

## Devon Battalion Training dates

for the 2007/08 session.

Youth Leadership Training part 1	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2007.
Basic First Aid	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2007.
Young Persons Development	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2008.
Youth Leadership Training part 2	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2008.
Expedition Standard assessment	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2008.
Youth Leadership Training part 3	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2008.
Camp Craft	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2008.

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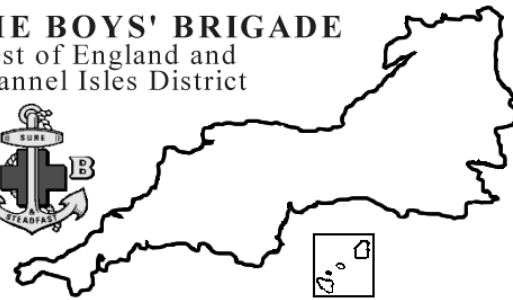
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Signed ..... Date .....

To Miss R. Westbury (District Treasurer)

10 Chapel Terrace, Illogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3LJ

THE BOYS' BRIGADE  
West of England and  
Channel Isles District



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*Unveiling the Eric & Edna Chapman memorial stone at Broadleas.*

*Frank Flook, David Aggett, Gill Chapman, Brian Chapman  
and Rev. Andrew Prout*

It was Eric's wonderful idea to start the building of Broadleas.  
The stone remembers the lives of  
Eric (1911 – 2004) and his wife Edna (1914 – 2006).  
Their son Brian opened this year's fete on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

OBJECT: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.

## Presidents Viewpoint

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WOW! appointed as District President, what an honour.

I remember attending my first District Meeting held many years ago; as I entered the room I glanced around and saw a load of old people and wished that I had never come. I was soon to change my mind as successive meetings taught me that these "old people" were officers with more experience and knowledge than I could ever hope to gain. These officers were to become role models, advisers and good friends and now I have become one of these "old people".

There have been many excellent Presidents during my B.B. career and I hesitate to name them for fear of forgetting any; I will try to add my name to the list of those not to be forgotten (for good reasons not for bad), however I have a great deal to live up to.

There are two men who have influenced my B.B. life more than any others. The first was Jon West, an ex-commando, who instigated the International Youth Camp in Cornwall after the Second World War. He did this as a means of uniting the youth of all the countries around the world to prevent future wars.

The second you will need to look at the quiz (how well do you know the new President) found elsewhere in the magazine. I have always looked up to him, admired him and gained so much from him; he is one of my heroes.

We are all heroes to at least one person, somewhere within the B.B.; whether within your own company or elsewhere, there is a younger person who looks up to you, admires you, wants to be just like you. What a responsibility this is, we must never disappoint, never stray from the B.B. ideals but must set a good example 24/7.

And so as I set out on my three years as District President, I shall need your support. I shall make mistakes – be patient, I shall forget names – I'm well known for this, but I shall do all in my power to further the object of the Brigade and to serve the District.

I should like to visit every Company but realise this may not be possible, so start sending me invitations to attend Battalion events, Company Displays or just to drop in and chat to the Boys (and Girls).

I shall need all the help that I can get but I know that I can rely on God and on you to be there.

Tel/Fax 01209 78807 Email [mrg2cbb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mrg2cbb@tiscali.co.uk) **Malcolm Godolphin**

## Editors Notes

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Thanks to everyone who sent me in articles and photos; sorry I couldn't print all the photos, but I had a good selection to choose from. You can still send in articles and photos from camp for publication in February's issue, and don't forget to write about those special awards. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Weston-super-Mare Juniors on coming 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the International Junior Section Team Games.

**Hilary Malpas**

## Broadleas Project update

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From the last issue of BB West the fund stands at £17,100 with further donations being thankfully received from the following sources:

10<sup>th</sup> Exeter Company  
Berkshire BB/GB Group

Gloucestershire Battalion  
5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester Company

The Relay run went very well with the company completing the run arriving at 3.30pm on the Saturday afternoon. You can see a separate report on the run but the up to date money raised was £ 2331.13. Thank you for all that supported us in the event.

If you require any further details then please contact me on [diandgorddale@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:diandgorddale@blueyonder.co.uk).

**Gordon Dale**

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## TREASURER'S SLOT

As we begin a new session, I would like to remind everyone of the scheme which supports the work of the District – **FRIENDS OF THE DISTRICT**. **An annual gift of only £5** is all that is needed to become a Friend. For those who pay tax, you may wish to consider gift aiding your donation and I will be happy to supply any information you may require.

Please contact me by post (10 Chapel Terrace, Illogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 3LJ) or by phone (01209 214946)

The District is continually grateful to those friends who have subscribed to the scheme, some for many years, and enabled it to maintain the various events & competitions and also to help provide our magazine.

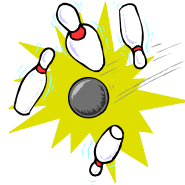
Contributions are also welcome from Companies and / or Battalions to support the provision of "BB West".

**Ruth Westbury**

## District Ten Pin Bowling Competition

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 Gloucester  
 GL4 4XA

E-Mail : [diandgorddale@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:diandgorddale@blueyonder.co.uk)



I have taken over from Chris Semmens in organising the Ten Pin Bowling competition this year. Please find below the rules and entry details for this years competition.

**Gordon Dale**

### Ten Pin Bowling Rules

1. Teams will consist of 6 players.
2. The total age of the Company section shall not exceed 85 years
3. The total age of the Junior section shall not exceed 63 years.
4. A company is permitted to enter more than one team.
5. Results must be countersigned by an independent officer.
6. The Gutters may be raised for Junior teams only.
7. Joint company teams are acceptable.
8. Entry fees : £1 per team or 20p per individual

Please organise your bowling competition preferably with other companies from your Battalions and send details of scores on a copy of the form below with copies of Score sheets from the bowling alley and the appropriate entry fees and send to the above address no later that the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

Please make cheques payable to "The Boys' Brigade West of England & Channel Island District"

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Team	Age

Officer in Charge \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Teams \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Individuals \_\_\_\_\_ Independent Officer \_\_\_\_\_

## Secretary's Scene

Another new session and Brigade year has begun and I'm sure Companies all across the South West are back in the swing of their parade nights and activities. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and has returned full of energy for the coming year!!

At District level we encounter a change of President in the form of Mr Malcolm Godolphin of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Camborne Company entering the position. Mr Godolphin has served as District Vice President and has been a member of the Executive for many years excelling in the organisation and running of many District competitions. The District welcomes Mr Godolphin to the Presidency and wishes him well in his tenure. Leaving office is Mr Gordon Dale who has served the District diligently supporting many, many different events across the region. The District should recognise and appreciate the dedication and untiring enthusiasm that Mr Dale bestowed upon the role with a great deal of thanks for his endeavours.

Something that has been discussed at recent meetings is the formation of a District Youth Forum. This will consist of young people aged 18-25 and will meet at the same time as the Executive. The idea is to welcome and introduce young people to the District by involving them in different capacities. It was an idea at the last meeting for the forum to plan and orchestrate a District 125<sup>th</sup> BB Anniversary event. If you have any young people that may be interested in this concept please contact your Battalion representative or myself. The evolution of this committee would be a valuable addition generating fresh, contemporary input whilst acquainting young people to District and National BB issues thus hopefully developing the District Executive of the future.

Please do your utmost to support the various excellent District competitions on offer this year. Plymouth Battalion is hosting the Drill competition on 7<sup>th</sup> March and the Company Sports Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, details from John Goodbody. The Junior Section Funday is at Looe on 5<sup>th</sup> April organised by Cornwall Battalion, details from the new District President. Various postal contests are running and information is available from Battalion Secretaries.

With another BB year ahead we once again have the opportunity to make a wholesome difference in young people's lives. With the BB's now more modern and proactive approach, fresh training material and dedicated staff the Brigade can look forward to another 125 years of success.

I wish you all the very best for a rewarding and inspiring session.  
 Be Sure & Steadfast.

**Jason Frost**

## Chaplain's Corner

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I am writing the draft of this article on 6 August, a date significant for two reasons. First, it is the date on which the Christian Church celebrates the Transfiguration of the Lord. The tradition of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mount is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and it is alluded to in the Second Letter of Peter. Each account makes clear that Jesus is the Chosen One of God who brings salvation for all of humanity and for the whole created order. The Transfiguration event is important in that it shows the testimony of the Old Testament Law and Prophets represented by the figures of Moses and Elijah, to the Person and Messiahship of Jesus and also as prefiguring the Resurrection and giving a foretaste of the Glory which is the destiny of all humankind and creation.

It so happens that 6 August is also the anniversary of the August day in 1945 when the first Atomic Bomb was dropped in the city of Hiroshima in Japan, an event which resulted in the deaths of some 200,000 people, but which, in consequence, was probably the precursor of the end of the Second World War. And an event which, in addition, ushered in the so-called Nuclear Age with its ongoing threat of a self inflicted mass destruction of humankind and of creation.

How do these two 6 August happenings impinge on your BB work? My own active involvement as a Company Officer in days now far distant, and as someone who is still actively involved in the education process, both in the voluntary and statutory sectors, points me to the fact that the Boys (and possibly Girls!) with whom you work and are privileged to serve in Christ's name, are growing up in an increasingly selfish and violent society and world. A society and world where the values espoused in the BB object are generally held in contempt. Thus, those engaged in work with young people have never had it so difficult, so that it frequently seems as if life as we knew it is completely disintegrating at a rate of knots. In a sense, the process of self inflicted destruction that began at Hiroshima is being played out in the very places where you work and serve.

The experience of the Transformation was, in itself, a prelude to our Lord's determining to face up to the hostility and horror of Calvary. As Archbishop Michael Ramsey so tellingly reminds us, there was indeed a very real link between the Glory of the mountaintop and the Suffering of the Cross – a link which came to be understood as belonging to the very heart of the Christian message. At the start of a new BB session, as you metaphorically renew your personal and corporate commitment to Our Lord on the mountaintop, you need to be at the same time, conscious that you are bidden to journey with Jesus through a succession of numerous apparent defeats and even desolations – in themselves mini Calvaries – which your BB work in the service of young people, by its very nature, will bring. But you are also emboldened in that service, knowing that you will also gain occasional glimpses of Transformation and Resurrection which is God's ultimate purpose in Christ for our Lads (and Lasses), for your Companies, for your Churches and for yourself. So take heart!

Team Name  
B.B. Company

Manager's Name  
Email address to receive results

POSITION	.....NAME.....	TEAM	VALUE
Goalie			
Defender			
Defender			
Defender			
Defender			
Midfielder			
Midfielder			
Midfielder			
Striker			
Striker			
Striker			

### ANSWERS TO HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE NEW PRESIDENT ?

1. True, we have been married for thirty three years
2. False – it's Manchester United
3. False – my wife can, I know two words, Nagoff – No and Steepledims - Toothbrush
4. False – I have two cats Tomas and Simba
5. True
6. True – in 1990
7. False – A Cornishman not liking pasties? but I do not like any dairy products nor coffee – I drink tea, Susan drinks coffee
8. True – I wear a ring with the crest engraved upon it
9. False - I have no children
10. False – I have a brown belt (one below black) in judo
11. True – in the Scarlet Pimpernel
12. True
13. False - I have three brothers and three sisters, one of each has died
14. False – I AM A First Aider
15. False – I was a football referee for twelve years
16. False – I did not join the B.B. until after I left school
17. True – But can not, at present, join the two trees
18. False – It was a Lambretta scooter, but I did own a few Robin Reliant cars
19. True – Have you spotted any similarities
20. True – My other ambitions were to give a sermon in church, to save a life and to be knighted as Sir Malcolm (I have achieved the first two)

So how did you do – all correct? If not at least you know more about him now than you did before.

## Fantasy Football

### League results

TEAM	MANAGER	COMPANY	Score	Posn
Nutters United	Dave Bradford	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	955	FIRST
Maureens Movers	Maureen Roberts	5 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester	935	SECOND
All Stars	10th Exeter Juniors	10 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	901	THIRD

### M G Cup Final results

TEAM	MANAGER	SCORE
Cause For Concern	Daniel Rule, 2nd Camborne	15 WINNER
Real St Day	Nick Dent, 1 <sup>st</sup> Redruth	5 RUNNER UP

**Malcolm Godolphin**

### RULES 2007/8

You have a maximum of £50 million to spend

You must select a Goalie, 4 Defenders, 3 Midfielders and 3 Strikers

You may not have more than three players from any team

If player transferred BEFORE start of season substitution allowed

You may substitute six players at any time (example 3 Nov 2 Jan 1 Mar)

Total value of team may never exceed £50m (Value 45 can sub 5 out 10 in)

### SCORING

1 point if plays even if only one minute

1 point If team draws

1 point plus goal difference if team wins (win 5-4 score 2)

2 points if scores from a penalty

3 points if Striker scores a goal

4 points if Midfielder scores a goal

5 points if Defender scores a goal

6 points if Goalie scores a goal

4 points if Striker scores a second goal (plus 3 for first goal)

5 points if Striker scores a third goal (plus 3 plus 4 etc)

2 points for Goalie if Clean sheet but own team scores (example 2-0)

1 point for Defender if Clean sheet but own team scores

1 point for Goalie if Clean sheet but team does not score (example 0-0)

2 points lost if booked

5 points lost if sent off

Late entries are permitted but points will not be backdated

### B.B. CUP

Points scored as above during the games played in the week of the cup draw

### M.G. CUP

Points scored as above during the games played in FA Cup only

### Entries to

Tom Woodbury 55 Celia Crescent, Beacon Heath, Exeter, Devon EX4 9DU

Better still email to [alant.woodbury@tesco.net](mailto:alant.woodbury@tesco.net)

### A Prayer

God, whose Son revealed himself to his chosen apostles when he was transfigured on the mountain and who, in the glory of that experience spoke with Moses and Elijah of his departure that he should accomplish at Jerusalem. Grant to us your servants, that sharing in this experience ourselves we may be strengthened to bear the cross and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Rev. Jack House** (ex 21/49 Bristol Companies)

## PUZZLE 1/2 PAGE

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE NEW PRESIDENT ?

Are the statements below true or false?

1. My wife's name is Susan
2. I am a life-long supporter of Arsenal
3. I can speak Cornish
4. I have a dog and two hamsters
5. John Lawrence is one of my heroes
6. I have stood on the top of Ayers Rock in Australia
7. I do not like pasties but I love cheese sandwiches dipped in coffee
8. My Family Crest is an eagle with two heads and three fleur de lys
9. I have two daughters
10. I have a black belt in Kendo
11. I have appeared on the stage at the Hall for Cornwall
12. I have held the posts of District Queens Badge Adviser, Battalion President and Battalion Chaplain
13. I have no brothers but one sister
14. I faint at the sight of blood
15. I don't understand the offside rule in football
16. I gained the Queen's Badge as a boy
17. I can trace my family tree from 1050 to 1750 and from the present back to 1760
18. I use to ride a 500cc motor bike and then drive a Robin Reliant three-wheeler
19. The day and month of my birthday are the same as Adolph Hitler
20. I have an ambition to deliver a baby

*Answers on page 17*

## Around the Battalions

### 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester Boys' Brigade

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June some of the Company Boys and officers started a relay from Gloucester to Haytor, Devon. At 3.00p.m. 9 of us met at the hall after picking up a minibus and van which was very kindly provided by Hendy Hire. I started off the first leg in enroute to Bristol by running the first mile and was then taken over by the next runner. We were joined later by other members of the team. We carried on running a mile each, until we reached Bristol at 8.00pm. Ian Brailey an officer from the 21<sup>st</sup> Bristol BB company met us and took us to Bedminster where we were going to stay the night.



*Start from Hucclecote*

At 8.30am in the morning we started our second day, running from Winford near Bristol to Cullompton in Devon which was a staggering 70 miles. We finally reached Cullompton at 6.15pm and then went back to Taunton to stay at Rowbarton Methodist Church. Six of our party returned home that evening to be replaced by four of our younger Boys.



**What:** A weekend for the Seniors in the West of England & CI District

**Why:** To help those who wish to know more about God or who wish to move on in their faith.

**When:** Friday 16th Nov - Sunday 18th Nov.

**Where:** Great Wood Camp in the Quantocks, Somerset.

The plans for Kindle are well under way. We have about 10 leaders from around the District, for the weekend. Andrew Palmer, who works with youth in Minehead, is coming to run some teaching sessions. We also have some of the members from KJC (one of BB's worship bands) coming.

The weekend will consist of teaching sessions, worship, discussion groups for the young people to choose from, various activities - both indoor and outdoor and of course lots of good food. The accommodation is in log cabins, perfect for November! The cost is £35 which does not include travel expenses.

If you have any seniors in your company who would like to attend this weekend, please let us know so we can send them a booking form.

For more information or a booking form email Ruth Jones (7th Bristol) [rmt29@hotmail.com](mailto:rmt29@hotmail.com) or Richard Barker (2nd Bournemouth) [rwbarker@aol.com](mailto:rwbarker@aol.com)

## District Competitions

### Scripture Exam

Subjects for the Scripture exam are.....

Section 1

A Jesus as a baby.....Luke ch 2 vvs 21 to 40

B Jesus as a Boy.....Luke ch 2 vvs 41 to 52

Section 2

A John the Baptist.....Luke ch 3 vvs 1 to 22

B The Wedding Feast....John ch 2 vvs 1 to 11

Section 3

A Jesus in the desert.....Luke ch 4 vvs 1 to 13

B Jesus in Galilee.....Luke ch 4 vvs 14 to 37

Section 4

A Early Ministry.....Matt ch 4 vvs 12 to 25

B Nicodemus.....John ch 3 vvs 1 to 21

Boys will need to answer questions on 1 passage from EACH section, and seniors will need to answer questions from 1 additional passage.

Questions will be based on the New International Version.

A copy of the questions will be sent to companies around the New Year, and replies will need to be in by the date agreed at the last meeting although this need not be set in stone!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Ian brailey [mailto:i.brailey@talk21.com]

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Tel...0117 9491687



## Company & Seniors Weekend

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
Broadleas



It only seems like yesterday when I suggested it might be nice to have a company and seniors weekend in the District. Well, that was two years ago and we have succeeded. Maybe we could have had a few more companies but perhaps that was because it was August Bank Holiday weekend and companies had only just come back from camp. In the end we had 7 Companies represented (5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Camborne, 2nd Bath, 1<sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paignton, 7<sup>th</sup> Bristol and 21<sup>st</sup> Bristol) with 18 Boys and 9 officers.

On Friday night everyone had planned to meet down at Broadleas from 7.30pm onwards, but as usual the M5 lived up to its normal Friday night chaos, and some of us had long delays finally reaching Broadleas at 8.30pm. When we arrived other companies had started to get the tents erected so after finally unloading the van with all the equipment it was time for supper. The evening ended with a night exercise.

Saturday morning after a hearty breakfast we set off to Decoy Lakes at Newton Abbot to do water sports. The Boys had the use of canoes, surfboards and body boards, which kept them on the lake for an hour and a half. We headed back to Broadleas for a light lunch, before setting off to the Big Sheep at Bideford where we had booked a three hour session of Battlefield Live. This is a cross between Paintball and Lazer Tag which all Boys and officers took part in. Malcolm was heard to say that he did not know what to expect but he had thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Sunday we all attended the morning service at Bovey Tracey Methodist church and then afterwards the Boys had time before lunch to take a dip in the pool which I understand was cold. (Someone had to be the life guard.) During the afternoon they were split into teams and were set certain tasks involving water as a sort of it's a knockout competition. Sunday evening we went to Torquay for a couple of games of Ten Pin Bowling.

Monday morning we all played volley ball and dodge ball. After lunch we packed up, said our goodbyes and all went our separate ways home. My thanks must go to Adric for the help in the organisation and all the officers who attended in making the weekend such a success.

After discussions between the officers and Boys that attended it was decided that it was such a great weekend we would like to do it again. It was agreed that it would be too much to hold it every year but maybe every other.

**The next date for this enjoyable event will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Broadleas, so book this into your diary as a weekend not to miss.**

**Gordon Dale**

Saturday morning at 8.40am we started our final days run from Cullompton with 7 runners. Our first few legs went well, but then we got a little lost around the small lanes in Devon. However we soon got back on track, started building up the momentum and started racking up the miles. At 2.10pm we had reached the roundabout at the bottom of the hill in Bovey Tracey and all that was left was 3 miles, but this was up hill. We started cutting down the mileage to ½ a mile each and soon we had reached the gates of Broadleas. At this point we all gathered together and ran into Broadleas to be greeted by a round of applause from all the people at the fete.



*Reached Broadleas!!!*

The runners were myself, Gareth Clarke, Peter Forsey, Scott Dickens, Nicholas Stafford, Peter Richards, Ashley Stokes, Ben Pope, James & Tim Keasley, Paul Mclouglin, Jack McCulla, and we were pleased that ex BB members Tom Richards, Michael Dickens, Mark Dickens and Martin Chopping also joined us for the run. We were also supported by Di Dale, Kim Hallybone and Paul Roberts. We believe that we have raised approximately £2,000 and we would like to say thank you to all those that have supported us.

The run was a wonderful time of team spirit with everyone looking out for each other. I would like to thank everyone who took part.

**Gordon Dale - Captain**

### Broadleas

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June was the day of the Broadleas fete at Haytor on Dartmoor. The weather was changeable, warm bright sunshine, then ten minutes later heavy rain. These photos were taken during a brief sunshine break.



*5<sup>th</sup> Exeter in the swimming pool during camp*



*5<sup>th</sup> Exeter members looking down the field at the stalls*



*the press up competition for the District superstars with the dining hall behind*

### 3rd Bridgwater Boys' Brigade Company

#### "All the President's Men"

At a special service held at Bridgwater Baptist Church on the 1st April 2007, six Company Section members of the 3rd Bridgwater Boys' Brigade were presented with their President's badges by the Chaplain of the Company, Rev. Neils Waugh. The President's badge is the second highest award that can be achieved in The Boys' Brigade and represents the culmination of all sections of the Brigade's Award Scheme.



In total six boys achieved the award - 5 pictured above - (left to right) are Andrew Butcher, James Gillard, Matthew Hains, Andrew Hole and Paul Coney. Also achieving the award was Daniel Buller (not present). All 6 boys are now working towards their Queen's Badge, which is the highest award in the Brigade.



At the same service James Gillard, Matthew Hains and Paul Coney were also presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award by Mr Jason Frost, the Battalion's Duke of Edinburgh Convenor.

**Matthew Cook**



2<sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey / 1<sup>st</sup> South Molton



Cutting the cake celebrating

21 years camping at Pembrey – Shaun Baker, Tom Woodbury, Frank Flook

On the Wednesday we visited Swansea and took part in ten pin bowling and looked around the town afterwards. All the companies take part in getting their hands on the Camp Cup which was donated by Mr. Frank Flook of the 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter. Boys must clean out their tents, their ground sheets must be spotlessly clean, no litter and their kit is arranged in a certain way and points are awarded or taken away on how good or bad it is. After all week long, all the marks were added up and the 1<sup>st</sup> Exeter won by just one point over the 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter. All companies put in a lot of work and effort. After a very excellent camp we are looking forward to South Wales 2008.

**Ashley Holman, 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May **Devon Battalion** held their Golf Competition at Shaldon golf course near Teignmouth, with lots of companies entering and good scores. The day after, 25 young people and officers from 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter and Bovey Tracey went to BB HQ at Felden to attend the annual Firm Foundations weekend. Lots of fun and fellowship was had from Friday evening until Monday afternoon.

Sadly, from Saturday lunchtime the clouds darkened and the rain came down, carrying on for the rest of the weekend. Everyone was asked to leave their tents on Sunday evening as the ground could not hold any more water.

Howard Stamp (Bovey Tracey) and Russell Back (5<sup>th</sup> Exeter) in the rain and mud



Phil Gaston (1<sup>st</sup> Exeter) on stage with magician Steve Price; and again but in a bit of a sticky situation!



**Ashley Holman, 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter**



## Devon 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion Camp at Pembrey Country Park

A great time was had at Pembrey Country Park in Carmarthenshire in August. People started to arrive on the site on the 31<sup>st</sup> July to assist in putting up all the tents, the rest of the Boys arrived by coach on the Thursday. In total there were 32 Boys and over 20 Officers and helpers from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Exeter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paignton and 1<sup>st</sup> South Molton. We only had one day of cloudy and rainy weather, all the rest was brilliant sunshine. The weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> was rather special as it has been 21 years since we started camping at Pembrey and we wanted to mark this in some way. Each of the Exeter companies (as the former Exeter and District Battalion started camping there first) was asked to invite old Boys and Officers to come to celebrate. The Saturday was taken up with old friends arriving and setting up. Many people had to travel from all parts of the country to join us, also people from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Exeter and the 1<sup>st</sup> Barnstaple companies came. Time was spent looking around the park as many have not visited there for over 15 years, so a lot has changed. Saturday evening we joined together for an act of worship led by the Rev. Andrew Prout formally of the 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter who now is part of the Avon Battalion. Sunday morning about 100 people packed into the Welsh speaking Bethel chapel in the centre of Pembrey where we have been going to each year since 1986, where there is always a very warm welcome by the locals. The present day Boys and Officers proudly wore their uniforms. The service was led by Rev. Prout. To finish off the service we sang the famous Welsh hymn "Guide me O Thou great Jehovah" which raised the roof. After the service all were invited back to the camp site for lunch; around 150 people attended, Boys, Officers, old Boys and Officers, friends and members of Bethel chapel all celebrated our 21 years at Pembrey. A cake was made which tasted very good! A very successful weekend, catching up with old friends, talking and sharing stories.

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## 5th Exeter - BIG DAY AT WEMBLEY!

On Sunday 20th May the Devonshire Conference football team Exeter City played at the new Wembley stadium against Morecambe. A party of four travelled from Exeter, Mike and Rob Kempster, Shaun Baker (former captain of the 5th Exeter) and myself. This momentous event was the first time that The Grecians' 103 year history had made it to the twin towers or now the arch of Wembley. After driving into London we got the tube to Wembley Park station. The first thing you see when you come out of the station is the huge arch towering over everything else.



We and 30,000 other Exeter fans walked up the infamous Wembley Way, shaking hands with fellow fans, stopping for photographs of the stadium and generally soaking up the atmosphere. The air was electric, thinking we are going to beat Morecambe, we are going to League 2. Well..... we walked up the huge flight of steps to outside the stadium. This is where you can see the whole of Wembley Way and thousands of people making their way to the stadium. We stopped at the statue of Bobby Moore, only days after the England '66 hero and former Exeter manager Alan Ball passed away. Through the turnstiles we were under the stadium and everything was clean, polished and new. I laid out 5 English pounds for a programme, I did not mind the price because I was here - This is Wembley!

We walked up the short flight of steps to YES! the seating area, people standing with hands on hips, looking and taking it all in and not believing what they were seeing. It was a beautiful sight - English football has come home! We found our seats and waited for the game to start. There were about 40,000 people in the stadium that afternoon. All of a sudden the two teams were on the pitch lined up for "God Save the Queen" and I and 40,000 other fans sang our hearts out.

The game started well, it was amazing when our Lee Phillips scored in the eighth minute; this is it, we are going to League 2. Ahhh! it turned a bit sour near the end of the first half when Morecambe replied. We thought it's fine, we will score in the second half, we will be ok. But our dreams of league football were crushed 8 minutes before the end when Morecambe scored again, making it 2-1 to the side from Lancashire. The Exeter fans fell silent when the final whistle went, some were weeping, crying, heads in hands. So it is Conference football again for us, but at least the Devon derby has been restored against Torquay who dropped out of the league. Mike, Rob, Shaun and myself all had a brilliant day.

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### 1<sup>st</sup>. Redruth 'BB' Company

Each year as part of the award scheme, during July our Junior and Company section members take part in a sponsored walk. This year we decided that our walk would take us along the North Coast footpath from St. Ives to Gurnard's head a distance of approximately eight miles along a particularly rugged coast line where the path itself was not only narrow but had to be approached cautiously as it was extremely slippery due to the wet weather experienced this summer.

We met at the church at 9.30 a.m. and because of the number of Boys and Girls taking part it was necessary for two cars to accompany the minibus to St. Ives. We parked the vehicles at a little place called Micca, and proceeded to walk down the valley towards the cliffs, suitably attired but carrying our rainwear. The path from the outset was quite muddy in places and this helped to raise the caution level before we met up with the coastal footpath.



Once on the path, our group was like an extended snake making its way along our route.

In some places the footpath sloped quite steeply toward the cliff edge and great care was taken by all over these sections. Time out was used every half an hour for everyone to have a drink, a quick check on fitness levels, then onward stopping for lunch at around 12.30 pm., just in time for the rain. Undaunted, we continued: observing 'seal island' and the cormorants and the air ambulance searching the coast for someone we later learned that had been injured while attempting to climb a section of the cliff ahead of us.



At around 2.30 pm. we arrived at our coastal destination then headed inland for a more leisurely walk back across field to our transport, but time along the way for a game with the frisbee.



We returned to Camborne for a barbeque; while this was being prepared the majority were involved in rounders and football. Where do they find the energy? The event was a success with over £500 being raised for company funds and a great day of fellowship.

**Mike Semmens, Captain**