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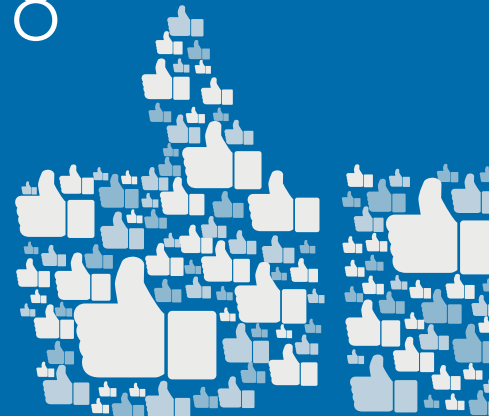
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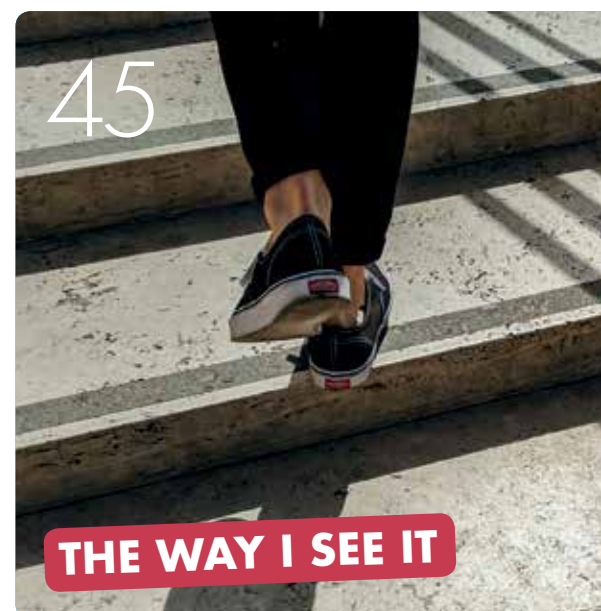
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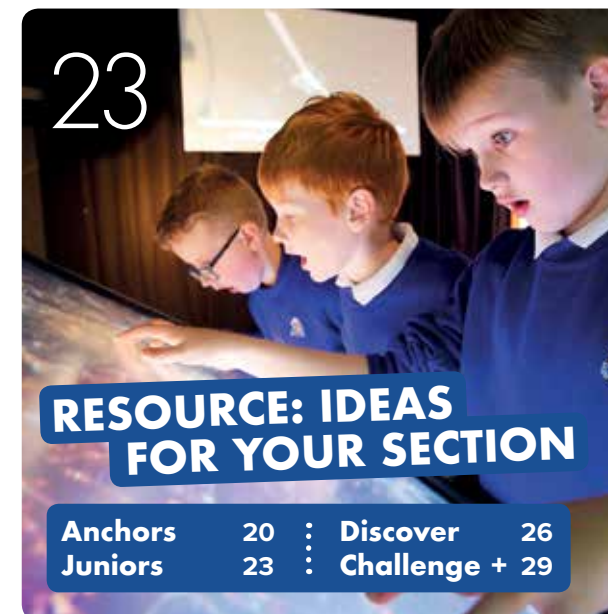
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Welcome

Andy Warhol once said “The idea of waiting for something makes it more exciting.” Well that certainly applies to the festive season and I am sure we can all remember children, just longing for Christmas Day to come along. I am not long back from a walk around town and already preparations for the festive season are in full swing. Lights are going up, glittering decorations are appearing in the shops and festive menus are being displayed in hotels and restaurants. By the time you read this, Advent will be upon us and the final countdown to Christmas will be well underway.

Hopefully, all your plans for Christmas will come to fruition, but remember it doesn't always have to be like the John Lewis advert and never forget that for many people this is often a difficult time of the year. Anticipation is a great thing and there are many other events during the year that we enjoy looking forward to. As a youngster in the BB, camp and expeditions were great highlights and there was always a lot of speculation about which NCOs would be the tent commander and whose tent you would be in. Going around the Brigade I can still sense that sense of excitement as Leaders and young people look forward to BB events whether it is a weekend away, a sleepover or Battalion event.

All of us spend time a lot of time planning and preparing for different BB events or meetings but it is also imperative to occasionally stop and try to look beyond the immediate future. Our new **Raise the Bar** campaign highlights the need to do just that. The first Brigade Executive meeting of the new session took place in October. Eight new members were present and we deliberately took time out before the meeting to share everyone's vision for the Brigade for the next few years. It was exciting to hear different thoughts and to share possible plans for the future. The trustees are now working to develop a new strategic plan and I know they are keen to engage more with the membership as we aim to grow and develop the Brigade.

Advent of course is not just a time for waiting it is also a time for hope. We know that God is with us and I am sure he will show us the way forward. As we prepare for Christmas we can also pray for the future of the Brigade and together remember that great advent hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.

Bill Stevenson

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RAISE THE BAR

TAKING ON THE CHALLENGES

Definition:

1. Raise the standards of quality that are expected of or required for something

Raise the Bar' is our campaign for 2018-19 and based on 10 challenges for each Company, Battalion and District focussed on raising the quality of experience for children and young people in The Boys' Brigade. We are encouraging everyone to get involved and take on the challenges and in this issue we bring together two challenges 'Getting together as a Staff Team' and also 'Programme Planning'.

Steve Dickinson, former Brigade Secretary and Chief Executive (2004 to 2015) shares some of his thoughts on taking on these challenges.

FROM BRIGADE SECRETARY TO KIT BOY

I had been to support the Juniors at the Battalion 5 a side tournament and was putting the kit bag containing the shirts into the car when someone made the remark about moving from Brigade Secretary to kit boy.

Many of us have or have had a variety of roles in the Brigade. The movement relies on volunteers taking on a range of positions in Companies, Battalions and wider afield. In the different roles held, I have attended some pretty dire meetings, and run some too. I guess, like most of us, after a particularly excruciating experience I have returned home wondering what the point of that was and making a mental note to be busy on the date of the next meeting. But staff meetings in Companies are important. They build staff teams; ensure everyone feels valued and keen to contribute and mean that the children and young people have the best possible experience.

RAISE THE BAR: CHALLENGE

Get together as a staff team –

The Challenge: **Formally and socially come together to plan, to share and to celebrate.**

So, what's the best way to ensure staff meetings deliver positive outcomes that make a difference and improve what we offer children and young people?

The critical question to start with is, 'What are we seeking to achieve?'

Obviously, the Brigade Object is paramount, but how does the advancement of the Kingdom manifest itself with different age groups and what else are we trying to accomplish with those who join the Company?

When I returned as a Company Captain in 2011, I called a meeting of the whole staff – any adult volunteer that worked in any section in any capacity. I think they were expecting a planning meeting in age groups for the new session, but I simply posed the question, 'What are we seeking to achieve?'



IT'S A CHANGE OF MIND-SET

It's a change of mind-set away from **what** we do to **why** we do it. It took some time to move away from simply thinking of activities, both traditional and new, to occupy the members, to think about why we were gathering them together in the first place. But perseverance paid off and we created the following list. We agreed the purpose of the Company was:

TO CREATE:

- ✓ An atmosphere to help young people experience and explore the Christian Faith
- ✓ A place where any young person can feel valued and important
- ✓ An opportunity for young people to try out new activities. Things they wouldn't normally do.
- ✓ A place where young people are given responsibility
- ✓ An opportunity to experience new challenges
- ✓ A place where we recognise individual achievement
- ✓ The development of a strong group identity
- ✓ An environment where young people take responsibility for each other and develop an awareness of the needs of others
- ✓ A place where young people are listened to and have a say
- ✓ A place where young people have fun

Try doing this in your own Company or Section and see what you come up with as a Staff Team.

Once the list is created, programme planning focuses on what do we do to meet these objectives.

RAISE THE BAR: CHALLENGE

Programme Planning -

The Challenge: **Make sure you are planning at least a term ahead.**

Look to bring in new activities to your programme which will help towards ensuring attendance and a high-quality programme. Consider what skills you will need to make this possible.

How do you go about creating **an atmosphere where children and young people can explore the Christian Faith?**

This question leads to a much more meaningful discussion than simply planning the devotions rota. It considers methods of communication, modelling of life-styles, reviewing and reflecting on what brought us to faith and how we share that with the young people. This doesn't mean that you will end up changing what you do, but it links the faith aspects of the programme to the whole evening and doesn't compartmentalise God to the opening service.

Other objectives may be easier to consider such as '**An opportunity to experience new challenges:**'

If you have agreed as a staff team that this is an entitlement for your children and young people in all age groups, think about the different ways this could be achieved. If you have a Company band, this will provide challenges for those who opt to join it. Introduce new games as well as repeating old favourites. Are you able to offer a residential activity and are the programmes and activities reflective of the age groups? Here, of course, you can meet other objectives. Giving responsibility to the Seniors for younger members (tent commanders/leaders) and involving them from the very start in what activities they want the camp to offer. Sometimes such as with a residential, staff may require additional training to be able to offer this activity. Therefore, plan ahead if any leaders need to attend a specific training course such as Holiday Leadership or Campcraft. Many Companies offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Queen's Badge as vehicles to offer challenge, taking responsibility and skill development with the older members.

IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU HAVE TO CHANGE EVERYTHING

You will understand the concept of what I am saying. It doesn't mean that you have to completely change your programme. On the contrary, in our case it confirmed the importance of some tried and tested old favourites for our staff, but we had considered again why we were doing them. Knowing why we are doing something is critical. And it isn't necessarily a formal part of the programme and may never get written on the plan.

Greeting each young person as they arrive, asking about their week and taking an interest in their life outside BB shows we value them as individuals. Making young people feel valued is vital and the relationships we build often determine whether a young person stays. It provides the very fabric on which we share our faith and delivers a model often far more powerful than the words we say.

I do appreciate that with the pressures of everyday life, it's difficult even to get everyone together to plan a set of activities. But, if you can, reflect on what you are seeking to achieve and work with the young people to create a programme that moves towards delivering this.

It's time well spent and a meeting with a purpose.

Check out our resource 'Delivering a Quality Programme' which provides further advice and support on programme planning at boys-brigade.org.uk/bb-gazette/delivering-quality-programme/

Find out more about Raise the Bar and find support and ideas to help you take on the challenges at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/raisethebar.htm



STEVE DICKINSON

Steve has been a member and Leader for over 40 years and during that time has been Brigade Secretary/Chief Executive, Captain of 7th Northampton Company and has served in numerous other roles throughout the Brigade. Steve is currently the Chaplain of 7th Northampton Company and also a Brigade Honorary Vice-President.



Brigade Conference 2018, Year of Young People

For the first time in our 135-year history, Brigade Conference was led by young people. Themed on 2018 – Scotland's Year of Young People, the event brought together 200 BB volunteers from across the Brigade to develop skills and shape the future of the organisation.

The conference weekend opened on Friday evening with a reception and remarks from the Right Honourable Frank Ross, Lord Provost of Edinburgh a former a member of The Boys' Brigade.

Deputy First Minister, John Swinney MSP also a former BB member, praised the values promoted by The Boys' Brigade in a keynote address on Saturday morning. He also emphasised the importance of youth organisations,



Deputy First Minister, John Swinney MSP gives a speech

like The Boys' Brigade in tackling the poverty-related attainment gap.

As part of the programme for the weekend there were workshops on improving youth participation, additional support needs, growth and sharing faith. In the morning, delegates heard from several young people from across the organisation sharing how BB has shaped their lives.

Fiona Graham, young leader with the Blackburn BB group in West Lothian, said: "The Boys' Brigade means opportunities without boundaries. As a young leader, it has given me the opportunity to discover myself, develop skills and grow in confidence in a safe environment."

On Saturday evening the conference dinner included first-class performances from young BB leader Ross Fettes, the Wishaw & District Brigade Band and members of 10th Leith Company. Sunday morning worship, held in Palmerston Place church, was led by Rev Dr George Whyte, Principal Clerk to the Church of Scotland alongside BB members from across Scotland.



Members of 10th Leith Company who performed at the Saturday evening dinner

Welcome to our New Companies

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

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
2 nd Mid Suffolk	Martin Gray	St. Peter and St Mary's Stowmarket, Suffolk
3 rd Didcot	Abigail Tarling	Milton Methodist Church, Oxfordshire
1 st Drumbeg	Rachel Pasco	St. Patrick's Drumbeg, Belfast
7 th South East Essex	Stephen Bishop	West Leigh Baptist Church, Essex
1 st Wirksworth	Alison Proctor	Wellspring Church, Derbyshire
14 th Leith	David Scott	Duke Street United Reformed Church, Leith
1 st Iford	Matthew Evans	Iford Baptist Church, Bournemouth
1 st Heathfield	Kenneth Stevenson	Welcome Baptist Church, East Sussex
1 st Great Billing	Richard Burbidge	St. Andrew's Church, Northampton



UK Parliament Week 2018

We're proud to have this year become an official partner of UK Parliament Week and that more than 60 Companies got involved. UK Parliament Week is an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with Parliament, explores what it means to them and empowers them to get involved.

It has been fantastic to see BB members learning more about Parliament and its role in our society, debating issues that matter to them, understanding and exercising their right to vote and meeting with both local MP's and also members of the House of Lords.



Watch out for details on how to get involved in UK Parliament Week 2019, you can find out more at ukparliamentweek.org



10th Enfield Junior Company lads debated, voted and learnt about Parliament



4th Bromley Juniors held a vote and learnt about democracy



25th Stirling met their local MP, debated and built 'Big Ben' from biscuits



4th Southport debated and voted on 'banning sugary drinks' – Voted 9 to 4 on banning

Going on a Camp or holding a Sleepover?

Don't forget if you are taking your young people away on a residential this summer you need to notify BB Headquarters. You can complete and submit the notification form online or download and print off a notification form to send in by post.



Find online and printable forms on the Leaders website at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm

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.

Fred Trott	Brighton
Mavis Southworth	53 rd Manchester



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



REMEMBRANCE ACROSS THE BRIGADE

80 young people and Leaders from across the Brigade took part in the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London on Sunday 11th November. BB members from England, Northern Ireland and Scotland took part in the parade and also laid a wreath at the Cenotaph.

The young people and Leaders represented 31st Northampton, 1st Acomb, 3rd Kettering, 1st Ossett (England); 16th Newtownabbey, 24th Belfast, 1st Fintona and 7th Portadown (Northern Ireland); and 22nd Paisley and 1st Whitburn (Scotland) Companies.

Karl Boyd, member of 16th Newtonabbey Company, was one of those taking part in the parade. His Great Grandfather L/Cpl William Boyd served in WW1. Karl was interviewed by Simon McCoy on BBC News on Sunday afternoon.

"As I've got older I've taken more of an interest in what my Great Grandfather did and researched the medals he received. "It was a privilege and an honour to participate in the parade."

- Karl Boyd, 16th Newtonabbey.

Elsewhere, 68 BB groups from around the UK have been taking part in the 'There But Not There', a project to commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

"The boys within our company found having the silhouettes very moving and a great visual representation of soldiers who lost their lives. Having them sat amongst the boys during devotions was very thought-provoking."

- Warren Mayes, 7th Northampton.

BB Companies also played their part in 'Battle's Over', an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I. It began at 6am with lone pipers playing Battle's O'er,

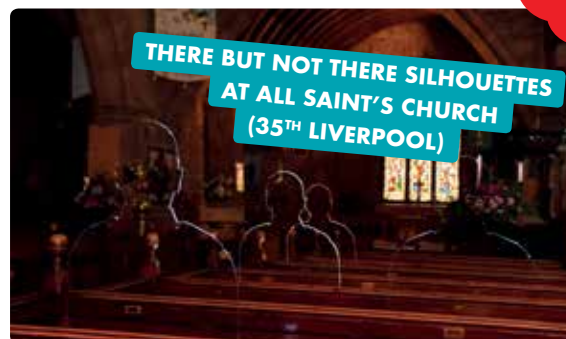
a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside Cathedrals and Churches, following which a specially written tribute was read out. At the same time, over 1,000 pipers played the tune in individual locations within their local communities, including many BB pipers. In the evening at 6.55pm buglers including BB young people at over a thousand locations played the 'Last Post' at the end of which beacons of light were lit.



KARL BOYD INTERVIEWED BY SIMON MCCOY ON BBC NEWS



NEIL PYPER, 5TH LIVINGSTONE PLAYING BATTLE'S O'ER



THERE BUT NOT THERE SILHOUETTES AT ALL SAINT'S CHURCH (35TH LIVERPOOL)

Brigade Appointments



REV BRIAN ANDERSON

The Brigade is pleased to announce that **Rev Brian Anderson**, Superintendent at East Belfast Mission has been co-opted on to the Brigade Executive. Brian is currently serving as President of the Irish Council of Churches.

Following many years of service on the Brigade Executive and in other roles representing the Republic of Ireland the Brigade is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Leslie Buttmer** as a Brigade Honorary Vice President.

Juniors 100 International Team Games



Last year there were over 179 entries to the competition including Companies from New Zealand, Thailand, Ghana, Australia, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Your Company could be part of this great competition this session; the games for 2018/19 are now available, just complete in your own meeting place and send in your results by 1st May 2019.

Download the 2018/19 games from leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm

Get involved in the Top Team Challenge



The Top Team Challenge is a Brigade wide activity for Company and Seniors, where 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. Packs will be sent out to Companies from early January 2019 and all entries must be submitted by 1st May 2019.

To order packs for the 2019 challenge for your teams go to leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/top-team.htm

Annual Review 2017-2018



Check out our Annual Review for 2017-2018 which provides an overview of activities and events held during the last year. A video has also been produced and can be viewed/downloaded from our Vimeo channel at vimeo.com/theboysbrigade

View the Annual Review online at boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/annual-review/

Presidents Commendation

The President's Commendation has recently been awarded to the following members:



Nathan Mowat - 2nd Gourock, Scotland

Nathan was presented with his President's Commendation at the 2nd Gourock's Annual Parent's Evening by Company Captain & Battalion President of Inverclyde & District Battalion, Alan Aitken MBE and his wife, Helen Aitken, Officer in Charge 2nd Gourock Anchor Section.

Nathan recently successfully completed three years of treatment for leukaemia. He also fronted the Glow Gold children's cancer awareness campaign in Inverclyde. It is only the second time such a commendation has been awarded to a 2nd Gourock Company member in their 120-year history. His positive, cheerful attitude and enthusiasm is an inspiration to all that know him and the Brigade is proud to have him as a member.



Nathan Davis - 1st Bluestone, Northern Ireland

Corporal Nathan Davis of the 1st Bluestone Methodist BB Company was presented with the President's Commendation for his dedicated commitment to BB, church and community despite ongoing health issues.

Nathan has also gained his Queen's Badge and Silver DofE Award and is on the Fields of Life overseas outreach team, that is going to Uganda in July. The award was presented on behalf of the Brigade President by Honorary Brigade Vice President, Mr Perry Donaldson J.P.

Visitors from Down Under



Find out more about BB New Zealand and Iconz at bb.org.nz.

We were pleased to welcome BB Leaders from New Zealand during November. The Leaders including National President, Richard Harkness and members of the BBNZ staff team came to join in commemorations for the end of World War 1 and also to share with us more about their Iconz adventure programme.

During their time in the UK they had the opportunity to visit some BB Companies including 3rd Hemel Hempstead and 133rd London Company based in Tottenham, which provided our visitors with an insight into Company programmes here in the UK. The group also ran a presentation at BBHQ for those that wanted to hear more about the Iconz programme which was launched in New Zealand 18 years ago. The five Leaders also launched with young people and Leaders from across the Brigade at the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London.

Brigade Conference 2019, Swansea

Join us in Wales for Brigade Conference 2019 - from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September.

The weekend's programme will take place at the brand-new Swansea University Bay Campus located on Swansea Bay with direct beach access and its own seaside promenade.

The weekend will feature a packed programme with workshops, worship, opportunities for fellowship, as well as the AGM. The University has good transport connections by road with the M4 motorway close-by, direct trains from London Paddington and is 45 minutes from Cardiff Airport with flights in and out of Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin.

The conference is open to all leaders in the UK and ROI, and we would particularly encourage as many young leaders from across the Brigade family to attend.



More details will be shared through the e-BB news and on the Leaders website at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm

Change of Insurance Broker

At the beginning of October the Brigade's Insurance Broker changed to **Unity Insurance Services**. There will be no change to the Public Liability & Personal Accident cover provided to Companies. The "Company Scheme" operated by our previous brokers (Towergate) which provides additional insurances for Companies to purchase (e.g. minibus, travel, buildings & contents etc) is also being administered by our new brokers. Prior to renewal the brokers will make contact with policy holders. If you have any questions about a policy that is due for renewal please contact Unity Insurance Services by email at Dan.Carter@unityins.co.uk or by phone on 0345 040 7724.



Joining, Annual Information and Special Activity Consent Forms

A reminder about the introduction of new forms including the Annual Information Form, Joining Form and Special Activity Consent Form. These forms should be being used by **ALL Companies** and at all levels of the Brigade as of August 2018, replacing all previous versions.

Capturing details on OBM

As part of the mandatory requirement to add children and young people to OBM, confirmation that the Joining Form has been completed and received by the Company will be required and be recorded as part of the process of adding children and young people into a section on OBM.

In addition to the First name, Last name, Date of Birth, Registration Date, Started Section Date and Sex you will also now be asked to provide the date the Joining Form was completed by the Parent/Carer along with the name of the Parent/Carer completing the form.

Recording Photo Consent on OBM

New functionality has been added to OBM to enable Leaders and Parents/Carers to record/update photo consent for members.

Guidance on the use of these forms and new functionality on OBM has been put together and is available to download at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/guidance-informationjoiningforms.pdf

Download the Joining, Annual Information & Special Activity Consent Forms at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm



2nd Ahoghill Leaders reach Base Camp

Congratulations to Leaders in 2nd Ahoghill Company who overcame the extreme elements and high altitudes of the Himalayas to reach Everest Base Camp.

Leaders Ryan Young and Thomas Clarke were part of a team of nineteen from Northern Ireland who took on the challenge this October in aid of local charity Friends of VisPa. The charity provides practical, financial and spiritual support to VisPa, an education-focused Christian mission in Kisumu, Kenya. Each year VisPa cares for and educates almost 600 impoverished children via their orphanage, nursery, primary school, and secondary school, as well as supporting many young people through university.

The team also included 2nd Ahoghill Secretary Geoff Young, and former Leaders Liz Davison, Colin Hayburn,

Secretary of State visits Llantwit Major

School summer holidays are always busy for the Company Section members of the Company who do not break for the summer, unlike the Junior and Anchor Sections and most other Companies, but they continue with their 'Summer Events' programme over the 6 weeks.

This year, the events included a trip to a local zoo, a picnic with games, Lawn Green Bowls, Castle building on the beach and a treasure hunt on Barry Island. In addition to these events on Thursday 9th August the local MP and Secretary of State for Wales, the Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP gave a talk to the boys and Leaders on the workings of Parliament and his role as an MP and Cabinet Minister. This was followed by a question and answer session during which he answered some very probing questions. It is hoped to be able to follow this up with a trip to the Houses of Parliament early next year.

Over the summer the Company also received a call for help from a concerned family which saw the boys and Leaders turning out one Saturday morning, well equipped with rake, hoe, shears and broom, to support a senior

James McBride and David Wylie. All funds raised by the group will support the building of a new primary school at VisPa, and benefit the lives of around 300 children from the area.

For more information about Friends of VisPa, visit www.vispa-kenya.org.



16th Newtownabbey lads win Best Kept Community Planting competition.

The 24 August 2018 was judgement day at Antrim Castle Gardens for the 'Best Kept Gardens Competition' in Antrim and Newtownabbey. After being shortlisted for their work at Clonmore House Care Home garden in Rathcoole, three lads from 16th Newtownabbey Company won the award for the Best Kept Community Planting 2018. Ben Taylor, Bradley McGarrell and Karl Boyd have been working on the garden since April 2018 as their community service for the Queen's Badge.

member of the local community to tidy up her garden which she has been unable to tend herself recently owing to an accident. Well done to Dylan, Luke, Andy and Roger on their efforts which will also count towards their voluntary service for their Queen's Badge and Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.



Tea at The Savoy for 4th Cheltenham Company Captain

On Tuesday 30th October Jacquie Boyer, Captain, 4th Cheltenham Company was invited to The Savoy Hotel in London in recognition of the work she does with the 75+ boys in the Company. The champagne afternoon tea was hosted by Simon Cowell with other celebrities including Robbie Williams and Ayda Field and organised by the Peoples Health lottery. Invited guests from all around the country were well and truly spoilt. The work done by volunteer organisations was highlighted and celebrated and Simon Cowell was said to be very interested in the work done in Hesters Way, a very deprived area in Cheltenham and commended Jacquie on the tireless work done in the Company. The 4th Cheltenham runs 3 nights a week and also provides the boys with a trip once a month whilst fully engaging with the community.

BB member Alfie becomes Youth Mayor



Youth Mayor Alfie Russell presents an award.

Broxtowe Borough Council appoint a Youth Mayor each year and this year 14-year-old Alfie Russell took on the role. Away from his council duties, Alfie is a member of 17th Nottingham Company, and the Company was pleased that he could do a couple of Company functions in his role as Youth Mayor. He attended the annual pantomime 'Cinderella' and went behind the scenes to meet the cast and also presented the awards at the Company Annual Presentation evening.



4th Newtownabbey Boy's Brigade

We continued our people who help us theme by having a visit from the ambulance service! The boys got to explore the ambulance and the paramedic told us about his job! We also enjoyed construction work and sports!



14th West Bromwich @14thWBBB

Well done to all our runners today, winners in the Juniors and Company Section and runners up in the Senior Section!



BB at Greenbelt Festival

This year 4th Cheltenham Company were able to secure a stall to promote The Boys' Brigade at the annual Greenbelt Christian festival. The 4-day event held over the August Bank holiday weekend attracts families, youth and Churches from across the country with some 12,000 in attendance. Company Captain, Jacquie Boyer after being at Greenbelt the year before thought this was a fantastic opportunity to promote the work of the organisation and got things in place to have a presence in 2018. With the help of Leaders from 1st Tewkesbury Company they setup in the marketplace with a stall providing information and running a number of engagement sessions including rock painting, lost sheep cakes and biscuit decorating which attracted hundreds of children and young people. During the festival 7 Churches took an interest in starting a Company, 200 families were given details of Companies in their area, 6 new volunteers were pointed in the right direction and over 1000 leaflets were given out too.



1st Killinchy BB @killinchybb

6 of our leaders are doing their YLT Training today and tomorrow at Newport. Thankful for their commitment and eagerness to advance Christ's kingdom in Killinchy. #jointheadventure



Remembrance

We know that most if not all BB Companies will have been involved in remembrance in one way or another with commemorative events and activities focused this year on the centenary of the end of the First World War. In this issue we share just a small selection of these events and activities:

1st Kirkwall

BB members joined with some two thousand people gathered on Scapa beach to watch a team of volunteers create a picture of Lieutenant Robert William Taylor from the Isle of Flotta, Orkney, as part of Danny Boyle's "Pages of the Sea" project. In addition, several boys & leaders joined members of the public in creating silhouettes of soldiers in the sand, remembering the millions of lives lost or changed forever by the conflict.



10th Southport

Members of the Company decorated pebbles with poppies and other images along with the name of each man who lost his life from the local area as part of their activities in the lead up to Remembrance Day 2018. The boys and girls also worked on their sewing skills to make some poppies that were part of a community project at Southport W H Smiths featuring a display of over 4000 poppies. The Company also collected £1000 for the Royal British Legion.

46th Aberdeen



There But Not There silhouettes were used during our Annual Remembrance Sunday Service at South St. Nicholas Church, Kincorth. The silhouettes represented men who feature on our local war memorial that gave the ultimate sacrifice. The boys had researched the names on the War Memorial and approached the local City council to arrange cleaning and repairs to the memorial in time for the 100th Anniversary and the boys were proud to lay a wreath there following their morning Church Service.

SNAPSHOTS



19TH MOTHERWELL
GARDEN OF
REMEMBRANCE



1ST TEWKESBURY
REMEMBERS



25TH STIRLING (DUNBLANE)
POPPY SELLING



14TH BOLTON
DISPLAY



51ST BONNYRIGG
WREATH LAYING



Yorkshire Companies visit to Belgium

In July, young people and Leaders from 1st Ackworth, 1st Acomb and 1st Ossett Companies visited Ypres, Belgium as part of their Summer Camp. They visited Essex Farm Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery and the Menin Gate.

At Essex Farm Cemetery over 1000 servicemen of the First World War are buried or commemorated, some named, but many unknown. It was here that John McCrae, a Canadian surgeon working at the Advanced Dressing Station (hospital), wrote his famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'. The group visited the grave of Private Hugh N Broadbent of the West Yorkshire Regiment, who was educated at Manor School, York where many 1st Acomb members currently study.



Tyne Cot Cemetery is the biggest Commonwealth War cemetery in the world and is located in an area that had seen intense fighting during the First World War. The cemetery has a wall surrounding it, which is to remember the fallen whose bodies were not found or could not be identified. During the visit each boy was given a name similar to their own name and laid a wooden poppy cross on it, a very memorable experience for all involved.

The Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium is a memorial to the missing commonwealth soldiers of the First World War. Rows upon rows of slabs bear thousands of names chiseled into the stone. It is startling to realise that each of the 54,000 names belonged to a fallen hero. The group attended the Last Post ceremony, which is held every evening at 8pm under the great arch of the Gate and were lucky to arrive in time to stand on the front row. The oldest Senior from each of the three Companies, Oliver Scogings, Taylor Philpott and James Senior paraded across the arch and laid a wreath in memory of all BB members who lost their lives.



25th Teesside win the Cleveland Hike

The 54th Cleveland Hike, one of the Brigade's national 2-day hiking events, was won by 25th Teesside Company. The 25th, who hail from New Marske, used their local knowledge to good advantage over the 33-mile hike in the North York Moors National Park.

The hike incorporates 9 check points, to ensure teams can be safely monitored, and to allow the teams to be challenged with mental and physical tests, for example, a written quiz or carrying objects round a course. The infamous 'water incident', in the River Esk, where teams could cool off was particularly appreciated. Well done to all that took part in the hike and of course all those that made it possible.

Could your Company take on the challenge and enter a 3 or 4-person team in the Cleveland Hike 2019? Find out more at thecllevelandhike.com



Beth Dobson @bethdobsonbb

It was lovely to meet the new 1st Rosehearty Junior Section last night who were having a games night. One member was also keen to share his musical gifts and had brought his guitar along to play us a tune! #BoysBrigade #FaithInYoungPeople



Local Co-op Store supports Aberdeen Company

The 3rd Aberdeen Company was selected by its local Co-op store in Scots Town Road as one of its chosen charities and thanks to the support of customers was presented with a cheque for £1926.02. The Company acknowledged the donation and support by saying "This donation will go a long way to ensuring we can continue to provide a diverse programme with lots of adventures for the Boys and Girls of the 3rd Aberdeen Company. Thank you all very much."



5th Scarborough BB
@5thScarborough

Very proud of our young men this evening. Over 100 shoe boxes wrapped and packed for Operation Christmas Child. #operationchristmaschild @theboysbrigade



It's Green Fingers for 284th Glasgow

Members of 284th Glasgow Company along with members of 67th Glasgow Girls' Brigade Company have been busy working on an outdoor project. The project has been split into three parts including creating a Vegetable Garden, building a Bee Hotel and tidying up the Church grounds.

The young people have also been learning more about bees, including the vital role they play in nature, about how they are in decline and what can be done about all this. The Company has teamed up with The Royal Horticultural Society to take part in their "I Can Grow" project. The aims of the project are to empower young people to garden for the purpose they feel is important and to help them understand the role that plants play in our lives.

During the project, each week the young people have been splitting into three groups, with each spending some time tending the growing beds and potatoes, helping clear the grounds and plant flowers and do some work on the Bee Hotel.



Cheslyn Hay BB @CheslynHayBB

Great to welcome Josh and Lucy from @staffscvys tonight to help us decide the top issues for our UK Youth Parliament to campaign on #MakeYourMark #boysbrigade #relevant



RESOURCE



GREAT ACTIVITIES & IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Welcome to the *Spring 2019* 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



Youth Group Collective

Some great ideas for young people aged 11+ with up-front games, group and individual games along with talks and other great ideas through the YGC blog.

Check out youthgroupcollective.com



RE:START

RE:START is a new digital resource available from Youth for Christ which provides stories and ideas on how to answer some of the big questions and get into the Bible with children aged 5 to 11 years. You can search based on stories, names, places and keywords and find videos along with other digital content to help you share with this age group.

Check out request.org.uk/restart/



RE:QUEST

RE:QUEST is a new digital resource available from Youth for Christ which provides stories and ideas on how to answer some of the big questions and get into the Bible with young people aged 11 to 18 years. You can search based on stories, names, places and keywords and find videos along with other digital content to help you share with this age group.

Check out request.org.uk



The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Motherwell or Manchester, Newtownabbey or Newquay.

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 Summer 2019 issue? Send it to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

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

Check out the sectional programme ideas >>>

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26-28 JAN RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Get involved for an hour between or around these dates, with ideas and resources to get your group involved available on the RSPB website.

Check out [rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch)



7 MAR WORLD BOOK DAY

Why not have an evening dedicated to some of your favourite books, anything from the borrowers to Paddington bear. Why not encourage the children to bring their favourite book to share why they love it.

Check out [worldbookday.com](https://www.worldbookday.com)



22 MAR NATIONAL SKIPPING DAY

National Skipping Day is all about having fun and getting fit. The health benefits of skipping are incredible and many children have unfortunately lost this skill to skip. You can register your group to take part and receive free starter ropes.

Check out [nationalskippingday.co.uk](https://www.nationalskippingday.co.uk)

Get Active: Post Boxes



Split the children into teams, set up a table somewhere in your meeting space on which you should place envelopes (or just sheets of paper) with different addresses on e.g. School, Bank, Butchers, Dentist etc.

Around the meeting space place post boxes with corresponding addresses, you could use chairs with an open back for this or just use boxes. One at a time each member of the team must pick up a letter and post it into the correct post box before running back to tag the next person in the team. The winners are the team who deliver all their post first.

You can purchase a ready-made game made by Orchard Toys 'Post Box Game' to use to play, buy online from Amazon or also available from most toy shops/supermarkets.

Get Learning: George and the Dragon



Who was Saint George? Find out about the fantastic tale of how George defeated the Dragon and how his bravery is remembered on St George's Day (23rd April). George became the Patron Saint of England as well as other countries including Portugal, Malta, Ethiopia, Georgia, Serbia and Lithuania.



Watch the video at: [learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/george-and-the-dragon](https://www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/george-and-the-dragon)



Get Creative: Easter Chick

Equipment

- Yellow paper cups
- Orange card
- Wiggle eyes (2 for each)
- Orange pipe cleaners
- Yellow craft feathers
- Yellow shredded / tissue paper
- Chocolate eggs
- Scissors
- Glue / Glue dots

Preparation

Cut out shapes/items as below so children are ready to assemble:

1. Cut a small triangle from the orange card (beak).
2. Cut orange pipe cleaners into short pieces (feet).



Instructions

1. Take the yellow cup and stick the beak to the front of the cup, then stick the wiggle eyes above the beak.
2. Staple or tape a few feathers to the back edge of the cup, making sure they peek out over the top.
3. Twist three pieces of the cut down orange pipe cleaners together at one end for each foot and attach the two feet to the front of the cup with glue.
4. Fill with yellow shredded paper or tissue and some sweets/chocolate!



Get Active: Hoop Numbers



Scatter different sized hoops around the meeting space. Get the children to 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.

Make sure you have sufficient hoops out based on the numbers you are calling and the number of children in your group.



Get Active: Egg Snatch



One child is the chicken and sits in the centre of the circle, blindfolded, guarding the Easter Egg. A nominated child has to move around the circle as silently as possible and creep in and steal the egg.

If the chicken hears the intruder and points at them shouting "Egg Snatcher" before the egg is stolen the theft is foiled. Keep changing the children's roles.

Theme Ideas



Turn your section into a Disney film set with these themed ideas:

01 Dumbo's Bubble Blower

Dumbo is known as the flying elephant but also loves showing off his bubble-making skills. This great craft will get children making their own bubble blowers from recycled bottles and having lots of fun.

Equipment

- Plastic drinks bottles (cleaned with labels removed)
- PVC/Duct Tape, in assorted colours
- Self-adhesive craft foam shapes & Stickers
- Colouring Pens
- Tray
- Bubble solution
- Scissors



Preparation

Beforehand a Leader will need to draw a line around the bottle 10 to 15cm below the top (mouth) of the bottle and cut around. Discard the bottom of the bottle.

Instructions

Decorate the top half of the bottle using tape, shapes etc. An idea would be to use yellow and red tape to make a "Big Top" blower that looks just like a circus tent (linking to the Dumbo movie). Self-

adhesive craft foam circles and other stickers could also be added to decorate.

Try it Out

Now it's time to blow bubbles! Pour bubble solution into a shallow tray (a baking tray or similar) and dip the cut-end of the bottle into the bubble solution. The children can then make bubbles by blowing gently through the mouth of the bottle. You might want to do this outside, or ensure its in a suitable space.

02 Finding Nemo

Place a toy (or picture) of Nemo, somewhere in your church building and let the children find him. You could also add some sweet treats around as well so that everyone has the opportunity to find something.

03 Character Call

Print out pictures of Disney characters and put them up around your meeting space before the children arrive. A leader calls out a character's name and the children should run to stand in front of that character. The last to reach the correct character is out. You could give some clues if necessary. Having the pictures up around the meeting place will also help set the theme for the evening.

04 On at the Cinema

Place the names of four familiar Disney films, one in each corner of your meeting space. Children walk or run around until a leader calls out 'Film Time'. Children then choose a film to watch by going to stand in that corner (or space). Without looking, the leader shouts out, "You've missed the film if you went to see *****". The children in the corner with that film are out. The game continues until there is one winner.

05 Get into the Bible

Finding Nemo is a story of a fish, Nemo, who is captured, and his father's journey against incredible odds to save him. This film illustrates a love of a father for his son, and can be used to illustrate God's love for his children. Pick out a clip which shows Nemo leaving his father, and his father's worry and concern, ultimately love for Nemo even though he has defied him. Keep the message simple for this age group and focus on the fact that God loves us no matter what we do, and he wants us to love him too.

06 Activity Sheets & Other Ideas

Check a range of ideas for all your favourite movies including activity sheets, word searches and crafts at family.disney.com. Some good ones to search for include 'Finding Nemo Activity Page', 'Jungle Book Activity Page' and 'Lion King Word Search'.

JUNIORS RESOURCE

Great activities & ideas for your section:

Programme Planning

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



5 MAR SHROVE TUESDAY

Get flipping those pancakes in preparation for the start of lent and the build up to Easter. How about making pancakes, see who can flip a pancake and/or encouraging the children to give up something for Lent.



8-17 MAR BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Take part in the UK's biggest celebration of science. You can download Activity Packs which are this year themed around 'journeys' providing easy-to-do, hands-on activities that Leaders can easily run with the children in their groups. From creating tunnels, time capsules and perfume to keeping a nature log and mummifying an orange, there's something for everyone. Share your activity and pictures using the hashtag [#BSW19](https://twitter.com/BSW19). Find out more at britishscienceweek.org



MAY WEAR DOTS, RAISE LOTS

100 people every day in the UK start losing their sight. It will change their life completely. Braille is a unique system of raised dots that can be read by touch. Wear dots... raise lots this May to highlight the impact of braille and to help people in the UK living with sight loss.

Order your FREE activity and fundraising pack at rnib.org.uk/wear-dots-raise-lots

Get Active: Bottle Flip Up Move Up

A great game for this age group and upwards

Equipment

- Water Bottles (one for each player, bottles should have some water in them about a third full).
- Marker Cones (as many as you want, depending on the amount of space you have)

Instructions

In preparation set out a start and finish line and place marker cones at equal distances between the two. The game can be played individually or in teams.

All players begin the race at the starting line with a water bottle and each time a Leader says "flip", everyone attempts to flip the bottle from their hand to land successfully standing upright on the floor.

Each successful player then moves to the next marker cone and the unsuccessful players remain where they are. The first player to cross the finish line wins! For a tiebreaker, or just for fun afterwards why not see who can land the most consecutive bottle flips.





Get Creative: Cheese Straws

Equipment

- Mixing bowl
- Chopping / Prep board
- Whisk (or use fork)
- Knife
- Baking tray / Greaseproof paper
- Oven



Ingredients

- 4oz (100g) Self raising flour
- Pinch of salt & pepper
- 2oz (50g) Butter or margarine
- 3oz (75g) Grated mature cheese
- 1 Egg



Prepare first!

Pre-heat oven to 180°C, 350°F or Gas mark 4 ready to pop them straight into.

Instructions

The following instructions could be followed with children working in pairs or individually (will produce ample to share between 2):

1. Grease or line a baking tray with grease proof paper.
2. Mix together flour, salt, pepper and rub in the margarine with your fingers.
3. Break an egg into a bowl/cup and whisk.
4. Stir in the grated cheese and add enough egg to make stiff dough.
5. Lightly flour your work surface or board and roll out dough to create a rectangular shape about the thickness of a £2 coin.
6. Cut the dough into pieces (approx. 1cm wide, lengthwise keep shorter to make it easier to move about) and then place on baking tray.
7. Bake in the middle of the oven for about 10-15 minutes or until light, golden brown.
8. Let them cool down for a few minutes before moving them.
9. Children could try one or two and then take the rest home.



Get Active: Football Variety

Numbers football

Split group into two teams, each numbered. Leader calls out a number and those numbers run out to try to score against their opponent. You can try two numbers at a time if space allows. To make it more interesting call out quiz questions to which the answer is a number e.g. opposite to 6 on a dice

Cone Ball

Give each child a cone which they have to defend whilst attempting to knock over others' cones using a ball (lightweight or sponge ball). If the cone is knocked over by the ball, that defender leaves the game. You can make the game more interesting by adding a second ball.

All corners

Individuals/Pairs work together to defend their goal which is situated in a corner of the hall (4 goals), whilst attempting to score in any of the other 3 goals.



Theme Ideas



FLYING THE FLAG

Turn your meeting place into another country for the night with these themed ideas. All you need to do is pick a country and use the ideas below to put your themed programme together.

01

Learning the language

Could you pick out some common words (hello, thank you, please might be a good place to start) and learn how to say them?

Did you know?

If you wanted to say hello to everyone on the planet, you'd probably need to learn around 7,000 languages.

06

National Dress

Could the children and/or leaders come in national dress (where appropriate)? It will add to the atmosphere and make it an evening to remember.

07

Get into The Bible: Jigsaw Pieces



The key message

'We are all unique, but equally important and everyone is part of one big family that fits together'.



Read:

Exodus 3:14 'Unique characteristics yet created in God's image'

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 'Everyone is part of one family, God's family'

Instructions

Each child is given a cut out jigsaw piece (from the template downloadable from [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/downloads/jigsaw.pdf](https://www.leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/downloads/jigsaw.pdf)). They are asked to write, colour or draw what makes them who they are (colour of hair, school they go to, things they like to do, etc).

Talk about how we are all unique, whether we are part of the same family, live a few doors away from each other or thousands of miles away in another country, but that we are all equally important - part of one big family. Today we have been thinking about a particular country, learning about what life is like to live in that country, what food they eat and trying out some cultural/traditional activities and it is great to celebrate and learn more about each other as unique countries/individuals, but so important to remember we are all made in God's image, part of God's family, one big family across the whole world and Universe. Show this by asking the group to put the individual jigsaw pieces together to make a shape.

02

On the Map

Get a large map or globe and take a look at where the country is, what continent it is on and which countries/oceans/seas surround it.

03

National Identity

What gives the country its national identity? Could you make a flag or decorate a cake/biscuit in national colours? Do a little research to see what it's like to live in the country – weather / main industry / economic situation / recent events. You could show a tourism video which would help you see what the country is like, and this could be followed up with a quiz.

04

Play a National Sport

Could you learn about or have a go at the country's national sport. Check out some of the national sports by country:



Wales – Rugby Union



USA – Baseball



Sri Lanka - Volleyball



Japan – Sumo Wrestling



Iceland – Handball



Pakistan - Hockey



Canada – Lacrosse / Ice Hockey

05

National Dish

What's the national dish (or a favourite food), could you try making it, tasting it or creating a game/challenge?

Great activities & ideas for your section:

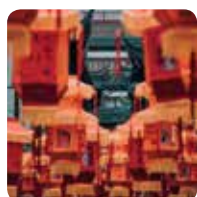
Programme Planning

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



25 JAN BURNS' NIGHT

Could you celebrate Burns' Night in your Company? It is the annual celebration held on the birthday of poet Robert Burns, who was one of the most iconic and well-known Scots. It's also a celebration of being Scottish! People eat haggis, neeps and tatties, go to ceilidh dances, listen to traditional Scottish music and wear tartan!



5 FEB CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year starts on Tuesday 5th February and celebrations last for 7 days. According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, the Chinese year beginning in 2019 is the year of the Pig. Why not find out more about Chinese New Year? Share in the celebrations, see if there is a local event you could attend.



15 MAR RED NOSE DAY IS BACK!

Red Nose Day will be back with a bang on Friday 15th March 2019. Get your young people involved raising money and having lots of fun whilst doing it.

To find out more, and to order your FREE fundraising pack, head to rednoseday.com

Get Learning: Dyson Challenges

Are your young people ready for a challenge? Can you skewer a balloon without popping it? Coat a nail in copper? What happens when you plug a clock into a potato?

These science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) challenges have been specifically designed for young people, by Dyson engineers to challenge curious minds and encourage hands-on experimentation.

"186,000 engineers will be needed annually in the UK through to 2024. But, to inspire the engineers of tomorrow, we need to show young people that engineering is relevant - and exciting."

The James Dyson Foundation.



Check out the challenges and find out more about design icons, stories of engineering and more at jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/resources/challenge-cards.html

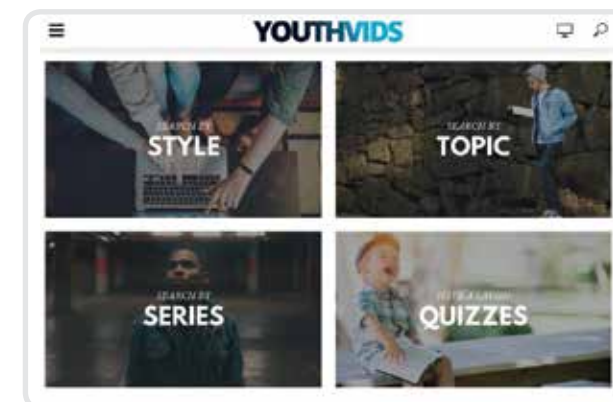


Get Into The Bible: YouthVids

YouthVids is a free and carefully curated selection of videos with a focus on helping young people discover faith. It's ideal for finding discussion starters, answers to tough questions, videos for Bible studies and more for the 11+ age group.



Go to youthvids.com



Get Active: Number Scrambler

This game is a battle between two teams (although you could have more teams if you have larger numbers) to swap the seats the fastest!

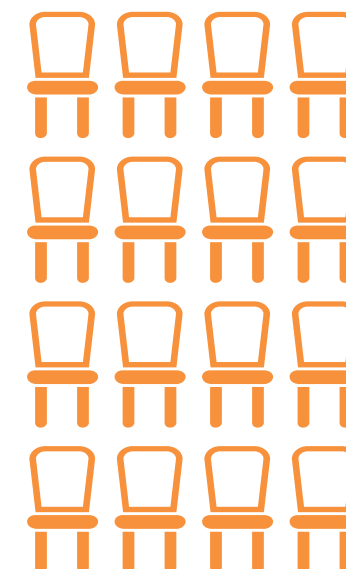
Set Up

To play you will need to setup a grid of chairs (i.e. 4 x 4 grid = 16 chairs for 16 players). You will then need to split the teams evenly and number each team from one upwards.

Players should sit on a chair in the grid, but not be sitting next to a player on their own team. The number the player is assigned will be their number for the entire game, no matter where they sit.

A Leader calls out two numbers and the young people must switch seats with the other number on their team (i.e. if you call 3 and 4, number 3 switches seats with number 4 on the same team, at the same time the other team are also switching, so by calling two numbers, four players will be active and moving). The team that switches fastest gets a point.

The winning team is the team to reach 10 points first, but you could set that at any number that works for you based on the time you have to play the game. You could try calling more than two numbers at a time, or even call all numbers.



Get Active: Chop Stick Sprint

Try this game, which will be great fun whilst also giving young people the opportunity to learn how to use chopsticks. Ideal to do around Chinese New Year in early February.

Why not show a video on how to use chopsticks before playing this game, you will find plenty to choose from on YouTube.

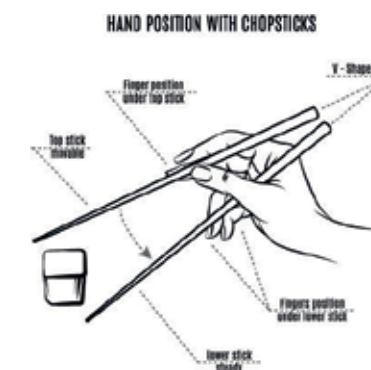
Equipment

- ▶ Chopsticks
- ▶ Bag of mini marshmallows
- ▶ Bowls

Instructions:

Split the young people into teams with 3 – 6 players on a team. Get the teams to stand in a line at one end of your meeting space. Give each team a bowl of marshmallows (these may be best placed on a table). At the other end of your meeting space opposite each team place an empty bowl on a table. The objective is to get the marshmallows from one bowl to the other. The team with the most marshmallows in their bowl when the time is up wins. You play this with one player at a time or allow more than one player at a time, this will depend on how many sets of chopsticks you can acquire.

Each team member may only transport one marshmallow at a time. Stabbing marshmallows is not allowed.





Get Creative: Stop Motion Animation

Equipment

- ▶ Smartphone
- ▶ Download free app 'Stop Motion' from App/Play Store (you can use a normal camera but will require additional software to make the animation)
- ▶ Stand for Smartphone
- ▶ Items to use in animation

Instructions

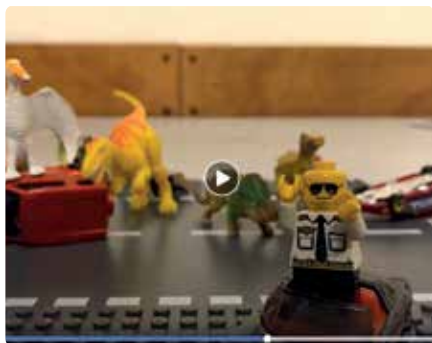
Set up the phone and place the items to be animated in front of the camera, this is best on a flat surface like the floor or a table and ensure the background is clear. Start the app and click new video. Take the first picture and then move the item a small amount. As videos normally run at 24 frames per second, you will need to move the item 24 times for every second of video you produce. Continually move the item and take a picture until you have finished your animation. The app will play back the animation.

You could take things further by not just moving the items but moving the phone in small increments to get a panning effect or zoom effect. Or completely move the camera to a different spot to get a full cut at a different angle.

Shared by:
Stuart Barker, 13th Bromley Company



Check out a clip created by members of 13th Bromley Company at bit.ly/2zHPRkr



Just for Fun: Egg-tastic Challenges for Easter



Easter Egg Throw

Hard-boil a dozen eggs and get the group to stand in two lines facing each other around 3 feet apart. Starting at one end the egg should be thrown to the person opposite, they must then throw to next person on the other side, working up the line, until the end. On reaching the end each line takes a step back and the egg goes back down the line. Anyone who drops an egg is out, replace the egg as required. The lines will need to move up to close gaps as people go out, people may even have to change sides to keep it even. Remember this is not a team game. Intensity may be added to this game by using raw eggs that can crack and break if dropped. The person left standing at the end of the game, i.e. the person that has not dropped a single egg, is the winner.

Sticker Pick Up

Equipment

- ▶ Eggs
- ▶ Circular tray / Board
- ▶ Small round coloured stickers

Instructions

Place three stickers sticky side up on a flat tray/board and with one egg placed in the middle and only using one hand, participants roll the egg around the tray/board to stick each sticker to it. The aim is to stick all three stickers to the egg without dropping the egg off the tray/board. You could set a time limit or just look for the challenge to be completed.



Check out this challenge in a Minute to Win It themed video at youtu.be/Qkrx1UyZF2M



Get into the Bible: 40 Acts Together



A different fun way to count the days of Lent, 40 days of giving back, doing good and living generously. Challenge your young people to get involved.

40acts Together was created especially for groups, it provides you with online and printable resources to guide you through a generous Lent as a community.

Sign up for the 2019 challenge as a group leader for free access to any combination of the resources.



Find out more at 40acts.org.uk

CHALLENGE PLUS

RESOURCE

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25 FEB – 10 MAR

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

A great opportunity to highlight the importance of Fairtrade and learning how others live and work around the world. Challenge your young people to get involved by raising awareness, campaigning and raising money. There are resources and ideas on the Fairtrade Foundation website to help get you going.

Find out more at fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight



11 MAR

COMMONWEALTH DAY

The day is marked across the Commonwealth by a range of activities, including a multi-faith Observance at Westminster Abbey in London, United Kingdom. It is an opportunity to promote understanding on global issues, international co-operation and Commonwealth values, as well as the work of Commonwealth organisations. Could your young people find out more about the Commonwealth or organise their own Commonwealth theme night?

Find out more at thecommonwealth.org/commonwealthday



Just For Fun: Progressive Meal



Basically this is a night of eating and hanging out as a group.

Going from location to location, eating different courses of a meal. Perhaps some of the young people, or a church member could host a course (part of the meal). Walking from location to location as one group, leaders and young people is ideal, but depending on distance will need to be thought through (transport may be required).

The "progressive" dinner does each course in order: One location for starters, One for the main course, One for dessert, Perhaps a last for tea/coffee.

Alternatively, the "REGRESSIVE" dinner switches the order of the courses. You could link this into a devotional idea with a theme on a particular issue or story for discussion. Remember to keep all your good safeguarding practice in place with this activity, and it's probably not a good idea to use Leaders' homes for this.



Get into the Bible: Frames



Frames is a new resource from Youth for Christ for engaging with non-churched 15-18 year olds. Centred around videos and discussion, each Frames session gives you several different options and ideas when it comes to connecting with young people in your group. Whether you choose to use each module, or just use ice-breakers or use the videos as a discussion launchpad - Frames is yours to use as you wish and is FREE to register and use.



Check out resources.yfc.co.uk/resources/frames



Are you using CHALLENGE PLUS?

In this issue we take a look at a project from the Challenge Plus programme and highlight a number of challenges that young people could try.

Projects are longer activities that take a number of hours to complete and are usually spread over several weeks. Projects include taster sessions that can act as an introduction and be used to see if the project is of interest.



Sports Person. The overall aim of this Project is to develop skills and gain a recognised qualification in a sport. The main activity is 'Gaining a National Governing Body Award', encouraging young people to develop their skills as a player or coach and gain a national recognised award. The taster sessions include 'Sport Appreciation', thinking and learning about a particular sport; and 'Team Sport' encouraging participants to play a team sport.



Healthy Living. The overall aim is to explore issues surrounding our health and how to look after our bodies and mind responsibly. The main activity is 'You are what you eat', and is all about developing a personal plan for healthy living and adopting it. The taster sessions include 'Circuit Training', focussed on developing a personal circuit comprising of appropriate exercises. The Christian Faith element 'Your Body – Your responsibility', considers the responsibility you have for your own body and what the Bible says about this.



Challenge Plus is all about young people planning and delivering their own programme. The Challenge Plus programme contains a wide range of topics focussing on building life skills, encouraging recreation and leisure pursuits and being an active citizen with the programme split into '**Projects**' and '**Challenges**' allowing young people to dip in and out as time allows.

Challenges are shorter activities that can be completed by the group or an individual. Some challenges can be completed on the usual group meeting night whilst others may require a different night or venue. Some Challenges to try:



Newshound

Identify something positive about your Company that will make a news worthy story and share it.



Scale the Heights
Reach the top of the tallest building you can.



Get Planting
Plant a tree in your community.



Coin Trail
Organise a coin trail for charity.



Ideas Factory
Submit an idea to your Battalion for a new activity or event.

Why not encourage your young people to take a look through the challenges, there are over 100 challenges to choose from and support them in completing them. You can find more details about all these challenges in the **Challenge Plus Programme Pack**.



Share what Projects & Challenges your young people get up to @bbgazette or email newsdesk@boys-brigade.org.uk



Respect and tolerance

The 1st Kilmore/Cavan Company took part in a cross-community project involving 5 Scout Troops and themselves, which was funded by Peace 4. The children took part in different activities and role play about World War I and the Irish Easter Rising of 1916 which underscored the importance of respect and tolerance.

At the end of September the children acted out different parts in a WWI trench in the presence of parents, friends and the Cathaoirleach of Ballyjamesduff Municipal District and Cavan County Councils, Councillor Winston Bennett and Councillor Madeleine Argue respectively. A permanent sculpture was erected representing peace (doves) and hope (flames), part of which was made by a person from The Game of Thrones set. A super day was had by all and a great experience was shared by the children of the various communities and youth organisations.



Founder's Celebratory Event

The four Companies in Dublin along with friends, parents and Past Members had a very different day on Sunday, 21 October. The Companies agreed that the event should be changed from a "Church Parade" to a fun event which the young people will remember for years to come as a great way to celebrate the inspiration of William Smith when he founded The Boys' Brigade 135 years ago.

After a picnic lunch in the grounds of Clontarf Parish Church (HQ of the 12th Dublin), there were lots of fun events for Anchors, Juniors and Company/Seniors. They were joined for a service of thanksgiving for the Founder led by our National Chaplain, Mark Acheson accompanied by music by Ichtus.

WHAT'S ON - R.o.I



- 2 FEB** 'Capture the flag in the dark' for Company and Seniors (Northern)
Clontibret
- 8 FEB** Anchors' Craft Evening (Midlands)
Mullingar
- 16 FEB** Figure Marching / Drill Competitions (Eastern)
Old Boro School, Swords, Co. Dublin
- 23 FEB** Indoor Football Blitz for Juniors (South Eastern)
Tullow Community School
- MAR TBC** Vertigo (Northern)
Belfast
- 10 MAR** Northern District Service
Braddox Church

- 23 MAR** South Eastern Blackstairs Shield Competition (based on International Junior Team Games)
Littlewood
- 27 APR** Northern Sports Day (for all)
Cavan Rugby Club
Midlands Activity Day to include Devotional Period
Portarlinton
- 27-28 APR** Juniors' Activity Weekend
Wilsons Hospital School, Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath



Junior Adventure Weekend

Following on from last year's successful Juniors 100 Sleepover the region hosted an Adventure weekend over the weekend of the 19th to 21st October with over 130 members at Kingswood Staffordshire.

Companies from across the region attended and took part in activities such as Zip-wire, Aeroball, Problem solving, Nightline, Bush Craft, Archery, Climbing, Abseiling, shelter building, Camp fire, Film nights and a celebration service. The Event was a huge success.

Kingswood produced a variety of activities encouraging team work, bonding, confidence and taught new skills to the young people taking part. As Kingswood ran the activities this enabled the BB Leaders to take time to talk to each other and have time to share experiences and enjoy fellowship together.

Uniformed Youth Fund

The Youth United network has successfully secured £5 million investment from the Department for Digital Culture, Media and Sport. The Uniformed Youth Fund aims to provide further opportunities to reach vulnerable young people whilst also increasing the opportunities for volunteers to expand and enhance their existing skills resulting in an expansion of the overall offering.

Two grants have been secured one which will support organisational infrastructure including, enhancing volunteering capacity, improving systems and processes. The grant will provide resources to support sustainability and strengthen the quality of our delivery. The second grant will allow us to pilot initiatives to strengthen our work and look at specific ways of working, one such example being working with young people with additional needs. Both grants have a short timescale for delivery and were pitched at a level that would be deliverable within the timescale and not to the detriment of existing work.

Integral to us securing the funding was the latest ComRes report which was presented to Government officials by the YUF Youth Panel - "Social Integration: The Role of Uniformed Youth Groups" the report found that belonging

Martin Letts, Captain of 31st Northampton Company said:

"Thanks for such a great weekend away again and even arranging the warmer weather this year! We asked our young people to say one word about the weekend and the words Fun, Amazing, Great, Fantastic and Don't want to go home just proves that they all really enjoyed themselves as did the staff members. A fantastic weekend, so enjoyable to see our boys have a great time, while adults had a chance of mixing with other staff."

We are aware that a number of Battalions are organising their own events at Kingswood. We would encourage where possible for these to be opened up to Companies within the surrounding areas.

to a uniformed youth group enabled young people to interact with individuals and environments which differed from them, this helped foster a sense of belonging to their communities and peers.

"I am delighted that this fund has recognised the importance of investing in the infrastructure of experienced organisations. The funding will enable the Brigade to offer important opportunities to leaders. I would urge leaders across the Region to embrace the forthcoming roadshows by promoting the same and encouraging colleagues to attend. Our offering is still as relevant as ever to young people and I would like to see more and more young people have the opportunity to reach their potential."

Natalie Whipday, Director for England and Wales

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Diana Award

Andrew Hill, Saff Sergeant in 7th Grimsby Company is the proud recipient of a Diana Award after becoming involved in Youth Action group as part of the volunteering aspect of his Queen Badge journey.

He was put forward for the award for the excellent work his group initiated around mental health and challenging the stigma

within his local area. The group made and commissioned a set of films on YouTube called Mental Health mixtape. The films were made following a consultation on service providers across different events and the results of those were passed on to group who, supported the opening of an online counselling service, and mental health youth forum. Andrew personally lead the section on Mental Health First Aid. Andrew said "After being trained myself I advocated the idea to my school/sixth form to run a pilot scheme to train young people in schools as Mental Health First Aiders. The scheme is currently being adapted to roll it out to all schools in the area, so as you imagine I am extremely proud".

The Diana Award was established in 1999 by the British Government who wanted to continue Princess Diana's legacy by establishing a formal way to recognise young people who were going above and beyond the expected in their local communities.

Find out more about the award at diana-award.org.uk.

Raise the Bar: Roadshows

A number of Roadshows across England and Wales will commence in 2019. They will include our;

- Raise the Bar Campaign
- Under 11's Programme Launch
- Specialist training by external professionals
- Update on some exciting developments to OBM.

Further details will be communicated to all registered leaders in the coming weeks. This will be an exciting opportunity for staff and key volunteers representing the region to meet with Leaders and talk through the priorities facing the Brigade at present whilst also sharing good practice and looking at key areas of our work.



WHAT'S ON - ENG & WALES

2-3 MAR

Holiday Leadership
Felden Lodge

Camp Craft
Felden Lodge

30 MAR

National Music Festival (Southern)
Chandlers Ford
natbrass.boys-brigade.org.uk/musicfestival

27 APR

Get Active
Nottingham

11 MAY

Get Active
Somerset
Waltham Walk
Essex Countryside
walthamwalk.org.uk

National Music Festival (Northern)
Hull
natbrass.boys-brigade.org.uk/musicfestival

24 - 27 MAY

Unite Camp
Felden Lodge
Find out more at unitebb.org.uk

Find a full list of training courses taking place across the country at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/training-database.htm



Members of Sporting World Help Mark BB135



Amongst others to pay tribute to The Boys' Brigade's 135 years of working with young people are personalities from the sporting world.

Current manager of the Scotland national men's football side, Alex McLeish, spent several years as BB member in Barrhead. He said:

"I was fortunate to have been a BB member and I'd like to pay tribute to the organisation on reaching 135 years. I learned a lot about values, education and it has also contributed to my footballing career."

Sports journalist and commentator Paul Mitchell is a former member of the 19th Leith in the Granton area of the city. Paul commented:

"I fondly remember my days at 19th Leith. It was a great experience and made many friends. BB remains a wonderful organisation doing great work helping young people learn valuable skills and encouraging teamwork."

Gregor Townsend, current manager of the Scotland national men's rugby team was a member of the 3rd Gala company. He thinks back very fondly on his time in BB. Gregor said:

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the BB which, in a similar way to team sport, is great for developing discipline and character through a range of many varied experiences. I loved the competition, learning and physical activities that flows through the BB."

If you know a notable former BB member who you think would be happy to share their reflections of BB, please get in touch newsdesk@boys-brigade.org.uk

JASS Award

The JASS award has already been piloted in a number of BB Companies over the last couple of sessions. It's particularly helpful as it helps bridge the transition between Junior and Company Sections, as well as offering an introduction to the DoF Award scheme. More information is available from the website boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/what-we-do/our-programme-awards/jass-award/

The BIG BB Brunch



Over 70 Companies got involved in the BIG BB Brunch over the weekend of 27th October. It was the latest initiative from the BB Year of Young People group.

These brunch events attracted approximately 6900 people and raised about £33,000 for BB Companies and other good causes. Over 750 young people were involved in leading the brunch events across the country.

Glasgow Science Centre

Junior Section members from across Scotland experienced a night to remember at one of Scotland's top visitor attractions. Almost 400 Juniors spent an evening and overnight at Glasgow Science Centre for the organisation's 'Juniors Giant Sleepover' on Friday 2nd November.

During the evening, the BB members experienced the state-of-the-art planetarium, live Science Show and hundreds of interactive scientific exhibits. The theme for the live Science Show was 'Fantastic Forces'.

"It's been an amazing experience – especially the Planetarium and the doing all the fun experiments."
Hamish, 5th Glasgow Company

This is the sixth time that the BB has run its Science Centre event and in that time almost 2400 children and 600 adult leaders have attended.



STEM Ambassadors



BB Scotland has launched its STEM ambassadors scheme to help develop our programmes in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. STEM Ambassadors are volunteers from a wide range of STEM related jobs and disciplines, along with enthusiasts from all walks of life. They offer their time and enthusiasm to help inspire children and young people to bring STEM subjects to life, demonstrating the value of them in life, education and in careers.

If you have expertise in a STEM subject or an enthusiast keen to support young people develop these types of skills, please visit boys-brigade.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/

CashBack Funding

Now into its second year, CashBack funding has already supported over 500 young people in 22 companies in Scotland. Funding is available to support young people (aged 10+) in the top 20% areas of social deprivation in each local authority.

This support can help develop BB work in three areas:

1. Grow: Supporting growth in membership, programme and opportunities
2. Lead: Supporting leadership training opportunities for young people

If you think your Company or Battalion could benefit from CashBack and meet the criteria, please get in touch with Jackie Wilson, Development Officer, by emailing jackie.wilson@boys-brigade.org.uk or calling **01324 550859**.

National events

There are three important national events coming up in March. On Saturday March 16th Company and Senior section members from across the country will participate in the Scottish Cross-country Championships hosted by Strathkelvin Battalion. The following Saturday (23rd) sees the return of the popular Bands Contest, which will take place in Glasgow's Hutcheson's Grammar school. On Saturday 30th, young leaders who participated in 2017-18 KGV youth leadership course, will be recognised at a special graduation ceremony in Stonehouse, South Lanarkshire.

Alpha Youth Resource



Tied in with our Faith in Young People (Guild) project, BB Scotland have been working together with Alpha Scotland, and have distributed a copy of all the Alpha Youth materials, including the video clips on a dual branded (Alpha & BB) memory card to all companies.

Training on this resource will be included in a training roadshow in early spring 2019.

WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND



12 - 13 JAN

BTO Part 2
Carronvale House

16 MAR

Cross-country Championships
Strathkelvin

23 MAR

Bands Contest
Glasgow

30 MAR

KGV Graduation
Stonehouse

19 & 22 APR

SHQ closed
Carronvale House

21 APR

Easter Day

26 APR

QUEST Challenge submission deadline

6 & 27 MAY

SHQ Closed
Carronvale House

24 - 27 MAY

Cumbræ Camp
Millport

You can find out more about getting involved in any of these by emailing scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk



Anchor Boy Conference



The Anchor Boy Conference was held at Newport on Saturday 6th October 2018. Over 50 Anchor Boy Leaders attended. After opening devotions with David Penney, Training and Programme Officer the opening session on Creative Bible Communication was led by Leanne Dunlop, Field Ministries Director, Scripture Union NI. David Templeton, Youth & Family Support worker with Children's Heartbeat Trust, the Anchor Boy Charity for the 2018/2019 session, gave a presentation on the work of the charity, sharing stories of how it helps young people in NI through serious illness. Resources were also available for Leaders giving ideas for fundraising in their Companies for Children's Heartbeat Trust.

After lunch Mark Moorhead, Schools Ministry Manager, Scripture Union NI, jointly led the afternoon session on Creative Programme Planning, including 'Emergency Stories', with Nicky Bradley, Children's Director, Knock Presbyterian Church.

Cllr Jonathan Craig, Chairperson of the Lisburn and Castlereagh Peace IV Partnership, visited the conference briefly to meet Leaders over lunch and to view the newly equipped Peace IV funded premises at Newport in full use.

"As a former BB member, of 1st Hillsborough BB Company, I am absolutely delighted to see this new training, conference and residential facility opening in Culcavy, and I look forward to seeing it being fully utilised. I was very impressed with the youth leaders at today's BB Anchor Boy Leaders' Conference and fully appreciate the time and effort they put into the future of our young people. Congratulations to the Boys' Brigade NI District; I have no doubt the assistance Peace IV in Lisburn Castlereagh has provided will positively impact on literally hundreds of our youth in our council area and beyond."

Cllr Jonathan Craig

TELL IT!

COMPANY SECTION CONFERENCE...

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NEWPORT

SCRIPTURE UNION...

Creatively unpacking God's Word with young people.

TOP TIPS...

Leading Bible Class, Company Devotions and Camp Talks

#tellit

Download the booking form from our website

Staff Changes at NIHQ Newport

Dawn Boyes and Richard Nelson joined the NIHQ staff team in June 2018. Dawn is the Receptionist/Admin Assistant and works every day from 2 - 5pm. Richard is the Centre Manager and Finance Officer. Alison Irvine has reduced her hours and stepped down from the Centre Management part of her role. She will be focusing on Support Work and Communications. This restructuring at NIHQ followed on from the departure of Matthew Gallick, the previous Finance and Admin Officer in April 2018.



Project Incredible at Newport



'Project Incredible' is bringing together 24 young people from Boys' Brigade Companies, 1st Newmills and 1st Culnady with Co Antrim Scouting Ireland Groups from the Lisburn area; 9th Antrim based at St Patrick's Academy, Ballinderry Road and 23rd Antrim from Derriaghy. The young people and their leaders have so far completed two informal evenings together at Newport over September and October getting to know each other; introducing their organisations and exploring their differences in uniform, emblems, badges and programme along with what they have in common. 'Project Incredible' will culminate in a residential weekend at Newport running from 9 - 11 November 2018 with a unique focus on remembrance and what that means to the individuals and groups taking part. Time during the weekend is also scheduled at Lisburn LeisurePlex to enjoy bowling and swimming.



A project supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

New Battalion Health Check Launched

The Northern Ireland District has produced a new Battalion Health Check which was circulated to Battalion Secretaries in October 2018. The Health Check is designed to help Battalions review how they are performing - what is going well and what could do with some focussed attention, to assist with the effective and smooth running of the Battalion and to enable ongoing improvement. Areas covered in the Health Check include succession planning, finance, under 26 work, promotion of BB, support given to new Companies/new Captains, training, spiritual growth, and GDPR. The Northern Ireland District is encouraging all Battalions to carry out the Health Check and to review it on a regular basis in conjunction with taking on the 'Raise the Bar' ten Challenges for Battalions.

Contact Alison Irvine, Support and Communications Manager, NIHQ with queries: **T: 028 9268 8444** • alison.irvine@boys-brigade.org.uk



KGVI at Newport



The first KGVI week took place at Newport from 21 - 27 July 2018 in glorious summer weather. It was a real privilege to have the young people at Newport bringing much laughter, fun and encouragement with them. We pray that this is the beginning of a long legacy at the Newport Training, Conference and Residential Centre. Congratulations to the new BB Leaders (pictured) who completed their second year. It was a great honour to have Brigade President Lord Griffiths of Bury Port visit Newport to spend time with the young people, tutors and staff.

KGVI 2019 will run from Saturday 20th until Friday 26th July at Newport.

Expedition and Outdoor Leadership Assessment

The Outdoor Expedition and Outdoor Leadership Course for BB and GB Leaders took place on the weekend of 21 - 23 September. Brilliant weather and good company ensured a successful weekend assessment.

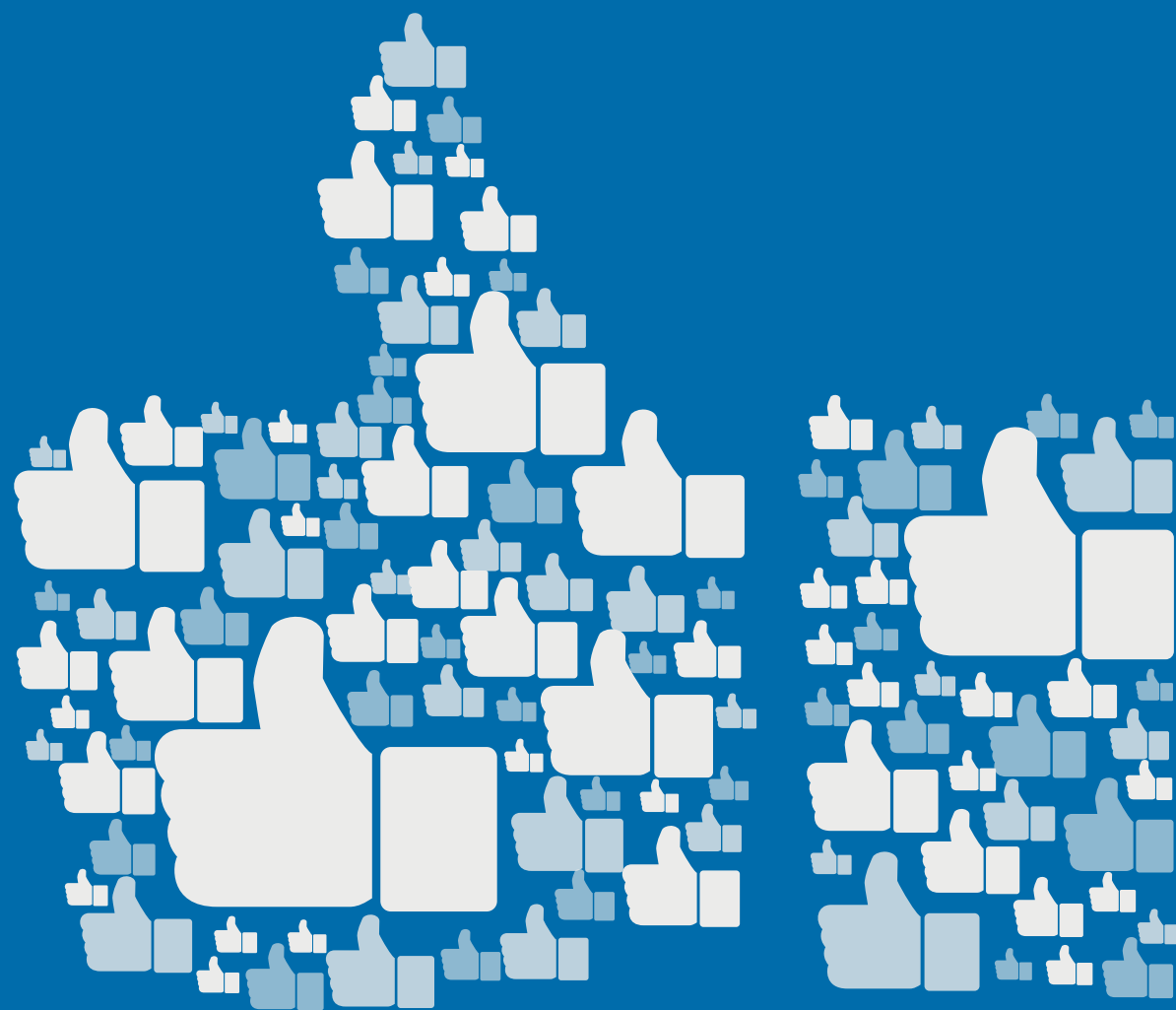
WHAT'S ON - N. IRELAND

12 JAN	JS Musician of the Year Newport
26 JAN	Anchor Boy Fun & Games Final Newport
22 - 24 FEB	Youth Leader Training Newport
9 FEB	CS Drill Final Newport
23 FEB	JS Swimming Gala Newport
18 MAR	NIHQ closed Newport
10 APR	Training: Holiday Leadership Newport
18 APR	Queen's Badge Celebration Newport
19 - 23 APR	NIHQ closed (Easter hols) Newport

For more information on any of the events listed please e mail Dawn at nihq@boys-brigade.org.uk



f RAISING YOUR PROFILE THROUGH FACEBOOK



Joe Harrison, Development Worker for Northamptonshire Battalion, shares some ideas on how groups can raise their profile using Facebook and offers support for groups looking to increase engagement from their community and explore creating a paid advert.

Social media sites such as Facebook are a brilliant way for BB Companies to raise their profile and there are many good examples of this already happening up and down the country. These pages act as a shop window to the world and used effectively can increase awareness, aid communications and help to interact with the community around us.

The latest stats suggest that the **average person will spend around 30 minutes a day scrolling through Facebook**. If BB Companies can get themselves on people's newsfeeds, then there is a huge potential audience out there ready to hear about what we get up to and how we are making a positive difference in our communities.

Below are some tips and suggestions to help you get the most from your Facebook page.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD FACEBOOK PAGE?

Before looking at raising your profile and encouraging new interactions with your page, it's worth taking a moment to ensure the page is clear, attractive and sells the great work that your group does.



BE ACTIVE

Make sure you regularly use your page to share what you've been up to. This helps to create a catalogue of images and news that will help any interested parents clearly see what your group is about and what sort of activities you do. Over time these posts effectively become your brochure for interested new members, showing them what they can do if they join.

TOP TIPS AND ADVICE

- 1 Set yourselves a challenge to post after each and every activity you do.



USE PHOTOS

As the famous saying goes, 'A picture paints a thousand words', and this is true of social media. Posts with photos encourage far more interaction and help to show users what you have been doing. Long chunks of text are often scrolled by without people reading it and taking in the information. When using photos make sure they are bright, clear and of a good quality.

PHOTO CONSENT

- 2 It is important that before posting photos/videos on social media that you are aware of the photo consent for all members. Remember that the Brigade has recently revised how we go about obtaining photo consent for members and that there are now three clear options when it comes to taking photos/videos during BB activities. Photo Consent is obtained through completing the Joining Form or Annual Information Form and can also be obtained/updated by Parents/Carers through My.BB.



BE POSITIVE

Your Facebook page is there for you to shout to the world about all the great things your young people have been up to. It's therefore not really the place to complain about the latest low attendance at a parade service or how bad the parking is near your meeting place. If your page gives off a positive vibe, then this will help your community see you in that same light.

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22nd Northampton Boys' Brigade @22ndNorthantsbb

Another great evening at BB, we enjoyed fun in the woods; building dens with added extras (gyms, camp fire & gardens), bows & arrows, bug hunting, hill rolling & just running through the grass because we could. Thank you lads & leaders for an adventurous time together.



Check out 22nd Northampton on Facebook @22ndNorthantsbb



"We were helped to set up our Facebook page, and since then we have found the page to be a real asset for the Company. It supports us in keeping our parents up to date with what we are doing whilst at the same time helps us to attract new members to our group. It's helping us reach parts of the community we have struggled to reach before."

Sue Padington, 22nd Northampton Boys' Brigade

INCREASE INTERACTION AND GET YOURSELVES NOTICED!

It's now time to start increasing interaction through engaging parents, supporters and other Pages.



ENGAGING YOUR CURRENT PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

Facebook uses technology which identifies posts that people are engaging with and shares them with others who may be interested. Therefore, creating regular posts on your page which your current followers will like, comment and interact with, will help your posts reach a wider audience and hopefully attract the attention of parents of other young people in the area.



ENCOURAGE SHARING

One of the most effective ways for Companies to promote themselves has always been through word of mouth. Often this has been via parents talking to other parents at the school gate. Sites like Facebook can be used to build on this and encourage parents of your young people to share any recruitments drives you promote online.

Next time you create a post advertising spaces for young people to join your group, actively encourage your page followers to share the post with their friends, thus helping to reach more people and spread your message.



ENCOURAGE SHARING

Most communities will have Facebook pages set up that share information for the area you live in. These community pages are often used to promote local businesses, groups, activities and events. Try and use these pages to help spread the message about your Company.

This doesn't just have to be when you are trying to attract new members. If you've been doing something positive in your community (litter pick, visit to care home, foodbank collection) then share these stories with those pages also. It's good to keep up your profile throughout the year.



PAID ADVERTS

If you have a small budget for advertising your BB Company, then using Facebook's 'Boost Post' function can be a really effective way of attracting new members.



HOW TO GUIDE TO USING 'PAID ADVERTS'



1 CREATE YOUR POST

Create an image which sells your Company and decide what text you want to add with it. Remember this needs to grab people's attention so make sure both the image and the message is attractive, but it is also to the point. Once you are happy, post the image to your page like you normally would with any post you share.

For paid Facebook adverts, any text used on the image must not cover more than 20% of the total area.



2 BOOST

To start the boost process, click on the blue box under the post which says 'boost'.



3 CHOOSING YOUR AUDIENCE

Using the options on the left hand of your screen, you can now choose which demographics you wish to target. To do this select the 'People you choose through targeting' option. From here you can target different genders, age groups, and locations.

For location, Facebook gives you the option to 'drop a pin' on your meeting place and then choose how wide a radius from that pin you wish to advertise. Only people within that radius will then pick up the advert, helping to ensure your money is used to target only the people who live local to your group.



4 SELECTING A BUDGET AND DURATION

Finally, you will be asked for your budget for the post and how long you wish to boost the post for. Facebook will then ensure your boosted post spreads out the

cost evenly for the duration of time you have selected. You don't have to spend a lot to see great results! Try it out by starting with just £10-£20.



5 BOOST, REVIEW & RESPOND

When you're ready, boost the post. This then goes to Facebook to review before going live. During the duration of your boosted post, keep an eye on how your post is performing. You can always add more money to the post or cancel the boost altogether, depending on how you feel it is performing.

During the boosted period it is hoped your page will receive messages asking for information. Make sure you have somebody who will respond to these messages and keep a track of any new members who may be joining over the next few weeks.

HERE ARE THE DEMOGRAPHICS & BUDGET THEY USED & THE RESULTS IT PRODUCED:

DEMOGRAPHICS & BUDGET:



Gender: Male & Female
Ages: 28 – 65+
Location: Northamptonshire
Budget: £40
Duration: 2 weeks



EXAMPLE:

In September 2018, The Boys' Brigade in Northamptonshire used a paid advert with the aim of raising awareness and attracting new members. The boosted post was a great success in recruiting some 30 new members across Companies in Northamptonshire.

RESULTS:



Reach: 6700 people
Post engagements: 200
Messages: 95 people
New members: 30



Check out The Boys' Brigade in Northamptonshire @NorthamptonshireBoysBrigade



You can find additional advice on setting up a Facebook Page for use within The Boys' Brigade at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/facebookguidance.pdf



Email to: news-desk@boys-brigade.org.uk



We are pleased to announce that new programmes for both the Anchors and Juniors age groups will be launched in April 2019 ready for take up in the 2019-2020 session.

Through our programmes we want to provide children and young people with opportunities to develop skills, to be creative, to have adventures, to try new things, to get to know Jesus and to make a difference. The new programmes have Activity Areas which will be used in both age groups, providing consistency for children and young people as they move through the organisation, as well as making it easier for those leaders that volunteer in more than one age group.

THE ACTIVITY AREAS

The new 'Activity Areas' replace the Programme Zones found in the current programmes, and are set out as follows;



AIM

THEMES

ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

GET ACTIVE	GET INTO THE BIBLE	GET CREATIVE	GET LEARNING	GET ADVENTUROUS	GET INVOLVED
Activities which get children moving, through games and sports and activities that promote good physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.	Activities which enable children to explore and experience the Christian Faith and express beliefs and attitudes.	Activities which encourage children to express themselves through crafts and the arts.	Activities which encourage children to gain knowledge and develop skills and problem-solving abilities which support them to make good life choices.	Activities which challenge children to step out of their comfort zone or take them beyond the normal meeting place.	Activities which encourage children to get involved in social action, both locally and globally and prepare them to be active citizens.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playing Games• Playing Sport• Keeping Fit• Working as a Team• Me & my Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My Bible Adventure• Prayer• Celebrating• Developing my Faith• Understanding Christian Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing, Acting and Dancing• Arty & Crafty• In the Kitchen• Playing & Making Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Me and my World• STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering & Maths)• My Skills for Life• Understanding Culture & Tradition• Staying Safe• Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My Survival Skills• Exploring the world around me• Adventure Activities• Visits & Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protecting our World• Shaping our World• Helping Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playing Team Games• A Healthy Heart• Playing Dodgeball• Catching & Throwing Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telling a Puppet• Bible Story• Sing a Christian Song• Write a Prayer• Creating a Harvest Collage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junk Sculptures• Making Chocolate Nutella Brownies• Origami• Writing a song	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn to Tie shoe laces• What to do in an emergency• Building a wooden Bird Box (DIY Skills)• Experimenting with Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scavenger Hunt• Stargazing• Geocaching• Shelter Building• Kayaking• Visiting a Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raising money• Meet your local MP• Planting a tree• Fairtrade

DELIVERING PROGRAMME RESOURCES

Resources to support leaders in delivering the new programme will be put directly into the hands of the Leader in Charge of each age group alongside the Gazette, 3 times a year. The new resources will feature programme ideas and activities through a set of **Activity Cards**, **Themed Activity Cards** and a **Programme Planner** for each term. The resources will be delivered at no additional cost to the company.

Over time, a Leader will build up a library of activities covering a wide range of activities across all the programme Activity Areas. All of the resources will provide Leaders with support in planning their programme and are not designed to be a syllabus which has to be followed.

Resources will be accessible to download through a searchable library on Online Brigade Manager (OBM) to all leaders.



THE TERMS WILL BE:

Autumn = Sep to Dec
Spring = Jan to Apr
Summer = May to Aug



activities from at least 4 different Activity Areas. These Themed Activity Cards will help Leaders to identify how themes can be helpful in providing variety and balance in the delivery of the programme. It might not be the case that you could run all the activities on one meeting night and there is no expectation that you should, again these are 'Pick and mix' activities from which you can choose those that will work best with your children.

ACTIVITY CARDS

Using the Activity Cards, a Leader will be supported to deliver a dynamic and varied programme each year and avoid repetition. Each term a set of Activity Cards will provide Leaders with 'ready-to-go' activities which means the card contains all the information a leader needs to organise the activity successfully. The Activity Cards will be delivered as A4 laminated cards. There will be **one Activity Card for each of the 6 Activity Areas each term**. Additional Activity Cards will be added online but only 6 Activity Cards will be distributed in a printed format each term. A box file will be available enabling all the Activity Cards to be kept in one placed and organised by Activity Area keeping them easily accessible so Leaders can come back to them again and again, although we will always be adding new activities in to ensure the programme does not become stale or repetitive.

THEMED ACTIVITY CARDS

These will bring together activities from several of the Activity Areas based on a theme with **4 themed Activity Cards being delivered each term**. Usually these cards will feature at least 5

PROGRAMME PLANNER

This is a new resource for Leaders, supporting programme planning. The Programme Planner will be provided termly for each section and will cover every week within that term – providing ideas, highlighting national festivals and awareness days, signposting resources and identifying what fully resourced activities will be provided for that term. This resource will be provided a full term in advance of the period it covers, so for the Autumn term which covers September through to December, **the programme planner will be delivered to the Leader in Charge a term in advance**. Delivering this a term in advance will support Leaders in their programme planning and highlight which activities will be resourced through the Activity Cards and Themed Activity Cards, so Leaders know what to expect when they receive these with the Gazette covering that term (delivered a month before the start of the term).

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AWARDS & RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

It is important that participation in the programme is recognised and rewarded and there are a number of ways this can be achieved. It is not intended that the programme has a formal 'awards' time, but that children and young people gain recognition for their participation in the programme as a whole.

The **Programme Awards** will remain similar to those already in place for each age group but with refreshed designs and an **optional badge for those working with 4-year olds** in the Anchors age group. A slight change to the ordering of the awards for the Anchors age group will see the highest award being the Red Award, reflecting the age group colour (previously the Blue Award). The number of activities required to be completed for each award has been adjusted to recognise the change in having 6 Activity Areas, compared previously to having 5 Programme Zones. All the awards involve completing a minimum number of Activities in each Activity Area as well as 4 additional 'Free Choice' activities from across the Activity Areas encouraging a balanced and varied programme, but also providing some local flexibility.

A new **Membership Award** is being introduced for both age groups which will be presented to new members once they have completed one activity in at least 3 Activity Areas and being introduced/inducted into the age group. Ideas for how members are introduced/inducted will be provided with Autumn 2019 Gazette. The Juniors Membership Award replaces the current Target Badge.

The new **Nights Away Awards** will recognise and encourage overnight experiences, a key part of the programme and overall BB journey. The Nights Away awards will operate across all age groups with members moving up through the awards which range from 1 to 100 nights.

For the Juniors age group there is the addition of a **Project Award** which aims to encourage members of this age group to take on a project, something that will require at least 3 hours of activity. A Project Award can be gained in each of the three years in the Juniors age group.

PROJECT AWARD EXAMPLE ACTIVITY:

Get Learning: Making a Bird Box

- Week 1 - Introduction/Design/Process (30 mins)
- Week 2 - Preparation/Cutting (40 mins),
- Week 3 - Basic Build (40 mins)
- Week 4 - Paint/Varnish (30 mins)
- Week 5 - Finishing/Decorate (30 mins)
- Week 6 - Locate/Evaluate (30 mins)

Total: 3 hours and 20 minutes



SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

To launch the new programme the Activity Cards & Themed Activity Cards will be sent out alongside the Programme Planner for the Autumn Term (Sept to Dec 2019) a full term in advance, so this will be received by the Leader in Charge of each age group in April 2019.

This will provide an opportunity for Leaders to familiarise themselves with the new programme and delivery, well in advance of adoption of the new programme in the new session.

The normal distribution will see the Programme Planner card sent out a full term before and Activity Cards & Activity Themed Cards sent out a month before the start of the term.

Badges and other resources available through BB Supplies from July 2019.

Watch out for more information and updates as we launch the new programmes through the monthly eBB News emails and the Leaders website.

Stages of Faith

In university (10 years ago now) my dissertation was based on 'Faith Development in Children.' During my time as a trainee in the ministry I worked alongside various ministers who all had their own style of preaching and teaching. As a person who has always been around children and youths, I took a real interest in what was happening both in the Church services and also in the Sunday Schools (sorry for the old terminology). Each Sunday the children were told a story or given an object lesson and sometimes this was re-iterated in the Sunday School in another way and sometimes the Sunday School did something completely different.

The children need to hear the stories of course but how does that develop their faith? For me, one of the ways in which this happens is to do with the people with whom they are interacting in the Church, in their Sunday School and especially with you, Leaders in The Boys' Brigade – children's faith and our own develops by following the commands and actions of Jesus and by following the Christian examples of the people with whom they are interacting.

If we take a good look at our own lives when we are with each other in Church, during our time on Company nights – are we someone that young people and fellow leaders would aspire to be like? Are we kind, loving, giving and caring people or do we just talk a good talk? Does our talk match our actions especially around the children in our care and with fellow Leaders? The Boys' Brigade 'Raise the Bar' campaign is an example that each of us can aim for in all aspects of our lives, but especially in our faith life. We, and I include myself in this, need to raise our standards in our day to day living - for we can all do better.

On my bookshelf is a well-used and well-loved book, 'Stages of Faith' by James W Fowler. If you get the chance to read this book or get it from the library, it is a good read and helps to explain about childlike faith, the problem of moving on in your faith to absolute dedication in your faith like Ghandi, Mother Teresa and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The way I see it, is that we need to understand that each child and adult is at a different stage in their life of faith - from having no faith right through to people like Bonhoeffer and through hearing the Good News of Christ and through our words and actions we can learn from each other to develop our faith. We need to remember that sometimes we are the only people of faith that children and youth come into contact with! What impression are we giving them?

Rev Barbara Sweetin

Minister in East and Old Parish Church in Forfar



Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin, Minister in East and Old Parish Church in Forfar, went into the ministry later in life studying at Trinity College at the University of Glasgow after a very successful career in sales. She was involved in The Girls' Brigade from a very young age until 46 years of age and also served as National Chaplain to Girls' Brigade Scotland for three years and Dundee and Angus Battalion Chaplain for three years. Barbara Ann is currently the Chaplain to 2nd Forfar Company. She is married, has two children and recently became a grandmother for the first time. Rev Sweetin serves on the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland and writes for a creative resource book called 'Spill the Beans'. The one thing I would like you to know about me is that I am passionate about the work I do in Christ's name!



News from Global Fellowship

Global Fellowship Triennial Council and Conference 2019

BB Zambia has invited Global Fellowship to hold its Triennial Council and Conference in Lusaka from 13th – 17th August 2019.

This will be the opportunity to shape the future direction and identity of Global Fellowship as well as sharing together. The conference will also look at how we can empower young people to take the lead at all levels. There will also be opportunities to share the culture of Zambia and visit local Boys' Brigade activities.

The event is open to any registered leader from a member organisation, but only nominated delegates may exercise a national organisation's vote. Please contact the Brigade secretary if you are interested in attending.



Find out more at globalfellowship.net

International Opportunities in 2020

Change Direction Festival, Transylvania

Change Direction! YMCA Festival is a summer event taking place in August 2020 that attracts more than 1,000 young people. The event includes opportunities to participate in various activities such as biblical studies, workshops, debates and concerts. There are also sports programmes, games, films, arts, crafts and more which offer the festival the diversity that young people need.

The hosts IKE (part of the worldwide YMCA family) extend an invitation to Boys' Brigade members and individual groups and it is open to young people aged 14+. The price for the festival, all meals and accommodation in classrooms providing your own bedding is only €45 (Travel costs not included however a number of low costs airlines fly directly to Transylvania).

Pisara NK (Inter)national Camp, Finland



Our partners at NK (Finnish Church Youth) in Finland are holding their National Camp from 24th to 29th July 2019. You can expect plenty of campfires, adventures, excitement, making new friends, daily devotional times, games, competitions, camping and more. The camp will take place at the Partaharju camp site, Pieksämäki, in the centre of Finland. Camping will be in tents by the Lake Salvonen in six camp villages. Meals are served & included in the price. The camp is open to young people and their group leaders. Youth Participants register as groups with their own leaders however Young leaders & adults can attend on their own. The price is 130 €/person + travel expenses.

Easter Course, Wales

The International training course for young leaders aged 18-25 organised by the European Fellowship of Christian Youth will be taking place in North Wales from 14th to 21st April 2019.

The course gives participants the chance to meet young leaders from Christian Youth Organisations across Europe who will spend a week over the Easter period learning about each other, their respective organisations, cultures and countries, and explore the theme of 'working together'. The cost of the course will be £150.



Remember you can ask your own Church, Company, Battalion or District to support you with financial aid and fundraising for any of these International Experiences.

To find out more or book your place on any of these international opportunities please contact Vaughan Staples by email at v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk or call 01442 509 515.

Global Round-up

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



Members of Windsor Park Iconz in New Zealand recently held their Annual Weekend Camp at the Michael Stead Memorial Lodge in the Kauaeranga Valley near Thames.



Seniors in 6th Ipswich Company in Australia recently camped out and explored The Steamers, Browns Falls, Queen Mary Falls, and Condamine Gorge.



100 BB members from 10 Companies across Indonesia attended The Boys' Brigade in Malaysia's Pesta Event in Kuala Lumpur, along with some 2000 participants from Malaysia, Hong Kong and the UK.



8 boys of the Aitutaki No.1 Arutanga Company in the Cook Islands were presented with their Queen's Badge by His Excellency Mr Tom Marsters, The Queen's representative to The Cook Islands.



Members of the 46th Singapore Company visited the 2nd Pathum Thani Company in Thailand in November. The Singapore team got to know the Thai members better through games, sports and home visitation and members of the two countries also served the children from a slum community together, through an outreach project of Rangsit Anglican Church.



At a ceremony at Government House in Sydney, BB members from across New South Wales, Australia were presented with the two highest awards. 9 members were presented with their Queen's Badges along with 6 members being presented with their Sir William Alexander Smith Awards.



INTER-GENERATIONAL WORKING



During the winter months, when it's cold and darker for longer, lots of people find they feel lonely and isolated. This is particularly true for older people. Alison Ingram, Head of Wellbeing from Age UK tells us why it's so important to provide help and support for people in later life and shares some ideas on how you could get your young people involved in supporting the work of Age UK.

Who are Age UK?

Age UK is a charity that's here to ensure that every older person is respected, protected, and treated with the dignity they, like all of us, deserve. The charity helps more than 7 million older people every year by providing companionship, information, advice and support.

With the UK's ageing population predicted to continue growing, reaching more than 74 million by 2039, more and more people will face challenges like long-term illness, poverty and caring for a loved one as they get older. like to see the BB championing. Here are some of the responses...

What Age UK does

- ▶ Gives clear, practical information on topics ranging from staying healthy to getting help at home.
- ▶ Answers calls to our free advice line, 365 days a year, from older people, their friends, families and carers.
- ▶ Helps combat loneliness through our telephone befriending service.
- ▶ Makes older people's voices heard on the issues affecting them.
- ▶ Leads the way in researching and understanding later life.

Campaigning for the care older people deserve

There are 1.4 million older people in the UK that are surviving rather than living, struggling alone with day-to-day tasks like getting dressed and making a meal because of a lack the support they need and deserve.

Through our Care in Crisis campaign, Age UK continues to highlight how much the NHS could save if the government provided proper funding for social care, and the suffering it would remedy.

You can find out more about the campaign, as well as how you can add your support by contacting your local MP, by visiting ageuk.org.uk/careincrisis

Loneliness

Age UK believes that no one should have no one to turn to. As a result, we develop programmes to help older people be happier, healthier and better connected to tackle loneliness, a problem that blights so many lives.

Feeling lonely doesn't necessarily mean you have no one nearby. You may be surrounded by friends and family but still feel experience a deep sense of loneliness when you close the curtains at the end of the day, particularly if you're older and feeling vulnerable.

Age UK's befriending services are designed to combat loneliness. Our 'Call in Time' telephone befriending service connects a volunteer with an older people for a weekly chat. Many local Age UKs also run face to face befriending services in their communities.

Roy is just one of the many older people that Age UK has helped:

“ I had a leaflet through the door, and it said on there: 'If you're lonely, contact this number', which I did. There was a lovely lady on the other end, and we've been friends ever since. Age UK was like an oasis in the desert. It was my saviour. ”



How could your Company get involved?

Many of our services rely on the kindness of those who are able to give up their time to help us make a difference. There are lots of ways members of The Boys' Brigade can get involved:



Volunteering

Older members might enjoy helping out in their local Age UK charity shop, assisting customers or helping sort and display the wide range of clothing, accessories, books and homeware that people donate.

Find out how you can have a rewarding experience while making a real difference to peoples' lives at: ageuk.org.uk/volunteering



The Big Knit

The Big Knit, a joint campaign with innocent smoothies, asks people to knit tiny woollen hats to go on bottles of innocent smoothie. For every smoothie sold, Age UK receives 25p, which goes towards fighting loneliness among older people. Since 2003, 7 million hats have been knitted, raising £2.5 million.

Download a free pattern and start knitting at: ageuk.org.uk/bigknit



Fundraising

For younger members, this could be raising money to support Age UK by running a bake sale, taking on a sponsored walk or packing bags at a local supermarket.

There are more ideas at: ageuk.org.uk/fundraise



Small Acts of Kindness

Sometimes it's the smallest of things that can make our day. Consider what your young people could do to help make a difference to an older person.

- Visit a nursing/care home in your local community – be sure to make arrangements in advance for this.
- Encourage your young people to spread warmth to a neighbour (by visiting, offering to sweep the leaves or salt an icy front step).
- Hold an event in your Church/meeting space and invite older members of your community to come together.



For more information and to get involved, visit ageuk.org.uk

CAMPSITES & RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

Auchengillan Outdoor Centre
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www.auchengillan.com

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☎ Chris Norman on 07703 571915
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honeyhill.boys-brigade.org.uk

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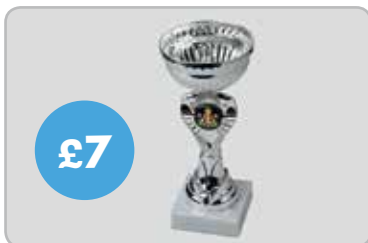


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