him.

SMALL ADS

Small Advertisements Copy to BBHQ, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP3 0BL. The Boys' Brigade takes no responsibility for statements made in any advertisements here or elsewhere in the BB Gazette. Advertisements for the **April 2013 issue** should be received not later than **1st February 2013**. The cost is 20p per word.

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FELDEN LODGE CAMPSITE 2013/2014.

BB canvas campsite (operated by 10th Enfield) fully equipped for up to 70 (smaller camps welcome) at the BBUK HQ in Hertfordshire (from June to August). Contact Chris Norman on (t) 07703 571915 or (e) chris@boys-brigade.org.uk

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<http://broadleas.boys-brigade.org.uk>
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