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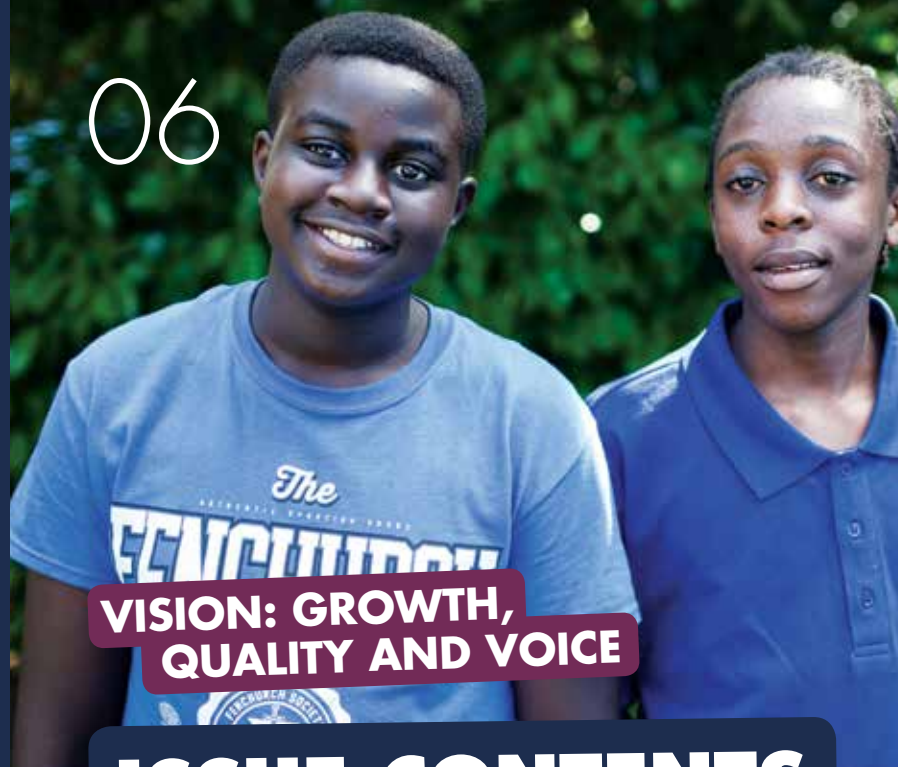
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WELCOME

Supporting young people on their journey to adulthood

On August 4th I was privileged to represent The Boys' Brigade at the Service for the Commonwealth at Glasgow Cathedral marking the centenary of the start of the First World War.

It was a solemn and reflective occasion commemorating the sacrifice of so many and it was particularly poignant that the Pals Battalion formed of BB members from Glasgow was mentioned in the commentary. It was also good that we were represented by Queen's Men from across the Brigade lining the route into the Cathedral and by Rameez Akhtar of 47th Glasgow who carried one of the candles of peace; today's young people paying fitting tribute to the service of a former generation.

Later in that same week at the KGVI course at Felden, The Brigade President made reference to the commemoration, reminding the young people of the opportunities that lay before them, opportunities for careers, further education, family life; opportunities that had been so terribly denied to many of their 1914 counterparts.

BB is about providing opportunities for children and young people. Opportunities to learn, to share, to have fun and to contribute, opportunities to shape their Companies and their communities and ultimately opportunities to learn of faith and of a God that loves them very much.

To be a leader in the BB is challenging; it's hard work, but it's also great fun and an enormous privilege to play some small part in supporting young people on their journey to adulthood.

Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness." Let this be the opportunity that we present to our members this session.



Steve Dickinson
Brigade Secretary



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Steve with young people from across the UK outside Glasgow Cathedral after attending the National Service of Commemoration.

THE WAY I SEE IT



Why

You probably don't have time to read this article. In fact, wasn't that your phone? And haven't you forgotten to put that thing in your to-do list (the one you never check)?

Maybe it's time to slam on the brakes for half an hour. One of my colleagues wrote that

"The presence of God is just there... What would happen if you slowed down a tad, every day, to look up and meet His gaze? To ask for His presence? To give God the nod to work secretly in your heart?"

- Full article: www.ucb.co.uk/why-we-do-what-we-do

In the midst of the crazy-busy lives we're leading (being led by), do we make enough time to stop and ask "WHY"? "Why am I preparing that activity?" "Why do we have a message here?" "What is the point of this meeting, come to think of it?"

Reading the last edition of the *Gazette*, I was impressed by the bit on the inside front cover, listing the 'Object of The Boys' Brigade'. Why not keep your thumb here and go reread it for a second.

Welcome back. Does that sound like your motivation? Like the atmosphere of your group? If not, stop racking your brain for ways to fix it, and take a moment, to look up, and meet His gaze. Make space for Him to give these great attributes to you (again), first, before working on them in your group. I firmly believe God is generous with this sort of thing.

I love John 1:14. To me, the idea that God would break into this mess we call our lives, would roll up His sleeves and 'incarnate' Himself to live with us, is mind-blowing. Jesus can step into your schedule (again), "full of grace and truth". He can work *in* you as well as *through* you. "What would happen if you slowed down a tad, every day...?"

Stop, and meet God. Let that provide the "why" for everything you do. My hunch is, it will also cover the how, and the what. My prayer is, you'll meet peace.

Jim Cronin

Jim Cronin is the Editor of *Word 4U 2Day*.

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Growth, Quality and Voice

We continue to look at our new development plan, and the three main themes of Growth, Quality and Voice. In the last few issues we have looked at Growth and Quality and in this issue we begin to look at Voice and how we give young people in the BB a voice.

In this article, Steve Dickinson, Brigade Secretary shares his thoughts on how we go about putting our “Faith in Young People” strapline into practice.

Our aim in this area is to put our “Faith in Young People” strapline into practice.

- Development Plan 2013-2018



Giving a voice to young people

In 1989, governments across the world promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention says what countries must do so that all children grow as healthy as possible, can learn at school, are protected, have their views listened to, and are treated fairly.

A child friendly version of the UNJ Convention can be found at:
unicef.org.uk/Documents/Publications/Child_friendly_CRC_summary_final.pdf

Why not print off the charter to display on your Company Notice Board and share its meaning with your members?

So what do we in The Boys’ Brigade do to encourage the voice of young people to be heard at all levels of the organisation; from the Brigade Executive right up to Company level?

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GIVING A VOICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Our recently adopted Development Plan states that our aim within the voice section is to put our “Faith in Young People” strapline into practice. And two of the agreed actions are:

- To design and deliver participation models in all areas of our work to ensure members have real involvement in decision making.
- To work with young people to develop their advocacy and campaigning skills so that their voices are heard, both inside and outside of the BB.

“Establish the Brigade as a national “voice” for young people which can reflect the concerns and aspirations of our 50,000 young people”

- Development Plan 2013-2018

Do we truly have the faith in our members to allow them greater ownership of the organisation or are there barriers both real and perceived preventing greater participation of our young people?

“It is important for young people to get a say within The Boys’ Brigade as it is run for them, and if they get a say on what is going to happen they will feel more inclined to keep coming back and they will enjoy it more. Also, when young people get a say on what happens with the rest of the country like being able to vote at 16, it gives them a sense of being able to make a better future for themselves as they get a say in what’s going to happen and it isn’t being forced upon them by the older members of society.”

- Blair Cunningham (19), 79th Glasgow

I have experienced the whole continuum of participation on my visits to Companies and Battalions around the Brigade ranging from the young people being mere consumers of what the leaders provide to situations where young people are creating and leading their own programmes with leaders acting as facilitators. And in both of these extremes the youngsters were having an excellent time, so what’s the difference?

Part of our role within BB is to support young people on the journey from childhood to adulthood, from dependence to independence. I could provide (and hopefully do) worthwhile and enjoyable activities for the members of my Company, but if they leave at 18 without having had the opportunity to plan, influence and make decisions for themselves, then I think that I’ve sold them short.

Things of course can go wrong, but that’s a major part of the process and a huge area of learning (and things go wrong anyway when I do the planning), so what could we do to ensure that members have real involvement in decision making?

The 7th Northampton regularly has a project supporting basic school provision in Jamaica for its Seniors. The young men raise the money and whilst there daily meetings are held to decide how the money should be spent.

“It’s good that we were able to decide how the money was used. Sometimes it was difficult to make choices when there was so much need, but we tried to choose what would make the greatest difference for the children. I hope we were right and I guess time will tell”.

- Alex (17), 7th Northampton

In the younger sections it can be as simple as offering choices and this can start with a choice of two games. If your Company supports a charity or raises money for others, do the young people choose which cause, having been given appropriate information? Do you take feedback from the young people on the programme you offer, and this could apply to Battalions as well as Companies. And having asked for feedback, do you act on it?

“The Scottish Young Leaders Network (YLN), in conjunction with our PR partners ran a ‘media workshop’ specifically for seniors and young leaders. It was aimed at giving BB young people the skills, confidence and knowledge to communicate effectively with the media. The workshop covered three main areas – writing press release; taking good photographs; and interview techniques. On the back of the training, participants have already had articles printed in the press and also conducted radio interviews.”

- Niall Rolland, Development / PR Officer

Many of us can look back to our own adolescence and remember the adult who trusted us and had the faith in us to give us the responsibility to make the decisions and in many cases this helped to shape the people we became. If we can do the same then, like the sower in the parable, our faith will be repaid a hundred fold.

Steve Dickinson

Brigade Secretary



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CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO DO THE BEST WORK WE CAN

Voice: Key actions in the Development Plan

- ✓ To consult regularly with children and young people to identify what are the issues in their lives that present difficulties.
- ✓ To design and deliver participation models in all areas of our work to ensure members have real involvement in decision making.
- ✓ To work with young people to develop their advocacy and campaigning skills so that their voices are heard, both inside and outside of the BB.
- ✓ To agree national campaigns that young people can participate in at local and national levels and in which they can make a difference.
- ✓ When appropriate, to speak to Government or the media on the issues that affect young people.
- ✓ To consider opportunities to develop social enterprise models.



Youth United Grant Funding

Through membership of Youth United, The Boys' Brigade was one of the major recipients of grant funding under the Department of Communities and Local Government's Social Inclusion Programme.

The project has now finished and through Development Workers employed in London, Birmingham, Stoke on Trent, Manchester and Middlesbrough a total of 53 Companies were started or re-launched.

The Youth United Foundation has been exploring new opportunities for funding and the Brigade has received grants to employ a worker for the Black Country centred in the West Midlands of England around Telford again focussing on starting groups in areas of deprivation. We have also received a grant to employ a worker in West Yorkshire, again to start new work,

but also to signpost young people to the Government's National Citizen Service scheme and to encourage graduates of the scheme into leadership positions within BB.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the Budget Statement another major grant to the uniformed youth sector. This is funded through the LIBOR fines and the Brigade has again been a major beneficiary. The grants are again focussed on increasing provision by starting new work in areas of deprivation. The funding can be used across the UK and BB has been able to continue to employ workers in London, Stoke on Trent, Manchester and Middlesbrough as well as new workers in Northern Ireland, Southern Scotland and Wales.

The Brigade is grateful for the continuing support of the Youth United Foundation.

Proposed New look Membership Card

We're planning a fresh new look to the Membership Card for next session (2015/16) with the card being redesigned to be more friendly and fit into a wallet/ purse. The new style card will feature an information card containing the usual information and church attendance table on the reverse with credit card sized membership card attached on top with space for member's name and Company/ Church details. There will continue to be a boys' only card and a BB with Girls' Association card for Companies working with girls. Feedback on the new style card is welcomed and should be directed to BB Headquarters.



The BB Members Card on top of the Attendance Card



Members Card (Front & Back)



Attendance Card (Front & Back)

President's Commendations

The President's Commendation has recently been awarded to:

Daniel Ross - 3rd Airdrie



Daniel Ross (8) was recently presented with the Brigade President's Commendation by Alistair Burrow, Brigade Vice-President. Daniel took ill in August 2013, and is continuing to receive treatment now after almost a year of chemotherapy and radiotherapy following major surgery at an early stage.

Daniel's courage at the age of seven when recovering from the surgery and also receiving chemotherapy in the Intensive Care Unit was such that hardly speaking he would still do a "thumbs up" signal to tell people he was ok. To the members of his BB Company, the Church and his school, he is now known as "Superdan". In the words of the Commendation, Daniel was awarded it for "the courage he shows and the challenges he faces on a daily basis. Despite his health difficulties, Daniel shows great determination and he is a loyal and dedicated member of the Company. He is always determined to succeed and his positive, cheerful attitude and enthusiasm is an inspiration to all who know him. Daniel is a credit to himself and his family and the Brigade is proud to have him as a member."

Stefan Stevenson - 1st Carnoustie



Stefan was an infant when he developed eye cancer which resulted in him losing the sight of both eyes. Since then it has spread to his bones and lungs and on Friday 30th May, Alistair Burrow, Brigade Vice President, presented Stefan Stevenson with the Brigade President's Commendation. Alistair went to the hospital to make the presentation to Stefan as he had undergone an operation to amputate part of his leg.

Throughout Stefan's time in 1st Carnoustie his attendance has been first class and he has fully integrated himself into the Company, participating in all the activities including drill, gymnastics and hill walking during weekends at Scott Lodge. Stefan has had a very positive influence on all the children and leaders in the Company and stoically goes about his business not looking for any favours. In the lead up to the Commonwealth Games, Stefan was selected to carry the Queen's Baton through Carnoustie and is proudly pictured alongside members and officers of the Company.

Welcome to our New Companies

It's fantastic that we can report that the following Companies have recently enrolled:

| COMPANY | CAPTAIN | CHURCH |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 14 th Birmingham | Michelle Gardner | New Creation Ministries, Birmingham |
| 1 st Bretherton | Zara Townley | Bretherton Congregational Church, Lancashire |
| 1 st Kidbrooke | Olayinka Ajisegbede | RCCG House of Praise, London |
| 30 th Leeds | Ibukun Adebayo | Everlasting Fathers Assembly RCCG, West Yorkshire |
| 1 st Leytonstone | Cecile Mouteng | Christ United Ministries International, London |
| 17 th West Kent | Justin Nevison-Andrews | Christ Church Dartford, Kent |

News From The Brigade's AGM

Annual Capitation Fees (2015/16)

| CATEGORY | | FEE |
|-----------------------------|---|---------|
| Annual Company registration | | £135.00 |
| Fee per young person | | £13.00 |
| Officer fee | Company Officers | £27.00 |
| | (second officer at the same address) | £22.00 |
| | Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll | £27.00 |
| | Officers in receipt of state retirement pension | £21.00 |
| | Officers in full time education or training | £21.00 |
| Staff Sergeant / Helper Fee | | £13.00 |

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £27.00

The maximum fee that a Company may pay in respect of young people is £1,550.00

Brigade Auditors

Whiting & Partners were reappointed as Auditors of The Boys' Brigade and the Brigade Executive authorised to fix their remuneration.

Brigade Office Bearers (2014/15)

- President:** The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
- Vice President:** Mr T W P Donaldson
- Mr A S Burrow
- Mr M J Smith
- Treasurer:** Mr C Bygrave FCA
- Chaplain:** The Very Rev'd Andrew McLellan CBE

Brigade Secretary

The Brigade President announced that the Brigade Secretary, Mr Steve Dickinson, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, is to step down from his position at the end of July 2015.

Obituaries

We record below the names of BB members who have recently died. We thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and Church and their witness in the community.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Joe Agnew | 25 th Glasgow |
| Susan Boyle | 1 st Larbert |
| Roy Glentworth | 30 th Sheffield |
| Thomas Hall | 1 st North West Durham |
| Sir Douglas Lovelock, KCB | 88 th London |
| Sue Morris | 1 st Rainford |
| Roger Simmons | 26 th Brighton |
| Eddie Taylor | 181 st Glasgow |

 A full obituary appears on the BB website at boys-brigade.org.uk/obituaries

Community Week 2015 – An opportunity to unite the Brigade

We've come up with an idea but we want you to help us shape what this looks like, what it's called and come up with a logo. Our ideas so far to create a Brigade wide awareness event, bringing together Companies, Battalions, Districts and Regional/ Brigade Headquarters, promoting The Boys' Brigade whether it be through a PR/recruitment initiative, a fundraising event, or volunteering/helping in the local community. The week will take place at the beginning of October, coinciding with the founding of the BB and our organisation's 132nd Birthday. We want to hear from you; perhaps you could ask your young people to consider a name (other than 'Community Week') and a logo.

 We look forward to hearing from you and invite you to send all ideas to enquiries@boys-brigade.org.uk

Friends of The Boys' Brigade

Many thanks to those who have supported the Brigade financially by joining the "Friends" scheme launched by Sir Kenneth Calman in 2011. By becoming a Friend you help to make the vision a reality.

Further details of the scheme are available on the back of the Gazette address sheet. Please consider whether you or someone you know could become a Friend and help the Brigade to grow.

Programme Review Survey



It is now 10 years since the under 11's programme packs were introduced. The Brigade Executive has set up a working group to review the current material, with a view to developing new resources and to consider additional ways to supplement the programme in the Anchor and Junior Sections.

The group would like to gauge the views of existing stakeholders, leaders and children in the two sections, and would be grateful if you can take 10 - 15 minutes to complete this survey. The results will help shape the future direction in resource development for the under 11 age group.

 The survey can be found online at: surveymonkey.com/s/PYXW7KS

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to participate please contact Alan Hunter at Scottish Headquarters on **01324 562 008**.

Junior Section International Team Games

Last year there were nearly 200 entries to the competition including Companies from New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia, Zambia, Ghana, Australia, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Your Company could be part of this great competition this session; the games for 2014/2015 are now available, just complete in your own meeting place and send in your results by 1st April 2015.

 Download the 2014/15 games from: boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm

Gideons International



Gideons International is kindly providing a copy of the New Testament and Psalms (NIV) for every Company Section and Senior Section member. The Brigade is grateful to Mr Jim McVean, Secretary Glasgow Battalion, for his work in securing this offer. Gideons wish to come to Companies and give a brief message about their work and offer the Bibles to the young people. The Brigade has supplied details of Battalion Secretaries to Gideons and it is expected that local arrangements will be made so that the Bibles can be distributed.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to put a copy of the Gospel in the hands of all your young people.

Top Team Challenge

The National Top Team Challenge is an activity for Company and Seniors, where a large number of Companies across the country take part in the same tasks in their own meeting place. It's a great competition and is accessible to all Companies, with no travelling required, minimal equipment needed, on a date convenient to you.

The challenge consists of a number of physical and logical challenges, a team of 4 take part against the clock to complete the mini challenges.

 To order packs for your teams go to: boys-brigade.org.uk/top-team.htm



LIFE 2 THE MAX

London lives 'Life 2 the Max'

Over 600 BB members from across London came together at the end of June at Felden Lodge for Life 2 the Max, a bi-annual event for members of the District.

Enjoying a wide range of activities including the It's a Knockout Team Challenge along with an inflatable climbing wall, zip wire, laser quest arena, bouncy castle and very own 9 hole Crazy Golf — just some of what was on offer. Evangelist Tom Elliott, also known as 'Laughing with Tom' entertained with his magic and shared a message of hope in Jesus and living life to the full!

Phil East @East_Tweets

Great start to new session @theboysbrigade & Girls' Association 53rd Manchester 2nite. 54 children & young people. All sections buzzing!



Greenfingered BB youngsters at Care Home

This summer Anchors and Juniors from 1st Bloxham created a sensory garden at Godswell House Care Home in Bloxham, with plants selected for their touch, smell and colour.



New World Record set!

Exhausted, exhilarated and still, just about, in one piece. That's how 16 young BB leaders felt on Sunday morning after they completed an incredible 55-hour continuous five-a-side football match. The teams were made up from young people from Strathkelvin, Inverclyde, Hamilton & District and East Ayrshire Battalions. Their unbelievable achievement, pending approval, will become a new world record.

The challenge, a brainchild of 1st Cumbernauld's Cameron Gray, is part of his wider 'Engage a Generation 7 Summits' project to climb the world's highest peaks. Ultimately it is about setting a challenge, rising to it and, at the same time, promoting The Boys' Brigade.

The world record attempt did not only bring together 16 young footballers, but also dozens of others who played a critical role, whether medical, catering, officiating or simply morale boosting. In addition, there were two spin-off events, which welcomed 130 Junior and Company section members to show-off their footballing skills and cheer on the players.

Referring to the huge effort involved, Cameron said:

// The players were simply fantastic. But, the achievements went much wider than that. Without the support from fellow BB people, the support team, the independent witnesses and medical team, there is no way this would have been possible. It has definitely been a BB, but also wider-community project."

The event attracted significant attention from across the BB, but also the wider community. Radio Stations, newspapers and also TV shows have already shared the accomplishment with a much wider audience. The hashtag #BBworldrecord was trending on twitter, too.



BB entertains at the Games

36 members of the 2nd Port Glasgow Marching Band played as part of the official entertainment for the Commonwealth Games. They and supporters experienced the wonderful Commonwealth atmosphere, with performances in George Square and Glasgow Green. This was the culmination of a fantastic year for the band.



Honour to carry the Baton

Grant Mather, representing 1st Bishopton carried the Baton whilst on its journey through Renfrewshire. Grant said "It was a great honour to represent the BB in the Queen's baton relay. It was a memorable day that I was privileged to share with the local community who turned out to cheer me and the other baton bearers along the route. It is a day I will always cherish."



Pipes & Drums on Glasgow Green

The Glasgow Battalion Pipes and Drums played at Festival 2014 at Glasgow Green during the games, entertaining the crowds enjoying the atmosphere in city.



In the driving seat

Members of the 1st Newport Pagnell recently built and entered a car in the Newport Pagnell Soapbox Derby. Callum Main took to the wheel for the race and subsequently won the competition. As a result from this event there has been a lot of interest from local boys about joining the Company.



Prize winners at Morecambe Carnival

1st Bare Company took part in the Morecambe Carnival and won 1st place for the most original entry. Around 50 boys attended on the day with the Juniors riding on the go karts they made, the Company and Seniors playing or escorting the drums and the Anchors waving at the crowds from the minibus.



Companies join forces for Summer Camp

A wonderful week in glorious sunshine at Stoke Gabriel in Devon was enjoyed by members of the 21st Cardiff, 2nd Llantwit Major and 1st Blackwood Companies.

SNAPSHOTS



CATHKIN DISTRICT JUNIOR SECTION CAMP



1ST STEWARTON ENJOYED PACKED SUMMER PROGRAMME



1ST RUGBY AND 1ST LEAMINGTON SPA JOINT SUMMER CAMP



3RD GATESHEAD AT THE TOP OF HELVELLYN



Action & Adventure for Tyneside Battalion

54 members of the Tyneside Battalion participated in a Company Section Camp at Ganaway Activity Centre in Northern Ireland. Activities included caving, archery, zip line, orienteering and team games. They visited the Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge as part of the weekend and met up with members from the 1st and 12th Bangor Companies when they enjoyed an afternoon on the beach.



1st Acomb Celebrate Le Tour De France

Over the weekend of the 5th - 6th July members of 1st Acomb celebrated Le Tour De France passing their church by decorating the front with scarecrows of each of the sections in their Company. They held a 24 hour static bike ride and sleepover to raise money to subsidise residential trips for young people in the Company. With two bikes going, starting at 5pm they continued throughout the night, finishing on the Sunday. A good time was had by all, including the police who joined in after their duties on crowd control had finished.

35th Liverpool @35_liverpool
Doubled our Company Section numbers this evening by the 9 new Year 7s. Our #Transition activities have been a #success! @theboysbrigade

15th Coatbridge @15th Coatbridge
Great effort from Boys and Staff today @Tesco Airdrie bag packing. Over £900 raised. Thank you all very much.

Success at World Pipe Band Championships

The 6th/8th Dundee Boys' Brigade Pipe Band hit a high note finishing an impressive seventh in Grade 3b, at the World Pipe Band Championships. The band, made up of 30 young people with an average age of 17, competed in Glasgow in August alongside 200 pipe bands from around the world.

Sponsored Games Night helps Cancer Charity

1st Ballyclare run a Sponsored Games Night every year and donate monies to charity. This year they chose the Cancer Centre in Belfast where one of their officers is receiving treatment.

From Wooden Spoon to Gold Medal

July saw the second National Finals of the England & Wales Gaming Competition, organised by West Anglia Battalion. A range of different games were played and after qualifying rounds within the Companies, finalists were selected and teams from across the country met for an exciting day's gaming. Brilliant performances saw a final set up between last year's champions, 2nd Bedford and last year's Wooden Spooners, 5th Scarborough. The final leg was a football match (Pro Evo), and was won in the last few seconds by the 5th Scarborough.

Send us your news

Please send in contributions to newsdesk
@boys-brigade.org.uk



Waitrose shoppers support local BB

Boys from 3rd Bedford went along to Waitrose in Bedford to collect a cheque for £459.60 after taking part in Waitrose' Community Matters scheme, which is a countrywide project. Waitrose gives away £1000 to local community projects each month with customers putting green tokens into a charity box of their choice. Each store then weighs the tokens at the end of the month and proportionally divides the £1000 between the three charities.



Centre hits heights with new facilities

July saw the opening of the latest facility at Honeyhill Camping and Activity Centre in Bearsted, Kent. The new traversing wall was officially opened during a family fun day and picnic attended by 200 members and friends. The wall was dedicated to the memory of the late Frank Smith MBE by his daughter, Janice. After the official opening, young and not so young enjoyed Archery, Bouncy Castle, Pool and Waterslide, plus Arts & Crafts and Face Painting. The Centre is open for hire from April to October with daily, weekend and weekly availability.

To find out more please visit:
honeyhill.boys-brigade.org.uk



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Another great @theboysbrigade camp for our lads in Exmouth, more lifetime memories created

RESOURCE



GREAT ACTIVITIES & IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Welcome to the Autumn 2014 programme supplement, showcasing some great activities and ideas that you could use in your Company.

Resource Bank

Selection of resources with activities and ideas for all sections



Twinkl

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Thousands of colouring pages, crafts, educational resources, puzzles, printables of all sorts, worksheets, and lots more fun, free activities for kids! Activity Village offers well over 10,000 pages of free children's activities - simply look around, enjoy, and print! Check out activityvillage.co.uk



British Red Cross

The British Red Cross website has a wealth of 'Teaching Resources' for use across all age groups with discussion starters, lesson plans and more. And it's not just about First Aid, there are resources focussed around current affairs/recent events including global issues/disasters and dealing with emergencies. redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources

? The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Northampton or Newtownards, Old Kilpatrick or Oldham.

Do you have a question that you would like to ask other leaders?

We will look to share your question with leaders across the Brigade and include a selection of responses in the next issue of the Gazette.

Send your question(s) to
gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

🗨 Your Help

RESOURCE is all about sharing what works well for you in your Company with others. Could you contribute a game, craft, devotional or themed night idea for the Winter 2014/15 issue? Send it to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

Please indicate something about why this idea works well in your Company.

Check out the programme ideas and resources for your section:

20 → Anchors

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Great activities & ideas for your section:

Programme Planning

Some ideas to help you with your programme planning over the next few months:



5 NOV Firework Night

Remember, remember the fifth of November ... known as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night and Firework Night. It is an annual celebration observed on 5th November for more than 400 years following the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Think about the safety advice you could give, but also have some fun with some fireworks themed crafts, get creative!



17 - 23 NOV Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week gives everyone an opportunity to promote road safety as part of a big national event, using guidance and resources from Brake. This year's theme is 'look out for each other', check out the resources and ideas online.

Check out roadsafetyweek.org.uk



DEC 2014 Christingle

Celebrate Christingle with your group in the lead up to Christmas, help raise vital funds for the Children's Society. Resources and information are available to download.

Check out christingle.org

Get Creative: Firework Art



Equipment

- ★ A4 Dark Blue/Grey/Purple Dark
- ★ A4 Black paper
- ★ Paint (bright colours)
- ★ Paintbrushes
- ★ Straws (cut in half or even 3)
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Pencils/Pens
- ★ Glitter glue
- ★ Aprons (if available)

Instructions

1. Give each child a Dark Blue/Grey/ Purple Dark paper/card for the 'sky' and if possible an apron or something to protect clothing whilst painting.
2. Now to get on with the messy stuff, it's time to get painting, use one or all of the following methods:
 - a. **Paintbrushes** – Use strokes of paint in a star shape, build on your star by using as many layers and colours as desired.
 - b. **Straws** – Take a straw and dip it into paint and drop enough paint on to the 'sky' to create a small puddle, then blow (from the clean end) through the straw to spread the puddle. It can take a little practice but is great fun!
 - c. **Utensils** – Make use of some everyday items like a fork or a round dish washing brush, dip them into the paint and see the great results.
3. Once finished put the painted skies to one side to start drying.
4. Give each child a black piece of paper and ask them to draw a 'cityscape silhouette' (e.g. houses/buildings) on the bottom half of the sheet and then cut this out.
5. Finally once the paint has had some time to dry stick the black 'cityscape silhouette' to the bottom of the 'sky' to create a fantastic fireworks scene. It may be necessary for a leader to do this final step and get them ready to take home.

Theme Ideas



Get your section into the Christmas spirit for the night with these themed ideas:

01 Pin the tail on Rudolph

On a large sheet of paper draw an outline of a reindeer (without a tail) and on a separate piece of card draw the reindeer's tail. Using blutak on the tail each child blindfold has the chance to pin the tail on Rudolph. Have a small prize for the nearest. Alternatives could be pin the red nose on Rudolph or give the children both red nose and tail to pin on.

02 Cotton Wool Snowman



Equipment

- ★ Stiff white card (for each child)
- ★ Snowman Template
- ★ Cotton wool
- ★ Pipe Cleaner (for each child)
- ★ Glue Stick
- ★ Black buttons or wiggle eyes
- ★ Colouring Pens/Pencils

Prepare first!

Print out the Snowman template from: boys-brigade.org.uk/snowmantemplate.pdf

Depending on time allowed and ability of children you may need to, using the template, cut out the snowman ready for the children.

Instructions

1. Cut out body/head, hat, nose & mouth.
2. Using a glue stick cover the body and head all over and then place bits of cotton wool evenly on to the card.
3. Colour the hat and stick on to the head.
4. Put the pipe cleaner around the neck of the snowman to act as his scarf.
5. Stick on the eyes using black buttons or wiggle eyes.
6. Stick on the mouth and nose.
7. Attach a piece of card to the back for the snowman to stand up.

03 Polystyrene Christmas Cards

Equipment

- ★ Polystyrene tiles
- ★ Card
- ★ Biro pen
- ★ Paint

Instructions

Create a simple design on the polystyrene tile using the pen. Simple designs such as a star, Christmas tree, robin etc. will work well, remembering the print will be a reverse of the design so be careful with any words! Apply the paint to the tile and print onto the card.

04 Christmas Card Match

Use old Christmas cards (different designs) and cut into quarters diagonally. Give each child one quarter of a card and spread the remaining quarters face up across the hall floor. The children have to find the other three quarters to complete their card. Great game to play as children arrive.

05 Winter Relay

Four chairs are placed in front of each team at 2 metre intervals. On the first chair place wellington boots, the second a scarf, the third a woolly hat and the fourth a pair of gloves. On the signal the child runs to the first chair and puts on the boots, then moves to second chair and puts on scarf, then on to the hat and finally the gloves. Once the child has all of the items on at the fourth chair, they then take them off in reverse order and return to the team and tag the next child who is ready to go.

06 Getting into the Bible

Wrap up some boxes in Christmas paper. Ask the children what they look forward to at Christmas – it is very likely that receiving gifts/presents will be said.

Giving gifts show that we love and care about someone. Talk about the gift that God gave at that first Christmas and that's a gift for each of us today. You could put some words in the wrapped up boxes and get the children to open them which could help you share the Christmas story.

Get Active: Hoop Games

Check out some great, easy to run games, all you need is some hula hoops...

Hoop Numbers

Scatter different sized hoops around the hall. Children run around until a number is called, they then have to get into hoops of that number. Once a hoop has the number called the children should pull the hoop up to waist height. If a hoop contains the wrong number of children, those in that hoop are out.

Get Rolling!

Give each child a hoop and draw a starting line from which they roll hoops to see how far their hula hoop will roll. Whoever rolls the hula hoop the furthest wins.

Simon Says

Play traditional Simon Says, but using the hula hoop as a prop. "Simon says... jump in/out of the hula hoop, lift it over your head, put your hand in the hoop, balance it on your foot, etc.."

Hula Hoop Challenge

Split the children into two or more teams (ideally 4-8 children in a team). Ask the children to stand in a circle. Put a hula hoop onto one child's arm, and have them all join hands. They then must find a way to move the hula hoop all the way around the circle without letting go of each other's hands.

? The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following... **"This age group enjoy and get a lot out of being creative, but to what cost? How do we work with a limited budget?"**

In response to this a number of leaders have shared their thoughts.

"The pound shop is a great way to get stuff for Anchor Boy and Junior crafts. You have to be flexible, though, and see what's available week to week."

Fraser Boyd, 25th Stirling

"Plenty of things to do online, usually free. Check what you have 'in stock' before buying new equipment. Can the every day rubbish that we throw out be recycled as part of a game or arts and crafts?"

Andrew Eadie, 1st Condorrat

"I have discovered that a request to members of your congregation to give assistance will come up trumps. Over the years we have had donations of card, paper, embroidery thread, wool and much more."

Nanette McLean,
1st Hamilton Company



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JUNIORS RESOURCE**Great activities & ideas for your section:****Programme Planning**

Some ideas to help you with your programme planning over the next few months:

**14 NOV Children in Need**

It brings out the best in us... It's our chance to shine, to step up, to do whatever we can to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Could your section get involved this year and raise some money?

Check out bbcchildinneed.co.uk

**17 - 21 NOV Anti Bullying Week**

Help to raise awareness and put an end to bullying. Resources and information are available to help support you in your planning.

Check out antibullyingweek.co.uk

**30 NOV - 24 DEC Beginning of Advent**

Most of the children in your group will be opening advent calendars on a daily basis at home in the lead up to Christmas. How could you mark advent at BB and share the advent story? Could you light advent candles each week?

Get Active: Bucket Ball**Setting up:**

To setup the hall you will need to place a line of chairs (or you could use tape/ chalk to mark a line) approx. 2 metres away from the wall at each end of the hall. In the middle of this space at each end of the hall place a low table or chair (make sure this is strong and suitable for standing on safely).

Instructions:

Divide the children into two teams and assign a member of staff to each team who will stand on the table/chair and hold the bucket (they can move the bucket around to help their team score but must remain standing on table/chair).

Each team then has the job of getting the ball into their bucket, for a point. The game starts with the ball being thrown up in the middle of the hall. Players must

only use their hands and must throw the ball to their team mates, as there is no moving with the ball.

Additional rules can be added in to make this game harder by adding a limit to the amount of time a player can hold the ball, by not allowing them to pass back to player that passed the ball to them, by not allowing the ball to be thrown backwards, etc.

Once a team has either scored by getting the ball in the bucket or shot and missed the opposing team will start with the ball from behind the line of chairs at that end and attempt to score in their bucket at the other end. No player is allowed behind the chair line (this is important for safety) with the exception of a player from the opposing team collecting the ball to restart after the other team has shot and either scored or missed.

Equipment

- ★ Buckets (x2)
- ★ Ball (light plastic football)
- ★ Chairs
- ★ Table

Theme Ideas



Turn your section into a Jedi Training Academy with these themed ideas:

01 Physical Training

Jedi's have great balance and physical agility, so test their skills by creating an obstacle course that has them running through hoops, under obstacles, jumping over things, etc.

02 Getting Creative

An opportunity to get creative using the 'Soundboard' or 'Crawl Creator' (see link below). You will need some laptops/computers setup so that they can do this, they could easily work in pairs creating a 60 second soundclip or creating their own Starwars crawl. You could do this as a competition and vote on the best.

Visit the 'Games & Apps' section at www.starwars.com

03 Lightsaber Training

Replicate Luke's lightsaber training on-board the Millennium Falcon (from Episode IV: A New Hope) by hanging a plastic ball on a string at around head height to represent the orb (you could tie string to a uni-hoc stick and hold up). Each child takes turns to hit the ball as you swing it back and forth on the string, then blindfold the child and see if they can 'feel the force' enough to hit it three times with their lightsaber.

04 Lightsaber Duel

Split the children into pairs and have them play tennis using lightsabers as rackets and a balloon as a ball. The object of the game is for each player to keep the balloon from touching the ground when it is batted towards them.

05 Darth Vader Bowling

Print off some images of Darth Vader or another of the villains and attach them to skittles then let the Jedi see how many baddies they can bowl over.

06 Dress to impress!

Ask the children to come dressed as their favourite Star Wars character to add to the atmosphere of the evening.

07 Getting into the Bible

Download the 'Faith' PowerPoint presentation (see the link below) which will help you to talk about having faith and believing in something with the children. Perhaps a leader could share something about their faith and what it means for them to believe and trust in Jesus.

Download the powerpoint from boys-brigade.org.uk/starwarsfaith.pptx

08 Feel the Force

Test out the children's senses with these activities:

Touch – Place different objects into bags or boxes and have them reach in and try to identify the contents while blindfolded.

Taste – Taste different foods and see how many they can identify.

Smell – See if they can tell what the different smells are.

Sight – Print off pictures of characters or vehicles then cut into the picture so you are left with just a small section of it (eg. Jar Jar Bink's mouth). See how many they can identify.

Sound – Using the amazing Soundboard at www.starwars.com play back different sound effects and see how many they can identify.

09 Death Star Bucket Ball

Use the 'Bucket Ball' game as found on page 23 and add a twist by putting a picture of the 'Death Star' on each bucket. The first team to get 10 balls in the bucket destroys the Death Star.

10 Jedi Mental Test

Download the examination paper to see how many characters the children can name.

Download from: boys-brigade.org.uk/jedimentaltest.pdf

Get Creative: The Prayer Box



Shared by
Lydia Miller, Development Worker in London

Equipment

- ★ Box (for each child)
- ★ Colouring Pens/Pencils
- ★ Stickers/Coloured Paper/ Tissue Paper/Etc
- ★ Glue (may be required)
- ★ Scissors (may be required)
- ★ Post-it notes (3 different colours)

Instructions

1. Give each child a box and allow them to decorate it using the materials you have made available (i.e. stickers, coloured paper, etc).
2. Give each child a set of post-it notes in 3 different colours. Explain that these are for writing our thoughts, feelings and worries on.

Colour #1: Things we worry about that we can fix (e.g. apologising to a friend after an argument)

Colour #2: Things that worry us that other people can help us with (e.g. if we are being bullied at school, we can talk to our parents or a teacher)

Colour #3: Things that worry us that we need God's help with (e.g. if a family member is unwell)

3. Explain to the group that as human beings, we feel lots of different emotions; some are positive like happiness, but some can seem negative like worry or sadness. It is important to talk to adults and pray about them. Tell the children that they can keep their box at home, and write their worries down. They can then look at each of their worries and decide which category they fall into (fix, talk, pray). It may also be helpful to provide some explanation of this exercise to parents.

You could also or alternatively create a single 'Prayer Box' and keep this at BB and use this on a weekly or other basis and enable the children to use the box and pray in this way at BB.

? The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following... "How do we encourage and reward positive behaviour with this age group?"

In response to this a number of leaders have shared their thoughts.

"We use a points system given throughout the evening to individuals for being thoughtful, helping, taking part, being ready first, etc and then at the end of the evening a trophy is given to the boy with the highest marks (we don't remove marks for bad behaviour)".

Ian Rumbelow, 2nd Stoke-sub-Hamden

"We find that they really like to take on board some responsibility, so by doing this in small tasks (getting the craft stuff ready, putting the sports items out, helping with the drinks) it helps to give them confidence in themselves and helps to achieve a sense of belonging."

Phyllis Reppion, 16th Liverpool

"We have a nice trophy which we give out to Juniors every week who set some kind of positive example. The boys are very keen to win (sometimes overly keen - it can foster some 'sucking up') and I always make sure that they know exactly why they've won it so they can explain it to their parents or their school. We look for opportunities to praise, examples of positive behaviour through things like saying, 'Well done, Joe; you're listening well,' or 'Thank you for standing still, Alex'".

Fraser Boyd, 25th Stirling

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Great activities & ideas for your section:

Planning your Programme

Some ideas to help you with your programme planning over the next few months:



9 NOV Remembrance Sunday

On this day we commemorate the signing of the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War and remember those that gave their lives in that and other wars. Think about how you could do something on your meeting night during the week of Remembrance Sunday.

Check out britishlegion.org.uk



30 NOV St Andrew's Day

On November 30th the world celebrates St Andrew's Day, Scotland's national day. St Andrew has been the Patron Saint of Scotland since 1320. Celebrate his patronage by learning about his life, holding your own ceilidh or sampling Scottish delights such as haggis.



1 DEC World AIDS Day

Today people around the world are uniting in the fight against HIV. Find out about the facts of HIV, and help to raise awareness and fundraise to support those affected and living with HIV.

Check out worldaidsday.org

Get Active: Football With Small Numbers

Some great football based games that can be played with just 2-3 players. Ideal for smaller Companies, but equally these games could be played by larger groups with the rules being very adaptable to suit all situations.

Pairs Football

Using just one goal, pairs work together to score and go through to the next round.

In the first round start with the need for a pair to score 1 goal to progress to the next round, eliminating the last pair before moving on to the next round. You can then increase the number of goals required to go through to the next round as there are less pairs in the game.

The final which could consist of two or three pairs should be based on the first pair to score 3 goals. If you do not have the numbers to make 3 or 4 pairs then it would be better to play this as individuals. This game is also sometimes known as 'Wembley Doubles' or 'World Cup Doubles', and there are lots of variations.

60 seconds

In this game, there is one goalkeeper and at least two other players. The goalkeeper will kick/throw the ball out, and begin counting to 60 at roughly one number a second. The outfield players must then cooperate to score a volley past the goalkeeper; should they do so, the count will be reset.

If, however, the ball enters the goal without the kick being a volley, the goalkeeper catches a full volley, or the goalkeeper reaches 60, the last player to touch the ball becomes the goalkeeper.

A variety of this game introduces levels, where initially only one goal must be scored, but every time the count is reset this goes up by one, so the players must score one, then two, then three, until they are unable to complete the allotted amount within 60 seconds.

End to End

Split your group into 2 teams, although this game can be played with just 1 player at each end. There needs to be a clear dividing line in the middle of the hall, so if you don't have one, place some cones or put some tape down to mark this.

The object of the game is for players to score a goal in their opponents' end. Players are not allowed to use their hands and must not leave their half of the hall. Players can use any other part of their body (e.g. head, foot, chest) to control the ball or score. Play first to 5 goals and then change ends and possibly change the team about.

Theme Ideas



Depending on the number of young people involved, the following suggested activities can be completed all together or the different teams could move round the activities set up at different bases.

01 Black Tie?

Set the tone for your evening by encouraging the young people to dress up as one of the characters from the Bond books/movie. There will inevitably be a number wearing black tie, but award a prize for the best dressed. You could link in with this 'How to tie a bow tie' (just type 'how to tie a bow tie' into YouTube if you are unsure).

02 Briefcase challenge

Inside the briefcase are secret papers or a bomb to defuse. The briefcase is locked and there is a set of clues for the combination.

For example, if the combination is

2 8 3 6 4 7

The clues could be:

1. Number of riders on a tandem
2. Number of teams that play in the quarter finals
3. Number of wheels on a tricycle
4. Number of players in a volleyball team
5. Number of Gospels
6. The opposite numbers on a die add up to ...?

The difficulty of question can be varied according to the ability of the young people. You could make the questions so that young people have to use mobile phones to look up information on the internet or add a treasure hunt element around your church building. This challenge can be timed to see which team can unlock the briefcase in the quickest time. You could set the stopwatch off inside the briefcase, or a timer which does a countdown and has an alarm when reaching 0, the team has to unlock the case and stop the clock.

03 Hot Shots

Use water pistols to knock over empty drinks cans/ bottles from a ledge. The distance away will be dependent on the power of the water pistols. This could be part of a relay race with teams competing against each other or against the clock.

04 Bond Film anagrams

Below are 10 Bond film titles with the letters jumbled; can you unscramble them? We have given you a helping hand with the number of letters in each word.

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Toon Cord | (6/2) |
| 2. Worrisome Fish Vault | (4/6/4/4) |
| 3. Ford Niggle | (10) |
| 4. Null Breadth | (11) |
| 5. Yellow Voice Unity | (3/4/4/5) |
| 6. Jersey Conservatism Sect Here | (2/3/8/6/7) |
| 7. Drove Sofa Remainder | (8/3/7) |
| 8. Invalid Delete | (4/3/3/3) |
| 9. Ghastly, Divine Light | (3/6/9) |
| 10. I'll Tickle Once | (7/2/4) |

Answers: 1. Doctor No 2. From Russia With Love 3. Goldfinger 4. Thunderball 5. You Only Live Twice 6. On Her Majesty's Secret Service 7. Diamonds Are Forever 8. Live and Let Die 9. The Living Daylights 10. Licence To Kill

05 Getting into the Bible

Within each film, James Bond has a mission to complete which usually involves saving the world. Link your devotions to this theme – God sent Jesus on a mission to save the world and reconcile mankind (1 John 4:14). Talk with the young people about this, How does that mission impact on our lives? What do we believe about Jesus? What is His mission for us?

Article Continued →

Recreate a scene from a Bond film and send in the clip to Headquarters. The scene judged to be the best will win £50 of cinema vouchers, entries to be sent in by the end of January 2015.

Getting Into The Bible: Blobs

Blobs are an amazing tool when working with young people. They can be used in lots of different ways to get young people thinking and to explore emotions and feelings. The Blobs in the images are neither male nor female, young nor old, ancient nor modern. They are outside of culture and have no race. Blobs encourage emotional literacy, but equally there are just some really fun blobs, which are great to share. The Blob bible is fun and a great teaching and learning tool, but equally if you follow Blobtree on Facebook you will access little pearls of wisdom on an almost daily basis. Enjoy and explore!



Check out:
blobtree.com

Teach the young people how to make non-alcoholic cocktails. Just look up some recipes on the web and get mixing! Maybe the young people could utilise their new found skills at a Company fundraiser?



Shared by
Vicki Brownlee, 5th Hull

The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following... "How do we get more adventure into our programme? How easy is it to get out and about?"

In response to this a number of leaders have shared their thoughts.



"We fund raised over a few years to buy a powerboat and canoes, and we use a group of volunteers qualified for such activities. It's hard to achieve, but achievable. We ask our young people what they enjoy too. Anything is possible if you look around and see what's on offer in your area. Our boys have done sub-aqua diving, Quad biking, bird watching and we've even taken some Seniors flying! Obviously things cost time and money but it's so important to offer these things."

John Boon, 2nd Witham



"Just some of the things we do camp, Waltham Walk, Cleveland Hike, Goals 5 a side centres, quasar and sailing. Just look up on google what is available in your area. We get parents to help with transport."

Steve Mann, 28th West Kent



"This is a difficult one to nail down briefly but there are a lot of organisations out there who can provide activities for the boys fairly cheaply. For example, we have had success with the local orienteering club who will gladly offer things like night orienteering for only £1 (to cover maps) because it may bring them new members. The local bowling club also offered us several free taster sessions and some boys joined in their junior teams as a result. Be flexible about when you can go to places like outdoor centres, because it's always cheaper in winter. You might not think so, but you can still have a great time in cold weather!"

Fraser Boyd, 25th Stirling



"Transport can be a barrier to getting out and about, so think about what you could do that's on your doorstep. Somewhere you could either walk to as a group or have the parents drop the young people off at and collect afterwards. Alternatively could you join forces with another Company, perhaps one that has a minibus or can assist yours with transport."

Chris Norman, 10th Enfield



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Great activities & ideas for your section:

Get Talking: Finding Mike

On 14 January 2008 Jonny Benjamin, 20, went to Waterloo Bridge to take his own life. He had recently been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder and was in hospital receiving treatment for it. He thought that his life was over and he could see no hope for the future living with this illness.

However, a stranger who happened to be walking along the bridge managed to engage him and talk him down. Jonny was subsequently taken by the police back to hospital and never saw the stranger again. Since that moment, Jonny's life has changed completely. He is now a popular writer, video blogger and mental health campaigner, working hard to break the stigma attached to mental illness and help others living with it. But he never had the chance to thank the good Samaritan he named 'Mike' for what he did that January morning, which Jonny attributes to helping him turn things around.

Finding 'Mike' is the story of Jonny's very personal search to find that stranger.

The 'Finding Mike' story began on 14 January 2014 when Jonny launched his campaign to find the stranger on the sixth anniversary of their meeting. The campaign was supported by Rethink Mental Illness as a way of raising awareness about mental illness and the problem of suicide in young men.

His mission went viral on Twitter, with users as far away as Australia and South Africa joining the bid to 'find Mike' – who turned out to be personal trainer Neil Laybourn.

As a leader, make sure you have some information on different mental health issues in preparation for this discussion. Information can be downloaded from the rethink website. Be sensitive talking about this subject, some members of the group may find it difficult.



Watch a trailer about 'Finding Mike'
youtu.be/8JUPQVYpBME



For Info and advice visit:
rethink.org



Some questions for your young people to think about:

- ? Had you already heard of this story? What hit you when hearing it?
- ? How much did you know about mental health before hearing about this?
- ? This story is likened to that of the Good Samaritan (which can be found in Luke 10 vs. 25-37.) In what ways can you be a modern day Good Samaritan?
- ? How can you help those around you who may be struggling with mental health issues?

Download: Tried & Tested Youth Games



There's no catch and no strings attached! It's just a free Games App. If you have ever been a leader with a group of young people this App is an essential download. It contains over 150 tried and tested, easy-to-run games in categories such as ice breakers, circle games, messy games and relays. There is a search facility to help you find games for the right situation and a 'favourites' page for saving the ones you like. 'Tried and Tested Youth Games' is available for Android, Apple and Windows platforms. It's free and there's no advertising to have to put up with... download it now!



Shared by
Kenneth McLaughlin,
Training & Programme Officer
in Northern Ireland



Search "Youth Group Games" on
play.google.com
apple.com/itunes
windowsphone.com

Get Active: Hands-In

Get the group kneeling in a circle, with both hands placed flat in front of them. Then each young person moves their right hand in between the person on their right's hands. Thus create an alternating hand pattern.

To start, one person calls out the tapping direction, left or right and slaps their hand once on the ground. The hand closest to the first slap (in the named direction) slaps the ground, then then next closest, and so on. If hand A slaps, hand B can either single slap or double slap. A single slap keeps the slap going in the same direction, but a double slap changes the direction so the slap travels away in the opposite direction. If someone slaps out of turn, they must remove that hand. All other hands stay where they are, even if they are no longer crossed over. A person is out of the game when both their hands are out. The game is over when there are only two people left. Try and go faster as the game progresses.



? The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following... **"We've got smaller numbers in Seniors, how do we engage & retain our 15 to 18 year olds?"**

In response to this a number of leaders have shared their thoughts.

"At Brigade Council in Glasgow I heard about the work of the Young Leaders Group, excellent. The main point I got from it was don't try and do this on your own, all the Seniors from the Companies around you are in the same boat. Invite them round, ask THEM what THEY want, not what we want them to do, big difference. Curry Nights, Comedy/Theatre Nights, the list is as long or short as THEY want to make it."

Andrew Eadie, 1st Condorrat

"By bringing them through BB and keeping their interest moving through President's, Queen's Badge and DofE. Actively involving them in leadership and running specialist badge activities they are good at and interested in. From Sports to cooking, to media and video filming - to role play and anything else they can come up with!"

John Boon, 2nd Witham

"When I started leading the CS, it was consistently losing YP at about the age of 14/15. I was about to lose the one lad left at this age and decided to offer DofE to him in order to try to retain him. At the same time the Battalion started to do DofE expedition training and organising expeditions. It is important for small Companies that this is done at Battalion level, as there may not be enough YP of the same age to form an expedition group or enough skilled and qualified leaders to run the training and expeditions. Getting YP hooked into the DofE programme is a great way to retain them, since introducing DofE we have consistently retained virtually all of our YP until they reach 19."

Phil Tarr, 1st Cheam

@ **Do you have a question that you would like to ask other leaders?**

Send your question to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk and we will feature a question with a number of responses in future issues of the Gazette.

FOCUS ENGLAND



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England Development News

During the last 18 months we have started over 50 new Companies throughout England. Much of this new work has been achieved by our team of Development Workers, funded through the Government's Social Inclusion Programme (SIP) administered by the Youth United Foundation (YUF). This funding has now come to an end, but we have been successful in securing other funding to maintain a strong team of Development Workers in the Region.

The new funding is from the Government's Uniformed Social Action Fund (UYSAF), The Queen's Trust, Maurice and Hilda Laing Foundation, Department for Communities & Local Government and National Citizenship Service (NCS). This funding enables us to continue with Development Workers' posts in Middlesbrough & Redcar, Stoke on Trent, Greater Manchester and London. The areas for these posts are being widened to include some other areas close by. In addition, the funding is enabling us to employ Development Workers to start some new work in The Black Country and Luton and to continue to offer some support to new Companies started recently in Birmingham and Luton. The NCS funding will also allow us to have a worker to start new units in priority areas, to encourage BB young people to take part in NCS and NCS graduates to volunteer in the BB.

Please remember the Development Team in your Prayers as they seek to begin new work in these areas.



National Marching Band Championships

Around 500 young people took part in the 2014 Brigades' British Marching Band Championships at Northwood Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent. Well done to all the bands that took part in the competition.

For results from the day go to:
showcasemarchingbands.co.uk



Youth Work the Conference

Many BB leaders will be aware of and attend the Youth Work Conference, which this year is being held from 14th – 16th November in Eastbourne. The Conference is a place for youth workers to come together to build on what they already know and do; to be built up and refreshed spiritually and mentally; spending a weekend with hundreds of other youth workers. There will be a team of Development Workers at the conference, so if you are going, please call in at the BB stand and have a chat.

Find out more about the conference at:
youthworkconference.co.uk

WHAT'S ON - ENGLAND



28 MAR & 25 APR

National Music Festivals 2015

Do you play a musical instrument or sing? If so why not take part in one of this year's festivals.
natbrass.boys-brigade.org.uk/brassfest.htm

9 MAY

The Big Night Out 2015

Take your young people along to TBNO in 2015, held at Lightwater Valley. thebignightout.org.uk

29-31 MAY Unite 2015

Find out more about this exciting new residential event at Felden Lodge. unite@boys-brigade.org.uk Twitter: @unitebb

6 JUN

Marching Band Championship

Find out more about how your band can take part in this event and join hundreds of other young people in 2015.
showcasemarchingbands.co.uk

For a full list of dates go to:
england.boys-brigade.org.uk



Growing Bigger, Growing Better: 1000km Challenge

Dozens of Companies have already signed up for the Scotland-wide challenge. Run, walk, cycle, kayak – it's up to you!

More information about this can be found at:
<http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/1000k.htm>

YLN in Lisbon

In June, 20 seniors and young leaders had the chance to sample Iberian culture in the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. The European excursion has become a regular feature in the YLN calendar and attracts young people from across Scotland.

Reece McCabe, 20, 6th/8th Dundee said:

"The trip as a whole was excellent, a brilliant experience and a good opportunity to mix with people from other companies."

WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND



7 NOV Junior Section Sleepover – Glasgow Science Centre

14 NOV World Mission Fund Cheque Presentation – Motherwell

15-16 NOV BTO Part 1 – Carronvale

For a full list of dates go to:
scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk

North of Scotland Development



Ramsay Aitken became the new Development Officer for Highland and Moray in early summer. Bill Stevenson welcomed Ramsay's appointment:

// We are delighted to welcome Ramsay to the BB Development team in Scotland. His long relationship with the organisation and professional experience will stand him in good stead as he meets with and helps many of the young members and leaders."

You can get in touch with Ramsay by emailing
ramsay.aitken@boys-brigade.org.uk

Or on twitter
[@northBBscotland](https://twitter.com/northBBscotland)

Order of The Thistle Service

Five members of The Boys' Brigade were in the company of Royals in July, when they attended the Installation of two new Knights of the Thistle at St Giles Cathedral. The young people, joined by David Sneddon, Chairman of the BB Scotland Committee, were selected to represent The Boys' Brigade and were part of the distinguished gathering. Amongst those attending were The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince William and the Princess Royal.

Moderator visits KGV

Two very full KGV courses ran at Carronvale during the summer. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev John Chalmers, and Mrs Chalmers visited this year's New Entrants' Course. The Moderator took time to speak to every cadet and addressed the course at dinner.

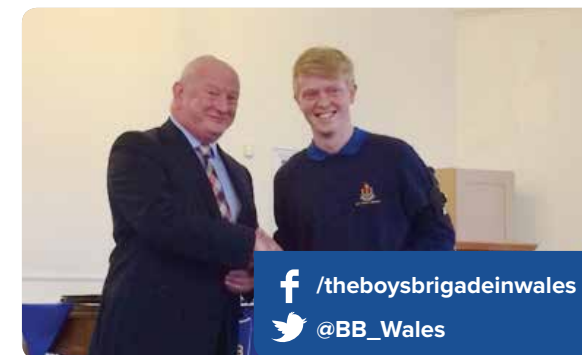
Wild in the Park

BB Scotland was represented by young leaders and HQ staff at YouthLink Scotland's 'Wild in the Park' Exhibition. The event, the first of its kind, showcased the youth work sector's commitment to outdoor learning. Over 40 MSPs, including party leaders, attended the event and tried their hands at campcraft, climbing walls and even an 'omelette challenge' using a camping stove!



Western Mail Cup

As reported in the last issue Adam Morris of the 21st Cardiff was the winner of the Western Mail Cup. The picture right shows Adam being presented with the cup by Mr D Aubrey Q.C., President of The Boys' Brigade in Wales.



WHAT'S ON - WALES



8 NOV Devotions & Craft MasterClass

7 FEB Challenging Behaviour Training

For a full list of dates go to:
boysbrigadewales.org.uk

Noah's Ark Zoo Visit

On Saturday 5th July members of BB in Wales went on a visit to Noah's ark Zoo near Bristol. The day was well supported with young people from Companies in Swansea, Cardiff and Caerphilly. It was a great day out with so much to see and do. Keep an eye out for the next Anchors and Juniors Day Out.

WALES: 02920 483555 The Boys' Brigade, 58 Richmond Road, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3AT



Annual Founder's Thanksgiving Service

The Boys' Brigade in the Republic of Ireland, met together for their Annual Founder's Thanksgiving Service at St. Ann's Church in Dublin on Sunday 19th October.

The service was conducted by Revd. Canon David Gillespie with the address by the Revd. Canon Aisling Shine. The address concentrated on helping each other, being generous with our time and working together.

WHAT'S ON - R.o.I



10 JAN Juniors 5-A-Side Football Fun Day

12 JAN Company in Action Training, Portlaoise

21 JAN Company in Action Training, Cavan

22 JAN Company in Action Training, Dublin

26 JAN Company in Action Training, Bunclody

National Quality Standards for Volunteer-led Youth Groups

The National Quality Standards for Volunteer-led Youth Groups have been developed for youth groups funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) via Educational Training Boards. The standards are simply a set of statements of what should be in place to assist in ensuring quality. These statements outline what level of service can be expected and how services will be provided so as to ensure that they are delivered to an agreed level of quality and that the level is consistent on a national basis. The overall aim of the quality standards is to support volunteer-led youth groups in creating and providing quality, developmental/educational programmes and activities for young people in safe and supportive environments.

For a full list of dates go to:
boysbrigade.ie

FOCUS NORTHERN IRELAND



KGVI 2014

KGVI 2014 had thirteen new Cadets and seven second years. This year the Cadets undertook an accredited four session web development and design course in conjunction with the University of Ulster, Jordanstown. The cadets also followed the Christianity Explored Course as part of their evening devotions.

Newport Open Day

On Saturday 14th June 2014, Northern Ireland District held an Open Day at Newport – the new headquarters and residential centre of The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland. A varied programme was enjoyed by 150 adults and children throughout the day. This included guided tours of the existing premises, exploring the future plans for the development of the site, activities for children and a short Service of Dedication.

WHAT'S ON - N.IRELAND

- 8 NOV** Junior Section Conference
- 11 NOV** Company Section Ten Pin Bowling
- 14 NOV** Tug Of War
- 15 & 22 NOV** First Aid Course

For a full list of dates go to:
ni.boys-brigade.org.uk

New Staff at Newport

In July 2014, we welcomed three new staff members to the NI District. They have all settled in well and look forward to meeting many of the members in due course. Please pray for them, that they will settle in quickly and feel at home.

Nigel Fry, a joiner by trade is the new caretaker and cleaner for Newport. Wendy Campbell is the new part-time Administrator, having worked in a training role at Girls' Brigade NI for 18 years. Alison Irvine is the new Support Officer and Centre Manager and has for the last 11 years worked as Marketing Officer for Girls' Brigade NI.

'Adaptive and Visionary' Professor Norman C Nevin OBE



Professor Norman Nevin became President of the Northern Ireland District of The Boys' Brigade in 1992. He was already widely known and respected for his clear Christian witness, his academic gifts of scholarship, particularly in genetics, teaching and leadership, and personal attributes of vision,

enthusiasm, and encouragement. In a short time these and a host of other qualities and abilities were freely used in the interests of Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland.

Norman was a member of 75th Belfast Company and came to faith, in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, at a BB Bible Class, and achieved The King's Badge.

As President he enjoyed being with Boys and Young Men, in various settings; Company Displays, Competition Finals, National Competitions, and KGVI Training Courses. He was an excellent ambassador of BB.

Beyond all this was his commitment to 'keep the main thing the main thing' – giving priority to advancing Christ's Kingdom among Boys. Prof Nevin was determined that this should be foremost in our thinking, planning and doing.

Just two weeks before his death, at the Open Day in our new Northern Ireland District Headquarters at Culcavey, he brought the formal proceedings to a close. This was his first outing, due to illness, since March and it was his desire and delight, to bring some words of encouragement, vision and inspiration, 'God has guided us to this place, God has given new opportunities, Let's trust God to get the work done', and then he led in a gracious and stirring prayer. All of this a treasured fitting climax to his service for the Lord through The Boys' Brigade.

TOOLBOX



Church Relationships – Some Ways To Build And Secure

When your Company was first started at your church there would have been a very clear vision and decision taken at that time by the then clergy and membership, and however old it may be there are reasons to celebrate those years and that partnership.



PARTNERING

Partnership is something that is key to ensuring the life of your Church is embedded in your Company and that your Company is fully embedded in the life of your Church – true partnership can then flourish.



SUPPORTING

The programmes we have for our young people offer the broadest range of activities for them to choose from and how those are led and organised is crucial, some activities requiring people with key skills. Within many churches there are adults who do not wish to be regular BB volunteers, but who may have skills that they can share to augment the programme and help to develop the church/Company relationship.



ENGAGING

The act of engaging young people in the life and worship of your church is not always the easiest against a backdrop of falling congregation numbers – but it is a really exciting challenge to undertake.

Some ideas to build and secure the partnering, supporting and engaging:



Food opportunities and events

Food is always a good way to bring people together. Have you considered ...

- your young people cooking a meal for some church members
- arranging a church BBQ in the spring or summer
- a curry and quiz evening for your young people and church members (other foods are of course available)
- cake bake off competition for young people and church members – judged and then 'eaten'!
- cooking with the young people – there may be some church members who could and would like to lead those evenings

KEY TIP

Consider the ways your Company and church work in partnership, and in what ways could the partnership be strengthened.

Article Continued →



Music brings people together

- if there are any musicians then a music group could be formed
- talent evening with young people and church members taking part
- there could be a church member(s) who have musical talent who could help teach the young people



Church life – getting involved

- helping to run church fundraising events
- the young people leading a church service
- the young people providing refreshments after your church worship
- a youth council to share ideas and input into church life
- young people helping with repainting rooms, cutting the church lawn or looking after the grounds
- if your church has a holiday club during breaks from school then some of your older young people could help with running it
- young people could offer their 'talents' to members of your church who may find things difficult to do such as:- taking them out for the day; doing their shopping; walking their dog; gardening; maybe just visiting them etc. – this is really good intergenerational work.



How could the Company and church work together better to reach more young people?



Residential experiences –

- a residential weekend could be arranged with other youth activities within the church, to bring all the young people together
- could BB young people get involved with residential opportunities already going on with the church, does your church go to any festivals (Spring Harvest, Greenbelt, etc)
- some church members may like to help on one of your residential weekends as they have a particular gift or skill
- could have a sleepover and incorporate some social aspect where church members are invited or just to join for an evening meal



How frequently does the church and Company leadership meet together to discuss their shared vision?



Worship and devotional times –

- it is important to remember that the young people in your Company will be and are equal in terms of worship, devotional times and the whole of your church life – regardless of age
- ask your young people to help with leading devotions – some young people will have a message to share about their faith not only with their peer group but the whole of the church – age must not prevent them doing this
- prayer leading by young people can be very powerful
- could the Company share the prayer needs of young people with members of the church through a prayer diary, equally young people could pray for church members
- your young people taking a bible passage and presenting their interpretation in a church service
- your devotional time could be young people asking a panel of adults from the church about their faith; what is their favourite bible passage and why; what role they have in the life of the church etc.
- your devotional time on your meeting night could be opened to all members of the church to attend with the young people leading those evenings – this has been very successful in a few places and attendance from church members has been considerable
- Chaplains from Companies in Birmingham have clearly said at their breakfast and lunch meetings that 'Church is not just Sunday mornings but whenever people are on their premises' – we must embrace that and enable our young people to explore and grow their faith as an integral part of our work which is embedded in the full life of the church

Roger Green

Birmingham Battalion CEO



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Send us your ideas, what's worked well in your Company and church:
enquiries@boys-brigade.org.uk



Ideas To Get Your Company Fundraising

How are your Company finances? What fundraising do you do at the moment? Is your programme restricted by a lack of funds to buy equipment or go on a residential?

Fundraising is often an essential part of what we do as it enables us to operate – do the things that our children & young people want to do! Most Companies will do fundraising of some sort and this will often be event/activity driven. It's important to remember that fundraising can be a lot of fun and be a great part of your Company's programme.

No doubt we could all do with some money for something specific, but perhaps we're not sure of what else to try. To get you thinking, we've gathered together some helpful steps and techniques along with a great range of fun ideas for activities and events.

What is key in fundraising is to try and do something a little bit different. Get thinking use your imagination! Use your skills and those of people around you and start seeing the cash roll in (well hopefully!)

Fundraising Steps

Take a look at these points, to help you on your way with organising an Event/Activity:

01

The Need/Strategy

Is there a specific project or is it to support general Company funds? Before you start something new you need to think about what the need is, and consider the impact on other fundraising activities that you may already be carrying out. It would be a good idea to put a plan/strategy together about what you are seeking to achieve and what timescales and resources (time/equipment/money) you have available to you.

02

The Goal

Setting a goal for what you want to achieve is important. Deciding on the amount you need to raise may mean that you cannot achieve your goal with just a single event/activity, you could be looking at a series of events/activities over a 12 month period. The goal you set should be the amount you plan to raise after expenses are deducted.



Cheslyn Hay BB @CheslynHayBB
A huge £402 raised at our Asda bag pack yesterday. Thanks for your support & to the superb team of packers #greatteam #theboysbrigade

03 Making it Happen

You could just look to the leaders in your Company to make things happen, or could consider how you might approach a parent(s), church member or past member of the Company – they might have more time on their hands and be only too happy to help. Could the Company Section / Seniors get involved in the planning and running of the event? It could form part of them gaining BB awards or their volunteering for Queen's Badge/DofE.

04 Event/Activity Ideas

Deciding on the event/activity you will embark on to raise funds is going to be key to your success. You may already know what has and has not worked in the past and what is likely to have more success. It's worth looking about for ideas you might not have tried, perhaps just type 'fundraising ideas' into Google for some inspiration or consider some of the ideas in this article. Another good way of coming up with something a little bit different, is think about who you know, your circle of friends and contacts, do they have a hobby or skill you could put to good use? Think about how you can involve the children and young people in your Company, don't just think about adults or those with the money.

05 Plan, Plan, Plan

The detail of your event/activity is going to be important, it's worth putting time into planning and considering every aspect. Think carefully about when you will hold the event/activity (and proximity to other fundraising activities in the Company/Church), where you hold it, the equipment you might need (could you get anything donated?), the target audience, if there are any refreshments/food requirements, how you can publicise the work of your Company through the event and how many people you need to make things possible. Identify roles that individuals can take on to share the workload.



06 Spread the Word

Don't be shy, if you want your event to raise lots of money, make sure you spread the word and do so well in advance – the build-up will be key to the success! Remember to include your church; members of the congregation will hopefully be willing to support you along with parents and past members of the Company. Depending on the type of event you could also advertise externally outside the church, in local shops/businesses and the local media.

See our 'PR Guide' at boys-brigade.org.uk/prguide.pdf

KEY TIP

Registered for Gift Aid? If your Company is registered for Gift Aid remember to include this on a donation/sponsor form so that you can claim tax back from the Government based on applicable donations. **Find out more at** hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm

07 The Event/Activity

Your planning and build-up will have been so important. Ensure you are ready well in advance, before the start of your event/activity. Hopefully as well as raising money, your event/activity will also be a lot of fun for all involved!

08 Share & Thank

Be sure to share your success following the event in as many ways as you can, whether it be social media, local press, church notices, etc. And with anything involving donors and importantly volunteers to make things happen make sure you thank everyone. It's also not just about sharing how much you raised, those that played a part will be interested to hear how their money was spent.

Additional guidance on running a fundraising event/activity can be found in the **Funding Guidelines** at boys-brigade.org.uk/fundingguidelines.pdf



11th Northampton Boys' Brigade

24 hour, 460 miles and a huge £1600 later our 7 senior boys have finished their 24 hour cycle challenge. An incredible total raised, far exceeding any of our expectations. A great start to our minibus fund. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored our boys and a massive well done to those 7 lads! #TimeForSomeSleep

Funding/Grants

Securing additional funds is not all about holding events or activities; you could also see success from applications to trusts or businesses. When asking for money in this way you will need to be very clear about what you want and why you want it and often will need to meet set criteria.

For guidance on applying for such funding take a look at the following publications

Funding Guidelines at:
boys-brigade.org.uk/fundingguidelines.pdf

Funding Toolkit (for Scotland) at:
scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/fundingtoolkit.pdf

KEY TIPS

Hold a 'BB week' in your church each year – simply by putting out envelopes in the church to enable members of the congregation to show their support for the work of the Company. Speak to your Minister about introducing this if it's not something you already do.



Dunblane BB @dunblanebb

Your online shopping can help us continue our work. Please spare a few moments to see how you could make a difference easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/25thsti...

25th Stirling (Dunblane) Company have been using 'Easy Fundraising' and so far have raised over £3000 for their Company, just buy people clicking through easyfundraising.org.uk before buying online – could your Company sign-up and benefit? There are also a number of other websites which offer similar click-thru donations.

Ideas for Activities/Events. A selection of ideas you could use:



Car Washing



Music Concert



Ebay - Sell Unused items



3 Peaks Challenge

- Gift wrapping service
- Fashion Show
- Bring & Buy Sale
- Cake Sale
- Bag Packing – local supermarket
- Balloon Race
- Car Boot / Table-top sale
- Coffee Morning
- Christmas Collection – with santa and sleigh!
- Talent Show
- Jewellery Making Sale
- Pantomime
- Quiz
- Disco
- Christmas Fayre/Sale
- Odd job day
- Dinner & Dance

- Golf Day
- Guess the weight of the cake
- Murder Mystery Event
- Jam Jar collection – fill those jars!
- Barn Dance
- Come Dine with Me
- Line of coins – how far can you go?
- Jumble Sale
- 24 hour sponsored – play a sport (e.g. table tennis)
- Summer Fete
- Guess the number of – balloons in a car, sweets in a jar!
- Curry Night
- Sponsored activities - swim, walk, run, ride, hop, dance!
- Shave / Dye Hair
- Carol Singing

- Monopoly Challenge – travel around your local town/city!
- Cheese & Wine evening
- Raffle / Tombola
- Duck Race – sell numbered ducks & launch from a bridge
- Smartie tube coin collection
- Garden / Tea Party
- Collecting Tins – the traditional way of collecting money!
- Charity Ball
- BBQ – make the most of summer evenings!
- 24 hour famine
- Auction – try a silent auction for a change!
- Charity Push – Sponsored to cover a set distance in a bed, trolley, wheelie bin!

EASTER COURSE MALTA 2015

Easter Course 2015

Next year the Easter Course will be taking place on the Island of Malta from 29th March to 5th April 2015.

The Easter Course is all about meeting similar young leaders who are also active in youth organisations to learn new games, activities, explore the theme of the course, make new friends and explore spirituality and have a lot of fun whilst doing it!

There are 8 places available for UK & ROI participants and applications must be sent in by 31st December 2014. The cost to UK participants is £200 plus travel costs and Republic of Ireland participants is €250 plus travel costs.

 For more information contact the European Fellowship Training Facilitator, Vaughan Staples by email at vaughan.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk



Spanish Adventure

Seven seniors from 25th Stirling joined with members of the 41st Edinburgh for a week in sunny Spain. The group spent the week on the Costa Brava sightseeing, team building and doing both land and water sports including paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkeling and sailing. The camp with a difference was organised through Acorn Adventure.



16th Newtownabbey visit Burkina Faso

A team of 11 boys and officers from 16th Newtownabbey Company travelled to Burkina Faso in West Africa from 9th to 26th July 2014. The Company went to work in the School of Grace and the church connected to the school. A lot went on during the visit with the team leading bible stories, singing, crafts and games. The Team also took part in the church mid-week Bible Study with Jordan, an officer, giving his testimony. A lot of sports and medical equipment together with laptops, keyboard, project, guitars, sound equipment and craft materials etc was brought out with the group and given to the school and church.

During their second week the team visited an Orphanage with 21 children aged from birth to two years. The children's mothers had either died during child birth or just been abandoned. The team were able to leave a suitcase of toys that they had taken out with them. They also visited a maternity hospital and again were able to leave some medical supplies they had brought with them. Throughout the year the Company also sponsors a boy at the School of Grace with their Sunday morning BB Bible Class offerings. It is exciting that the Church and School have now expressed an interest in starting a BB Company, which would be the first in Burkina Faso.



PTK Camp 2015

PTK (our sister organisation in Finland) would like to invite BB members to join them for their National Camp to be held from 22nd to 27th May 2015.

 Find out more at: kipina.jiipeenetti.fi/news-in-english/10-basic-info

Global Round-up

A snapshot of what is going on in BB and Global Fellowship member organisations around the globe



1ST EAST LONDON ON CAMP

Members of the 1st East London Company, South Africa enjoying the BBSA Camp 2014 in Cape Town.



BB WEEK SERVICE IN NIGERIA

Members of the 63rd Gombe Company, Nigeroa at EYN Church, Gombe State after their BB week service.



AWARDS PRESENTATION IN THAILAND

The 2nd and 3rd Nakhon Ratchasima Company held a combined awards presentation at the Korat Phisut Logos Centre on 29 June 2014.



THAILAND TRAINERS GATHER TOGETHER

BB Thailand trainers gathered at their Headquarters on 20-21 Sep 2014 to prepare for the up-coming Leadership Training School and had fellowship over a barbecue dinner.



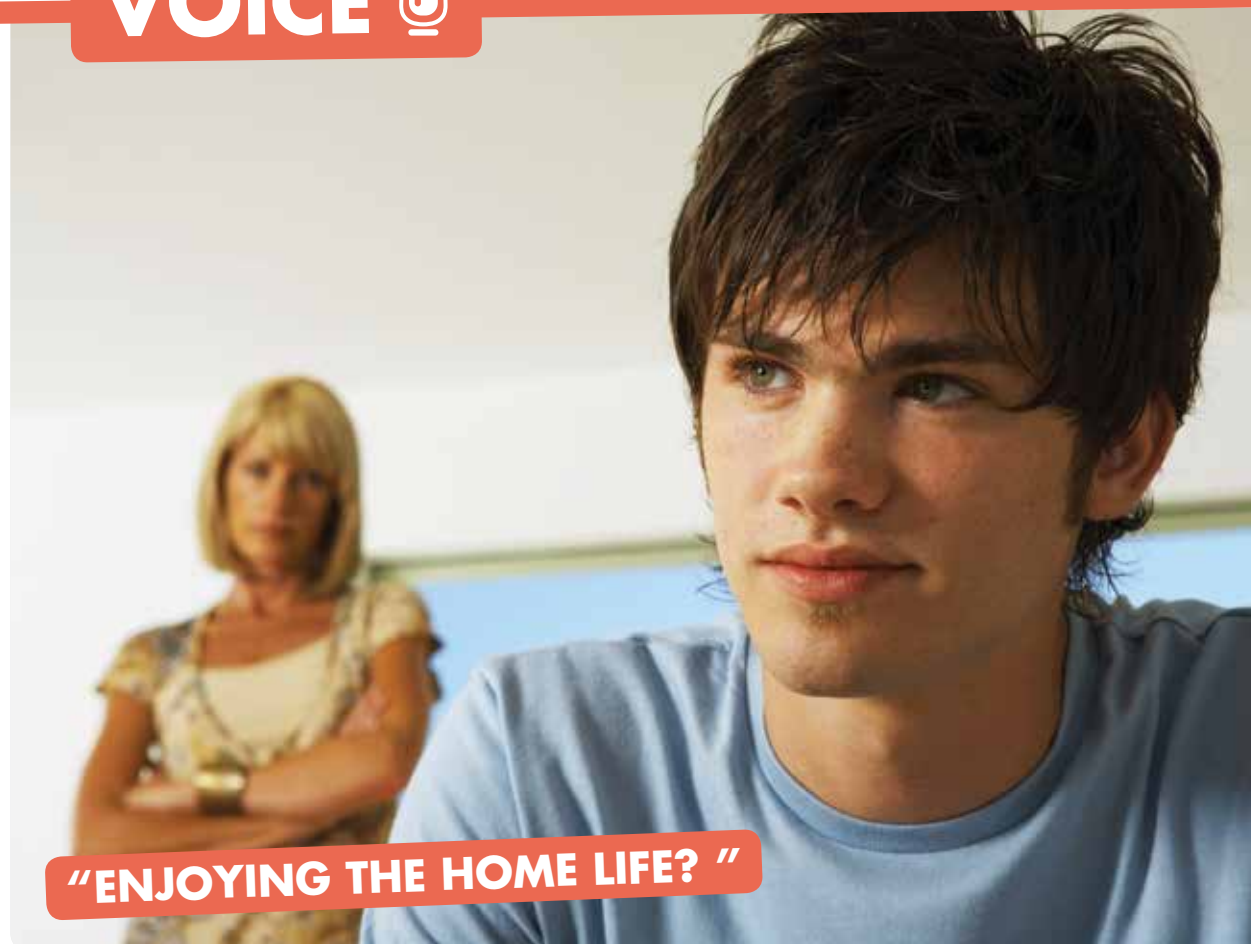
SINGAPORE PIPES AND DRUMS

The Combined Pipes and Drums of The Boys' and Girls' Brigades played alongside bands including the Singapore Police Force Band, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Band and New York City Department Band at the 19th World Police Band Concert Street Parade held on the Marina Bay Sands Waterfront Promenade in Singapore.



CAMP ONAWAY ADVENTURES

Members of The Boys' and Girls' Brigade Neenah Menasha, USA have held a number of camps over the summer on their own 6.5 acre island. The boys' and girls camps have included water activities as well as a range of other sports and activities.



"ENJOYING THE HOME LIFE? "

What influences young people to stay at home? Can't leave the nest?

It has been widely publicised that more young adults are living with their parents rather than finding a place of their own. Most of the emphasis has been put down to the economic climate, and in particular, access to affordable housing, getting a mortgage or, finding stable employment. But a new report indicates that many stay at the parental home because they prefer an 'easy life'.

Money firm 'Think Money' conducted research recently to see what influenced a young adults' decision whether to stay at the parental home, instead of opting to get their own place, or move in with friends. A significant proportion, 17% of respondents, indicated they opted to live at home, with many citing reasons such as 'home-comforts', 'saving money' or 'home-cooking'.

According to the Office of National Statistics, there were 3.3 million 20-34 year olds still living with their parents in 2013. This represents 26% of that age group in the UK. In some areas of the UK, the figure is much higher. For instance, in Northern Ireland, the proportion is 36% and in the West Midlands, 29%.

BB young leaders shared their experiences on this issue:

Mike, 23, Hull

"I do still live with my parents and I get charged rent monthly. The main reason for not finding a place of my own is due to not being able to afford it. I do get my cooking and laundry done for me but do have to do it myself at times when I don't fit into the family schedule. As much as I crave independence, I'm put off by not being able to afford the move out and become independent. I wouldn't say I'm living at home for an easy life, it's because I don't really have much choice."

John, 20, Glasgow

"For me, it's a mixture of quite a few things, but financial reasons are the most important for me staying at home. I'd love to be able to move out but while I'm at university it just doesn't make sense to move out, plus the food at home is better than I could do on my own!!!!"







Jack, 22, Hull


"I moved out of my parents' home in Southampton when I was 19 to go to university and have only been back to stay over the summer between years. I love my parents but I love the freedom to do what I want even more. Cooking, cleaning and laundry are a small price to pay for your own space. I lived in halls in my first year, a communal house in my second and my own flat in my third year."

Kurt, 24, London

"I was in care until I was 18, at that point I had to leave the children's home where I was living and move out because of my age. I moved from the South coast of England to the north coast of Scotland to be near my mum but in my own flat. I wasn't ready to live on my own and it was a real challenge for the first 18 months. I was grateful for my support workers who encouraged me to be more independent and helped me develop some life skills. I found living on my own initially a lonely experience. Making such a big move at the age of 18 was probably not in my best interest. I would encourage young people that have to move out on their own to stay close to their established support network. I'm still living on my own now in London. Many people my age think I'm lucky to have a housing association flat, but I have to manage my money carefully. I think sometimes people take for granted living at home and don't realise how much disposable income they have."

Discuss this with your group of seniors and young leaders?

-  Do you still live with your parents?
-  If so, do you pay any rent?
-  What's the main reason for not finding a place of your own?
-  Do you get your laundry and cooking done for you?
-  Do you crave independence? Is it fair to suggest that you're doing so just for an 'easy life'?
-  OR, Perhaps you have moved out when you were 18/19 or younger... What made you decide to move out at that age? What do you think has been the biggest advantage? Do you have regrets?

 Share what your young people think, email us at: gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

 Continue the conversation on Twitter: [@BBgazette](https://twitter.com/BBgazette) [#BBvoice](https://twitter.com/BBvoice)

MY EXPERIENCE



Brigade Conference 2014

Brigade Conference took place in Glasgow, the Brigade's birthplace, on Saturday 6th September and was based at the city's Hilton Hotel. Conference offered far more than an AGM with workshops, worship, market place and an evening dinner giving delegates from across the British Isles the opportunity to be resourced and enthused.



THOMAS MUNDELL

Thomas Mundell, 4th Mid Suffolk shared his thoughts on attending the event.

// This year was the first time I have ever attended Brigade Conference, I have heard people talk about it in the past and had seen all the publicity about it, but you never really know what to expect until you turn up. This year I decided that I would sign up to Brigade Conference to see what it's all about. I am really glad I did!

It was a really great experience to attend such a large event with representatives from all over the UK, and other parts of the world. It really gives you a sense of the wider organisation.

It's easy to get so engrossed in your own Company planning, preparation and activities that sometimes you forget what a large and thriving organisation we are part of. Going to the conference gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of people from all over and talk about BB - things that work well in different Companies and hear of other people's experiences. With the wide range of workshops on offer this year, it meant that even more ideas and training could be given, the enthusiasm of the workshop leaders was really great and made for very interesting listening. For me the conference was a really good way to inspire me and get me really excited for the adventure of the next BB session.

This year's conference had even more to offer, being held in the 'Birth place' of The Boys' Brigade, a guided tour of the BB sites was one of the many things offered as part of the fringe programme. I found this really interesting, it was great to be able to socialise with other BB officers whilst seeing so many historic sites. Of course, I think one of the biggest highlights of the conference had to be the 'Burns themed' supper. There was fantastic Scottish food (Haggis with Neeps and Tatties), and superb entertainment from various young people of the BB in Glasgow including the pipe band and brass bands, the magician, piper and boy who toasted the haggis (even if the haggis itself was a little late!)

To top off the weekend a service by Rev Andrew McLellan at the St Columba Church of Scotland on Sunday morning was a really nice way to finish. Once the service was finished all we had to do was embark on the 379 mile journey back home."



North West District Training & Activity Centre

The Centre is located outside the village of Treales in a quiet location with easy access by rail or road, within easy reach of Theme Parks, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Lake District National Park.

The ample car park is suitable for coaches while the field is ideal for canvas camps and outdoor activities.

For large groups **Centenary Hall** with its newly refurbished kitchen and disabled facilities can accommodate up to 44 people while for small groups **Stedfast Lodge** has beds for 16 people and disabled facilities.

The **Sports Hall** with Table Tennis, Pool, Snooker and climbing wall* together with outdoor adventure area, archery* and orienteering combine to make your stay and active and fun filled one.

For more information or to check availability please contact the Wardens.

*Archery and Climbing Wall activities require a qualified instructor - Available if needed.

For Brochure or to arrange a visit contact the Wardens on 01772 685000 • www.bb-northwest.org.uk





at: BBHQ, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead
dates: 29th – 31st May 2015
tickets: £50 uncatered / £65 catered

Unite is a new event being run by The Boys' Brigade in England for members aged 11 and above. It is open to Companies of The Boys' Brigade (including Girls' Association and Amicus), The Girls' Brigade and church youth groups.

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Contact:

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2015/2016 BB canvas campsites (operated by 10th Enfield) fully equipped for up to 70 (smaller camps welcome) in West Runton (North Norfolk) and at BBUK HQ (Hertfordshire).

Contact:

 Chris Norman on 07703 571915
 chris@boys-brigade.org.uk
 10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk




Honeyhill Camp (NW Kent Battalion) 12 acres Bearsted Maidstone. Open from Easter to October. Small and large camps welcome. Showers, toilets, building with large kitchen, sports facilities. Canvas for hire or bring your own.

Contact:

 Andy Foster on 07946 163176
 honeyhill@boys-brigade.org.uk
 honeyhill.boys-brigade.org.uk



West Midland District Camping Centre, Dyffryn Ardudwy 3 fully equipped canvas sites available for mixed camps. Main centre site caters up to 90 people with dormitory accommodation for 40. 2 smaller sites cater up to 50 people.

Contact:

 Jamie Copson on 01905 480 955
 info@bbcamping.co.uk
 www.bbcamping.co.uk



Vectis Youth Camps. Whitecliff Bay, Isle of Wight. Two self-contained campsites with permanent kitchens, showers and toilets. All tenting equipment included. Ideal for organised camps of between 25 and 250 people for weekend and weeklong camps.

Contact:

 Dettie Quirke on 07582 429929
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Contact:

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Contact:

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Contact:

 Diana Dale on 01452 615072
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Contact:

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Contact:

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Contact:

 Lynda Hill on 01256 764410
 info@warcombe.org.uk
 www.warcombe.org.uk

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Contact:




 Graham Voizey on 01935 422292
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Contact:

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Contact:

 Sue Cowie on 01246 274021
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Contact:

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