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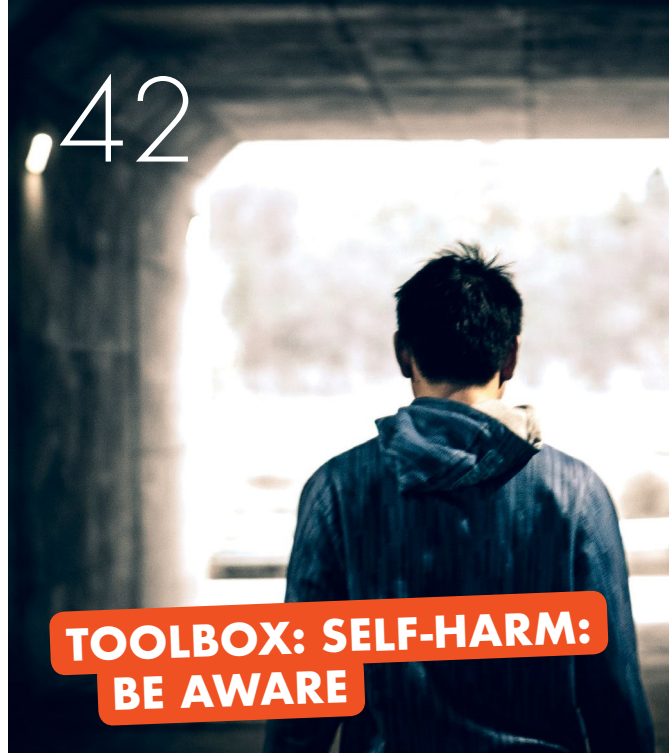


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▲ BILL WITH NCO'S OF 12<sup>TH</sup> KUALA LUMPUR COMPANY IN MALAYSIA

## Communicating the Gospel

I read recently that the average person in 2018 reads more in one day than our counterparts in the 1400s read in their whole life. I am not sure if that is 'fake news' but it did get me thinking! A lot of my day is taken up with reading different documents, e-mails or texts. Very few people actually post letters to the Brigade Secretary but each week there are hundreds of things to read.

Even the way we read books has changed. Are you a fan of a Kindle or do you still prefer to have a physical book to hold? I always preferred having a book to take with me but on recent holidays the advantages of having the equivalent of a large book on an app on my phone has become obvious, and it is so much easier if you want to read a chapter or two in a café or on a train.

We are fortunate to live in an age when it has never been so easy to communicate. Each day BB friends from across the globe keep in touch via Facebook and it is great to see what is going on across the UK and ROI too. However, sometimes it is still easy to get it wrong. How often has someone misread an e-mail and then taken offence? Making sure people always

get the right message in BB circles is a challenge too. Often the content doesn't reach the intended recipients and occasionally I hear some real nonsense when folk have got the wrong idea about some new plan. Over the past few months we have spent time reviewing our communications strategy and are trying to make the best use of the very limited resources we have.

In my role I am privileged to meet some really excellent communicators; there are some people you could just listen to all day long – including the Brigade President. How amazing it would have been to hear Our Lord delivering the Sermon on the Mount or one of his parables. Surely he would now be a real hit on YouTube! The Gospel message delivered 2,000 years ago still rings true and is still so relevant to our message today. Do think about how we communicate that message to the young people in our charge.

*Bill Stevenson*

**Bill Stevenson**  
Brigade Secretary & CEO

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## Shoot for the Moon!

**I**t wasn't long after the first man landed on the moon that I attended a conference as a Youth Representative of The Boys' Brigade.

One speaker took the theme of landing a man on the moon and spoke about the involvement of massive teams of people with various skills, all important no matter how menial the task seemed to be, and yet their names never recorded in history. I think of the BB family, of which I am proud to call myself part, as a big team all working together united with a common purpose of advancing Christ's Kingdom among Boys but also among the men and women who serve in our great movement.

Often, we will never know the impact that our actions, our enthusiasm, our dedication, our commitment has had; and I wish I had the opportunity to properly thank those people who gave me so much. However, I believe that they would appreciate my way of saying thanks is to strive to offer that same commitment to succeeding generations. To my fellow leaders I say be aware that you are often doing much that is good by simply showing you care!

The speaker at that conference also challenged us to "Shoot for the Moon!" He pointed out that even if you miss, you'll find that you have gone higher than you could have imagined and just possibly will find yourself amongst the stars! Will you share that mission with me "Shooting for the Moon!" It's about aiming for what some would say is impossible, raising the bar, about the level of expectation and of challenge. Inherent in high aspiration is quality and that requires training, dedication, and mutual support. Let us always strive to be the best that we can be.

Like the Apollo team, we need to define our mission. I suggest that paraphrasing Luke 2:52 could be our mission: to encourage, support and challenge our young people to grow in body and in mind and in favour with God and man, in other words to grow more and more like Jesus as whole human beings. It will be impossible to become the perfection of humanity that is Jesus but in aiming to be like the king, we will truly be advancing Christ's Kingdom.

**Derek Gunn**  
Chaplain, BB Scotland



Derek joined the BB as a Life Boy in 28<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh Company and continued on to become an officer after training at KGV. After working in telecoms, Derek was appointed as BB Field Officer, North Scottish District in October 1978 but was unable to attend his first meeting of District Council as he was being married that day! The BB experience was formative in the decision to becoming a minister in the Church of Scotland. After training, Derek served as Parish Minister at Falkirk Bainsford and then worked operationally in the governing grades of the Scottish Prison Service, before returning to Parish Ministry at Airdrie Clarkston, retiring from there in September 2017. Although having served as a Company, Battalion and now Scottish Chaplain, Derek still thinks of himself as being a fully trained BB Lieutenant.

Married to Pat, and with three grown-up children, David, Caroline and Susan and two grandchildren, Alistair and Emily, Derek now lives in Falkirk.

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# RAISE THE BAR

## LAUNCHING OUR NEW CAMPAIGN FOR 2018-19

### Definition:

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

In 2018-19 we are setting out a challenge for us all to raise the bar and build on the quality of what we offer as an organisation. There is already so much we can be proud of, but can we do more? 'Raise the Bar' is the title of our new campaign for next session and is set around 10 challenges for each Company, focussed on raising the quality of experience for children and young people.

This challenge is all about asking the question 'How can we do better?' It's about taking time to consider our approach to specific areas of our work, looking at what needs to change and setting targets to strive for.

Ten challenges have been put together which we believe are clear and realistic for each and every Company to tackle during the 2018-19 session. It's not an exhaustive list, but we believe these are some of the essential building blocks.

### WHY THIS CHALLENGE?

Some Companies are growing, and it is good to be able to report that this session around 500 Companies have grown in number. However, the statistics show that even more Companies are in decline, and statistics show we have lost around 1200 members this session. Also, for the first time in many years we are noticing a decline in adult leaders too.

↑ **39%**  
Companies growing

We are now coming towards the end of the 2013-18 Development Plan which had targets for **Growth, Quality and Voice**. Although we have made good progress in many areas we have failed to see the overall increase in numbers that we had hoped to achieve. That said we have been successful in setting up more than 100 new Companies over the last 5 years, but the reality is that with issues of sustainability, Church mergers and closures; more Companies have closed than new ones have been opened.

Over the past few years a number of initiatives have been used to encourage growth and you may recall the **10% in 2012; Growing Bigger, Growing Better** and **One for All** campaigns. These campaigns have had some success in encouraging Companies to look at recruitment and there are good news stories of Companies that have increased in number, with some doubling or trebling their strength. Alongside these campaigns the Brigade has provided

numerous resources including free recruitment materials.

Focussing on recruitment initiatives and the growth agenda has had some success, but our experience tells us that **real and sustained growth will only be achieved through focussing on the quality of our work**. We have heard lots of positive stories where through a Company reviewing what they do they have turned things around, from a position where they were struggling, to a position where they are reaching capacity or bursting over that. With this comes a huge sense of achievement and renewed enthusiasm.

“ Later this year we will celebrate 135 years of working with children and young people – a wonderful milestone to have reached, and one which I am sure our founder would have been immensely proud of. We should celebrate the fact that we continue to have the opportunity to work with thousands of young people and be a part of their personal developmental journey.

We know the impact that we have on young lives – it is one of the constants I hear when I visit Companies - the stories of change that leaders describe with a smile. We are doing great work, but I do believe that we can be better and indeed as a whole organisation must do better.”

**John Sharp, Director for Scotland**





**Company Health Checks** and the **Company Development Scheme** are resources to support Company Development. They assist Companies in reviewing the quality of what they offer, but have they really been taken up and used? Has your Company used these resources?

We all know that we now face much more competition from other groups and from young people who are isolated and it is often difficult to attract members in an online age. Nevertheless, other youth organisations like the Scouts and Cadets are reporting overall increases in membership on a national level. If this is the case, surely where we are seeing a decline in numbers we need to be asking ourselves why this is? Why are we not able to retain members or see new members coming along when another youth group down the road is? Perhaps our instinct when numbers are low is to put some leaflets through doors or do a school assembly, but is that the real answer? Is it not more about looking at what we offer, how we go about it and what changes we need to make?

We need to push the boundaries in everything that we do to ensure that we are supporting and equipping our leaders to deliver the best possible youth and children's work.

“The world is changing, the work we do is changing and we need adapt to enable us to remain the prominent Christian youth organisation of choice. The time is upon us to all raise our game at every level, whether it be at Company, Battalion, District, Regional or Brigade.”

Natalie Whipday, Director for England

### Get Involved

This is an exciting initiative and we want to encourage every Company to get involved in Raise the Bar by taking on the 10 challenges during the 2018-19 session. It's not necessarily about trying to tackle everything at once, but start out by looking at 2-3 and take it from there. It may be you have already done some of these or have made a start, it's not a race or competition, but we would like everyone to think of it as a set of challenges to take on.

## RAISE THE BAR: 10 CHALLENGES

Our ten challenges for 2018-19 are:

- 1

**Get together as a staff team** – formally and socially come together to plan, to share and to celebrate. Consider how you involve your young people especially Seniors. What learning or training needs can you identify?
- 2

**Set a target number per section** – when did you last consider what your target numbers were? Consider realistic numbers based on your constraints (meeting space, volunteers, etc) and also whether you need to focus on specific age groups.

- 3

**Being Welcoming** – We've got one chance to impress, consider how you welcome new members and what you provide them and their parents/carers with to set expectations and provide all they need to know.
- 4

**Programme Planning** – 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.

To assist you with programme planning, **Spring 2019** will see the launch of the new programmes for the Anchors and Juniors age groups. Programme Activity Cards will be delivered directly to the Leader in Charge of each age group and include a termly Programme Planner card to help you plan for the next term. More details will be announced shortly.



- 5

**Engage with your Church** – with a view to strengthening the partnership between the BB Company and the Church make opportunities for the congregation to join in with BB activities, whilst also looking at how the Company can engage with Church events. Consider how you share what you are doing through the Church newsletter, website, etc.



- 6

**Engage with another BB Company or another youth org** – look to others for support with things that you cannot achieve alone, this could be a camp or another activity.
- 7

**Raise your profile in the Community** – take the time to share what you are doing, through social and local media. Ensure that there is local awareness of the BB in the community.



- 8

**Make more use of OBM** – streamline your administration and make it easier for both leaders and parents/carers by maximising the use of OBM. Importantly this could free up time for leaders to focus on the programme and building relationships with children and young people.
- 9

**Look at Fees** – Consider value for money vs what it costs to run a Company. Have you looked at income and expenditure? What is reasonable to charge the children and young people? What additional resources do we need and how can we go about getting these?

“My son went along to BB for the first time the other week and I was a little taken back by the fees. Not that they were too expensive, but exactly the opposite, I expected to pay more. After enquiring about the fees, I was told they were £1 a week for his age group (6 years old). Wow I thought... as he came home not just having had an amazing time during the 75-minute session, but he had made a puppet, had a drink, a biscuit and there was an activity taking place at the weekend he could go along to and all I was expected to pay was £1 for that week. In comparison I am paying £6 a week for him to go football training and pay equivalent amounts (and more) for other activities. It is great that the cost is so low, but I think they should be charging more than this – it is worth a lot more!”

Anonymous Parent, Yorkshire

- 10

**Take action to make a difference to others** – Get your young people and leaders active in the local community through campaigning, fundraising and hands-on volunteering.

We will be sharing case studies and providing support and resources for each of the 10 challenges in future issues and online through the Raise the Bar page on the Leaders website.



So, having read the challenges we hope you feel ready to get involved in the campaign. Remember to be realistic about what you can achieve, set out to make positive changes based on the challenges and celebrate each and every achievement along the way.

Raise the Bar is not just about Companies, but there are also **10 challenges for Battalions and Districts** (you can find the challenges on the Raise the Bar webpage) to encourage our local support networks to review the quality of what they offer. The Brigade will also be doing its part by providing resources and support to assist you in taking on the challenges through the Gazette, eBB news and website.

Good luck and remember we are all in this together and there to support each other, so please get in touch with other Companies, speak to Leaders in your Battalion/District and get in touch with Regional/UK & RoI Headquarters about the challenges we each face.

We would love to hear what you are getting up to and would encourage you to share your thoughts and stories on social media using **#RaiseTheBarBB**.

You can find out more about Raise the Bar along with supporting resources at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/raisethebar](https://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/raisethebar)





## Brigade Conference 2018, Edinburgh

Join us in Scotland's famous, beautiful and historic capital city later this year for Brigade Conference 2018 - from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

2018 has been designated as the 'Year of Young People' by the Scottish Government – a year to celebrate young people's achievements and value the contribution they make to their local communities. For the Brigade, of course, every year is a year of young people, however conference will take up the 'Year of Young People' theme.

The conference takes place at the Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, in Edinburgh (Haymarket), and will feature a packed programme with workshops, worship, opportunities for fellowship, as well as the AGM. The Hotel has very good transport connections to both Edinburgh airport and for rail.

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.

Registration is still open and we would encourage you to register as soon as possible.



Conference registration information, as well as details of a range of accommodation options in Edinburgh, are available at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm)

## Welcome to our New Companies

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

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
1 <sup>st</sup> Walworth	Emmanuel Onabanjo	C&S Church Movement, London

## Re-syncing the Gazette

Following a decision earlier this year, the Gazette is moving to become termly and will be published 3 times a year, in July, November and March. The re-syncing of the Gazette enables the magazine to focus on and clearly provide relevant resources and information for the Autumn (published in July), Spring (published in November) and Summer (published in March) periods within the BB calendar.

This issue (Autumn 2018) of the Gazette is the first to be published as part of the revised schedule and the next issue (Spring 2019) will be published at the end of November 2018, covering the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

## Under 11's Programme Re-launch

The Under 11's Programme Review Group has been working on reviewing the programmes for the Anchors and Juniors age groups over the last few years and recently put proposals to the Brigade Executive which were agreed. We are pleased to announce that new programmes for both age groups will be launched in April 2019 ready for take up in the 2019-2020 session.

The new concept on delivering the programme will focus on Activity Cards being delivered directly into the hands of the Leader in Charge of each age group with the Gazette on a termly basis. A termly Programme Planner card will also be provided to help with planning for the next term. This will provide a regular and continuous stream of new and updated activities and these resources will be free at the point of delivery to all Companies.

Alongside the programme resources, we are introducing 6 new Activity Areas running through both programmes, new awards to recognise achievement and a fresh look to the branding for each age group.

Full details of the launch will be shared in the Spring 2019 Gazette, with the first set of resources being launched with the Summer 2019 Gazette.



## Recognising our Members

The Brigade has a number of awards to recognise the bravery, courage in the face of adversity and inspirational service of members, and is looking to raise the profile of these awards and encourage leaders to submit appropriate nominations.

### President's Commendations



Pharnell Geddes with his Presidents Commendation

Each year the Brigade recognises the remarkable achievements of some of our young people by awarding a President's Commendation.

These awards are authorised personally by the Brigade President and are designed to recognise young people who have shown courage and strength through a period of adversity. This maybe as the result of ill health of having dealt with a difficult or challenging situation.

Nominations for President's Commendations should be sent in writing to the Brigade Secretary and will then be passed to the Brigade President for approval. Please note that Commendations can only be made to young people and are not awarded to adult leaders.

### Cross for Heroism

The BB Cross for Heroism was instituted in 1902 and is awarded in cases of extreme bravery often when the young person involved has put their own life in danger. Examples have included rescuing someone from a house fire or saving someone from drowning. It has quite rightly been dubbed the "BB VC". Nominations for the Cross for Heroism should be sent in writing to the Brigade Secretary. Please note that the Cross for Heroism can only be made to young people and are not awarded to adult leaders.



### Make a Difference Awards



The Brigade is also keen to recognise young people who have made a major contribution to their local community and this is done through our Make a Difference Awards. Often young people working for a major award such as the Queen's Badge or DofE will go far beyond the requirements of that particular award and could be nominated for a Make a Difference Award. The nomination form for Make a Difference Awards can be found at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/mad.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/mad.htm).

In recent years the Make a Difference Awards have been presented annually to members from each Region. However, the Brigade Executive has now agreed that these awards will now be presented when suitable nominees are identified.

## 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.

Ian Gillan	6 <sup>th</sup> Waltham Forest
Mark Myhan	4 <sup>th</sup> Ealing
Beryl Spire	Nottingham Battalion
James Stapleton	1 <sup>st</sup> Plymouth



A full obituary appears on the BB website at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/obituaries](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/obituaries)

## HM The Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to BB members recognised in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours for services to The Boys' Brigade and their local communities.

- Gordon Hawkins**, 7<sup>th</sup> Newcastle Company, BEM
- Walter Mullan**, Mid Ulster Battalion, BEM



# Brigade Council 2018

**Notice Is Hereby Given** That The **Annual General Meeting Of The Boys' Brigade** will be held at the Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh, EH12 5EF on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 2pm to consider the following business.

## AGM Agenda

- 1 To receive the Accounts for the year ended **31 March 2018** together with the Reports of the Brigade Executive and Auditors thereon.
- 2 To confirm the annual capitation fee for 2018/19 session as agreed at Brigade Council in Manchester on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 and to fix the annual capitation fees for the 2019/20 session.

### Capitation Fees for 2019/20

The Capitation Fee structure with effect from 1 September 2019 will be:

CATEGORY	FEE
Fee per young person	£21.00
Adult fee	
All Officers	£21.00
(Second person at the same address)	£16.50
Battalion & District Officers (not on Company roll)	£21.00
Officers in receipt of state retirement pension	£16.50
Officers in full time education or training	£16.50
Helpers	£15.50

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £28.00.  
The maximum fee that a Company may pay in respect of young people is £2,050.

- 3 To re-appoint Whiting and Partners as the independent auditors of The Boys' Brigade until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Brigade Executive to fix their remuneration.
- 4 To appoint Brigade Office-bearers for Session 2018/19 as will be proposed by the Brigade Executive.  
President: Rev Dr Lord Griffiths of Burry Port  
Vice-Presidents: David Aubrey QC  
Alistair Burrow  
Chaplain: To be advised  
Treasurer: Clifford Bygraves FCA CTA TEP
- 5 To consider and if thought fit, approve the following Motion in the name of the Brigade Executive as a Special Resolution (requiring a majority of 75% of those voting) To amend the Articles of Association by:  
(i) deleting Article 35.3.3; and  
(ii) amending Article 59.5 by deleting the words "all their meetings held within a period of six consecutive months and the Trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated" and substituting in place thereof the

words "three consecutive meetings of the Trustees without due reason."

- 6 To consider, and if thought fit, approve the following Motions in the name of the Brigade Executive as Ordinary Resolutions (requiring a simple majority of those voting)
  - (i) Council authorises and instructs Brigade Executive to amend Brigade Regulations to the effect that "Leader" and "Leaders" shall be as defined in Section FOUR (Leadership Regulations) of Brigade Regulations and to make such further consequential changes as may be required to achieve consistency in referring to the adult members of the Brigade. (Please see note below)
  - (ii) Council authorises and instructs Brigade Executive to amend Brigade Regulations to substitute where appropriate references to "Boys" and "girls" with the term "Young People" and to make such further consequential changes as may be required.
  - (iii) To delete existing Regulation 81.3.3 and to insert in substitution as follows: " 81.3.3 If the Brigade Executive member or Regional Committee member cannot attend a Brigade Council meeting s/he may
    - 81.3.3.1 appoint in writing as proxy another person attending Brigade Council to vote on his/her behalf; or
    - 81.3.3.2 exercise her/his vote by post or such other method as may be in accordance with procedures adopted for voting and duly notified with the notice of meeting."
  - (iv) Council authorises and instructs Brigade Executive to amend Brigade Regulations to delete the requirement to notify Brigade Council business in the Gazette and instead to make electronic notification to companies the primary requirement for notice whilst retaining provisions for notice by post or in the Gazette as a secondary form of notice to members, to make specific provision for the last dates for notice of motions and amendments, to substitute "12 noon" for "9.00am" twice in Regulation 83, and to make such further amendments as may be considered necessary or desirable to give effect to this intention.
- 7 Feedback on proposals to reduce the size of the Brigade Executive followed by discussion.
- 8 Accountable Autonomy – report from Brigade Executive regarding the NID Motion approved in 2017.
- 9 To transact any other lawful business.

By order of the Brigade Executive

*WCF Stevenson*

**William C.F. Stevenson** - Brigade Secretary  
11 June 2018

Note: The proposed amendment to Brigade Regulations Item 6 (1) will not make any changes to the name of the organisation or the BB Object, as these are set out in the Articles of Association which would require a Special Resolution (and a 75% majority) to effect any change. The Brigade Executive is not proposing to change either of these.

All Members of Brigade Council as defined by the Articles of Association are entitled to be present and vote at this meeting or, in their absence, they may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. A form of proxy will be sent to all members with the Summer Gazette and, if used, should be returned to the Company's Registered Office not later than 2.00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

The Members of Brigade Council are: Companies, Area Groups (Battalions & Districts), Members of the Brigade Executive and Members of Regional Committees.

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See [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm) for further details of the Brigade Conference event of which the AGM forms a part.



## Celebrating 70 Years With HRH The Prince Of Wales

As part of the celebrations to mark HRH The Prince of Wales' 70th Birthday, BB members from across the country attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to recognise and celebrate the work of his Patronage Charities. The BB members attending were part of a group of 100 young people representing the Youth United Foundation, a charity which HRH is Patron.

As well as being attended by HRH The Prince of Wales, other members of the Royal Family were also present including TRH The Duke & Duchess of Sussex, on their first official engagement since their marriage the previous weekend.


This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our young people, one that they will remember for many years to come. With best wishes to HRH The Prince of Wales as he celebrates his 70th Birthday later this year.

## Brigade Executive Survey

At Brigade Council in Manchester last year, a motion was proposed to reduce the number of members of the Brigade Executive, and to change the method of electing those members. The Executive proposed various amendments to the motion, but the amended motion was defeated.

The Brigade Executive has been considering the question of the appropriate size of the Executive; how best to achieve effective representation for each of the Regions on that body; whether Office Bearers should be members of the Executive; and the best method of electing members.

To enable wider consultation, we would ask you to help us by responding to a short survey. We hope the questions will help to stimulate and inform further debate throughout the Brigade. The survey will remain open until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

 **Complete the survey and find more details at**  
[surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bbexecsurvey](http://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bbexecsurvey)

## Brigade Staff

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Development Officer, based in the North East of Scotland. **Beth Dobson**, living in Banff, will work with the 39 BB Companies in the area to help them grow their membership, share best practice and promote the good work the BB does within the local community and its partnership with local churches.

We say farewell and a big thank you to **John Myers** and **Gareth Hillier**, who have been working in England Wales over the last 6 years. We are grateful for all they have done for the Brigade, having worked extensively with Companies and Battalions in their respective areas, supporting existing and helping to start new work. John is going on to work for Primetime Bradford, a youth outreach programme in his home city and Gareth is going to Care for the Family, a charity promoting strong family life and helping those who face family difficulties. We wish them both well in their new roles.

## Support the Brigade with Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

The Boys' Brigade has registered as a charity and we would like to encourage leaders and supporters to support us when buying from Amazon.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



# Congratulations to all our Finalists

The finals of the Brigade's National Competitions take place between March and May each year, and we are pleased to share with you the results of the finals for the 2017-2018 session.



## Chess Final

Congratulations to **1st Cheslyn Hay** (England) winners of the National Chess competition. The 1st Glenwherry (Northern Ireland) took the runners-up spot at the event which took place at the NI Headquarters, Newport on Saturday 24 March 2018. Well done to our other finalists **1st Ardstraw** (Northern Ireland) and **6/8th Dundee** (Scotland). The teams took a welcome break at lunch time to have a walk around nearby historical Hillsborough to take in the sights and sunshine before heading back to the final round. Deputy Mayor Hazel Legge visited the competition in the afternoon and presented the prizes at the end. The teams and leaders from **1st Cheslyn Hay** and **6/8 Dundee** also had the privilege of being the first guests to stay in the new Residential Centre at the NI District Headquarters Newport.



## Table Tennis Final

Members of **1st Monifeith** (Scotland) won the National Table Tennis title at the competition finals which took place in Inverness on Saturday 5th May. **1st Monifeith** has reached the finals before, but this is the very first time that the Company has won the competition. The team, **Jordan Ednie**, **Mackenzie Rough** and **Duncan Fulton**, progressed through regional heats to reach the national finals. Also competing in the finals were teams from **44th Glasgow** (Scotland), **4th Southampton** (England), **1st Kempston** (England), **2nd Coleraine** (Northern Ireland) and **1st Greenisland** (Northern Ireland). The event was organised and hosted by Highland Battalion and we were pleased to welcome **Cllr Graham Ross**, Deputy Provost of Inverness, who met the finalists and also presented the competition trophy to the winners.



## Senior 5-a-Side Football Final

The **15th South Shields** (England) retained the national title at the Senior 5-a-Side Football Finals held at the Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey, Northern Ireland on 14th April 2018. The boys from South Shields qualified for the finals after winning the English finals in Derby in February. Having won the UK competition for the first time in their history a year ago, the team travelled to Belfast to defend their title

Three wins, a draw, and one defeat in five matches saw the Company finish at the top of the group, but level on points with **2nd Tonbridge Company**. A 'winner takes all' play-off game was then required to separate the two teams. Despite the team from Tonbridge putting up a brave fight, the South Shields players were not to be denied and ran out 2-0 winners. Second-half goals from Captain **Jordan Brindle** and **Harry Edwardson** sealing the result and sparking celebrations amongst the travelling supporters.

The runners-up were **2nd Tonbridge** (England); and other teams reaching the finals in Newtonabbey were **1st Buckie** (Scotland), **6th/8th Dundee** (Scotland), **7th Portadown** (Northern Ireland) and **1st Knocknamuckley** (Northern Ireland).

After the presentation of the trophy by Brigade Secretary, **Bill Stevenson**, the players attended a lunch hosted by the Mayor **Paul Hamill**.



## National Competitions 2018-19

Get involved in the Brigade's National Competitions next session. Full details on how to take part can be found at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/nationalcompetitions.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/nationalcompetitions.htm)

## Junior 5-a-Side Football



The **1st Moneymore** (Northern Ireland) made history on Saturday 12th May at Power League in Derby by winning their first Junior 5-a-Side Football title. In what turned out to be a very competitive day, it came down to the very last match before the destination of this session's title was known. In the final match, **1st Moneymore** narrowly beat **4th/5th Kilmarnock**, and in turn, beat **14th West Bromwich** to the title.

The runners-up were **14th West Bromwich** (England); the other finalists were **4th/5th Kilmarnock** (Scotland), **6th/8th Dundee** (Scotland), **5th Carrickfergus** (Northern Ireland) and **4th Southampton** (England).

The finalists were welcomed by **Jaime Ellis**, President of East Midland District. The winning team of **Lee McMenemy**, **Matthew**

**McMenemy**, **Travis Harkness**, **Lewis Francis**, **Glenn Caldwell**, **Curtis Neill** and **Luke Marks** were presented their individual trophies and medals by **Paul Haggan** and **Leigh Maydew**, Members of England Regional committee.

**1st Moneymore Team Captain Lewis Francis** said "It was a great event and a privilege to play and to Captain this team. Nobody let the team down and travelling to Derby to participate made the experience even more exciting and rewarding."

On arrival back in Moneymore, the team received a reception from members of the public on the main street, who came out to offer their warmest congratulations to the boys and coaches for their unprecedented success.



## Masterteam Final

The **1st Bearsden Company** has made it two in a row, being crowned national champions for the second year running at the Masterteam Finals. Teams from all regions came together in Liverpool for the finals at All Saints' Church in Childwall.

The winning team comprised of **Lyle Hamilton**, **Fergus Hempel**, **Fraser Ellis** and **Ross Brown**. The team was presented with their medals and the championship trophy by **Bill Stevenson**, Brigade Secretary. The runners-up were **1st Ardstraw** (Northern Ireland); other finalists were **1st Polmont** (Scotland), **2nd Llantwit Major** (Wales), **1st Cheslyn Hay** (England) and **4th Newtownabbey** (Northern Ireland).

The event was organised by Liverpool Battalion and the teams were welcomed to the city by The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor **Malcolm Kennedy**.



## Badminton Final

**1st Houston** (Scotland) have been crowned National Badminton Champions at the Finals held in at SportScotland's National Sports Training Centre in Largs, North Ayrshire on Saturday 21st April 2018. The winning team comprised of **Ewan Harvie**, **Justin Langan**, **Jonathan Paris** and **Christopher Torrance**.

Team captain, **Jonathan Paris**, said "We were delighted to finally win the UK Boys' Brigade Championship, having competed in previous years and not being quite strong enough to make the UK finals. We were proud to represent our Company and country in the final, and enjoyed meeting and competing against the other teams. Our thanks go to all who made this possible."

The team were presented with their medals and the championship trophy by Provost of North Ayrshire Council, Councillor **Ian Clarkson**. The runners-up were **4th Newtownabbey** (Northern Ireland); the other finalists were **1st Crowborough** (England), **32nd Nottingham** (England), **1st Granshaw** (Northern Ireland) and **1st Largs** (Scotland).



GDPR

## GDPR & Data Protection

### What you need to know about changes to Data Protection

As a BB leader you will have access to lots of personal data and it is important that you understand what you need to do to keep it safe.

On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 data protection legislation changed with the introduction of GDPR. The ways in which personal data is collected, used and stored have changed enormously since the UK Data Protection Act was introduced in 1998. GDPR updates the law to reflect the way we live today, to ensure personal information is kept safe.

The purpose of GDPR is to give individuals more control over how data is used and how people are contacted. GDPR requires all organisations to be transparent about the way they collect personal information (data), what it will be used for, how it might be shared and how long it will be kept for.

### Implementing GDPR in the BB

The Boys' Brigade is taking a common-sense approach to ensuring compliance with the new regulations and we have been working to update our policies and procedures over the last 12 months.



See the Toolbox article 'GDPR in the Company' on page 45 for details on what you need to do.

The Boys' Brigade is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) at HQ level and it is not necessary for Companies, Battalions or Districts to register separately with the ICO.

We have introduced a new **Data Protection Policy** and **Privacy (Fair Processing) Notice** which gives clear information about the way we collect, process, store and retain personal data.

We have put together a guide '**GDPR in the Company**' to assist Leaders in understanding how GDPR affects the BB Company and what needs to be done locally.



You can find all policies and notices relating to GDPR and Data Protection at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr.htm](https://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr.htm)



Should you have any questions regarding GDPR please email [dataprotection@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@boys-brigade.org.uk) or contact BB Headquarters.

## International Junior Section Team Games 2018

Well done to **19<sup>th</sup> Hobart** (Australia) winners of the Junior Section International Team Games for the 2018. There were 179 entries to the competition this session including Companies from New Zealand, Thailand, Ghana, Australia, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England, Wales, Malaysia and Canada.



Full results can be found at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm](https://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm)



## Top Team Challenge

Well done to **28<sup>th</sup> West Kent Company** winners of the Top Team Challenge for 2018. A total of 178 Teams took part in a range of physical and mental activities testing their knowledge and skill.



## GDPR: Annual Consent Form

As part of our changes to how we capture data we are replacing the Annual Consent Form. From the 2018-2019 session we are introducing an Annual Information Form and a Joining Form, we are also introducing functionality on OBM to assist with capturing data and recording photo consent.

The **Annual Information Form** replaces the Annual Consent Form although much of the data captured on this form will be similar to that which was collected through the Annual Consent Form.

A **Joining Form** is being introduced and this should be completed by all new members joining the organisation from the 2018-2019 session onwards.

Additional information on functionality being introduced to OBM will be announced via OBM and the eBB news in early August.



You can obtain these forms along with guidance on their use at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr.htm](https://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr.htm) or [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm](https://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm)



## 125 young people take on The Kilbryde Hike

31 Teams competed at this year's Kilbryde Hike in hills near Crawfordjohn, South Lanarkshire on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The Hike, run by Glasgow Battalion, is an annual competitive two-day adventure challenge in the hills of South Lanarkshire and East Ayrshire. In the senior categories, teams covered a gruelling 29 miles and also had to negotiate a series of additional checkpoint incidents, including two water-based challenges. Winning this year's Senior category was a team from **2<sup>nd</sup> East Kilbride Company**.

In the 'Expedition' category, covering 20 miles, another team from 2<sup>nd</sup> East Kilbride, also clinched the title. Teams from 25<sup>th</sup> Stirling Company, triumphed in the 'Junior' title and also in the 'Incidents' category for their problem-solving skills at the checkpoint challenges.

Member of the winning Junior team, James Carter (14) from 25<sup>th</sup> Stirling, said "I am very proud of my team. We

trained very hard for this event and I am very happy we won the title. The Kilbryde Hike offers a great experience. It gets you away from your phones and devices, out into the wilderness – an environment many kids don't get to enjoy. It's something you will remember for a very long time. It's not easy. The checkpoint challenges are particularly tough. But the Hike is definitely one of the many great opportunities you get in the BB."

This year's event attracted a total of 125 young people from 31 teams and also included members from Girls' Brigade Scotland and Scouts Scotland. For many, this year's Hike was their first – and for some – their first taste of such an environment.

Next year's Hike, which marks 50 years of the event, takes place over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Find out more at [kilbrydehike.bbglasgow.org.uk](https://kilbrydehike.bbglasgow.org.uk)

## 750 attend Biggest BB Event of the Year

Over 750 young people and leaders came together for Life 2 the Max 2018 which took place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Felden Lodge. The event is run by London District, but also welcomed young people and Leaders from outside the District with participants from Birmingham, Bedford, Mid Suffolk, Bletchley and Chiltern. It was a fantastic day with a range of rides including the massively popular Dodgems and King Frog along with activities, workshops and shows for all age groups. Ben Jack from the Message Trust concluded a brilliant day with a powerful message about living life to the full through a relationship with Jesus.

Life 2 the Max takes place next year on Saturday 22nd June 2019 at Felden Lodge and there is an open invitation to all Companies. Check out [www.thebbinlondon.org.uk](https://www.thebbinlondon.org.uk) for more details.







### 212 Glasgow BB

Everest Step Challenge: 116,140 steps from top to bottom completed in approx 5hrs @ 01:33! Well done boys (and staff). A great team effort. Now for some rest



## Kenya 2018

10 members of 1<sup>st</sup> Ackworth and 1<sup>st</sup> Ossett returned to Kisumu, Kenya, in February, to work with The Isaiah Trust, a registered charity helping street children and poor desperate people make a new beginning. The trip proved equally hard work, but successful and rewarding, as the team left feeling they had, once again, made a difference to the lives of these wonderful people.

The group had raised over £4000 through JustGiving, and this money was used to buy equipment and develop new land owned by The Trust at Kakamega, a town 40 miles North of Kisumu. Two steel towers were constructed, installed and water tanks fitted on top. Part of the money was also used in the outreach programme provided by The Trust, paying for lunch after an emotional service at the Tin Hut Church at Kachok, the site of Kisumu's main rubbish dump.

Colin Godridge, Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ackworth Company said "Perhaps the most rewarding day of the trip was taking Messy Church to the rubbish dump at Kachok. With a theme of journeys, the team brought 3 hours of crafts, drama, songs, readings, prayers and food to the congregation of excited children and more than enthusiastic adults alike. The team had worked hard preparing for this but it was still uncertain whether it could be done in such inhospitable surroundings. The purchase of a large plastic sheet and a load of Yorkshire grit and determination proved otherwise."

James, a Senior in 1<sup>st</sup> Ossett said "The trip was amazing. I loved every minute of it, especially spending time with the boys that The Isaiah Trust look after".



Find out more about the  
[www.isaiahtrust.org](http://www.isaiahtrust.org)



### 14th Croydon BB

The crazy gang strike again! #juniors #croydonbb  
#boysbrigade #adventurebeginshere



## SNAPSHOTS



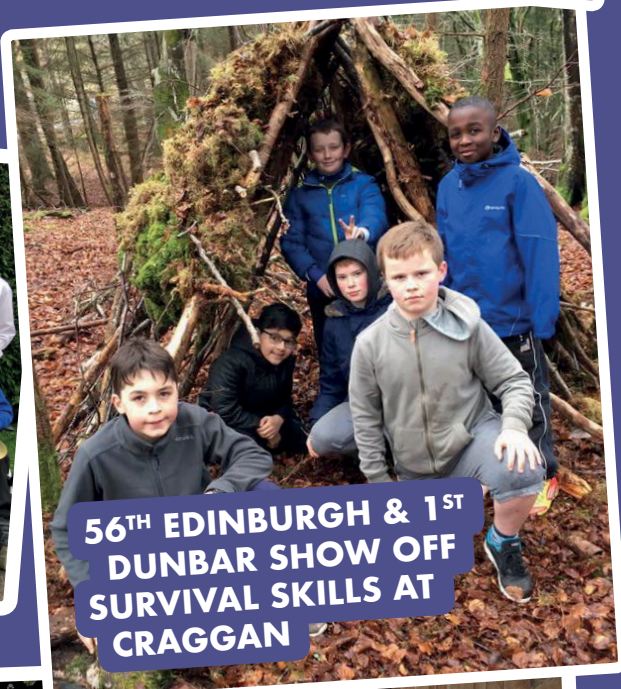
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IN THE WORLD CUP



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MARCHING BAND  
CHAMPIONSHIPS



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DUNBAR SHOW OFF  
SURVIVAL SKILLS AT  
CRAGGAN



YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE QUEEN'S BADGE  
PRESENTATION AT SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL



## BB members clear the way!

Members of The Boys' Brigade have stepped up to help local communities cut off by severe winter weather. Members and leaders in several Scottish communities have cleared snow, gritted pathways and even got essential supplies to cut-off residents.

In Dunblane 40 young people, leaders and parents met with shovels and spades, ready to clear snow for some of Dunblane's more vulnerable residents. Starting at two ends of the town, the boys visited homes in pairs and groups, shovelling snow, clearing and gritting pathways, and offering to collect groceries at local shops for those whose supplies were running low. A group of three boys even cleared the two footbridges over the snowbound railway at Dunblane station.



Campbell & Logan  
clearing the steps at  
Dunblane train station

The young people received an enthusiastic welcome at each home, especially in sheltered and retirement housing areas, as well as much encouragement and affirmation from passers-by.

These were similar scenes in other parts of the country involving members of 1<sup>st</sup> Bearsden, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Fraserburgh, 212<sup>th</sup> Glasgow, 1<sup>st</sup> Overtown, as well as other areas.

One of BB helping on the day, Fraser Boyd, 25<sup>th</sup> Stirling (Dunblane) said "Giving service to the community is a big part of Boys' Brigade membership, right from the youngest boy through to those achieving their Queen's Badge.

Two members and BB leader of 135<sup>th</sup> Glasgow, based in Scoutstoun, used the 'Beast from the East' to help others in a different way.

Paul Clelland and his sons, Fergus (10) and Rory (8), swapped the comfort of central heating for an overnight in their very own Igloo and have raised over £2,500 for homeless charity Glasgow Night Shelter for Destitute Asylum Seekers. Also helping in the construction were BB members Tom Connolly (10) and Calum Duff (10).





### 1st Dalgety Bay Boys' Brigade

What a brilliant night had with the Junior Section and Company Section last night. We took a trip to Braefoot Bay near Dalgety Bay to build shelters and roast marshmallows.



### 1st Tralee St Patrick's Day Parade

Taking part in their local St Patrick's Day parade members of 1st Tralee Company wanted to raise awareness and highlight the devastating impact of plastic waste in our seas.



### Elmwood Boys' Brigade - 5th Lisburn

Our Senior lads learning about audio visual, as part of Queen's Badge.



### Bloxham 10th Anniversary

Congratulations to 1st Bloxham Company on celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. With over 30 boys led by a team of 13 leaders and helpers the group continues to offer a range of challenging and rewarding activities on a weekly basis in Bloxham for boys aged 7 to 18. Well done to members of the Junior section who were recently successful in winning both the Oxfordshire Battalion Figure Marching and Quiz competitions.



### 13th Bromley Feature In Italian TV Commercial

Members of the 13th Bromley BB & 1st St. Mary Cray GB Band, the Pacemakers Drum & Bugle Corps recently featured on Italian television in a commercial for 3 Italia, a mobile network. The band was approached by 3, a major mobile phone network to help make a brand new television commercial and members travelled to Butlers Wharf in London next to Tower Bridge for the filming and were pleased to be able to represent the Brigades'.



### 10th Enfield BB

Our girls have been busy tonight making Easter Gardens!



### Asda community support for 72nd Birmingham

BB members from 72nd Birmingham Company were please to accept a cheque for £200 from Asda in Shirley, Solihull as runners up in the Stores Community Giving Scheme. This was presented by Sandra Grice, the store's Community Champion.



### National Accolade For BB Leader

A BB leader with over 50 years' experience was a winner at YouthLink Scotland's Youth Worker of the Year awards. Alistair Whitelaw, who has been with the 1st Lenzie Company since 1965, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award for his work with young people.

Throughout his involvement with the organisation, Alistair has led many young people to successfully complete their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) awards, for which he was recognised for in 2016 with a DofE Lifetime Achievement honour on behalf of HRH Prince Edward.

Alistair has been responsible for countless events and activities, not least the annual BB Christmas card delivery in Lenzie, which in the last three years alone, has raised over £2,000 for charities in Glasgow.

Alistair, who is 77 and still very much active with the Company, said "When the news came through about the Lifetime Achievement award I was speechless. My family and friends are over the moon. The BB is 135 years old, but it matters more than ever nowadays. It's so important that there are organisations and people around to help young people follow the right path. It's also so useful for their prospects for work – particularly if they can achieve the Queen's Badge and Duke of Edinburgh's awards. I explain to the boys in the Company that having these achievements on your CV really makes a difference and sets you apart. Receiving these awards says a lot about you as a person – your character, your respect and commitment. Being part of The BB really sets you up for life's opportunities".

Alistair, when he finds time to do things outside of BB, enjoys driving the iconic red coloured City Sightseeing double decker buses in around Glasgow.



### 3rd Trafford BB

Well done to our junior section on coming 1st place in indoor games competition!

#winners @  
McrBattalionBB  
@theboysbrigade



### 2nd Wishaw BB

Tonight's Junior Section crafts, Easter crosses made using chalk spread using their thumbs for the outline of the cross and the hill, then painted using watercolours.





## Being Chaplain at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Manchester

**W**hen Phil (our Company Captain) asked me to share what it means and is to be Chaplain at 53<sup>rd</sup>, I panicked a bit, because I thought 'what do I do besides loiter?', oh and make the odd cup of tea, and well, perhaps I help out with the tuck occasionally – (and that's dangerous leaving me anywhere near the tuck!).

I don't think I started out as 'Chaplain'. When I arrived the Company already had a really good team of people – there were already some parents who were heavily involved in their own Churches who went into the groups and talked about Bible stuff.

Phil and I just felt it was right to make links with THIS church. It's a short corridor to the centre, but sometimes a short corridor can feel like a long way – and although there were several really keen members of the congregation who regularly came to BB to help out, we felt the need for a visible clergy presence – just to try and bridge the gap.

So I started coming to BB, with no more of a plan than to loiter and be a visible presence. I mooched. I said hello. I sat around. I stood around. I talked. I listened. I brewed up. I brought a box of paper, adult colouring books – no! intricate flowers and the like!! Boxes of felt tip pens. And gradually, ever so gradually, people started to talk & I got to know the parents and carers as well as the young people.

Occasionally there would be a yell of 'Alison – can you come in 2 minutes and tell them all about Shrove Tuesday!' – er yes... anything for a pancake.

Or – Alison – Phil's not here, can you do the devotions, or occasionally – our helpers are on holiday – can you take the tuck round...!

But more often, it would be – can I have a word please? Can you pray for... Why is this happening? I'm worn out... health issues, family problems, and even.. 'you make me feel better about my kid' or 'I look forward to our chats each week' and even 'you're really normal aren't you?'

I often take the parade services and it's a joy to see families come and worship right here when this may be the only time they ever worship together.

For me it's about being alongside the people. It's just about being myself, because that's who God called me to be, loitering and being rather than 'doing' and just being available.

And it's a privilege. A joy and a privilege to be a part of BB and the wonderful work that goes on here. To be a little part of the team as they work together to bring the gospel alive here in Langworthy. To see Jesus touch the hearts and minds of these vulnerable and precious young people and their families.

And so if you ever come down on a Monday night, you'll see a flurry of activity, but you also see me, in my jeans, just loitering with intent. Just being available or being ignored. It doesn't matter. I'm just here because I love it and this is where God wants me to be. What a joy to be part of God's plan for this place.

**Alison McCauley**  
Chaplain, 53<sup>rd</sup> Manchester  
Emmanuel Church, Salford



## RESOURCE



## GREAT ACTIVITIES & IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Welcome to the *Autumn 2018* 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



#### BBC World War 1 Resources

There are resources including videos suitable for use with all age groups covering themes of war, remembrance, commemoration and peace. The resources will help your children and young people learn more about World War 1 as we come up to the centenary of the end of World War 1 this November.

Check out [bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1](http://bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1)



#### KidzCraft

KidzCraft is all about fun creative craft ideas for children. Children love to make things with their friends, check out ideas and also purchase everything you need to do things like T-shirt Painting, Pirate Treasure Chests, Pottery Painting, Animal Masks and so much more.

Check out [kidzcraft.co.uk](http://kidzcraft.co.uk)



#### Creation Station

Creation Station provides ideas for craft activities as well as stocking over 13,000 craft products to help your group get creative.

Check out [out.thecreationstation.co.uk](http://out.thecreationstation.co.uk)

### The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Kilbride or Kilrea, Leeds or Lurgan.

#### 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](mailto: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 Spring 2019 issue? Send it to [gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk)

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

### Check out the sectional programme ideas >>>

24 → Anchors

27 → Juniors

30 → Discover

33 → Challenge Plus



## Great activities & ideas for your section:

### Programme Planning

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



13 SEP

### ROALD DAHL DAY

September is Roald Dahl's birth month and if he was alive today he would be 101 years old. Celebrate his brilliant books by holding a special night with your group – exploring stories such as the BFG, Matilda, James and the Giant Peach and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Check out [roalddahl.com](http://roalddahl.com)

7<sup>th</sup> Doncaster share some ideas on what they got up to when they last held a Roald Dahl themed evening...

"We made BFG Dream Jars, Charlie and the Chocolate Kebabs and played lots of Roald Dahl related Games, including a new game called "Whats in Mr. Twits Beard?" this game was a lot of fun and really easy two play. To play you have to get in to two teams (we had boys vs girls) and each team has a Leader. The Leader puts shaving foam on their face and each member of the team takes turns throwing food at their shaving foam beard (we used wotsits) after 100 seconds the team with the most wotsits stuck to their Leaders face wins! We really enjoyed playing this game and hope you like it as much as we did!



SEPTEMBER

### HARVEST

Get your group involved with the Harvest festival, giving thanks for the crops of that season. Does your Church hold a harvest service which your young people could get involved with? For some activity ideas, head to [christianaid.org.uk/fundraising/harvest-appeal-resources](http://christianaid.org.uk/fundraising/harvest-appeal-resources)



4-10 OCT

### WORLD SPACE WEEK

World Space Week has grown into the largest public space event on Earth. In 2017, more than 3,700 events in 80 countries celebrated space exploration and the benefits of space. In 2018 the theme for the week is "Space Unites the World". For some ideas on a space themed night for your Company, take a look at the themed programme in this resource.

Check out [worldspaceweek.org](http://worldspaceweek.org)

### Get Active: Human Pinball

A great game which encourages team work and gets them thinking about shapes and letters.

#### Instructions

1. Get the children to find a space in the room and to curl up into a small ball on the floor. Once everyone is in a space, they must then stay still.
2. Now a leader, or one of the children, can try and get people out. To do this they must throw a soft ball against a wall. After it has hit the wall, anyone the ball touches is out of the game.
3. Continue throwing the ball against the walls & other surfaces, until there is only one person left in.

### Get Active: Fruit Salad

Get the children to sit in a circle on chairs facing inwards. Go around the circle and give each player a fruit name. Choose just 3 or 4 and repeat. Call out a fruit and the players that have been given that name have to swap seats with another player with that fruit name. Call 'fruit salad' and everyone has to swap seats. They are not allowed to move to a seat next to them. Each time a fruit is called, remove one chair. Whoever doesn't have a seat is out.



### Get Creative: Getting to Know You Paper Chains

Get to know your children better by creating these paper chains, made up of all their favourite things – ideal for the start of a new session.

#### Instructions

1. Cut some coloured card into strips. Ensure these strips are big enough to write on and long enough to make into chains. (This could be done beforehand).
2. Ask the children to write onto different strips of card information about themselves. Some examples might be; name, age, family, pets, favourite food, favourite game, favourite film.
3. Once completed, each young person can start making up their paper chain. To do this just loop the card around to form a circle (with the writing on the outside). Fix the loop with either glue, staples or sellotape. Each loop after that, just needs to be fed through the last hoop you made, to make a chain.
4. Finish by letting each person tell the group what they have put on their paper chain.



### Get Active: Alphabet Game

A great game which encourages team work and gets them thinking about shapes and letters.

#### Instructions

1. Split your group into teams with about 4 or 5 members in each team.
2. Call out a letter of the alphabet. Each team then needs to create that letter on the floor using their bodies. Every person in the team must be involved.
3. After a while give them a countdown, after which nobody can move.
4. The team with the best shaped letter, wins a point.

To vary the game, you can also add numbers or shapes for them to create, such as a house, a bus or a person.



### Get Creative: Bauble Decorating

#### Equipment

- Large Baubles (one for each child)
- Glitter
- Christmas Stickers
- Card/Foam
- Glue
- Scissors
- Colouring Pens (suitable for writing on baubles)

#### Instructions

In preparation write the year (i.e '2018') on each of the baubles in large print. Get the children to then write their name above the year (or if required a leader should go around the group and do this) and then decorate using assorted craft materials. The children can then take this home and put on their Christmas tree.





## Theme Ideas



### SPACE NIGHT

With World Space Week taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October, could you hold a themed night which is 'out of this world'?

#### 01 Get Creative - Scratch Art

Purchase some special space themed scratch art shapes from a craft supplier and let the children use their imagination to create works of art. You can purchase scratch art online from [bakerross.co.uk](http://bakerross.co.uk) (approx. £4 for 12). You can also find a range of other ready to go 'space' themed craft activities.



other craft supplies, let the children decorate their hand print to turn them into alien faces.

#### 04 Get Active - Dodge the Comet

Get the children into a line at one end of your meeting space and have leaders with sponge/light plastic balls lined up against the sides of the room. On the whistle, children need to run up and down the room dodging the comets (balls) which are being thrown across the meeting space. Anyone who gets hit by a comet is 'lost in space' and must sit out. The winner is the last person standing.

#### 02 Get Active - Search the Universe

Print out small pictures of different space related items – Planets, stars, comets, rockets etc – and hide them around your hall. You will need a complete set for each team you have playing the game. Split your young people into teams and give them each a list of space items they need to find & collect. The first team to collect all the items on their list are the winners.

#### 03 Get Creative - Alien Hands

##### Equipment:

- Paints (assorted colours)
- Paint brushes
- Paper/Card
- Wiggly Eyes
- Colouring Pens
- Plastic tray/container (for paint, large enough to put hand flat in for each colour)
- Hand washing facilities (bowl of water/towel)



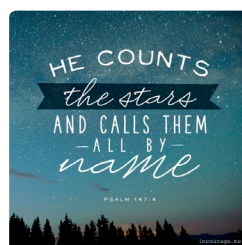
##### Instructions:

1. Take a piece of paper and placing hand flat onto paint (or use sponge/brush to apply paint on to hand), imprint on to piece of paper.
2. Wash and dry hand, before repeating. Encourage each child to do a few prints with different colours.
3. Now using paint brushes, colouring pens and

#### 05 Get into the Bible - Creation

The Universe and everything in it is amazing. Get the children thinking about space and then relate it back to the story of creation. Start off by telling them that there are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth. That's at least a billion trillion! How amazing is that?

The bible tells us that God spent time creating everything that is around us, from all those stars in the sky to all the grains of sand on our beaches. After creating all of that, he then took the time to create you and me. Explore the story of creation with your group.



#### 06 Get Learning - Astronaut Tim Peake

Find out what the children know about Astronauts and help them to learn something about what it means to be an astronaut and go into space.

Tim Peake is a British astronaut who became famous when he spent six months living and working on the International Space Station (ISS) in 2015/16. He was the first British astronaut to board the ISS, a laboratory 400 kilometres from Earth.

Learn more about this brave, adventurous man and access a collection of printable resources at [activityvillage.co.uk/tim-peake](http://activityvillage.co.uk/tim-peake)

## JUNIORS

## RESOURCE

### Great activities & ideas for your section:

#### Programme Planning

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



#### 19 SEPT INTERNATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Ahoy! It's all aboard the Jolly Roger, as you celebrate international 'Talk Like a Pirate Day'. Could you hold an evening full of pirate themed activities, games and challenges? From walking the plank to searching for treasure. You could even get your young people to come dressed as pirates for the evening.



#### 15 - 21 OCT NATIONAL BAKING WEEK

National baking week is all about getting Britain baking. From cupcakes to jam tarts, cookies to muffins – there is lots of treats you can create with your group. Could you make it into a competition or even hold a bake sale and use it as a fundraiser for your Company?

Check out great recipes and ideas at [nationalbakingweek.co.uk](http://nationalbakingweek.co.uk)



#### 15 - 25 NOV ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety event, coordinated annually by Brake, the road safety charity. Road Safety Week aims to inspire thousands of schools, organisations and communities to take action on road safety and promote life-saving messages during the week and beyond. This year's theme is 'Bike Smart' encouraging us all to become more aware of cyclists and motorcyclists.

Check out [roadsafetyweek.org.uk](http://roadsafetyweek.org.uk)

#### Get Creative: Grass Heads

Construct these acrobatic friends, then pose them any way you like.

##### Equipment

- Clear Plastic Cup
- Colouring Pens (suitable for use on plastic)
- Craft items (to decorate)
- Soil
- Grass seed
- Scissors

##### Instructions

1. Give each child a plastic cup and get them to decorate the cup with a face. This can either be done by drawing directly onto the cup, or cutting out

shapes from paper and sticking them onto the cup. Leave the top of the cup clear as this will be where the grass will grow, looking like hair for the head.

2. Once you have decorated the cup, fill it with soil and sprinkle grass seed onto the top of the soil.
3. Let the children take home their grass heads and encourage them to water and look after them over the following few weeks. Set a date in the future for everybody to bring them back in and see how their grass head's hair has grown. Maybe you can have a competition for the longest hair?





## Get Active: Hit the Skittle

### Equipment

- 4 Cones
- 4 Bean bags
- Skittle

### Set Up

Split the children into 4 teams and sit a team in each corner of your meeting space. Place a cone in each corner of your meeting space approx. 2 metres away from the walls. On top of each cone put a bean bag and in the middle of the room, place a skittle.

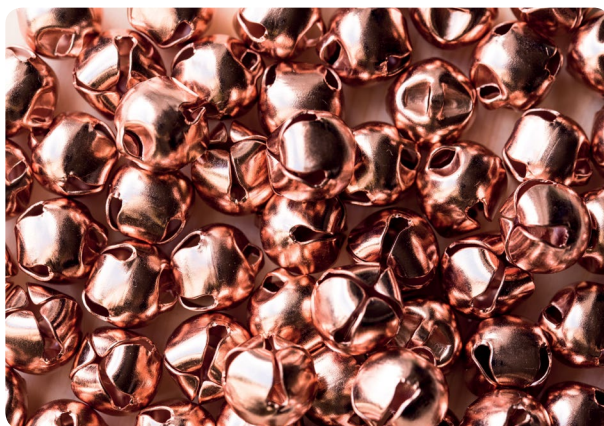
### Instructions

1. Number each player in the team and make sure they are sitting with their backs to the wall, so they do not obstruct players running around.
2. Call out one number at a time, when their number gets called out, the person in each team with that number needs to run around the room in a clockwise direction, outside the cones in the four corners. Once they are back at the cone they started from, they can pick up their bean bag and throw it at the skittle.
3. The first person to knock over the skittle gets a point for their team.
4. If a bean bag is thrown and it misses the target, they can collect it, return to their cone and try again.



## Get Active: Jingle Bell Throw

Try out this game in the lead up to Christmas. Set out a start line and then mark a throwing line approx. 3m away. Approx 2m from the throw line place some plastic cups or other item in a diamond formation (3, 2, 1). Get the children into teams for this relay race and give them each a jingle bell. The first player runs to the throw line and attempts to throw their jingle bell into the cups (or other items used) and then runs back to the team and the next person goes. Go through all members of the team. Points could be awarded for getting the jingle bells into specific cups (i.e. 3 points for front cup, 2 for middle and 1 for back row). Depending on how many Jingle bells you have the teams could go through more than once.



## Get Active: Clap Catch

Great game for developing a range of skills whilst also having lots of fun.

1. To start the game, everyone forms a big circle facing inwards with the leader stood in the middle with a ball.
2. If the leader throws the ball at somebody, then they must clap before they catch it. If they don't, or if they drop the ball, then they are out of the game and must sit down.
3. You can try and get people out by pretending to throw the ball. If someone claps, thinking the ball is coming to them, then they are out of the game.
4. Start by going around the circle once to get everyone warmed up, then start throwing the ball randomly around the circle – trying to catch people out.
5. Make the game harder by playing it quicker, making the circle smaller or getting the children to clap twice before catching.



## Theme Ideas

### GLOW IN THE DARK

Hold a glow in the dark themed night with your section:

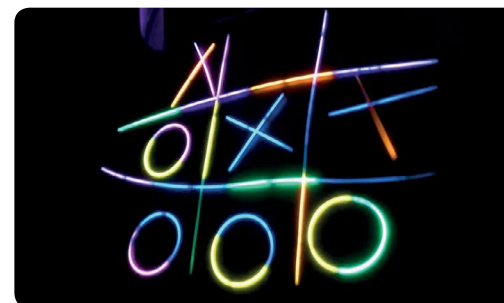
#### 01 Get Creative: Light up your young people

Give the children packs of glowsticks (normally around 15-20 for £1) and get them to create necklaces, bracelets etc for them to wear throughout the night. Not only will this be fun to do, but it will also help to light the room up for the rest of the activities.

#### 02 Get Active: Parachute Games

Transform some of your classic parachute games, by turning off the lights and instead lighting the room up with glowsticks. For parachute games which normally involve balls on top of the parachute, replace these with balloons with glow sticks inside.

#### 03 Get Active: Noughts & Crosses

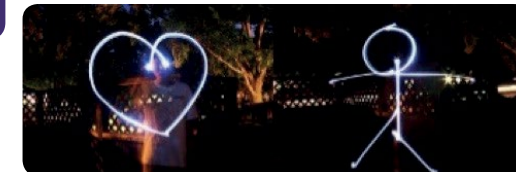


Using thin glowsticks, create a large grid to play noughts and crosses in. You will also need to create 3 small hoops for the noughts and have 3 x 2 lots of glowsticks in order to make the crosses. Give one team the hoops and one team the crosses.

Set the grid up at one end of the room and sit your two teams at the other end of the room. One at a time, a member from each team needs to run across the room, place their nought or cross into the grid and run back to their team. Continue to go through the team players until one teams get three noughts or crosses in a row.

To make the game harder, place some glow in the dark obstacles between the start line and the game grid. These could be hoops to go through or tunnels to crawl through.

#### 03 Get Creative: Light Drawing



For this activity you will need a camera capable of taking slow shutter photos. Give the children a small torch and get them to stand in front of the camera with the torch facing forwards, whilst drawing shapes in the air with their torchlight. The slow shutter camera should then pick up these shapes and produce pictures as below. Setup a screen so that you can show everyone the end results, if you can print them event better.

#### 04 Get Active: Potted Sports



Transform some traditional potted sports challenges with glowsticks and watch the room light up with activity!

**Bowling:** Place glowsticks inside small bottles of water to create 10 pins. With a ball, try and knock over as many as you can.

**Hoop & Chair:** Tape glowsticks onto a large hoop and onto the inside legs of two chairs. From a distance, try and roll the hoop between the gap in the two chairs. Award one point for each successful go.

**Hoopla:** Using a hoopla kit, tape glowsticks onto the target bars and create small hoops out of glowsticks. Throw the hoops onto the bars in order to score points.

**Obstacles:** Set up a small obstacle course, using glow sticks taped onto the obstacles to light it up. Each time the course is completed, a point is awarded to that team.

**Make up your own:** Many of your potted sports challenges can be adapted to a glow in the dark night, just by taping glowsticks to the equipment which you use.

#### 05 Get into the Bible – Let there be light

Each year Scripture Union create some brilliant devotional resources based on light for their 'Light Party' packs. These resources are designed with children in mind and are aimed at bringing the message of Jesus to those who may not have heard it before.

To find a devotional topic suitable for your group, go to [content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resources-activities](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resources-activities)



## Great activities & ideas for your section:

### Programme Planning

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



#### 27 JUL - 2 SEPT NATIONAL FISHING MONTH

National Fishing Month is a celebration of the sport of angling. All over the country qualified coaches give their time to welcome newcomers to this marvellous sport. Events are organised around the UK to show people who have never fished before how to do it. Could your group organise an afternoon fishing at a local fishery?

Find out more at [nationalfishingmonth.com](http://nationalfishingmonth.com)



#### 21 SEPT JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising event for Genetic Disorder UK. Could your Company be involved by wearing jeans for parade night for a donation? Raise awareness of the issues involved with your young people.

Find out more at [jeansforgenesday.org](http://jeansforgenesday.org)



#### 18 OCT ANTI-SLAVERY DAY

Anti-Slavery Day, provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, and encourage government, local authorities, companies, charities and individuals to do what they can to address the problem.

Find out more at [antislaveryday.com](http://antislaveryday.com)



#### 13 - 17 NOV ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers, youth workers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 has been announced as 'Choose Respect'. Discuss the effects of bullying with the young people and look at cyber bullying.

Check out [anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week)

### Get Active: Balloon Stomp

The concept of this game is to burst everyone else's balloon whilst defending your own. Give each young person a balloon and a piece of string about 50cm long, get them to blow up the balloon, tie it off and tie the balloon to their ankle. The balloon must be trailing on the floor with at least 20cm of string between the ankle and the balloon. On the word 'Go!' its everyone for themselves, players can only burst someone else's balloons if they have an intact balloon. Every time a balloon is burst that player is out and

must go and sit down. The last player to be attached to an intact balloon is the winner. If a balloon deflates slowly or comes unattached to an ankle that player is also out.

To speed up the game, when there are less players reduce the playing area. You could also play this game in teams, giving players different coloured balloons to indicate which team they are on.



### Get Creative: Chocolate Cake in a Mug

Make this great cake in a mug, it's quick and easy and tastes great!

#### Equipment

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons melted butter / oil
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla (or peppermint) extract
- 1 tablespoon choc chips
- 1 large mug
- Spoons
- Microwave

#### Instructions

1. Add dry ingredients to the mug and mix well.
2. Crack an egg and add it to your mug and mix it well.
3. Pour in the milk, oil and chocolate chips and mix well.
4. Add the vanilla extract.
5. Put the mug into the microwave for 3 minutes on maximum power (1000watt).
6. Wait until the cake stops rising and sets in the mug.



### Just for fun: 5 Second Rule

A great upfront game where a player has 5 seconds to describe a movie/tv show and another player has to guess. You will need to create some cards in advance with names of movies or tv shows (or anything else you would like to). Ask two players to come up, the idea is that they are going to be working together. One player gets 5 seconds to look at the card and describe what's on the card without saying the title or the film/tv show or naming any fictional/real-life characters/actors. The other player then has a guess to see if they got it right.

This game idea was taken from the Late Night Show, a US TV Show, you could watch a clip from this to start things off, check out [youtu.be/aWycayXgqYg](https://youtu.be/aWycayXgqYg)

### Get Creative: Scrap Heap Challenge

Many of the young people will be familiar with the concept of a Scrap Heap Challenge where teams compete to build a device to deliver specific objectives from the materials provided. The complexity of the task can be adapted to the age and ability of the young people by the range of materials provided.

Some examples could include:

**Build a bridge to cross a gap between two tables.** Test by adding weight until it collapses. You could give them a lot of cardboard and tape, or make it hard by giving them paper and drinking straws, with a very limited amount of tape.

**Build a system to roll a billiard ball down,** with the best score being the one which takes the longest time to reach the floor. (Decide on penalties for any which never reach the floor). You can provide lengths of plastic waste pipe cut in half lengthways, sellotape, plasticine, and a metal-framed table. The table may be used as support.

**Build a system to support one member of the team.** Provide sections of corrugated card from packing boxes, and sticky tape. Cut the boxes up so they can't simply re-create the box. They will probably need tools which can cut the cardboard, so think about safety.

**Make a system to propel a billiard ball and a table-tennis ball** the greatest combined distance on a section of carpet (which slows the balls down effectively). Give them card, rubber bands, and anything else that comes to hand. Options are a ramp, or catapult, and one effective way is to put both balls into one tube and launch it from a ramp. The billiard ball's weight carries the table tennis ball further.

### Getting Into The Bible: The Bible (Abridged)

DJ Galactus Jack journeys through the story of the Bible in just 6 minutes. This YouTube video could be a great discussion starter to use with your young people. You could watch it fully or break the video down and discuss key points afterwards. Galactus Jack (Ben Jack) is an award winning DJ and producer, he is passionate about helping young people think about life, faith and God. Ben currently works for The Message Trust, you can find out more about their mission at [message.org.uk](http://message.org.uk)



Check out [youtube.com/watch?v=t7UvTcu2P6E](https://youtube.com/watch?v=t7UvTcu2P6E)



## Get Learning: The value of Money



The object of this activity is to use currency to get the young people thinking about the value of money and how long people in different countries have to work to earn a given amount.

### 01 - Different currencies

You may have some leftover currencies from trips abroad which can be used or use the internet to print out some notes. It is helpful to have currencies from a range of countries.

24 American Dollars  
2,000 Ugandan Shillings  
50 Hong Kong Dollars  
20 Euro  
5,000 Central African francs (used in Cameroon)

The above are examples and if you have other examples, use them.

Put a £10 note on the table among the notes and ask the young people would they rather have the stated amount of any of the other currencies or the £10 note. Why did they choose certain currencies? They may well be aware of some exchange rates, but unaware of others.

Ask them to place the currencies in increasing order of values; where do you place the £10.

Obviously, this depends on the exchange rate when doing the activity, but at the time of writing the order is as follows:

Currency	Value in Sterling
2,000 Ugandan Shillings	39p
60 HK Dollars	£4.56
5,000 CFA	£6.65
£10 GBP	£10
\$24 USD	£17.18
€20 Euro	£17.45

If you have access to the internet at your meeting place, then the young people can look up the exchange rates themselves.

What do the young people notice? Did they initially choose a currency pile greater than £10? Were they surprised that with the two currencies chosen from developing countries, then thousands of them were needed to equate to £10.

### 02 - Earning a living

The current minimum wage in the UK depends on your age:

Therefore, someone aged under 18 on the minimum wage would need to work for 2hrs 23 minutes to earn £10.

Do your young people think the minimum wage is set at the right level? How much would they expect to receive for an hour's work?

25 and over	£7.83
21 to 24	£7.38
18 to 20	£5.90
Under 18	£4.20
Apprentice	£3.70

### How long do you need to work to earn £10?

Compare the countries you have explored with the currencies. You can usually find minimum or average wages on the internet. Young people could use the information to determine the length of time in each county to earn £10. Calculators allowed!

#### Hong Kong



Minimum wage HK\$30 (£2.77) per hour so you would need to work for **3 hrs 37 minutes**

#### Uganda



The minimum yearly salary is US\$95 (350,000 Ugandan shillings) and it is estimated that 82% of the population earn less than US\$1 per day. Someone earning US\$1 per day would need to work almost **14 days** to earn £10

#### USA



Each State sets its minimum wage. In California it is \$11, in Iowa it is \$7.25. In California it would take **1hr 15 minutes** to earn £10.

#### Cameroon



Minimum wage 36,270 CFA per month (£48.60) so it would take just over **6 days** to earn £10

#### France



Minimum wage 1, 498.5 euros per month.it would take around **1hr 15 mins** to earn £10. The euro is used across the Eurozone containing a wide range of countries.

Country	Time to earn £10
France	1h 15m
USA (California)	1h 15m
UK (Under 18)	2h 23m
Hong Kong	3h 37m
Cameroon	6 Days
Uganda	14 Days

The cost of living will be different in each country, but there are still huge differences.

Get the young people to think about how do these vast discrepancies make them feel? Encourage them to consider how they could respond to this.

## CHALLENGE PLUS

## RESOURCE

### Great activities & ideas for your section:

#### Programme Planning

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



#### 29 SEPT WORLD HEART DAY

World Heart Day is celebrated on 29th September of every year. It is aimed at drawing people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues. Use the day as part of a healthy lifestyle awareness programme and use the interactive resources at [www.worldheartday.org](http://www.worldheartday.org) with your young people.



#### 9-15 OCT NATIONAL CURRY WEEK

Celebrate one of the Nation's favourite dishes by learning to create a mouth-watering curry from scratch.



#### 11 NOV REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we come up to the centenary of the end of World War 1 this November, consider what you could do with your young people to learn about and commemorate this event.



#### 12 - 18 NOV UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

UK Parliament Week aims to inspire interest in parliament, politics and democracy and encourage young people and the public to engage with the UK's democratic system and institutions. Get your Seniors involved and receive free resources by registering at [www.ukparliamentweek.org](http://www.ukparliamentweek.org)

### Get Creative: Chicken and Sweet Potato Curry

Celebrate National Curry Week by creating a curry from scratch.

#### Equipment

- Tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 450g boneless, skinless chicken thigh, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 165g jar Korma paste
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 500g sweet potato, cut into small chunks
- 400g can chopped tomato
- 100g baby spinach
- Basmati rice, to serve
- Frying pan
- Cooking utensils

#### Instructions

1. Heat the oil in a pan, add the onion and cook over a low heat for about 5 mins until softened.
2. Increase the heat slightly, add the chicken pieces and brown.
3. Stir in the curry paste and garlic, cooking for 2 mins before adding 100ml water, the sweet potatoes and chopped tomatoes.
4. Simmer for 20-30 mins until the chicken is cooked through and the sweet potato is tender – add a splash more water if it starts to look dry.
5. Season to taste and add the spinach, removing the pan from the heat and stirring until the spinach has wilted.
6. Serve with basmati rice.





## Get Active: Jingle all the Way



This activity is certainly a challenge, but its also a lot of fun to take part in and to watch – a great game for your Christmas party!

You will need to collect some empty tissue boxes and 12 'Jingle Bells' for each box. You could just go for one box and one player at a time or have enough for multiple players. Take empty tissue boxes and fill them each with an equal number of jingle bells (12 suggested). You could make it more festive by wrapping the tissue box in Christmas paper first. Take out the flimsy plastic covering that makes the slit in order to allow the bells to come out faster. Attach the tissue box to a rope/belt so it can then go around someone's waist. They must shake, jump, and move around to get their jingle bells out. You could time everyone individually, base it on Minute to Win it (see video [youtu.be/F\\_v2D\\_ix5lc](https://youtu.be/F_v2D_ix5lc)) and set a 60 second limit or get players going head to head against each other. Depending on how you do it you could announce the winner based on who had gotten the most out.

## Just for fun: Famous Last Words

A fast-paced word recall game. Set a topic and players must take turns naming one thing that fits the topic. It works best with two people coming up and going head to head whilst the rest of the group watch. The idea is that whoever says the last word at the end of 45 seconds wins. If someone repeats a word, they automatically lose. If someone says something that doesn't count for their topic, they automatically lose. Make sure you are clear on the rules before you begin, offer a prize for the winner

For example, if the topic is "Animals" then each player must take turns naming an animal (they cannot repeat themselves or their opponents). You could try topics like Football Teams, High Street Shops, Sports, Countries. You could also make it more difficult by going through the alphabet, with first player having to both match the topic and with the first letter being an 'A', and then next person doing the same but with the first letter being a 'B', and so on.

## Get Involved: UK Parliament Week 2018 – Register Now!

Registration for UK Parliament Week 2018 is now open. UK Parliament Week will take place on 12 – 18 November. They have 10,000 free UK Parliament Week kits to give away to groups getting involved. Register your Company now so that you get your kit sent out in good time for your programme planning.

What's in the box?

This year, your kit will include:

- A booklet with a wide range of activities for you to use at your event
- A ballot box so you can run your own mock elections, or vote on a debate!
- Bunting so you can decorate in true UK Parliament Week style
- Posters to help you promote your event
- UK Parliament Week pin badges for you to wear so everyone knows you're taking part.
- Your very own UK Parliament Week placard – take pictures with your placard and share on social media to show off your activities!
- And last but not least – a Votes for Women sash, to get you in the Vote 100 spirit!

Register and find out more at [ukparliamentweek.org/partner-event-submission](http://ukparliamentweek.org/partner-event-submission)

## Get Active: Get into Golf

Does your group contain the next Rory McIlroy? Here are a few golf activities to find out.

### Putting

Practise putting at your meeting space. There are special putting machines you can purchase or simply have a plastic cup or can on its side. Carpet is very different to grass, but still useful practice.



You can use obstacles such skittles or cones to create a crazy golf course. The young people could design their own courses and hold a competition.

You can create a 'goal' very simply from cardboard with cut out holes worth different values.

### Driving Range

Take the young people to the local driving range to experience using the full range of clubs. Usually the only cost is the bucket of balls. There may well be golfers among your Church congregation who would be willing to help out and share their skills with the group.



## Unite 2018

From Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May around 250 young people and leaders from across England and Wales came together for Unite at Felden Lodge.

Unite is a weekend camp featuring a semi-structured programme throughout the weekend, primarily aimed at 11 to 18 year olds. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a range of different activities, explore the Christian faith and meet other people from around the region.



Throughout the weekend there were activities including football, archery, hockey, rounders, American football, strong person competitions, a quiz, a campfire and much more. There was even Unite's version of Total Wipeout, where teams took part in a range of challenges including an inflatable assault course, wrecking ball, water games and puzzles!

Evening entertainment included a film, Minute to Win It challenges, a disco (which included a VIP area with mocktails and a photo booth), and Unite's Got Talent, the popular talent show which again featured a number of memorable performances!

There were times of worship where everyone came together in the Marquee (the main venue). The speaker

was Jim Sutton, who is one of the pastors of Balham Baptist Church in south west London. He spoke on the theme "Faith, Hope and Love", based on 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Each group at Unite was part of one of three 'villages': red, blue and yellow, each led by two Village Leaders. The villages competed against each other throughout Unite to earn points for taking part in activities and winning competitions, with the aim of being named the 'best village' during the Unite awards ceremony at the end of the weekend. The winners this year were the blue village, led by Sam Lindridge and Dan Charles of 3<sup>rd</sup> Gateshead. Well done blues!

We're already looking forward to Unite 2019, which will take place from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. For more details as they become available keep an eye on the website and social media!



[www.unitebb.org.uk](http://www.unitebb.org.uk)

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[@unitebb](https://twitter.com/unitebb)

[@unitecamp](https://www.instagram.com/unitecamp)

Comments, photos and videos were posted throughout the weekend using the hashtag [#unitebb](https://twitter.com/unitebb)







## Whitewater Rafting

A group of 40 Company aged young people from 6 Companies in Wales went Whitewater rafting in Cardiff Bay. A nice early spring day was what we hoped for but unfortunately the beast from the east returned and temperatures plummeted, snow began to fall, with leaders and parents nicely tucked up in the café enjoying a cuppa watching the action out on the water. The weather did not get in the way of what was a fantastic morning. Lots of laughter was had as they took on the challenge, it was a great chance for Companies to meet and work together as a team, encouraging each other along the way. After plenty of fun out on the water and a little swim back to land for some of the young people, it was time to head indoors to dry off and warm up.



If you are between 15-25 and would like to get involved in a young leader forum for Wales please get in touch with [gareth.hillier@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:gareth.hillier@boys-brigade.org.uk)

## European Fellowship Easter Course



Five young leaders from across England represented us at the European Fellowship Easter course in Hila, Finland. It was a fantastic and enjoyable opportunity for all with the focus of the week being "Crossing Barriers and Borders in Europe". Time was spent discussing what our Companies do to engage with minority groups.

## Juniors Adventure Weekend

After a successful event in 2017 we will be holding another regional event for Juniors in the form of an Adventure Weekend with exclusive use at Kingswood Staffordshire. The event will take place from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and there is an option of a two night or one-night stay.

The activities on offer will be a broad range of outdoor adventure activities including climbing, abseiling, zip wire, orienteering etc. and will also include a movie night, disco and a bonfire with a time for worship together on the Sunday.

You can stay Friday – Sunday and take part in up to 15 Activities for only £67 or a one night stay Saturday – Sunday taking part in up to 9 Activities for only £39. The price covers all activities, accommodation and meals provided by Kingswood.

For more details and to book your groups place visit [boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors](http://boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors) or email [ewhq@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:ewhq@boys-brigade.org.uk).

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

## Training

We are in the process of reviewing the Brigade Training Officers network. All BTO's have received correspondence in respect of this. A reminder however that a notification is to be sent to Regional HQ prior to the courses taking place. Thereafter details of those leaders who have completed training must be submitted to ensure the correct recording of the same.

## Youth United Consultation Panel

Lee Bird of 1<sup>st</sup> Sittingbourne, from North West Kent has been appointed as a member of the Youth United Consultation panel following applications being received from over 50 young people from across the Uniformed networks. he panel will be looking to help shape the work undertaken by the Youth UTD network made up of the top uniformed youth organisations across the country.

## WHAT'S ON - ENG & WALES

- 15 SEP** Youth Leader Training (Day 1)  
Swansea
- 15 SEP** Holiday Leadership  
Swansea
- 6 OCT** DofE Assessor Accreditation Scheme  
Cannock
- 7 OCT** North Of England District BTO Update  
Bromlee Grange
- 3-4 NOV** Youth Leader Training (Days 1+2)  
Felden Lodge
- 3 NOV** Captains Training  
Felden Lodge
- 18-20 JAN** Queens Badge Competition Course  
Felden Lodge

## Regional Committee

Nominations were received for our new Regional Committee and the following will serve 2018-2020: Mark Acheson, Alan Ayling, Philip Daley, Andrew Pierce, Alan Privett, Gavin Rothwell and Brian Weekes.

We take this opportunity to record our grateful thanks and appreciation to R. Leslie Buttmer, who steps down as Chair of the Regional Committee and who has served us as our Representative on Brigade Executive for 30 years. Philip Daley has been elected to fill the "very large shoes" that Leslie leaves behind.

## Training Director

At our Regional Council meeting in May, Andrew Pierce was elected as our Training Director. Andrew comes from the USA where he was a member of the US Air Force and is now Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> Killeshandra Company in Co. Cavan. He has been a Brigade Training Officer and a member of our Training Committee for a number of years. We wish Andrew our congratulations and look forward to his fresh approach to our training events in the sessions ahead.

## WHAT'S ON - R.O.I



- 5 SEP** Eastern District Leaders' Meeting  
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Ayrfield
- 17 SEP** Midlands District Leaders' Meeting  
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise
- 19 SEP** Northern District Leaders' Meeting  
Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan

**R.O.IRELAND:** ☎ +353 (1) 296 4622 📍 Unit C1 Nutgrove Office Park, Nutgrove Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, Ireland

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## Young Leaders Visit Budapest



A group of young leaders from Scottish companies took part in this year's Young Leaders' Network international excursion to the Hungarian capital, Budapest. During the four-day, three night trip, the group spent time seeing the city's top sights, including St Stephen's Basilica, Buda Castle, Heroes' square and the Chain bridge.

The annual trip offers young leaders the chance to enjoy an international residential experience, learn about new cultures and make connections with other young leaders from across Scotland.

Alisdair Sweeney, 21, of 1<sup>st</sup> Largs company, said:

*"Budapest was a fantastic city with lovely views and amazing experiences. But when it comes to it, the chance to meet new friends is what really counts. The friends that you make on this trip, who all have a major common point in life, is the reason I enjoyed it so much."*

News about next year's international experience will be announced later this year.

## Cumbrae Invasion!

For the second year running, BB Scotland held its national camp on the Isle of Cumbrae on the firth of Clyde. Based at the garrison in the island's capital of Millport, the camp welcomed nearly 90 company section members from 14 companies for the four-day canvas camp in, like last year, beautiful sunshine. Included in the busy programme were beach games, water sports, cycling – and even robot wars! For many, the camp offer their first ever BB residential and canvas camp experience.



## Congratulations Graduates!

Many congratulations to the 2016-17 course which graduated at a special service and ceremony in Airdrie on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The KGVI cadets received their certificates from Superintendent Gavin Russell from Police Scotland, who is a former member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Airdrie company.

Photos from the day can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/KGVIgrad18>

Want to know more about KGVI Youth Leadership? Visit <http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/kgvi.htm>

The 2018 New Entrants' course takes place at Carronvale House, our national training centre in Larbert, Stirlingshire, from 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July.



## Media Skills

Seniors and young leaders have participated in a series of media workshops over the last few months in Livingston, Aberdeen and in Paisley. The creative media opportunities have given participants the chance to develop skills in storytelling, video production, interviewing and social media. Young people will be given the opportunity to put these skill into practice at upcoming national events. A template of the workshop will be shared with battalions and Queen's Badge areas for use at local level.

More information about this is available from Niall Rolland – [niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk)



## Young Leaders Gather in Stirling

Thirty Young BB leaders from across Scotland came together at Stirling University on 25<sup>th</sup> February to share their views and best practice in a move to help shape the future for the organisation. Young people also got the opportunity to share what they would like to see more of within the BB programmes. Participants also took part in workshops, covering first aid, mental health awareness, international opportunities and youth participation.

Emily Bell (18), young leader at 1st Lenzie and member of the BB's Year of Young People advisory group, said:

*"I thought YouthVoice18 was a really useful and worthwhile day. It gave the chance for young people from different companies and places to get to know each other and share ideas."*

A short movie capturing the day is available on our Vimeo channel at [vimeo.com/theboysbrigade](http://vimeo.com/theboysbrigade)



## Guild Partnership

The Boys' Brigade in Scotland is delighted that we will be working with the Church of Scotland Guild as one of their new project partners for 2018 – 2021. The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

## Social Media

Engaging our community also involves using tools like press and social media. Putting out a press release, or posting on the likes of Twitter and Facebook allows you to communicate to a wider audience about the BB programme, events and activities. Remember that social media is interactive and by showing an interest in other organisations, you can start to build useful connections, such as with your elected representatives, or other BB Companies.

Artwork to help you make the most of your Facebook, Twitter or other social media account is available here <http://bit.ly/flickrBBscot> Looking for advice? Contact Niall Rolland at BB Scottish HQ – [niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk)

Don't forget to connect with BB Scotland's social media channels which are detailed below.

## Young athletes excel at Cross-country 2018

BB athletes competed in the Scottish Cross-Country championships in Thomas Shanks Park in Johnstone on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Clinching first place in the Juniors category was Tejay Scott, from Dundee & Angus Battalion. Brodie Aitken (Airdrie, Coatbridge & District) and James Gillon (Wishaw & District) took the Intermediate and Seniors titles respectively. This was the second year running where Brodie and James took home an individual title.

In the team competition, it was a clean sweep for Airdrie, Coatbridge & District which took first place in each of the three competitions. Runners braved near-freezing conditions during the event, which was hosted by Paisley & District battalion.

Official photos from the event are available at <http://bit.ly/bbxc18>



BB Scottish HQ has prepared more detailed information about this exciting new partnership and what it will mean for BB locally.

This is available at [boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/guildpartnership](http://boys-brigade.org.uk/scotland/guildpartnership)

However, questions can also be directed to the team at BB Scottish HQ.

## WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND



18 AUG

**Community Engagement Training**  
Carronvale House

25 - 28 AUG

**Enhancing Your Skills course**  
Carronvale House

31 AUG  
- 2 SEP

**Brigade Conference**  
Edinburgh

15-16 SEP

**Enhancing Your Skills course**  
Carronvale House

12-14 OCT

**SHQ Queen's Badge completion course**  
Carronvale House

You can find out more about getting involved in any of these by emailing [scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk)





## President's Commendation

Matthew Topkul from 1<sup>st</sup> Randalstown received the President's Commendation, presented by Jonathan Gracey Director for NI at 1<sup>st</sup> Randalstown's Annual Display on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The commendation reads: "For the courage he shows and the challenges he faces on a daily basis. Despite a serious racing accident followed by numerous surgeries Matthew shows great bravery and determination and has remained in good form throughout his recovery. Matthew is keen to attend Company night and is held in high esteem amongst his peers at BB who are arranging a fund raising event to assist his recovery. Matthew is a credit to himself and his family and the Brigade is proud to have him as a member."

We wish Matthew well with his ongoing recovery.



## JS Musician of the Year

The Junior Section Musician of the Year was held in Templepatrick Presbyterian Church on Saturday 13 January 2018. It was a great afternoon and the energy and enthusiasm of the boys competing really shone through. A wide variety of instruments were played including wind, brass, strings, piano, voice, and percussion. Congratulations to all who took part.

### Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Luke Kent, 4<sup>th</sup> Portadown (Piano)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stewart Paul, 7<sup>th</sup> Ballymena (Trombone)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Caleb Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Castlecaulfield (Voice)

### Highly Commended:

- Rhys Carson, 4<sup>th</sup> Portadown (Piano)
- Theo Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Cookstown (Drum Kit)



## Anchor Boy Fun & Games

Congratulations to the boys from 1<sup>st</sup> Armagh who won the 2018 Anchor Boy Fun & Games competition, which was held in 1<sup>st</sup> Antrim on Saturday 27 January 2018. Cllr Paul Hamill, Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, attended the event and presented 1<sup>st</sup> Armagh with their shields (above). Congratulations also to 16<sup>th</sup> Newtownabbey who were Runners-up and 1<sup>st</sup> Knocknamuckley who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to all boys and leaders who participated, it was a fantastic morning.

## Northern Ireland District Makes it Home!



Northern Ireland District 'Made their way Home' on a sponsored 35 mile walk from their previous Headquarters Rathmore in Larne to their newly renovated home at the former Newport Primary school in Culcavy, just outside Hillsborough on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.

NI District Vice-President Rev Dr Trevor McCormick and District Trustee Drew Buchanan MBE led a small but mighty band of walkers, some walking all and some walking part of the 35 mile route; making their way from Larne to Carrickfergus, along the Shore Road to Belfast City Centre then out by Lisburn to Culcavy.

The BB Fundraising team led by Trevor McCormick initially set a £400,000 fundraising target for Newport back in 2014. Three years later and after many fundraising initiatives including filling Smarties tubes with 20p coins, a cycle challenge, concerts, dinners etc the final target to clear the building and renovation debt at Newport is now just £7,000; once raised this will conclude the Newport Opening New Doors Appeal. The total amount invested in Newport including purchase is £800,000.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Belfast Company Band led the walkers on a final parade from the nearby Halftown Community Hall to Newport. On arrival at Newport there was a celebration for the completion of the sponsored walk and all that has been achieved at Newport, to convert and equip the former Primary School into the modern office, training, conference and residential centre it is today. Boys of all ages from BB Companies from across NI competed in a 'Just for Laughs' competition outside on the green.

Local band Dynamic Brass played the walkers home through the gates of Newport with a 'Congratulations' fanfare and then entertained invited guests and members of BB during a drinks

reception; followed by the unveiling of the bricks purchased through a fundraising 'Buy a Brick' scheme. The bricks were unveiled by some of the youngest members of the organisation, from 1<sup>st</sup> Hillsborough BB; thereafter there was a free Barbeque for everyone and more live music around the camp fire in the grounds of Newport.



Centre Manager, Alison Irvine said "Last year Northern Ireland District either trained or facilitated the training of over 1200 adults and young men (aged 16 – 18) in leadership skills. The new facilities at Newport include a residential centre accommodating up to 40 in dormitories along with a modern training room and well-equipped catering kitchen. Guests staying so far have included a sports team from Canada in April on a 10 day visit to NI, a BB football team from England and BB Chess teams from England and Scotland visiting to take part in a BB National final, also hosted at Newport. The conference and training spaces are available to hire with a full range of catering options to choose from. Newport has fantastic outdoor spaces too with beautiful grounds, picnic area and on-site parking."

NI District gratefully acknowledges the funding received for all the work carried out at Newport in the last 3 years from the Alpha Programme, Garfield Weston, PEACE IV, The Beatrice Laing Trust, and Ulster Garden Villages along with a technology equipment grant received from the Department for Communities.

## British Empire Medals for NID Executive Members

We congratulate James Emery BEM, Officer in 1<sup>st</sup> Castlederg and Jim Thornberry BEM, former Captain of 1<sup>st</sup> Dungannon and currently Mid-Ulster Battalion President on their inclusion in the 2018 New Year's Honours.

It is very encouraging to learn that their service, commitment and dedication to The Boys' Brigade over many years has been recognised.

## WHAT'S ON - N. IRELAND

- 10 SEP **NID Annual General Meeting**  
Newport
- 25 SEP **Trainers' Conference**  
Newport
- 6 OCT **Anchor Boy Conference**  
Newport
- 17 NOV **Junior Section Conference**  
Newport



# SELF-HARMING: BE AWARE

**A**n increasing number of BB Leaders are contacting BB Headquarters with concerns and questions about how best to support a young person who is self-harming.

It is clearly something that we are becoming more aware of and with the right understanding; BB Leaders are uniquely placed to help young people through this distressing time in their lives.

## WHAT IS SELF-HARM?

More than a third (36%) of 16-25 year-olds in Britain have self-harmed at some point in their lives, according to a new survey. The survey defined self-harm as “when someone intentionally damages or injures their body”. Although we often think of self-harming as cutting or burning it can be anything which causes injury or damage.

**Remember, self-harm isn't a suicide attempt or a cry for attention. However, it can be a way for some people to cope with overwhelming and distressing thoughts or feelings. Self-harm should be taken seriously, whatever the reason behind it.**

Self-harm usually starts as a way to relieve the build-up of pressure from distressing thoughts and feelings. This might give temporary relief from the emotional pain the person is feeling. It's important to know that this relief is only temporary because the underlying reasons still remain. Soon after, feelings of guilt and shame might follow, which can continue the cycle.

## WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON SELF-HARM?

Everyone has different things that cause stress and worry to them. Some people can manage these troubles by talking to friends and family, while others may find these difficulties overwhelming. When we don't express our emotions and talk about the things that make us distressed, angry or upset, the pressure can build up and become unbearable. Some people turn this in on themselves and use their bodies as a way to express the thoughts and feelings they can't say aloud. People often harm themselves when this all gets too much. If a young person self-harms, they might find that when they feel angry, distressed, worried or depressed, they feel the urge to hurt themselves even more.

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## THE SELF-HARM CYCLE





There are many different reasons for self-harming. Some of the reasons that young people report as triggers or reasons that lead them to self-harm include:

- difficulties at home
- arguments or problems with friends
- school pressures
- bullying
- depression
- anxiety
- low self-esteem
- transitions and changes, such as changing schools
- alcohol and drug use.

When a few of these issues come together they can quickly feel overwhelming and become too much for one person to deal with. As one young person said, many people self-harm to "get out the hurt, anger and pain" caused by pressures in their lives. They hurt themselves because they didn't know what else to do and didn't feel like they had any other options.

## HOW CAN A BB LEADER HELP?

Five tips if someone tells you that they are self-harming:

- 1 Don't panic.**  
Learning that someone you know is self-harming can be difficult, and can make you feel upset, confused or even angry. Don't panic if you're not sure how to react – often simply being there is enough. Ask if their parents or carers are aware and encourage them to confide in a trusted adult within the family or at school. If you are worried or unsure what to do, you can phone Karen Jay, the Director of Youth and Children's Work at BB Headquarters.
- 2 Offer to listen**  
Allow the other person to speak without interruption or judgement. For them self-harm may feel like the only way to express very strong and deep-rooted emotions. If someone feels able to open up to you this can be a huge breakthrough, so try not to jump to conclusions or make any fast decisions.
- 3 Help them to find support**  
Take the initiative and find out about mental health and other support services in the area. There are some useful websites listed at the end of this article.
- 4 Be there for them for the long haul**  
Don't expect a quick fix – some people self-harm for years as a way of dealing with difficult emotions or situations. Most people don't want to be defined by their self-harm, so keep on being there as their BB Leader as normal too.
- 5 Look after yourself**  
It can be worrying and overwhelming when first faced with the issue of a young person self-harming. Don't overstep the good youth work boundaries and become too involved, or act alone – talk to your Chaplain, Captain or Church Safeguarding person, or you can talk to Karen Jay at BBHQ.

## AWARENESS IN YOUR BB PROGRAMME

You might want to consider having a discussion with Company staff so that everyone understands the basics from this article. If you feel confident to do so, you could schedule a programme activity for Company or Senior Sections.

You can find resources and support from organisations including Young Minds. You can show this video: <http://mindreel.org.uk/video/self-harm-animated-film-young-people> and then perhaps have a discussion with your young people. Make it clear who they can talk to if they are worried about themselves or a friend.

## WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

The following organisations can offer help and resources on self-harm:

### Self-Harm UK

[selfharm.co.uk](http://selfharm.co.uk)

**selfharm**<sup>UK</sup>

Offers a free confidential online service reaching roughly 200,000 young people per year who are suffering with self-harm. Available to offer recovery support and advice to those struggling with self-harm and be there in times of crisis.

### The Mix

[themix.org.uk](http://themix.org.uk)

**0808 808 4994 (11am to 11pm everyday)**

The Mix is a free, confidential information and support service for under 25s, helping over 2 million young people in the UK each year.

### YoungMinds

[youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk)

**0808 802 5544 (9.30am to 4pm everyday)**

YoungMinds is the UK's leading children's mental health charity committed to improving the mental health and emotional well-being of children and empowering their parents and carers.

### Karen Jay

Director of Youth & Children's Work



**You can contact Karen on**  
[karen.jay@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:karen.jay@boys-brigade.org.uk)

# GDPR IN THE COMPANY

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHANGES TO DATA PROTECTION

**A**s a BB leader you will have access to lots of personal data and it is important that you understand what you need to do to keep it safe.

On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, data protection legislation changed with the introduction of GDPR. The ways in which personal data is collected, used and stored have changed enormously since the UK Data Protection Act was introduced in 1998. GDPR updates the law to reflect the way we live today, to ensure personal information is kept safe.

The purpose of GDPR is to give individuals more control over how data is used and how people are contacted.

GDPR requires all organisations to be transparent about the way they collect personal information (data), what it will be used for, how it might be shared and how long it will be kept for.

## IMPLEMENTING GDPR IN THE BB

The Boys' Brigade is taking a common sense approach to ensuring compliance with the new regulations and we have been working to update our policies and procedures over the last 12 months.

The Boys' Brigade is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) at HQ level and it is not necessary for Companies, Battalions or Districts to register separately with the ICO.

This document will assist Leaders in understanding how GDPR affects the BB Company and what needs to be done locally.

We have introduced a new **Data Protection Policy** and **Privacy (Fair Processing) Notice** which gives clear information about the way we collect, process, store and retain personal data.



You can find these policies and notices along with additional resources and support on our website at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr)



WHAT ACTION DO I NEED TO TAKE?

There are some practical steps BB Leaders need to take locally to ensure data held and processed locally is compliant.

Tick off the boxes below as you complete each step:

Review personal data you hold

Review all personal data held at a Company level and create a list by checking:

- all paper-based records that you might have in your meeting place or at home.
- online storage systems (i.e. Dropbox, Google Drive)
- computer devices/tablets/mobiles that you use
- data storage devices/media (i.e. USB drives, CD's)

Review how you collect, process, store and retain data

Using the 'Data Processing Table' consider:

- how data you currently hold meets the processing requirements set out (i.e. you may currently keep Consent Forms from previous sessions)
- Identify any personal data which is held by the Company which is not detailed by the data processing table. For these you will be required to set out your own basis for lawful processing and document this.

Securely destroy

Take action to securely destroy personal data that does not meet the processing requirements (i.e. securely destroy Consent Forms that relate to previous sessions).

Doing things differently

You may have identified some things that you need to change, and you should take action to ensure that personal data is up to date, necessary and not held for longer than needed.

Ensure all Leaders are aware

It is important that all leaders who handle or have access to personal data are aware of the data processing policies and follow these.

Review Regularly

It is important that this is not seen as a one-off exercise, and that the processes are followed continually and that this checklist is reviewed at least annually.

Date Review completed: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next Review: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Keep this document along with any additional data processes you have identified. If you have any questions/concerns contact BB Headquarters.

We would also recommend that you read through our Frequently Asked Questions which will help you to understand how to apply the policies and processes in your Company setting.

WHAT IS PERSONAL DATA?

Personal data is any information that can be used to identify an individual:

- Name & Address
- Phone Number & Email Address
- Registration Number
- Date of birth
- Photograph

In addition, Sensitive Personal Data is sensitive information about things like a person's ethnicity, health and criminal record.

Looking for more information or advice? Visit the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website at [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk)

DATA LOST OR STOLEN?

If you think that you've lost personal data, it's been stolen or you've shared it in error, this is known as a data breach and legally you must report it to BB Headquarters immediately.

Reporting a Data Breach

Contact our Data Protection Representative at BB Headquarters: [dataprotection@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@boys-brigade.org.uk) 01442 231 681

TOP TIPS AND ADVICE

- Use **BBHQ template forms** which have been designed to collect and provide the right information.
- Maximise the use of **Online Brigade Manager (OBM)**.
- Keep paper-records like completed forms in a **secure place** (i.e. locked cupboard or cabinet).
- Ensure personal data is **kept up to date** (including your own).
- Do NOT download personal data** to a USB/ memory stick or other media.
- Do NOT share personal data** outside of the organisation without consent.
- Destroy/delete information** once no longer required & in line with retention policies.

DATA PROCESSING TABLE

The table below sets out the data processes which are typical in a local BB Company including the period of retention. If your BB Company has additional process not shown below these should be documented separately capturing the same fields for processing. For a full list of data processes see our Privacy Notes at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr.htm)

PROCESS	PROCESS DESCRIPTION	DATA PROCESSED	LAWFUL BASIS	REASON FOR PROCESS	DATA RETENTION
Process which gathers data	Full description of the process	Examples of data being collected for this process which drives the data categorisation	The lawful basis for processing the data	Demonstrate there is a justified reason to collect and process data	How long data is kept and the reason why data is to be retained
Annual Consent Form	Child/Young Person's details are updated by Parent/Guardian	Name, DOB, Address, Telephone Numbers, Email Address, Health/Medical information	Legitimate Interest	Leaders need access to up to date contact details and health/medical details for young people in their care.	Completed paper forms should be retained securely for 12 months or until a new Annual Consent Form is completed by Parent/Guardian. Data inputted from the Consent Form into OBM will be retained until it is updated or the member leaves the organisation. Core personal details will be retained by BB Headquarters on OBM indefinitely for all children and young people (including name, dob, sex and dates started and left the organisation).
Special Activity Consent Form	Child/Young Person's details are updated by Parent/Guardian based on a special event or activity a young person is attending	Name, DOB, Le Address, Telephone Numbers, Email Address, Health/Medical information	Legitimate Interest	Leaders need parental/ guardian permission for them to take part in a specific activity and also need access to up to date contact details and health/ medical details for young people in their care during this specific event/activity.	Completed paper forms should be retained securely for 6 months after the event/ activity has taken place. Data inputted from the Consent Form into OBM will be retained until it is updated or the member leaves the organisation. Core personal details will be retained by BB Headquarters on OBM indefinitely for all children and young people (including name, dob, sex and dates started and left the organisation).
Attendance Register	Recording a Child/Young person's attendance	Name, DOB	Legitimate Interest	Adult Leaders are required to keep a record of the attendance of children/ young people and all adult leaders at all meetings and activities	Records should be retained securely indefinitely, even after a child/young person or adult leader leaves the organisation.
External Event/ Activity Consent Form	A form required by an external event/activity provider, completed by child or young person's Parent/Guardian	Name, DOB, Address, Telephone Numbers, Email Address, Health/Medical information	Legitimate Interest	External event/activity providers may require their own consent or health form to be completed by a child or young person's Parent/Guardian in order to participate in the event/ activity.	The event/activity provider should retain the form for the period of the event/ activity, this should then be destroyed.
Newsletters	Sharing news and information about membership	Name, Address, Email Address	Legitimate Interest	To keep members updated about news and information including sharing opportunities available to them as part of their membership.	Data is kept whilst the individual is a member of the organisation, and is securely destroyed once the member leaves the organisation.
Photos	Photos are taken, stored and used based on consent	Photo	Consent	Photos are taken to record and celebrate activities and events.	Photos are taken based on consent being given at the time.
Donation forms (including Gift Aid declarations)	Records of donations received by members & donors/ supporters	Name, Address, Bank/Payment Details	Legal Obligation	We benefit from donations from members of the public who support our work. We hold personal data about these donors so that we can process donations and inform donors of our work.	Records are retained based on financial requirements for 7 years (after the last donation has been received)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Some FAQ's to assist you in understanding what impact the introduction of GDPR will have on running a local BB Company:

**Q: Does GDPR apply to local BB Companies or can we leave everything to BBHQ?**

**A:** GDPR is not something you can ignore. Local Companies have responsibility for the personal data that you collect and have access to and it is important that you follow BB policies and procedures in handling personal data (including 'sensitive' personal data).

**Q: How is The Boys' Brigade explaining to members what personal data it collects?**

**A:** We have drawn up a "Privacy Notice" (Fair processing notice) which explains what data we collect, how it is used, where it may be stored and how long it is retained.

A copy of the Privacy Notice (Fair Processing Notice) together with the Data Protection Policy can be found on the BB website at:

<http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/dataprotection>.

**Q: Is it still ok to use the existing consent forms or is there a new version I need to be using?**

**A:** As consent forms are generally completed annually, it is fine to use the current form for the remainder of the BB session. A revised version will be launched in readiness for the 2018/19 session.

**Q: How long should I keep consent forms for?**

**A:** The Annual Consent Forms should be kept for the current session and destroyed once the new session's form has been received, or at the beginning of the session if the young person has left the organisation. The Special Activity Consent Form should be retained for six months following the activity and then securely destroyed.

**Q: How do I store paper records such as Consent Forms?**

**A:** Paper records including Consent Forms and Attendance Registers should be stored securely, which means ensuring access is restricted to only those registered BB Leaders that need access to that data. For example, the data should be kept in a locked room, cupboard or drawer only accessible to those individuals you can justify having access.

Best practice is to upload the data collected through the consent form to OBM which provides secure access to data on the move and even offline through OBM Anywhere. The paper records can then be kept securely at home or at your meeting place without the need to take them with you for every event/activity.

Where you do need to have paper-records with you during an activity, make sure that these are not left unattended at any time (they can be stored securely in an accessible location or kept with you at all times) and that all information is up-to-date.

**Q: How do I securely destroy paper records?**

**A:** It is important that data is destroyed in line with the retention period, so for example paper records such as the

Special Activity Consent Form should be stored securely for 6 months following the activity or event and then securely destroyed.

Destroying paper records means either shredding (using an electronic shredding device) or ripping/cutting up the document it so that it could not be put back together and read. It is NOT acceptable to discard whole documents without first destroying them.

**Q: What about deleting electronic records?**

**A:** We are currently developing functionality on Online Brigade Manager (OBM) to manage the automatic deletion of data held for young people and leaders based on the retention periods outlined for these in our 'data processing' table in the Privacy (Fair processing) Notice.

So personal data held on OBM will be processed in accordance with the policies we have set out, but for electronic data held outside of OBM whether on your own computer/device or in the cloud (using systems like Dropbox or Google Docs) you will need to take steps to ensure that data held is deleted in line with retention periods outlined.



**Q: Is Online Brigade Manager (GDPR) compliant?**

**A:** OBM is the Brigade's official membership management system and has been built to manage the needs of the organisation at all levels. OBM assists the organisation in being ready for GDPR by:

- ✓ giving access based on roles with individuals only being given access to data relevant to their role within the organisation.
- ✓ being hosted securely and requiring user credentials (two-factor authentication) to logon with SSL encryption.
- ✓ providing functionality that enables all levels of the organisation to streamline administration, keeping all data in one place, avoiding duplication and helping to keep data up to date.
- ✓ providing functionality to communicate with leaders, parents/carers and members.
- ✓ enabling leaders and parents/carers to view and update their personal data.
- ✓ managing the retention and deletion of personal data, reducing the need for paper-based records which pose a significant risk to data protection.

**Q: Can I still communicate with parents/carers via a WhatsApp group or Facebook page?**

**A:** The answer is yes. With WhatsApp you need to contact the individuals and ask their permission to join the group.

They'll then be able to leave at any time should they wish to. With Facebook/Twitter and other social media platforms the person would need to join (opt-in) to the group/profile anyway so there is no need to get consent for this. When using any social media platform please do not share any personal information.



**Q: What do I do if a parent/carers objects to us collecting, storing or processing data about their child?**

**A:** The information collected on consent forms and the mandatory data collected and inputted into OBM is required as part of membership. Under the lawful basis for processing data we are justified and have a legitimate interest in collecting, processing and storing the data in the ways we have set out in our Privacy (Fair Processing) Notice.

If a parent/carers objects to personal data about their child being collected, processed or stored then they would have to withdraw their child from The Boys' Brigade.

**Q: Do we need to get written permission from parents/carers to communicate by email?**

**A:** Where the communication is linked to a child or young person's membership it is acceptable to communicate with parents/carers by email without additional consent. This includes announcements about the programme you offer and opportunities as part of their membership.

OBM provides functionality which makes it easy to contact parents/carers by email or text message using methods which follow data protection principles including ensuring you are using the most up to date data and that personal data is not shared or stored inappropriately.

When using systems outside of OBM to send emails you should always make sure you blind copy (Bcc) recipients into the email so personal data isn't shared with the whole group. You will need to remember to keep your address book up to date and when a child leaves the organisation you will need to ensure you have a system in place to remove the parents email address from your address book.

**Q: Can I communicate regularly with past members (who are now adults)?**

**A:** If you do this, you must obtain and record their consent. You also will need to ensure contact details are kept up to date and held securely.

The individuals consent is not required to communicate with members of the organisation as we will be using the legitimate interest reason to do this. However, if you communicate with past members or supporters you will require consent to continue to communicate. You will also need to be able to prove consent has been given.

**Q: What should I do about Gift Aid declarations?**

**A:** OBM has the ability to manage Gift Aid declarations for parents/carers, removing the need for you to collect or store paper-based forms. Where you do use a paper-based Gift Aid form you are required to retain and store this form securely as part of your financial records for seven years (after the last donation has been received). After this period as with all paper records the form should be securely destroyed.

**Q: What about taking, storing and using photos?**

**A:** It's all about consent and whether you have consent from a parent/carers. It is important you only take photos of children and young people for which you have consent. Equally you need consent to store and use the photo. If a parent/carers withdraws this consent then you should stop using any photos of that child or young person. Currently photo consent is obtained through the Annual and Special Activity Consent Forms.

Remember good practice in relation to safeguarding when taking, storing and using photos.

**Q: What about our Company archives?**

**A:** Many Companies will have items including paper-based records and photos which are categorised as personal data in their archives. Keeping these items records and celebrates the Company's history and it is reasonable that such items are retained.

Anything which contains personal data including photos should be kept securely and consideration and sensitivity should be given in giving access or displaying this data publicly.

If you do include personal data in your archive, an individual can firstly request copies of any personal information you retain in an archive with an access request (a 'Subject Access Request' should be directed to BB Headquarters). So, you need to ensure that any personal data you have in the archive can be made available on request. Secondly an individual can object to the use of their personal data and in that situation, you may be required to remove/destroy all data relating to the individual.

**Q: What is a data breach?**

**A:** A data breach is an incident or omission that results in a loss, theft, deletion, unauthorised sharing or access to personal data.

**Q: What do I do if I become aware of a data breach?**

**A:** Firstly do what you can to contain the breach, preventing the breach from escalating. Legally you must then report it to BB Headquarters immediately, who will also be able to provide advice on what the next steps are.

## LOOKING FOR MORE ADVICE OR INFORMATION ON GDPR?

The best place to find advice and information is the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website at [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk)





▲ SENIORS AND YOUNG LEADERS AT YOUTH 18 EVENT

## What issues matter to young people?

Last year the Gazette published an article relating to research that showed that many churches struggle to working with young people. The report shared a number of findings, not least that 'Churches lack confidence in addressing the topics young people really care about and want to discuss'.

The Boys' Brigade has a track record of partnering churches to engage young people, but how can we support churches to help them meet the needs of today's young people and also address the issues that matter to them?

At a recent youth-led Seniors and young leaders event in Scotland, 'YouthVoice18', BB young people were consulted on a range of topics and issues – both BB – and non-BB related.

Participants were asked:

- Q What they knew about their rights and how organisations can make sure that their rights are respected?
- Q What are the barriers to growing BB membership?
- Q What's been their best experience or event in BB?
- Q What would they would like to see more of in BB?
- Q If you could change one thing about BB, what would it be?

Young people were also asked what issues they would like to see the BB championing. Here are some of the responses...

- “ Preparing for future:- Interview support, exam preparation and study help...
- “ Letting the church know who we are...
- “ Mental health awareness...
- “ More youth participation...

### CREATIVE CONSULTATION

Rather than adopt a straightforward 'question/answer' style session, the YouthVoice18 event team adopted a creative and interactive approach. Using 'creative consultation' methods in a 'world café' setting (several stations around the room), young people were able to get their ideas and views across.

This worked by groups getting time to focus on each question before moving to the next table. Responses were recorded in a range of ways; from post cards in an envelop to using speech-bubble post-it notes. Facilitators looked after each table to provoke discussion and give everyone the opportunity to speak.

Why not try something similar within your Company, or perhaps at a wider level, such as Battalion or District? These could be very worthwhile experiences and help us listen to the needs of our young people, focussing on the issues which matter to them. You could adopt similar questions to the ones above, or adapt them to your own setting. Importantly, consider how you will be able to act on the views put forward by your young people.

@ Share your experiences and also the feedback from the young people. Email [gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk) or tweet @BBgazette using the hashtag #bbvoice

## News from Global Fellowship

### BB Cameroon – Unfinished Business

I was privileged to meet Pastor Brain Ringnyu, the new National Coordinator of BB Cameroon, at the West Africa Conference held in Ghana last October. A very impressive young man with a real passion for The Boys' Brigade and the extension of the Kingdom amongst the youth of his country, Brain was keen to update me on the work of BB Cameroon. I was particularly interested because of the investment made by members of BB UK & RoI in the **Palm in Palm** Project which supported BB Cameroon's aim of becoming self-sufficient by 2016. Many readers will remember the project organised by the International Team, a group of young leaders from across the Brigade, which ran from 2006 – 2009 and developed the BB farm at Ndu in the north of the country.



There were other micro-finance schemes introduced as part of the initiative such as a motorcycle taxi business and a photocopying office in Bamenda, but the project was named after the palm plantation and the image that BB UK & RoI was holding the hand of BB Cameroon in partnership – placing palm in palm.

Many BB Companies supported the fundraising, buying farm implements, young plants or by contributing to the administrative costs of the organisation. When the project finished and a new international team changed the focus to look at the Caribbean with the 'Behind Tourism' initiative, I was aware that there was more to do in Cameroon and in a sense this was unfinished business.

Recently GF received a grant application from Cameroon to develop oil processing facilities at the farm to maximise the financial return from the plantation. I asked Pastor Brain to summarise how the Oil Mill will help:

Global Fellowship of Christian Youth  
Including the International Network of The Boys' Brigade

*Palm oil is widely consumed in Cameroon and Africa at large. It uses ranges from daily dishes at table for breakfast, lunch break and supper, to industrial processing of soap for cleaning of dresses. Hence, palm oil is always in high demand through the year. An oil mill will help us process our own palm nuts and those of neighbouring farmers to generate income for BB activities in Cameroon. It is estimated that at the beginning it is likely to raise about 100 pounds monthly and more in the years ahead. This sum will factor in the day to day running of the National BB office in Cameroon which solely depends on funding from the Cameroon Baptist Convention Men's and Youth & Students Departments. The Oil Mill will also employ at least two or more BB members who will work on the mill. In the years ahead, we hope to purchase another machine which will grind the palm nuts to kernel cake for animal feed to make maximum use of the farm produce. Above all it will set an example for member companies to follow in generating income and alleviate poverty.*



The cost of the project is around £3,400. Global Fellowship has committed £2,000 and is seeking to raise the remainder from an appeal amongst supporters.

### COULD YOU HELP?

The farm was set up originally by the generosity of BB Companies in the UK and Republic of Ireland and there is now the opportunity to bring the project to conclusion and set BB Cameroon on a sound financial footing going forward. If you are able to help, then cheques made out to 'Global Fellowship' should be sent to Global Fellowship, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0BL.

Should the appeal raise more than the outstanding £1,400 then this will be used to lower the grant element provided by GF. Should the appeal raise more than the total required, then any excess will be diverted to other areas of need.

Thank you for your interest and if you need any further information, don't hesitate to contact me.

**Steve Dickinson**  
[steve@globalfellowship.net](mailto:steve@globalfellowship.net)



# New CEO Appointed

The Global Fellowship is pleased to announce the appointment of Ulrich Piltoft as Chief Executive Officer. Ulrich takes over from Steve Dickinson over the summer period. You can contact Ulrich by email at [ulrich@globalfellowship.net](mailto:ulrich@globalfellowship.net)



# Get in Touch

Are you taking part in any International Opportunities, Courses or Exchanges or would you like to? If you want to know any more information on any International opportunity, would like to invite international participants to your camp or activity or want to make International work part of your programme then please get in contact with Vaughan Staples, Area Lead for International Affairs by emailing [v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk) or call 01442 509 515



# Easter Course Finland

In March, 5 Participants and 1 Planning Team member representing The Boys' Brigade travelled to Kirkkonummi in Finland for this year's Easter Course looking at how to cross Barriers and Borders through Youth Work in Europe.

Some of those who participated have shared their experiences...

"The Easter Course in Finland has been an outstanding experience, for the likes of myself where this was a major step out of my comfort zone, having only been abroad once, and never having boarded a plane, this has been a major experience for me. The course itself was packed full of activities relevant to the theme, including activities about discrimination, how to identify it, how to prevent it and the inclusion of minorities into our respective organisations. The activities were fun and informative, and have given me great insight and how to apply it to my work within The Boys Brigade, as well as giving me new ideas in ways to change and make improvements within my local area. In every way I feel a reinvigorated spirit of commitment towards the Brigade and its members thanks to this course.



# International Opportunity – Next Step 2018

Next Step 2018 taking place in Silkeborg in Denmark from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and is hosted by FDF Denmark. This course is focussed on how to create events and get participants to access national and international opportunities.

Participation open to members aged 18-35. Registration Fee is €75 and includes the course fees, accommodation and all meals. (Travel costs not included however a number of low cost airlines fly directly to Denmark). If you apply before the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 a reduced fee of €50. For more information contact [v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk)

We were not alone; there were participants from Malta, Denmark, Italy, Iceland, Finland, Transylvania and members from Girls' Brigade in Northern Ireland. I have had the greatest privilege to meet these people, feeling a kinship among them, and am thrilled to regard them as dear friends. It was sad to leave at the end of the course. There was also time to explore and experience the local area and country, absorbing its environment and learning its history and culture, we went to the capital; Helsinki for a day, exploring the city and went to the national museum. We were also having a taste of the cuisine, and experiencing their legendary Sauna's. Wholeheartedly, I would recommend this course to anyone, even if you have a momentary consideration or doubts, go for it, I don't regret it, and I can promise that no will."

Ethan Talbot, 1<sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury

"I had an incredible week in Finland as part of the Easter Course and have made lots of friends with other young leaders from all across Europe. All the teaching was engaging and I learnt much about other cultures including different ways of prayer/reflection. We had many laughs and countless memories were made that will stay with me forever. It was one of the best weeks of my life."

Margaret Chang, 7<sup>th</sup> Gloucester

If you are aged 18-25 and would like to take part in Easter Course 2019 then email [v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk) for more details and look out for further information in the next Gazette.



# Global Round-up

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



BB members in New South Wales, Australia came together for a state camp in March. The young people enjoyed a day out at a water park, playing Laser Tag and a range of other activities.



Congratulations to members of 4<sup>th</sup> Johor Bahru Company in Malaysia on achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Johor State Drill Competition.



BB Members in Anguilla, Caribbean come together for a National Parade.



Windsor Park Iconz in Auckland, New Zealand learning to surf in Anchor Bay.



BB members from 2<sup>nd</sup> Kruisfontein in South Africa after a service and parade to celebrate the anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> Hankey's Company.



The Boys' Brigade in Singapore distributed gifts to 42, 296 beneficiaries in the lead up to Christmas as part of its Share-a-Gift project which also celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2017.



## CAMPSITES & RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

### Auchengillan Outdoor Centre

in the Central Scottish Highlands offers camping and modern indoor accommodation. There are many challenging and adventurous activities (on and off-site) and lots of places of interest to visit.

☎ 01360 770256  
@ centre@auchengillan.com  
📧 www.auchengillan.com

### Norfolk / Felden Lodge Campsites

BB canvas campsites (operated by 10<sup>th</sup> Enfield) fully equipped for up to 80 (smaller camps welcome) in West Runton (North Norfolk) and at Felden Lodge, BBHQ (Hertfordshire).

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

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

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

### West Midland District Camping

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

☎ Jamie Copson on 01905 640 084  
@ info@bbcamping.co.uk  
📧 www.bbcamping.co.uk

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

### Contact:

☎ Dettie Quirke on 07582 429929  
@ info@vectisouthcamps.org

**CRAGGAN Outdoor Centre, on the shores of Loch Tay, Perthshire.** A great Centre for camps of all ages, with disabled access, sleeps 29 and is self-catering. Ideal for outdoor and water activities with own canoes and jetty.

☎ 0131 551 1200 ext 20  
@ craggan@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk

### Campsite Morthoe/Woolacombe

Traditional ridge tents /marquee.

New barn housing toilet /shower block and Fully equipped kitchen. Small or large groups.

weekends available Easter, weeks during school holidays.

☎ Clive Gordon 07718 761150  
@ cliveg04@yahoo.co.uk  
📧 www.warcombe.org.uk

**Broadleas, Haytor, Devon** Indoor sleeps 30, 2 staff bedrooms sleep 5. Showers etc. kitchen, dining hall. Camping for 55. Tents provided. Equipped kitchen, dining hall, showers etc. Outdoor pool, large hall.

☎ Diana Dale on 01452 615072  
@ broadleas@boys-brigade.org.uk  
📧 broadleas.boys-brigade.org.uk

**Dyffryn Campsite, Nr Barmouth, Nth Wales.** Fully equipped for up to 60 people, operated by 1<sup>st</sup> Nth Wales Company. Purpose built cookhouse, dining hall, & shower/toilet block, with traditional ridge tents & caravan on site.

☎ 01978 761105  
@ admin@caergwrlebb.org.uk  
📧 www.caergwrlebb.org.uk

### Bromley Battalion Campsite, Whitecliff Bay, IOW

Large & small marquees, ridge tents. Purpose built Cookhouse/QM; Shower & Toilet block (M/F) Mains Gas & Electricity. At competitive prices, catering for up to 120.

☎ Keith Francis on 01474 705485  
@ keithfrancis2606@gmail.com  
📧 www.bbcampsite.co.uk

### Near Blackpool at Kirkham in the Rural Fylde North West District.

Training & Activity Centre provides excellent indoor self-catering accommodation. Centenary Hall 44.

Stedfast Lodge 16 plus a camping field and sports hall (see aerial view).

Wardens, The Boys' Brigade, Carr Lane, Treales, Kirkham, PR4 3SS

☎ 01772 685000  
@ office@bb-northwest.org.uk  
📧 www.bb-northwest.org.uk

### Well Road Centre, Moffat, Scotland.

Fully equipped self-catering for up to 70. 13 bedrooms. Separate shower/toilet areas. 2 meeting rooms, spacious kitchen and dining room. Indoor games hall.

☎ 01683 221040  
@ ben8363@aol.com  
📧 www.wellroadcentre.co.uk

### Greenmoor Residential Centre

S35 7DX. Reopened after extensive refurbishment. Flexible sleeping in 6 rooms for 30 Accessible facilities Lounge Dining Room Kitchen 3 showers toilets washroom games room staff room projection equipment heating 15 minutes M1 and dark peak.

☎ Mark Boswell (bookings) 07760 111615  
☎ Tony Drury-Smith 07930 177764  
📧 Greenmoor Centre

**Abernethy Adventure Centres.** Visit one of our 4 Outdoor Adventure Centres in Scotland with your Battalion/ Company for an activity filled all inclusive weekend. Visit the weekends section of our website for more information.

☎ Karen Edmondson on 01479 818005  
@ marketing@abernethy.org.uk  
📧 www.abernethy.org.uk

Popular BB approved campsite at

**Freshwater, Isle of Wight.** Fully equipped for 60 (approx), canvas tents/marquee, purpose built toilet block, cookhouse. Minimum charge 20 campers (£750). Close to safe sandy beaches and leisure centre. Enquiries contact Jon Tickle.

☎ 07770 795701  
@ freshwatercamping@gmail.com  
📧 www.freshwatertrust.co.uk

**Christian Mountain Centre, North Wales** Can provide residential accom. or just activities for your BB camp. Try anything from archery to climbing,

paddleboarding to gorge walking (a BB favourite). On the coast near Dyffryn Ardudwy.

☎ 01341 241718  
@ office@cmcadventure.org.uk  
📧 www.cmcadventure.org.uk

**Swanage, Dorset.** Church hall available for camps. The accommodation can comfortably sleep 24 people.

☎ 01929 422421  
📧 www.swanagemethodist.org.uk/hallbookings.htm

**Coopers Mead Campsite, Whitecliff Bay, Isle of Wight.** Traditional camping at its very best and at a reasonable cost! Weeks available in 2018 and beyond.

☎ Ted Walliss 01737 352732  
@ edwardwalliss@btinternet.com

**1st Yeovil Campsite, Corfe Castle** Fully equipped for 60 persons 14' x 14' ridge tents plus 70' x 30' Marquee & 30' x 13' Toilet tent all in white canvass. Bookings now for 2019.

☎ 01935 422292  
@ graham.voizey@btinternet.com

**The Albert Wilson Memorial Field, Prestatyn, North Wales** - Two camping areas each with cookhouses/toilets/ shower. One field is suitable for up to 36, and our main field with new refurbished cookhouse for larger groups. Marquee and Tents available.

@ bookings@prestatyncampsite.co.uk  
📧 www.prestatyncampsite.co.uk

**IN THE HEART OF NIDDERDALE.** Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Leeds Battalion Boys Brigade Hostel, Heathfield, Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire, HG3 5PU. Sleeps 26 in 3 dormitories. Large lounge with coal fire. Fully equipped kitchen. Toilets and showers. Lots to do and see in the surrounding area.

☎ 07746569507  
@ carolnormanton@aol.com

Small advertisements copy for Campsites, Residential/Activity Centre's and items wanted or for sale should be sent to **gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk**. Advertisements for the next issue (Spring 2019) should be received by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. All advertisements are based on up to 225 characters (including spaces and punctuation) plus contact details (telephone number, email and website address) at a cost of £10 per issue.

### Peak District – Leslie Johnson Centre

**Warslow** Near to Alton Towers. Fully equipped self catering for up to 31 people. Lounge, dining and games rooms, showers etc. playground & garden. 2 staff bedrooms sleep 7. Open all year.

☎ Kevin Ford on 01782320287  
@ kevingford@yahoo.co.uk  
📧 northstaffs.boys-brigade.org.uk

### Fordell Firs National Activity Centre

Operated by Scouts Scotland, Fordell Firs offers more than 25 activities, including high ropes, climbing and archery on site and is also close to the attractions of Edinburgh. Indoor accommodation or camping.

☎ 01383 412704  
@ warden@fordellfirs.org.uk  
📧 www.scouts.scot/centres/fordellfirs

*The Boys' Brigade takes no responsibility for statements made in any advertisements here or elsewhere in the BB Gazette.*

### Lochgailhead National Activity Centre

Operated by Scouts Scotland, Lochgailhead is a RYA training centre so offers unrivalled opportunities for sailing and water sports, as well as an exciting programme of land activities. Fully catered packages are available.

☎ 01301 703217  
@ info@lochgailhead.org.uk  
📧 www.scouts.scot/centres/lochgailhead

### Meggernie National Activity Centre

Operated by Scouts Scotland, Meggernie offers a stunning, rural setting for walking, nature exploration, expeditions, traditional camping or survival skills. Indoor accommodation is also available.

☎ 01887 866231  
@ warden@meggernie.org.uk  
📧 www.scouts.scot/centres/meggernie





## CHEERING STICKS

11 697 1

Get involved in supporting your team in the 2018 World Cup! Inflatable cheering sticks which make a loud clapping noise when banged together. Supplied in pairs, navy blue printed with the 'adventure begins here' logo



£1.50

## I FILE HANDBOOK

Product: 31 148 1



£4

The I-File Handbook is for the Discover & Challenge Plus programmes (age 11-18 age groups). Contains useful information about BB programmes and awards and includes a section to record progress.

## BB TABLECLOTH

Product: 17 700 1



£54

Blue cloth embroidered with the BB crest. Fully fringed. 152.5cm x 228cm. Different sizes are available – price on application. Customised embroidery also available.

## ANCHORS/JUNIORS WRISTBANDS

Product: 11 533 1 (Anchors)  
Product: 11 534 1 (Juniors)



£1

Tubular wristbands – red with Anchors logo in white and purple with Juniors logo in white

## FIDGET SPINNER

Product: 11 720 1

NOW  
£2



NEW

Our own Boys' Brigade blue spinner

## TEMPO SPORTS BOTTLE

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