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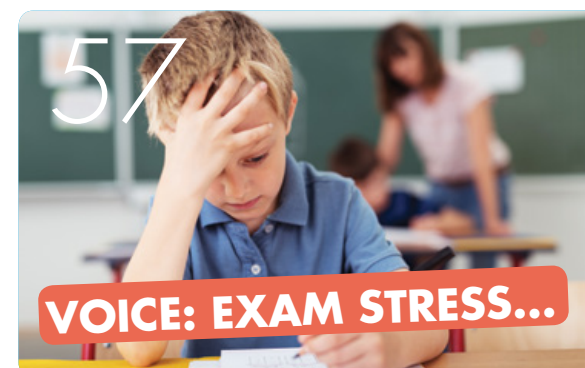
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WELCOME



Bill visiting 2nd Antrim Company in Northern Ireland.

Growth, Quality and Voice... Our journey!

Do you like travelling? I get asked that a lot and thankfully I do! As Director for Scotland I was used to being out and about, but since the start of the year I have certainly clocked up a few more miles. It is an amazing privilege to have this role and I would like to assure you that I will do my upmost to help develop our work across the UK and RoI.

I wonder if you have a favourite method of travel? I enjoy driving and the chance to fly but at the moment I seem to spend a fair amount of time on trains. Perhaps the train is the most efficient way of travelling at the moment? You can do some work, catch up on e-mails but still have some time to enjoy a book or just watch the countryside go by and think about what needs to be done next.



11th Kingston & Merton Company



You can find the Development Plan online at: boys-brigade.org.uk/whoweare/development-plan-2

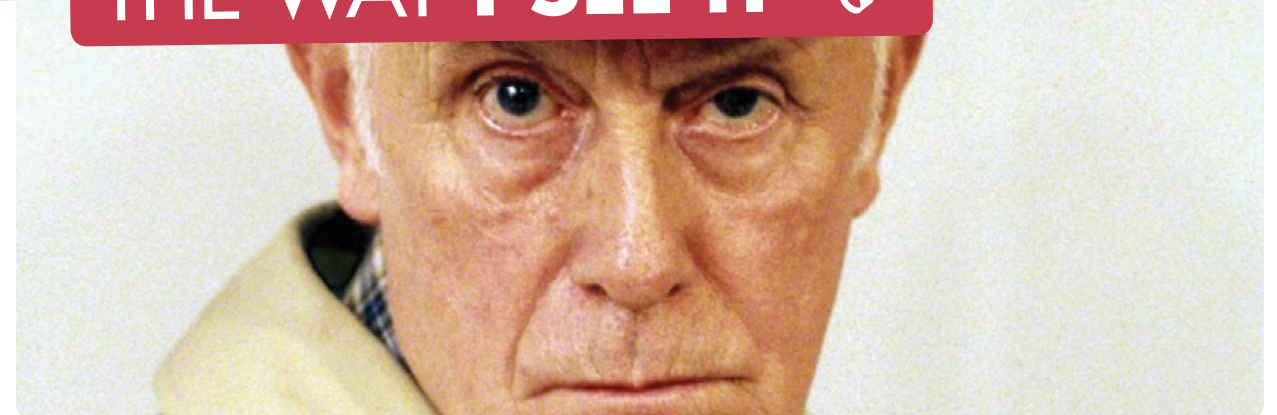
Good communication links have meant that I have already been able to visit a number of Companies and meet with many leaders and young people across the Brigade. It is quite true that we do operate differently in some places but it is also apparent that there is a lot we have in common too. So far, wherever I have visited, we have been trying to recruit more leaders, develop better programmes and try and ensure that we can share the Christian faith in an attractive and relevant way.

The Development plan gives us an excellent route map – if you haven't read it already, do take a moment to read it. I know the Brigade Executive is committed to seeing how we can Grow, improve the Quality of our work and give young people more of a Voice in and outside of the organisation. I have seen many examples of excellent youth work but the reality is that sometimes we could be doing better and most of our Companies have the capacity to welcome more young people. If you have some good ideas or are proud of something that works well in your area, please do let us know so that we can share with others.

Bill Stevenson

Bill Stevenson
Acting Brigade Secretary & CEO

THE WAY I SEE IT



I don't believe it!

Victor Meldrew, a character in the iconic TV series, "One Foot in the Grave," was on to something when he intoned, "I don't believe it." Neither can I believe it. Believe what? That it's almost 40 years since I first darkened the door of 1st Law Boys' Brigade Company.

A wee church hall in a small Lanarkshire village was my first proper experience of the BB. I was a teenager, and had been invited by a school friend to help lead the younger boys. Since I was planning to train as a teacher in High School, it seemed like a good thing for my CV. However, I didn't figure on the BB Captain insisting that I attend church. Since this was a Christian organisation, I had to toe the line. Now, my personal experience of church was not too positive before then, leaving Sunday school at the age of only 8 years, due to disruptive behaviour on my part. And so, I chose (what seemed to me at the time) the lesser of two evils and went along to Youth Fellowship. At least there were girls present – talent – woohooo, win-win! Little did I know that one of those young women (also a BB officer) would help me towards personal faith in Jesus Christ. And, it turned out this was the best decision (other than marrying that same young lady) I ever made. Becoming a Christ-follower got me on the right road in life's journey, gave me purpose, and, ultimately, a sense of clear calling to full-time Christian service.

As a parish minister, it has also been a thrill for me to serve as Chaplain to the 10th Coatbridge and 2nd/4th Motherwell

Companies. I know the real difference that can be made in young lives through the range of activities, fun and fellowship the BB offers. I have witnessed the transformation that can take place in boys and young men through the diligent (and often unseen, but crucial) work of dedicated leaders. I am certain that Sir William Alexander Smith would be very proud of what has become of the organisation he started in Glasgow 133 years ago. But, we need to keep going, persevering with this great work. While many Brigade nights still include some of the traditional elements associated with BB. (and I hope they always will), other parts of the programme are unrecognisable, even in comparison with a decade ago. Wisely, we are always striving to find new ways of engaging effectively with each generation of young people. Events like the "Our Community" campaign are a credit to the BB Companies who get involved in helping others.

So, let me encourage you – keep going. You never know – the next new recruit you welcome into the Anchor, Junior or Company Section, might just have their life turned around, as I did. Together, we can make a lasting difference for good as we serve the LORD through The Boys' Brigade.

Derek Hughes
Chaplain BB in Scotland



Derek Hughes was ordained to full-time ministry within the Church of Scotland in the summer of 1990.

Serving for six years as parish minister in Coatbridge: Townhead Church, he was then inducted almost 20 years ago to the newly united charge of Motherwell: Dalziel St. Andrew's Church. In both these congregations, Derek has felt privileged to serve as a BB Chaplain. Furthermore, he was recently appointed as Chaplain to The Boys' Brigade across Scotland. Married in 1982, Derek and Elizabeth have three grown-up children and two small grandchildren. A fan of Motherwell F.C., regular visits to Fir Park Stadium keep him humble and are good for his prayer life!



IT IS A CHALLENGE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN EXCITING YOUTH PROGRAMMES IN SPARSELY POPULATED RURAL AREAS

#ruralchallenge

Traditionally BB groups meet in the evenings in local churches. However in rural areas, some of these Companies have struggled to remain open due to small numbers of children, lack of funding and sustainable leadership.

The way forward

When The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association agreed to partner with schools and parents in an initiative funded jointly by the Cabinet Office and Youth United, the Rural Challenge project came alive in Yorkshire and Mid/North Wales. That was in March 2015, and now over 200 children aged between 4 and 11 years have access to exciting activities outside of school hours.



Each week these boys and girls can engage in the BB programme, having fun with a range of activities in the areas of Body, Mind, Spirit, Creativity and Community. Eight groups have started up since the launch; Shotton, Ruabon and Brymbo in North Wales as well as Middleton Tyas, Brompton on Swale, Catterick, Scapegoat Hill and Bolton on Swale, in North Yorkshire.

Over 200 children have signed up since the first official group started in October 2015, which is amazing! That explosion of recruitment in just 9 months confirmed the obvious need in these areas.

The project developed its own logo and adapted this for its own uniform, a hoodie, an item which children could easily change into straight after school.

‘Rural Challenge is brilliant! I look forward to it every week. It’s fun and challenging.

Boy, aged 10, North Yorkshire.

‘This is just what my child needs and she is really looking forward to going to Rural Challenge.

Parent, North Yorkshire.

Central to the Community

Rural challenge is rooted in the community and works within schools. When approached for support, the schools have been amazing, providing facilities for an hour before or after school at no cost, and actively encouraging community participation. One Head Teacher even took a leading role to get the group up and running.

I would like to make the school a central hub in this community and this programme would help us start that.

Head Teacher, North Wales

Making it all possible

Although the Rural Challenge project provides employed Children’s Workers directly funded by the Cabinet Office, the groups rely substantially on volunteers recruited from local churches and parents in the community. Incredibly, there are currently 44 volunteers who make this work possible and they are the key to its success! Like all forward thinking initiatives, recruitment is ongoing to ensure the groups are sustainable. One recently recruited volunteer was an ambassador for the National Citizenship Service and after graduating, chose to help his community by investing time into the Rural Challenge project.



'We tried running a club similar to this before and whilst it generated much interest, it was hard to maintain with limited leaders. Rural Challenge provides an opportunity for us to give this another go, but this time with the support from The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association along with Youth United funding, we really can establish something special.

Leader, Yorkshire

Getting about

Some children travel long distances just to get to school, so the chances of these children coming home and travelling again, to be part of a BB group, is reduced. Buses are often organised by the school so children from surrounding villages can attend groups at the end of the day. When this is not possible parents create a rota to pick up and drop off children so no one misses out. For children attending different schools there is an allocated project minibus available to ensure outreach and engagement with children and young people from an even wider area.



This village has been crying out for something like Rural Challenge for years! Our children have had to travel some distance to access clubs like this in the past. I think it will be a great success!

Parent, Scapegoat Hill, West Yorkshire



Supported by the local Church

Each group has its own Chaplain, a minister from a local church. These sponsors aid with recruitment of volunteers but also have the important task of leading devotions and bible story times.

This is a great opportunity to encourage local children to have fun and access the local church facilities in the longer term.

Church Minister, North Yorkshire

What's next

A large part of the success of Rural Challenge is its ability to tap into local resource and involve the wider community. It's good to see these new groups looking for opportunities to give back in simple ways, such as litter picks around their schools. The BB is keen to see the project grow further, expanding into even more schools and reaching a wider geographic area whilst continuing to focus on the sustainability of the project. And the obvious potential to progress and work with the over 11's is always on the horizon. Rural Challenge has a bright future! Please continue to pray for its success and capacity to outreach to young people in rural areas.



Bill Stevenson @billBBHQ

#iwill Excellent social action in North Yorkshire by one of our new BB groups! #boysbrigade



Find out what has been going on:

@Rural Challenge

/RuralChallenge

INFORMED

LATEST NEWS, REPORTS AND UPDATES
FROM BB HEADQUARTERS

Online Brigade Manager is now 'live'

OBM went live on Friday 3rd June and so if you haven't logged on already there's no need to wait any longer.

Over 400 leaders have attended the launch events held across the Brigade, and we had more than 100 leaders join us for live webinars in June. You can find out more about joining in one of the webinars at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/obm

At Company level, OBM delivers quick and easy record keeping, including the ability to record data for young people, an attendance register, badge records and programme activities, communication by email and text, as well as camp/holiday/event management. 'My.BB' the parent/carers portal, revolutionises the way leaders communicate with parents by giving parents the tools to do some of the administration for you.

Battalions and Districts can also access OBM to view data for registered leaders and Companies, communicate by email with leaders and use the reporting framework to get access to statistical information.

FOR ALL Recruitment Campaign 2016-17

One for All is the campaign for the new session with an aim to increase the overall BB membership.

This year the challenge is for each section to grow its membership by at least one additional member. Membership of The Boys' Brigade offers young people so much - the chance to excel in new skills or talents, to explore and to discover new things and the opportunity to come to know Jesus for themselves. One or two new faces can make it easier to offer new activities and improve the programme, as well as being a great encouragement to leaders, the church and the wider community.

Sections which sign-up to the campaign will receive regular updates, including testimonies, advice and additional resources. Whilst the campaign will be focussed between now and the end of October, there will be updates beyond this and into the New Year.

Check out the resources and find out more at : leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/oneforall



Find out more about OBM by checking out the Toolbox article in this issue or go to obm.boys-brigade.org.uk



Join us in Belfast

The Brigade Conference will take place in Belfast from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September and will feature a full programme of activities as well as the Annual General Meeting of The Boys' Brigade. As we look to the future and encourage our Leaders, young and old, to play an increasingly active role in shaping the future of our Movement, we encourage all Battalions to send representation to Belfast.

For more details about the conference including booking accommodation and other activities surrounding the event, please visit the website or contact Northern Ireland HQ on 028 9268 8444 / brigade.conference15@boys-brigade.org.uk

For more details go to boys-brigade.org.uk/nibrigadeconference



NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD ARE OPEN UNTIL END OF AUGUST 2016.

Make a Difference Awards 2016

Celebrating inspirational children and young people

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

We all know children and young people (5 to 19 years old) who make a significant difference in the lives of others. We want to recognize commitment through the Go Make a Difference awards to acknowledge, encourage, reward and most importantly promote the positive achievements of our young people.



Download the nomination form at:
boys-brigade.org.uk/gomad

Brigade Staff Update

An update on recent staff changes across the Brigade:

Youth United Foundation

Funding came to an end on 30th June 2016 and we are very grateful to Emily Atkinson, Sean Clancy, Patricia Farrell, Vicky Flanagan, Mitch Jones, Neil Keighery, Lydia Miller, Vaughan Staples, Natalie Whipday, and Jackie Wilson who have worked on the projects. We are also very grateful to John Myers, Martin Fuller, Jess Wetherhead and Jess Corcoran who have been working on the Rural Challenge project, for which funding comes to an end on 31st July. We wish them all well for the future.

England & Wales

Going forward Natalie Whipday has been appointed as the new Director for England & Wales, as Eric Hudson retires from the role in September 2016. Graham Weston continues as Admin & Support Worker for the Region. To support work across England & Wales Vaughan Staples has been appointed as a Development Worker.

BB Headquarters

Jo Rand retires from the Accounts team at BB Headquarters following 13 years' service. Jan Longhurst moves from England Region to focus on fundraising.

International Junior Section Team Games

There were 184 entries to the competition this session including Companies from New Zealand, Thailand, Ghana, Australia, Denmark, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Well done to 1st Barnet Company (England), winners for 2015/16 session. Details of the 2016/17 games will be available on the website from October 2016.

Find out more at:



leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm

Accounts 2015-2016

The Trustees' Report and Financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2016 for The Boys' Brigade (A Company limited by guarantee) can be viewed online.

A copy of the accounts will be provided in a paper format to delegates attending Brigade Conference (Annual General Meeting). Paper copies can also be sent out on request by contacting BB Headquarters.



Find out more at:
leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/annualaccounts.htm

2017 Calendar Competition

Following the huge response to our Christmas Card Competition last year, we have decided to print a 2017 calendar incorporating drawings or paintings from children and young people across the Brigade. It is intended that 12 collages will be made from the entries, one for each month.

The competition is open to all age groups and the closing date for entries is 3rd October. Please include name, age and Company for each entry.

Entries should be sent to:

Alison Bowlzer
The Boys' Brigade
Felden Lodge
Hemel Hempstead
Herts HP3 0BL



If you have any questions please contact:
alison.bowlzer@boys-brigade.org.uk

President's Commendations

The President's Commendation has recently been awarded to:

Benjamin Thompson – 1st Glendermott



On 18th March 2016, Craig Henderson, Clerk of Session and Inspecting Officer, presented Benjamin Thompson with his President's Commendation. Benjamin, who has Down's Syndrome, has been an ever present member of 1st Glendermott since he was 5 years of age. Whilst a member of Anchors, Benjamin had an assigned helper who supported him to adapt to life outside the family home, amongst a group of young people. Benjamin progressed to Junior Section where less support was needed and he played an active part in proceedings including being part of a very successful figure marching team. Benjamin always arrives early to see the Junior Section Leaders. Benjamin wishes to stay till he is 19 and then hopefully become a helper in Junior Section, which the Company is very glad to facilitate.

Simon Orr – 1st Loughbrickland



On 19th March 2016, John Neil, Honorary Brigade President, presented Simon Orr with the President's Commendation. Simon, who despite being born deaf and living with Autism, enters enthusiastically into every aspect of the Company programme and he progresses steadily in all aspects of his personal development. He has benefitted from the close association and friendship of the other boys and leaders, all of whom hold him in high esteem. Simon's involvement in BB has played an important role in building the outgoing and caring young person he is today, as well as allowing him the opportunity to integrate with his peers and his community.

Joshua Richardson – 1st Over Wyre



On 5th June 2016, Councillor Terry Lees, Mayor of Wyre, presented Joshua Richardson with his President's Commendation. Joshua has a deficiency in chromosome 12 and learning difficulties. Whilst on holiday in the Philippines in 2015, Joshua's family had a serious accident when their car hit a tree. Joshua suffered a severe trauma to his head resulting in a blood clot on the brain and he was in a coma for a week. He was eventually sent by air ambulance to Singapore and after some time flown back to the UK to Manchester's Children's Hospital. Joshua has made a wonderful recovery and is now doing well. He is enjoying taking part in all the normal BB activities, games, crafts and bible stories. He is able to walk, run and his coordination is much better. Josh is always smiling and full of enthusiasm.

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.

Albert Richardson	Chiltern Battalion
Bill Elvish	2nd South Essex
Eoin Watters	Leith & District Battalion VP
Brian Arthur Perry	5th Wigan
Ron Lewis	1st West Middlesex
F W (Bill) Barber	1st Feltham
Edmund Bailey MPS	East Lancashire Battalion
Robert (Bob) Pilborough	1st Church

The Very Reverend Dr Sandy McDonald



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

Your FAQ's Answered

Members of staff provide answers to those questions that we regularly get asked at Headquarters.

If I'm planning a sleep over in the church hall do I need to inform BBHQ?

Jonathan Eales, Business Director at BB Headquarters, provides this answer:

"Yes, all residential activities, regardless of the length should be notified to your Regional Headquarters. We ask that you do this in plenty of time and recommend the following timescales:

1 or 2 nights	2 weeks before
More than 2 Nights	4 weeks before
International visits	3 months before

You can notify your Regional Headquarters via the online form or by downloading the notification form from the website, see leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm



Happy Birthday to Our Patron

On Friday 6th May, Her Majesty The Queen, our Patron, visited Berkhamsted School in Hertfordshire as part of the school's 475th Anniversary celebrations.

During the visit HM Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, The Countess of Verulam received on behalf of The Queen a birthday card from The Boys' Brigade. The card was presented by members of 3rd Hemel Hempstead Company.

The card featured photos of BB members carrying out a range of activities and contained a message of greetings from the Brigade President, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port.

Welcome to our New Companies

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

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
1st Chalvey	Funke Adeyemo	RCCG Praise Embassy, Slough
1st/2nd Didcot	Olivia Tarling	All Saints Church/St Peters Church, Oxon
3rd Methil	Jackie Wilson (temp)	Wellesley Parish Church, Fife, Scotland
1st Mid Calder	Eleanor Blair	Kirk of Calder Church, Mid Calder, Scotland
7th Peterborough	Adewemimo Adeinusi	RCCG City of Grace Peterborough
1st Wootton	Allan Tresidder	Wootton New Life Methodist Church, Beds
1st Duffield	Glynn Bevan	Duffield Baptist Church, Derbyshire
1st Rural Challenge North Wales	Martin Fuller	
1st Rural Challenge Yorkshire	John Myers	

Appointment of Brigade Office Bearers

The following nominations for Brigade Office Bearers have been received, to be appointed at Brigade Council in Belfast:

President: Lord Griffiths of Burry Port
Vice-Presidents: Mr D Aubrey QC
Mr D Blevins
Mr A S Burrow
Treasurer: Mr C Bygrave
Chaplain: The Very Rev Michael Barry

Brigade Council - Annual General Meeting

Notice Is Hereby Given That The Annual General Meeting Of The Boys' Brigade Will Be Held at the Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast BT1 6DW on Saturday 3rd September at 1.30pm to consider and, if deemed fit, to approve the following resolutions, all of which are being proposed as ordinary resolutions.

See the Gazette, Company mailings and website for further details of the Brigade Conference event of which the AGM forms a part.

AGM Agenda

- To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 together with the Reports of the Brigade Executive and Auditors thereon.
- To confirm the annual capitation fee for 2016/17 session as agreed at Brigade Council in Wolverhampton 5th September 2015 and to fix the annual capitation fees for the 2017/18 session as proposed below.

Capitation Fees for 2017/18

The Capitation Fee structure with effect from 1 September 2017 is:

CATEGORY		FEE
Annual Company registration fee		£125
Fee per young person		£14.00
Officer fee	Company Officers	£27.00
	(second officer at the same address)	£22.00
	Battalion & District Officers not on Company roll	£27.00
	Officers in receipt of state retirement pension	£21.00
	Officers in full time education or training	£21.00
Helper Fee		£14.00

The fee in respect of an Associate Member is £27.00
The maximum fee that a Company may pay in respect of young people is £1,650.00

- To appoint the auditors of The Boys' Brigade and authorise the Brigade Executive to fix their remuneration.
- To appoint Brigade Office-bearers for Session 2016/17 as will be proposed by the Brigade Executive.
- Motion in the name of London District:
In Brigade Regulations, Section 3 (The Organisation – Regulations & Procedures), Schedule B (Terms of service for members of National Bodies), After Clause B15, insert,

Trustee time limit

B 16 Where a person who is a Trustee has undertaken any combination of Representative Member, Young People, Co-opted Trustee and/or Brigade Office

Bearer roles in succession, his or her maximum aggregate term of office as a trustee shall be nine years from the date of his or her first appointment as a Trustee as registered at Companies House. Where the nine-year period is exceeded part way through a Brigade Session, he or she shall retire on 31 August thereafter.

B 16.1 Any person who serves the maximum period as a Trustee permitted under these Regulations shall be eligible for re-election as a Trustee (in any role for which he or she is otherwise eligible) following a break in service for a period of at least 12 months. The maximum period of service set down by these Regulations shall also apply to any period of further service following such re-election."

B 17 For the avoidance of doubt, clause B16:B 17.1 shall apply to all periods of service since 1 September 2009. No Trustee who was appointed on or before 1 September 2009 and who has served continuously since then shall be: (a) Required to retire before 31 August 2018, or (b) Permitted to continue in office beyond 31 August 2018.

B 17.2 Shall not override clause B13.2

- To transact any other lawful business

By order of the Brigade Executive

WCF Stead

William C.F. Stevenson - Acting Brigade Secretary
31 March 2016

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 2pm on Thursday 1st September 2016.

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

Registered Office: The Boys' Brigade, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP3 0BL

Registered Company No.: 145122 Registered Charity No.: 305969

NOTE: The notice was intimated to members of the Brigade by email on the 5th May 2016 as provided for in the Articles of Association of The Boys' Brigade (Incorporated).



BB leaders receive Lifetime Achievement Awards

John Forrest, 26th Stirling Company and Stanley McMillan, 1st Scone Company both received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Scottish Youth Worker of the Year Awards.

The 2016 ceremony was held in Glasgow on 10th March. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises long-term commitment and outstanding achievement in the field of youth work.

John, 72, has served as Captain of the 26th Stirling Company, based in the Moncrieff United Free Church, for over 50 years. He continues to take an active role in the weekly programme, often attending three or four events each week. He has led numerous summer camps and has also taken charge of several international experiences to the likes of Belgium, Denmark and the Czech Republic.

Following the award presentation, John said "The BB, and particularly working closely with a good team, has been a significant part of my Church life – and the possibility of making any positive contribution to the lives of boys and young men – is in itself, reward enough. I feel that teamwork is the foundation of the best of what we do, and I look upon this award as a shared honour, possible only because of many other people's efforts."

Stan, 73, who retired as Captain of 1st Scone Company in August this year, has given over 50 years of volunteering to The Boys' Brigade. He has been involved in a number of BB Companies, including Inverness, Glasgow and even in London.

Following the award presentation, Stan remarked "My first reaction to receiving this award was of shock and followed by the thought there must be loads of people out there who are worthier than me to receive this award. The Boys whom I have encountered over all these years have been my greatest reward. Seeing them develop and mature has been wonderful and I hope that I have had some influence on them."



London celebrates Jack Petchey Achievers

Members from across London District came together at Kensington Town Hall for the Annual Jack Petchey Celebration. In 2015, 72 young people from across the District received Achievement Awards with over £14,000 going into Companies to help support events, activities or the purchase of new equipment. In addition to this 4 Leaders' Awards were made to individuals in recognition of their dedication and commitment in their work with young people, they also received a grant for their Company of up to £750.



Portadown Swimming Success

Well done to members of 3rd Portadown Company on winning the Junior Section Northern Ireland Swimming Gala.



Celebrating 50 years in Basingstoke

Members of 3rd Basingstoke celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a celebration weekend including a Company Church Parade.



Her Majesty the Queen's 90th

Over the weekend of 11th – 12th June, the nation came together to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday. There were opportunities for BB members to join in these celebrations, both through official events in London including Trooping the Colour and The Patron's Lunch; as well as local events organised by Companies and Churches.

Over 200 children and young people from across the Brigade headed into Central London on Saturday 11th June for the Trooping of the Colour, joining hundreds of young people from other youth organisations in a special youth enclosure to watch The Birthday Parade.

On Sunday 12th June, 30 members representing the regions attended The Patron's Lunch in The Mall. The representatives including young people and leaders, each collecting their own hamper, enjoyed their lunch with around 10,000 other guests seated in The Mall. HM The Queen along with other members of the Royal family did walkabouts and met guests.



Companies also got involved in celebrating by being creative, making crowns and birthday cards as well as holding tea/street parties...



53rd Manchester BB @53rdBB

Busy night with juniors @theboysbrigade happy birthday to our Patron #Queens90th #boysbrigade #team53rd



133rd London BB @133BB

Worship, Party, Food, Games & Crowns for the #Queenat90 with the Anchors & Juniors last night



35th Liverpool BB @35th_Liverpool

Jam butties, crisps & juice in our Anchors' Street Party to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday #Queenat90



10th Enfield BB @10enfieldbb

Our Anchors enjoyed a special tea party this week to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday!!! #Queenat90



Tewkesbury Clean for the Queen

Members of the 1st Tewkesbury Company got together to clear rubbish from a local cycle path as part of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign. 14 boys accompanied by staff went out with their rubbish sacks and litter pickers.



1st Larbert Juniors Footballing Success

Well done to 1st Larbert Junior Section 5-a-side football teams. The two Company teams started out competing against over 100 Juniors from 9 Companies across the Battalion to attain both 1st and 2nd places.



New Camping Equipment in Falkirk

Members of the 8th Falkirk Company received a cheque for £5,000 from Perfect Home as part of their Community Causes Scheme. The money will be used by the Company to buy new camping equipment to help continue their tradition of canvas camps every summer.



Andrew Baddon @ANobleSmuggler

Interesting visit with @1stGlasgowBB to the First World War trenches reproduced at Pollok Park, Glasgow



1st Tewkesbury BB @1sttewkesburybb

Pancake fun @theboysbrigade with year 6 Juniors making and tasting some delicious versions followed by pancake races

SNAPSHOTS



3RD CARRICKFERGUS LADS PRESENTED WITH PRESIDENTS BADGES



231ST GLASGOW WINS SENIORS 7's FOOTBALL



1ST/2ND MILNGAVIE SPONSORS GAMEATHON FOR WORLD MISSION FUND



1ST CASTLEDERG JOINS IN THE 'CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN' CAMPAIGN



LONDON BUGLE BAND PLAYS AT OLYMPIC PARK



1ST GREENOCK VISITS GLASGOW VELODROME



2nd Wishaw BB @2ndWishawBB

Fantastic singing from the Junior Section at the Back to Church service also an excellent performance from @wanddbb



Narnian Adventure in Portsmouth

Around 50 members of 4th Portsmouth Company, along with 8th Portsmouth GB enjoyed a Chronicles of Narnia activity day and sleepover. Games based around the stories by CS Lewis included 'jousting' with foam sticks, archery, relay races and a visit from the evil white witch, who was pelted with soft balls before being defeated by Aslan the lion. This was followed by the over eights watching 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' before going to bed. Leaders wore themed fancy dress and part of the church building was decorated as the wardrobe, another part as a winter wonderland and the hall as a royal tournament in the land of Narnia. A great time was had by all.



Adapted Bell Lyre for 5th Hull Company Band

Thanks to the generosity of Mayfield Bell Lyres (who are now part of Autism Plus and a Social Enterprise Company) a Bell Lyre has been specially adapted and donated to the 5th Hull Company. The adapted Bell Lyre can now be attached to the wheelchair of one of the members of the Company band so that he can march alongside the rest of the band when taking part in events.



11th Enfield boys raise money for 'Make some Noise'

Anchors & Juniors from 11th Enfield Company took part in a 'Dress Loud' for 'Make Some Noise' event being run by Heart Radio to raise money for small charities in the UK. The boys' subs were donated to the event and the boys and staff all dressed up in bright colours. They also made cakes for their Church Parade and asked the congregation for donations, raising £90.00 towards the appeal.



Stewart Maxwell @captainmaxi
13th Motherwell BB: Our QB guys working in the community garden at Ailsa - part of their volunteering #BoysBrigade



Getting into Rugby in Belfast

Junior and Company Section lads in 99th Belfast Company have been getting into rugby. The boys have really enjoyed learning more about rugby, training and playing Tag Rugby.



5th Carrick BB @5thcarrick
Next stop...Derby! #UKFinals #Super5th



Sport Relief 2016

This year we teamed up with Sport Relief to raise money to help transform people's lives across the UK and the world's poorest communities. Companies across the Brigade took part raising thousands of £'s through sponsored events by walking, running, cycling, rowing and playing sport.



7/16th Motherwell BB @716Motherwell
Now @MotherwellSouth with 9 hours to go of our 12 hours of sports for @sportrelief over £800 now raised! #SportRelief



10th Enfield BB @10enfieldbb
Great night at Juniors with sponsored row across the English Channel raising money for @sportrelief #Team5000



41st Edinburgh BB @41edinBB
Sporty fancy dress at Anchors tonight ahead of Sport Relief tomorrow



10th Mid-Surrey BB @thetenthbb
They have all successfully finished #Team5000



Juniors raise cash for RNLI

2nd Alton Junior Section visited Selsey Lifeboat Station in West Sussex, and presented RNLI with a cheque for £173.93 which they had raised by hosting a "posh" coffee morning in the church.



212 Glasgow BB @212GlasgowBB
24 Anchor Boys from @212GlasgowBB enjoyed a sunny day out at Heads of Ayr Farm Park



Edinburgh Lads raise £15k for Christian Aid

Well done to members of the 31st Edinburgh Company, who have once again taken part in the annual Christian Aid Sponsored Bridge Walk over the Forth Road Bridge. The Company have been taking part in the bridge walk for many years now, and have raised over £15,000 in total for Christian Aid.



Enfield Boys Brigade @enfieldbb
Great evening on Saturday celebrating the fantastic work & dedication of our volunteer leaders in Enfield!!!



Bill Stevenson @billBBHQ
Special night in Aberdeen. Great to have Sir Alex presenting Queen's & President's certificates. #boysbrigade



700 attend London's Life 2 the Max

Nearly 700 BB members from across London and beyond came together in June at Felden Lodge for Life 2 the Max, a bi-annual event for members of the District.

Enjoying a wide range of activities including fun fair rides, inflatables, climbing wall, crafts – just some of what was on offer. Evangelist Adrian Ward, entertained with his magic and shared a message of hope in Jesus.



Walk for Water

For the fourth consecutive year members of 7th Chelmsford took part in a Walk for Water event. They walked six kilometres each carrying six litres of water in a rucksack. They raised between £400-£500 which is split equally between the Walk for Water Challenge and the participating organisation.



400 attend "TurnaBBouT"

In its 10th year, the Falkirk & District Battalion hosted "TurnaBBouT" and this year's theme was "To Boldly Go..." in recognition of the 50th anniversary of 'Star Trek'. It was attended by around 400 BB members from across the Battalion who enjoyed music, magic and entertainment.



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@TheBBEngland

Unite – A great weekend together!

From 3rd to 5th June, young people and leaders from across England and beyond came together at Felden Lodge for the second Unite camp, following the success of the first event in 2015. The weekend provided an opportunity for everyone to enjoy activities together as well as explore their faith.

The weekend began with a special opening ceremony, in true Olympic style to celebrate the 2016 Games in Rio, followed by a time of worship together. Our speaker for the weekend was Mark Greenwood, an evangelist from the Forty Three Trust, and worship was led by James Oxford and his band. Sean Clancy and Gareth Hillier, both BB Development Workers, were on hand to lead sessions with the 15 to 18 year olds.

Throughout the weekend there was a packed programme of activities including inflatables, water games, a camp fire, quizzes, bingo, football, rounders, as well as workshops on drama, street dance, cheerleading and American table football. 'The Base' provided an area to chill out and play some games, and the 'Cornerstone' was home to our fantastic pastoral team who were

there for anyone who wanted to try some arts and crafts, or just wanted a chat. There were also workshops for leaders including programme ideas, international opportunities, a workshop with Mark Greenwood and an afternoon tea.

Saturday evening's entertainment consisted of 'Unite's Got Talent', our very own talent show which included singers, comedians, magicians, dancers and more, followed by a 'lip sync battle' with a variety of memorable performances!

The campsite was divided into three 'villages': red, blue and yellow. The villages competed against each other throughout the weekend to earn points for taking part in activities and winning competitions in a bid to win the coveted 'best village' trophy. It was a very close competition but the blue village just edged their way to victory, led by their village leaders Adam Morris (21st Cardiff) and Anthony Lunt (16th Liverpool).

 Find out more at unitebb.org.uk

We are delighted to announce that the next Unite will take place on **2nd to 4th June 2017** at Felden Lodge. Further information and booking forms will be available in the near future, but for now please put the date in your diaries and keep an eye on the website for more details!

For more information about the event as it happened, check it out on social media:

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Comments, photos and videos were posted throughout the weekend using the hashtag #unitebb

Get Active

In the 2016/17 session the England Regional Committee is launching a new roadshow event across the Region called Get Active. This event will be part of the build up to the new programme material to be released in 2017/18.


The event will consist of a number of competitions and activities designed for both Juniors and Company Section members in teams of 6-8 young people.

We would like Battalions and/or Districts to host the events throughout the session in order to allow Companies close by to attend. The hosting of the event will involve a contribution

towards costs, arranging a venue and some assistance with staffing on the day.

The Region will provide all of the equipment needed and staff to assist in the set up/take down and oversee the day's activities.

This will be a great opportunity to bring together members of your Battalion/District for a fun packed day, different to your normal range of activities and competitions.

 If you are interested in finding more information or hosting one of these days then please contact us on getactive@boys-brigade.org.uk



Development Focus

Development Worker, Natalie Whipday shares on the launch of a new group in Manchester:

The 2nd Clayton Company which launched in October 2015, is partnering, and based at a World Harvest Christian Centre in Clayton, Manchester. WHCC is a Pentecostal Church which was first established in the UK in London in 1994. The Manchester branch was established in 1999. The premises of WHCC in Manchester has been a church building since 1910 and it was renovated by the WHCC Church in 2004.

The Church with the support its Youth Leader, Sheila Ladeji, now Company Captain, is very excited to become part of our organisation. The aim being to branch out within the Community and to build on its already, well established youth congregation.

Six members of the church have become BB leaders and have completed Youth Leader Training as well as a First Aid course. The leaders have also attended a Battalion programme planning afternoon. The launch was very successful with taster sessions pulling in excess of 30 members. The Company has also integrated well within the Manchester Battalion, with Seniors from the Company attending the 12 hour Stay Awake. The Company also entered the Battalion Table Tennis competition walking away winners in their first ever competition!

The leaders are the first to admit that they have found matters challenging at times and surprised at the amount of time required to plan, however they are still very much up for the challenge and the journey ahead. The Company is due to host an official enrolment service for members and most recently has attended the local care home to take cakes and chat to the elderly residents. The Company is looking to the future and working hard to sustain its numbers and recruit from the community.

The Big Night Out

The date for this popular event for 2017 will be **Saturday 20th May** at Lightwater Valley near Ripon, which is a couple of weeks later than normal. Further details will be released in the Autumn but please get the date in your Company diaries now.

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Youth United Foundation Update

Over the last three and a half years the Brigade has received government funding through the Youth United Foundation to assist in the opening of new Companies and latterly to support existing groups in priority areas.

During that time we have started many companies and recruited around 800 volunteers, and 2400 new members (mainly in England but also in the other Regions of the UK).

This funding came to an end on 30th June and we are very grateful to the development workers who have worked on the projects and whose contracts finished on 30th June (31st July for the Rural Challenge project) and we wish them well for the future.

Going forward Natalie Whipday has been appointed as the new Director for England & Wales, as Eric Hudson retires from the role in September 2016. To support work across England & Wales. Vaughan Staples has been appointed as a development worker.



Brigades' British 'Showcase' Marching Band Championships

This year's Brigades' British 'Showcase' Marching Band Championships saw the largest number of bands taking part in recent years. The overall standard from Novice through to Championship level was probably the highest seen for many years. Seventeen bands competed in five different classes for 38 awards and trophies.

The Championships saw a number of newcomers participating for the very first time as well as some regulars competing in both the Traditional and Drum Corps/Showband style categories. It was also encouraging to see several competitors again flying the flag for Scotland.

A professional DVD was recorded at the Championships and details about purchasing a copy along with the full results can be found on the Showcase website: showcasemarchingbands.co.uk

Next year's event will take place on **Saturday 3rd June 2017** at Northwood Stadium, Stoke-on-Trent.

FOCUS NORTHERN IRELAND



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BBNI recognised with Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Northern Ireland District was honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK on 2nd June 2016. The District is one of 193 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year, cited for engaging, encouraging and enabling Boys and Young Men to develop in body, mind, friendship, service and Christian faith.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

The Lord Lieutenant of Co Down presented the award at a celebration event at NI Headquarters, Newport on Monday 20th June.

David Blevins, President of Northern Ireland District said "It is the people, not the buildings or the programme that makes The Boys' Brigade what it is today so we are delighted that our volunteers have been recognised by this award. It is an acknowledgment of the enormous contribution of time and effort they make week by week to enrich the lives of boys and young men in every corner of Northern Ireland."



Newport Fundraising - Every Door Cycle Challenge!

Fundraising for the Newport Open Doors Appeal continued in the 2015/16 session. As part of these efforts each Battalion in the NI District was challenged to gather a team of cyclists to visit the meeting place of every BB Company in their Battalion around Easter 2016. Each NI District BB Company had previously been asked to do one fundraising initiative for Newport for the cyclists to collect on their rounds.

WHAT'S ON - N. IRELAND

23 - 29 JULY

KGVI

3 SEPT

Getty Concert
The Spires, Belfast

9 & 10 SEPT

Getty Concert
The Waterfront hall, Belfast

22 OCT

'Cash on Delivery' 2 Act Comedy
by Killylea Silver Players in Magherafelt High School – Fundraiser by Mid-Ulster Battalion for Newport Opening New Doors Appeal. Contact NIHQ for further details.



Junior Section Musician of the Year

The annual competition for the Junior Section in NID took place on Sat 16th January 2016 in Templepatrick Presbyterian Church Hall. The adjudicator was Mr Drew Vincent. 26 boys took part from 14 Companies. A variety of instruments were played including wind, brass, percussion, piano and voice.

Results:

- 1st Harry Douglas / 1st Ballygowan / Flute**
- 2nd Adam Hunter / 1st Connor / Flute**
- 3rd Reece Doherty / 1st Ballykelly / Bagpipes**
- Oliver Gunning / 1st Muckamore / Guitar/Voice**
- James Wilson / 1st Larne / Drums**

Getty Concerts

Saturday 3rd September 2016

The District is hosting Brigade Conference from 2nd to 4th September 2016. Keith & Kristyn will join us on Saturday 3rd September and are treating us to a musical programme after dinner. This event is being opened up to everyone - tickets are £35 including a four course meal in The Spires, Church House Belfast.

Keith and Kristyn Getty occupy a unique space in the world of music today as preeminent modern hymn writers. "In Christ Alone" (penned by Keith and long-time writing partner, Stuart Townend) holds the #1 position of most-frequently-sung in UK churches for the past 9 consecutive years. It was voted the #2 best-loved hymn of all time in the UK according to a BBC Songs of Praise national survey and among the top 5 hymns of all time by the UK Hymns Society.

The ticket booking form can be downloaded from the leaders section of the NI website or ring Matthew or Wendy in the NIHQ office on 028 9268 8444.



Gold Awards Presentation at Buckingham Palace

On 16th May 2016, eight members from Northern Ireland District attended a once in a life time Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace, London.

The DofE is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary throughout 2016, having supported millions of young people in the UK and across the globe to achieve DofE Awards since it was founded in 1956. The prestigious Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace is one of many memorable events taking place to celebrate 60 years of the Charity.

Members of the Royal Family including HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and TRH The Earl and Countess of Wessex congratulated those that were present including young Gold Award achievers, organisations that deliver the DofE and special guests such as corporate supporters and DofE Diamond Challengers, who have set themselves a personal challenge to raise money for the DofE Charity in its anniversary year.

The following young people from Northern Ireland District were selected to receive their Gold Awards at the Palace on this landmark occasion: James Gibson, 2nd Saintfield BB, Darren Hamill, 1st Broughshane BB and Matthew Cregan, 1st Waringstown BB.

Jonathan Gracey, Director for Northern Ireland District attended this special Gold Award presentation along with key volunteer leaders involved in delivering the Award within BBNI including Jonathan Graham the DofE Manager for BBNI, Tom McCormick, Captain of 1st Saintfield BB, long standing member of the DofE Training Panel and member of the BBNI Outdoor Leadership Team, and Malcolm McFadden Chair of the DofE Expedition Panel. Young leader Charlotte Orr from 1st Hillsborough Company who took part in the DofE Apprentice Leaders' Program was also an invited guest representing the District.

AB Fun & Games

Congratulations to 2nd Annalong who won the Anchor Boys NI District Fun and Games competition held in 1st Antrim Presbyterian on Saturday 30th January 2016.

First Minister Presents Queen's Badges in Northern Ireland



James Miller from 1st Ballykelly interviews First Minister of Northern Ireland Arlene Foster during the ceremony

First Minister Arlene Foster was the special guest at the Annual Queen's Badge Celebration on Friday 13 May 2016 at Wellington Presbyterian Church.

The young people's achievements were marked by a ceremony which also welcomed Rt. Rev Ian McNie, Minister of Trinity of Presbyterian Church in Ballymoney, and current Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, to the celebrations.

First Minister Arlene Foster said: "It makes me immensely proud to present these young people from The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland with their Queen's Badge certificates. The commitment, ability and determination shown by The Boys' Brigade speaks volumes and I commend the path of endeavour and dedication they have chosen to achieve this prestigious Queen's Badge award.

"Through skills training and voluntary work they have shown in a very tangible way what a huge difference they have made to enrich lives and make Northern Ireland a better place. Values such as self-discipline and respect for others are values that will last a lifetime. "I congratulate all 199 recipients on their success and I celebrate their achievements."

David Blevins, President of The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland added:"It is a great encouragement to us in The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland that the First Minister has taken time to attend our annual Queen's Badge Ceremony. Arlene Foster, a former Girl Guide leader herself, has publicly acknowledged the contribution uniformed youth organisations make to our society."



ABC Trail Report

The Anchor Boy ABC Christmas Trail was enjoyed by just over 600 Anchor Boys at the Northern Ireland District Headquarters at Newport, over two Friday evenings and two Saturday afternoons in November and December 2015. Some very excited boys made reindeer food, ate juice and cookies, heard the good news of the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus, sat in the sleigh and of course got a present from Santa! All with the help of some lovely elves!

FOCUS WALES

Development Focus

Development Worker, Gareth Hillier shares on the launch of a new group in South Wales:

1st Tonteg launched in October 2015 with the Junior section age group, giving an opportunity to work with two local Churches to provide for local children. In a very short time the group has grown and now sees a regular attendance of 20 children. None of the children involved have any previous BB involvement and absolutely love being part of it.

Since launching, the Company has been a blessing to the local community and just before Christmas, visited a local nursing home to sing carols and bring Christmas cheer. It is now busy planning other ways to help out in the community. The Company also went on an adventure day to a local centre where the children took part in climbing, high ropes and archery. This was a great day and definitely a highlight of the year for the children and leaders, especially as many of the children conquered fears and challenged themselves to go further than they thought they could.



/theboysbrigadeinwales @BB_Wales

It has been so exciting to see the children learn new skills, make friends, learn about the Bible and lots more. This could not be possible without the fantastic team of leaders who give so much to making 1st Tonteg something the children love being part of. With the success of Junior Section, there well may be additional sections added in the future.

FOCUS SCOTLAND



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First Minister's tribute to volunteering champion

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon hailed the impact that the work The Boys' Brigade in Scotland has on both local communities and young people when she met with Lewis Shillinglaw from the 1st Loanhead Company to present him with this year's Make a Difference Award at the Scottish Parliament. Working for his Queen's badge with the charity Thornton Rose, Riding for the Disabled, he carried out in excess of 220 hours of volunteering. Lewis said: "I started just to do some hours for my Queen's Badge, but enjoyed it so much that I wanted to keep on volunteering. It was a really rewarding thing to do. I am now looking forward to doing my training to become a BB leader." First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: "I was delighted to present Lewis with his trophy and hear more about the excellent work he has done within the community."



Young People Taking the Lead & New CashBack funding

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson MSP, recently paid a visit to Carronvale House. During his time there he met young people who had planned the very successful Strive event for young leaders. Mr Matheson also announced a further £412k of CashBack funding to allow the youth work consortium to continue its programme, including the successful Small Grants Scheme, until 2017.

You can view the short film from 'Strive' at youtu.be/nm5gifiSVuA



Dinner with Moderator

We were delighted that the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs Morrison recently hosted a dinner for senior leaders of the BB and GB in Scotland. Representatives from the Kirk's World Mission and Mission and Discipleship Council also attended. It proved an ideal opportunity to discuss further joint working.



KGVI Graduation

Many congratulations to the KGVI Class 2014/2015 who graduated from the course at a very special ceremony at Kirkton Parish Church in Carluke on Saturday 13th February. 36 young leaders completed the course, and in doing so, have also achieved a qualification, as KGVI is SCQF credit-rated by the SQA at level 7.

Learn more about KGVI and how you can apply for this year's course by visiting scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/kgvi

Scottish Conference

Over 100 BB leaders from across Scotland came together in Bankfoot, Perthshire for the 2016 Conference. Delegates were able to participate in a range of workshops, including worship ideas, Young Leaders' Network and 'Growing your Company'. Other key points of the day involved the launch of BB Curriculum for Excellence guide and also the Battalion Healthcheck.

General Assembly 2016

60 members representing eight battalions formed the guard of honour in front of St Giles' Cathedral for the Lord High Commissioner. In the afternoon, BB young people joined with thousands of others for the 'Heart and Soul' festival in Princes Street Gardens. The festival celebrates the vast life and culture of the Church of Scotland and brings together people, young and old, from every corner of Scotland for an afternoon of music, fun, laughter and faith. Like many ministers, the new Moderator, the Rt Rev Dr Russell Barr, is an ex-member. Dr Barr will visit KGVl over the summer.



Fifteen for 2015

46th Aberdeen received the 'Simon Smith Trophy' at a special presentation at the end of April. The trophy, named in memory of former BB Development worker, was presented to the 46th for winning the 'Fifteen for 2015' challenge. As part of the 15 tasks, the young people tried a new sport, produced an advert to publicise The BB and even make contact with a BB group overseas. The judges were impressed with the effort and imagination shown by the young people of the 46th.

FOCUS R.O.I



Activity Day for ROI District

Over 100 young people took part in an excellent activity day that took place on Saturday, 2nd April 2016 in Wilson's Hospital School, Multifarnham, Co. Westmeath. The day commenced with a very welcome cooked breakfast as many Companies had departed their home town as early as 7:00am.

Following breakfast activities got under way and included a climbing tower, canoeing, swimming, mini-olympics and archery. We extend our grateful thanks to the Bursar and staff at Wilson's Hospital for providing a fun filled action packed day and we look forward to a return visit very soon.



Kilbryde Hike

29 teams from The BB and also Scouts took part in this year's hike and covered and covered a total of 30 miles in the hills of South Lanarkshire and East Ayrshire. Young people were tested by lots of navigation and challenges testing mental, physical and team working skills at each of the 10 checkpoints over the two days.

WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND

30 JULY - 5 AUG

KGVI 2nd Year
Carronvale House

27 - 28 AUG

Enhancing Your Skills
Carronvale House

02 - 03 SEP

Enhancing Your Skills
Carronvale House

03 - 04 SEP

Enhancing Your Skills
Carronvale House

12 OCT

Badminton Basics
Carronvale House

Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

The Safeguarding Policy and Procedures have recently been rewritten, effective from 1st January 2016. Training has commenced in Dublin and Cavan and will continue throughout the Districts during the coming months.

The following leaflets have also been produced and will be available to Companies during August:

- Information leaflet for leaders
- Information leaflet for members
- Information leaflet for parents/guardians

 **View the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures**
leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/roisafetyhandbook.pdf

RESOURCE

GREAT ACTIVITIES & IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Welcome to the Summer 2016 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



British Heart Foundation

You can find lots of free resources for encouraging children and young people of all ages to live a heart healthy lifestyle.

Check out bhf.org.uk/heart-health/children-and-young-people



Max 7

Fantastic biblically faithful resources including videos, scripts, games, stories and more to help you in your ministry with children and young people.

Check out max7.org



UCB Resources

In partnership with OneHope, UCB offers a wide range of free resources that help young people engage with the gospel. With access to printed and digital content there are lots of resources to help support your devotional time across all age groups.


Check out ucb.co.uk/onehoperesources

? The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Dumfries or Dorchester, Enniskillen or Enfield.

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

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

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

🗨 Your Help

RESOURCE is all about sharing what works well for you in your Company with others. Could you contribute a game, craft, devotional or themed night idea for the Autumn 2016 issue? Send it to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

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

Check out the sectional programme ideas >>>

 **28** → Anchors

 **33** → Juniors

 **38** → Discover

 **43** → 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

Celebrate Roald Dahl day by running a theme night based on one of his stories. Download the 'Party Pack' and get access to a range of resources including craft ideas, games and puzzles.

Check out roalddahl.com



4 – 10 OCT WORLD SPACE WEEK

Hold a 'Space' themed week to coincide with Space Week 2016, or could you visit a nearby project/museum or get somebody to come and talk to your group.

Get Creative: Egg Cress Heads



Instructions

1. The egg shells can be halved and kept intact one of two ways – either boil eggs and cut them in half, scooping out the egg, or crack an unboiled egg and remove the egg leaving two halves.
2. Allow the children to draw faces on their egg shell.
3. Glue on the wiggly eyes.
4. Fill the egg shell 2/3 with cotton wool.
5. Sprinkle the seeds over the cotton wool.
6. Set these in the egg carton and water them regularly...watch your seeds grow!

Note:

If using the second option for halving the egg shell please wash the shell to stop contamination of raw food.

Equipment

- ★ Egg shells – in halves
- ★ Cotton Wool
- ★ Wiggly Eyes
- ★ Colouring Pens
- ★ Cress Seeds
- ★ Egg cartons

Get Active: Hot Potato



Get the children sitting down in a circle with one person in the middle, who is blindfolded. A hot potato (bean bag or ball) is passed around the circle from one person to the next until the person in the middle yells out 'Hot Potato' and a number (between 1 and 20). The potato is passed along, with the players counting softly until the chosen number is reached. Then they all yell 'Hot Potato' and whoever has the potato in their hands takes the place of the person in the middle, the game continues.

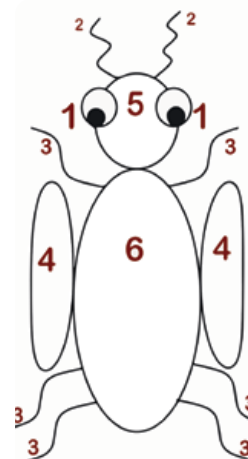
Theme Ideas



Turn your section into an insect wonderland with these programme ideas:

01 Beetle Drive

A Beetle Drive is a game in which the children race to draw a beetle in its different parts. The game is



played with just a pencil, paper and a dice. The part of the beetle which is drawn is decided by a roll of the dice. 6 is for the body, of which there is one. 5 is for the head, of which there is one. 4 is for the tail, of which there is one. 3 is for a leg, of which there are four. 2 is for an antenna, of which there are two. And 1 is for an eye, of which there are two. You need to have a body drawn before adding any parts to it and the head must be drawn before the antenna and eyes. The game is entirely based on random dice rolls, with no skill involved.

02 The Insect Game

Get all the children to sit in a circle on a chair and give them an insect name each (caterpillar, beetle, ant and grasshopper). Repeat the sequence around the circle until every child is labelled with an insect. To check they remember which insect they are, call each one and have the children put up their hands when their insect is called. Next explain that one child in the middle of the circle will call out an insect and those who are that insect must change seats with each other, while the child in the middle has to try and get a seat. Then the child left in the middle calls out another insect. If you call out 'insect garden' everyone moves.

03 Getting into the Bible New Life in Jesus & Butterflies



Using butterflies and caterpillars to explain new life to the children in your group.

One night a man named Nicodemus came to talk to Jesus. As Jesus was talking to him, he said something that Nicodemus didn't understand. He told Nicodemus, "No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Nicodemus was really puzzled by what Jesus said. He just couldn't understand how someone could be born again. Show the children a picture of a butterfly.

As you probably know, the butterfly started out as a fuzzy little caterpillar. Some people may think caterpillars are cute but no one would ever say that they are beautiful. Then one day the caterpillar spins a cocoon about itself and stays there for several weeks. When it comes out, it is no longer a caterpillar, it is now a beautiful butterfly.

God didn't just take a caterpillar and stick some wings on it and paint the wings. When the cocoon opens and the butterfly crawls out, it is a new creation. The caterpillar is gone! It has now become a butterfly. That is a good picture of what Jesus meant when he said we had to be "born again." When we invite Jesus to come into our heart, we become a new creation. God doesn't just clean us up, he makes us into a new person.

04 Pebble Insects



Equipment

- ★ Pebbles
- ★ Paint
- ★ Paint pot / Container
- ★ Paint Brush

Instructions

Give each child a pebble and let them paint the pebbles as their favourite insects.

05 Bug Hunt

Either print out pictures of insects on card or use plastic toy insects and hide them in and around your meeting place. Let your children go on a bug hunt and find all the insects.

If you have an opportunity to go outside to a local park or in your church grounds perhaps you could do a 'real' bug hunt and get the children looking for as many insects as they can, leaders could take cameras and take photos of the bugs they find. There's no need to disturb the bugs or remove them for their habitat, just look and watch and see what they do, perhaps count how many legs or wings they have, what colour they are, etc.

06 Egg Carton Insects



Make these simple bugs using egg cartons, each member of your group can make their own favourite bug.

Equipment

- ★ Egg cartons (cut-up as required)
- ★ Paints / Paint Brushes
- ★ Colouring Pens
- ★ Pipe Cleaners (optional)
- ★ Wiggle Eyes (optional)

Instructions

Simply let each child decide which bug they are going to make and paint or colour the egg carton pieces as required. To finish add legs using pipe cleaners and wiggle eyes.

07 Spot The Insects

Go out into a local space and go on a hunt to spot insects. Give the children a list of minibeasts to find which could include Bee, Spider, Worm, Slug, Ladybird, Beetle, Butterfly, Caterpillar and Ant among others. Alternatively ask the children to do this at home and if possible bring in some photos of the minibeasts that they spotted.

Get Active: Rainbow Game

How it works...

Prepare a collection of cards for all the colours of the rainbow, and put them on the walls around your meeting space. The children then run about and a Leader then calls out an item and the children have to run to the card of that colour, for example, 'grass' they all run to green, 'sunshine' they all run to yellow and so on. The last person to reach that colour is out for one go and gets to call the item, then re-joins the game.

Get Active: People who...

How it works...

Get the children to form a circle. Select a child to stand in the middle of the circle. They call out "Change places, people who..." and fills in the blank. Suggestions could including 'like watching TV', 'love playing football', 'love coming to Anchors'. Now anyone that falls into that category must change places with another person in the circle whom the statement also applies to. The person in the middle of the circle must try to find an empty space. The child left in the middle makes the next statement.

Get Active: Numbers Corners

How it works...

Get all the children running around your meeting space and on the whistle they go to a corner. A leader then numbers the corners 1 to 4, numbering the corners differently each time. Another leader who has not been looking at who's in which corners and does not know the numbering then shouts a number between 1 and 4. All those in that corner are out of the game and come and sit at the side. The game continues until there is a winner. When there are less players, add rules to say no more than 1/2/3 players in a corner etc. A twist to the game is that if the leader calls a number and there is nobody in that corner, everybody is back in the game.



Shared by
16th Liverpool Company



Get Creative: Potato Man Vegetable Modelling



A fun craft which could be part of your Harvest celebrations.

Instructions

Using a potato as the body, use cocktail sticks (they may need to be cut down) to attach other vegetables to form the features of a person. Let the children be really creative. Ensure close supervision as cocktail sticks are sharp and some children may need help cutting vegetables.

Equipment

- ★ Potatoes
- ★ Assortment of vegetables (carrots, broccoli, sprouts, etc)
- ★ Cocktail sticks
- ★ Plastic knives (to cut vegetables)

Get Active: Running memory game

How it works...

Test the children's memories and get them running around with this great game.

Before being able to play this game you need to gather up a variety of objects (i.e. pen, badge, cup, hat, scarf, etc), and you need two of each. Setup a table at each end of your meeting place and get the children into pairs facing each other sitting in two long lines, and number the pairs. Divide the objects into two groups but keep the pairs (two of each) together. Place one group of objects on to each table. Go through the objects so everyone knows where they are. Now call out the number of one of the pairs and one of the items (eg Three – Hat). The children get up and run to the table where the item is, pick it up, run to the other table and put it down and return to their space. The first player to do this is the winner.

Keep the scores if you want to make it a competition. After a few rounds, all the items will have moved location and it will become more difficult to remember where they are.



Get Active: 1 Knee, 2 Knee



Ask the children to stand in a circle and have a leader stand in the centre with a ball. The leader throws the ball to the children and they should catch and throw the ball back to the leader, who will then throw it to a different child. If a child doesn't catch the ball then they should go down on 1 Knee and continue playing the game while on 1 Knee. If they catch the ball on their next go they can stand up again, but if they miss the ball while on 1 Knee they should go down onto 2 Knees. If a child catches the ball while on 2 Knees they move to 1 Knee and so on, however, if they miss the ball on 2 Knees they are out of the game.



Shared by
Jodie Milligan, 1st Drumcree

? The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following... "What do you find works well with your section in terms of an official opening or start to your meeting?"

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



"I find that starting with a 'news' section is a good way to go. The boys seem to love taking turns to tell everyone about exciting things they did over the previous week, or things they have coming up. It also helps them calm down a little following the running around that generally ensues upon immediate arrival. I follow this up with a Bible story, and the Anchor Boys' prayer. Then it's on to that week's chosen games and crafts for the remainder of the hour."

Alistair Haw, 278th Glasgow



"We have a game while the Boys arrive - such as Duck, Duck, Goose - which can start small and grow as more arrive. Then we have our formal opening when the Boys get into their Squads."

John Ferguson,
1st Loughaghery



"As the boys arrive we have an activity for them to play e.g. Football, basketball shooting, swing ball. A quieter activity such as Lego, brio train set is also available. This allows all the boys to arrive and play together. We then go into our opening, usually consisting of a bible story, announcements for the week and a prayer, where the boys are asked if there is anything they wish to pray for."

Nicola Roche, 5th Manchester



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

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

JUNIORS RESOURCE

Great activities & ideas for your section:

Programme Planning

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



END SEPT Harvest Festival

A time to give thanks for the crops that have been grown and to celebrate the end of the season. Could you get involved with your Church's Harvest service, do a collage or help collect foods to share with those in need in your community? Speak to your Minister about how the children could get involved. You could also link into Water Aid's Harvest Appeal for 2016 'Recipe for Life'.

Check out wateraid.org/harvest



SEPT - OCT Conkers

During the months of September and October, a favourite pastime has been the game of conkers. It is a game which has been played every autumn for generations but these days fewer children are playing it. Why not revive this pastime by going out and collecting conkers, and holding your own conker tournament with your section. Did you know the World Conker Championships is held on the 2nd Sunday in October in a village in Northamptonshire?



OCT Wear Dots for RNIB

Get your group involved and combine learning, creativity and fun!

By taking part and fundraising you will be making a massive difference and helping RNIB to get everyone on the same page, and open up the world of reading for blind and partially sighted people. Register your group today and receive your free pack filled with activity ideas and tips to start planning your event/activity.

Check out www.rnib.org.uk/dotsbb

Get Creative



You will need:

Equipment:

- ★ Wooden Clothes pegs
- ★ Lolly pop sticks or coloured craft sticks different sizes are useful
- ★ Glue
- ★ Scissors

Instructions

1. Drop a dab of glue on the top of a clothes peg.

2. Place an ice-cream stick on top of the glue to create a top wing; press together firmly.

3. Place another dab of glue on the bottom side of the clothes peg under and parallel to the first. Place another ice cream stick on glue to create bottom wing.

4. Place a dab of glue on the tail and glue a smaller ice cream stick for the tail.

5. You may wish to paint the plane once all in place.

Theme Ideas



With the Olympics taking place this summer in Rio, why not try out some of these Olympic themed ideas with your group whilst at camp or when you start back next session.

01 GET LEARNING – Olympic Flag Quiz

With as many as 200 countries competing in the Olympics, why not print out images of flags for some of the competing nations and see if the children know which country is which? If the children do not get it straight away you could give some facts about the nation to help them along. You could run this over a number of weeks and see how many countries you can cover, and encourage them to go home and do some research.

2. Insert the tube into the hole in the paper cup. Push it up until it's almost flush with the lip.

3. Wrap tin foil around the entire paper tube and cup. Don't worry too much about the inside of the cup, it will be covered up.

4. Cut strips of flame coloured tissue paper and glue them inside the paper tube, and inside the cup.

Now you are ready for your very own Olympic Torch relay.

02 GET CREATIVE – Make Olympic Torch



You will need

- ★ Paper or Styrofoam cup
- ★ Kitchen roll tube
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Tin foil
- ★ Yellow, red and orange tissue
- ★ Glue

Instructions

1. Trace around the kitchen roll tube on to the bottom of the cup. Cut out the circle.

03 GET ACTIVE – Crazy Olympics

Equipment

- ★ Bucket
- ★ Balls (small & large)
- ★ Beach Ball
- ★ Hoops
- ★ Frizbees
- ★ Net
- ★ Cones
- ★ Marbles
- ★ Or any other items you can come up with.

Instructions

Split the children into teams and give each team a number of items (2-4), each team could have different items, or the same. This activity is all about being creative and creating a new Olympic event for you to try. Give them 5 minutes to make up their own game using each item in one form or another. Continue on to run each game, with each team taking part in your own 'Crazy Olympics'. Have some medals at the ready for the winning team.

04 GET OUT & ABOUT – Mini Olympics

Get out in your local open space and hold your own mini Olympics, an ideal opportunity to get parents and families involved. You may choose to keep it traditional with good old-fashioned events like 'egg and spoon' race, 'sack' race etc. or why not think of some alternative ones to mix it up?

05 GET LEARNING : Online Resources

Activity Village has some fantastic resources including word searches, colouring sheets, craft ideas and more based on the Olympic Games. Being held in Rio, Brazil, it is also a great opportunity to learn something more about the host country and there are also resources online to help cover this.



Check out
activityvillage.co.uk/olympic-games

06 GET ACTIVE – Balloon Pop Race

This game could form part of a 'Mini Olympics' you hold in your meeting place. Simply split the group into even teams and place a chair at the other end of the room, opposite each team. Once ready, one player from each team races towards the chair where a balloon is placed in a hoop and jump on it to burst the balloon without using their hands. Once the balloon has been burst, the player runs back to tag the next player in their team. The winning team is the first team to complete the race.



07 GETTING INTO THE BIBLE

Have you ever run a race? Have you ever won a medal or a trophy for running a race? It is a thrill to run a race and hear the voices of the people who are watching as they shout words of encouragement. It is an even greater thrill when you finish the race and win a medal or a trophy.

When we think about the Olympics we think about winners, those people who have trained for years, made sacrifices and go on to win a medal. How does someone get to that podium, to be a winner? (e.g. commitment, hardwork, etc). Ask the group what are they good at? Explain that we all have things we are good at and they are all different things.

Read: 1 Corinthians 9:24 -27

This Bible reading teaches us that we should live our lives as if we are going to get a prize at the end. We do this by always following God's commands for our lives and trying to stay as close to him as possible.

Get Creative - Bird Feeder



Transform old eggs boxes into bird feeders for the children to take home and place in their garden.

You will need:

Equipment:

- ★ Egg cartons
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Sharp pencil
- ★ String
- ★ Paints or Colourings pens (to decorate)
- ★ Glue
- ★ Bird Seed

Instructions

1. Cut off the top of the egg carton and punch a hole in the four corners using a sharp pencil.

2. Cut two pieces of string about 30cm long.

3. Thread the string through holes diagonally and tie ends into knots over corners.

4. Decorate the bird feeder using paints or colouring pens, or stick some twigs, leaves etc to make it look more natural.

5. When the children take their bird feeder home, they should hang it up in their garden in a sheltered location.

6. Encourage the children to keep an eye out for the birds feeding from it, they could perhaps keep a diary or take a photo and share with the rest of the group next week.

Getting Into The Bible: Filled with God's Love

You will need a supply of M&M's (the chocolate ones) for this object lesson. Ask the children if they like chocolate, you should get a positive response. Next show them the chocolate you have purchased, and ask them how we are all similar to M&M's and see what they come up with.

Explain that just as M&M's, we are all different on the outside, the sweets have their different colours, we have different colour hair and other characteristics to each other too. God has created us each unique and different.

Like an M&M, although we may all look different, we are all created to be filled. M&M's are **filled with chocolate - yum!** We are made to be **filled with God's love - even better!** Without the chocolate an M&M is just a fragile shell with really no taste. Even so, we, without God's love, are fragile and empty too.

 **Read 1 John 4: 9-16**

To finish, say that because of how M&M's are made, they are easily shared with others. God's love is made to be shared too, through sharing the Gospel - the Good News of Jesus Christ!



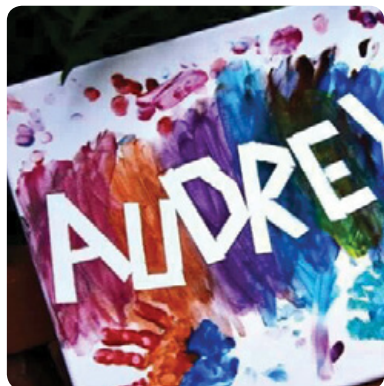
Get Active: Handball

How it works...

Setup a goal at either end of your meeting place and get the children into two teams for this game. Using a sponge or lightweight plastic ball, start the game by dropping the ball between two players – one from each team. The teams try to score by hitting, punching or patting the ball into the goal. They must keep one hand behind their back at all times (although can change hands) and cannot hold, throw or kick the ball.



Get Creative - Tape Art



Instructions

1. On the white paper or card, you could go A3 or A4, ask the children to use the tape to spell out their name.
2. Using the paints make sure they cover the complete area around the tape.
3. Once finished painting, pull the tape off to reveal the name.
4. They could then be laminated and used as a place mat or to put on their bedroom door.

You will need:

Equipment:

- ★ White Paper/Card
- ★ Paints & Paintbrushes
- ★ Tape

Get Active: Chair Football

How it works...

This game is like football, but everybody has to be sitting on a chair. So you will need to setup a goal at either end of your meeting place and have enough chairs for all players. Get the children into two teams and sitting on a chair in their own half. They must remain on the chair and should be penalised with 'time out' if they leave the chair. If the ball becomes unreachable then a leader may have to put the ball back in play. Every 2-3 minutes allow everybody to move their chair to another position, this time anywhere in the hall.



Get Active: Stand Together

How it works...

Get two children to sit on the floor, back to back, with arms linked at the elbows. See if they can work together to get themselves into a standing position. They'll need to push against each other in order to get to their feet. Then see if they can stay linked while walking around and trying to pick up items from the floor.



The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following...

"How do you connect with the parents of those in the Junior Section? Do you do anything particular to encourage parents to get involved in the programme in any way?"

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

"We talk to them at both ends of the meeting - particularly at the end. We use Facebook, emails and texts too, plus parents evenings, so they can see what we do, and take part, in whatever we are doing on the programme."

John Boon, 2nd Witham

"Twitter and Facebook work really well for us as a Company in terms of engaging parents. It helps give them insight into what we get up to, with just a simple post with a picture on a weekly basis. Our parents also come along to church parades, fundraising events and our end of year BBQ"

Philip Norman, 10th Enfield

"We'd known for a long time that our parents drop their children off on a Friday evening and then go into town to get coffee. One of the team suggested we run a parents' cafe, serving tea & coffee, helping us get to know the parents better and increasing our ministry. We've been doing this for the whole Brigade year and it's really bearing fruit: the parents happily talk to each other, us and even bring cakes/biscuits to share. Parents don't tend to get involved in programme so much but do provide ideas at the cafe."

Jonathan Haddock, 1st Canterbury

Great activities & ideas for your section:

Planning your Programme

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



7-18 SEP Paralympic Games

The Paralympic Games follows on from the Olympic Games in the City of Rio in Brazil. Around 4,350 athletes from more than 160 countries will travel to Rio to compete in 526 medal events in 22 different sports. Get your young people learning something about the Paralympic Games, trying out some of the sports whilst fostering an awareness and understanding of impairments and the challenges faced by many people.

Check out paralympic.org/the-ipc/paralympic-school-day



END SEP Harvest Festival

A time to give thanks for the crops that have been grown and to celebrate the end of the season. Could you get involved with your Church's Harvest service? Speak to your Minister about how the young people could get involved. You could also link into Water Aid's Harvest Appeal for 2016 'Recipe for Life'.

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30 SEP - 2 OCT Ryder Cup

The 41st Ryder Cup will take place in Minnesota, USA where the USA will take on Europe in the 3 day golf tournament. On the back of this bi-annual event could you get your young people out for a round of Pitch n Putt or if you have some golfers in your group get out on to a full course.

Getting Into The Bible: Risen

Risen tells the story of a Roman soldier investigating the mysterious disappearance of the body of Jesus of Nazareth. Calvius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mysterious disappearance of the body of Jesus of Nazareth. Calvius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumours of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

The film was released in UK cinemas (Rated 12A) in the lead up to Easter and available to purchase in stores and online on DVD from 24th May 2016. Perhaps you could show the movie as part of your devotional time over a number of weeks, opening up discussions on key points in the film.

BB leaders can access FREE resources from Damaris Media designed to help think through the issues raised by Risen. This epic story provides a great opportunity to look more closely at the resurrection story and the themes of truth, spirituality and personal change. The leader's guide provides ideas including discussion starters, quizzes and activities. The trailer of the film along with additional clips are available to view online or download online.



Check out: risen.damarismedia.com

Get Active: Footwhizz



Footwhizz is a new game created by 1st Bloxham Company and combines a variety of games including, basketball, netball, football, handball and Gaelic football into one.

Equipment:

- ★ Large field or indoor area with high ceiling, 5 a side football pitch size is about right with corners marked.
- ★ A ball (a volleyball, dodge ball or sponge ball works quite well, a normal football is probably too heavy especially for younger members).
- ★ Two small goals or baskets. We use low, oversized basketball nets that sit on the ground but basketball nets on their lowest setting or small pop up unihoc goals would work. Bear in mind it is quite a low scoring game so the bigger the goal or basket the better.
- ★ Two teams (Five a side works well, more and the pitch gets crowded).
- ★ Three leaders, one to referee the match and one to stand behind each goal to monitor the goal area 'Ds' at each end of the pitch.

Rules:

- ★ The game commences with a 'bully-off/jump-ball' in the middle of the pitch, similar to a basketball start, two players in the middle, leader throws the ball up between them to then knock the ball back to a team mate.
- ★ When a player has possession of the ball they must stand still although they can swivel on one foot like in netball.
- ★ The ball can then only be passed to another player on their team by the player in possession kicking it out of their hands to a team mate. Opposing players may attempt to get in the way of the pass but the game is non-contact and a player with the ball must be given 1 metres space to be able to kick a pass cleanly. Any unfair encroachment into that space should result in a free kick to the team in possession with all defending players retreating 5 metres.
- ★ If the ball leaves the side of the pitch, or the ends as per a throw in, or a corner in football, then it is a kick in from out of the hands to the opposing team from the side where the ball left the pitch or the corner post/flag.
- ★ If a player does not take a pass cleanly then whoever manages to pick up the ball off the floor cleanly retains possession and as soon as a ball is cleanly picked up the opposing team should retreat a metre.
- ★ On approaching the goals at either end no player from either team is allowed within an imaginary 'D' around the goal which should be refereed by officers at each end of the pitch. If an attacking player enters the 'D' it means play passes to the other team. If a defending player enters the 'D' it is a penalty to the other side which entails a three metre free throw from the edge of the 'D' to attempt to score a goal.
- ★ A goal in Footwhizz can be scored by throwing or kicking the ball into the goal from outside of the 3 metre 'D'. The opposing team may attempt to stop the goal but must not enter the 'D' to do so. If the ball is thrown into the goal, the team receives 1 point, if the ball is kicked into the goal then 3 points are awarded. Obviously if basketball goals or similar are used then a kicked goal is very difficult to score.
- ★ The game should be played over 2 ten minute halves with teams switching ends at half time



Check out a video of members of 1st Bloxham playing Footwhizz bit.ly/1ruNDxZ

Get Active: Footgolf

How it works...

Have you tried Footgolf with your group? Footgolf is played on a golf course using a size 5 football. The object of the game is to get the ball into the hole using only your feet in the fewest number of shots possible. Footgolf is a very 'addictive' sport - it combines the best of football and golf, two of the most popular sports in the world. It's all about being able to strategically combine both power and precision in kicking the ball.



Members of 3rd/10th Enfield recently tried out Footgolf for the first time during their summer programme activities.

Get Active: Ultimate Tic Tac Toe



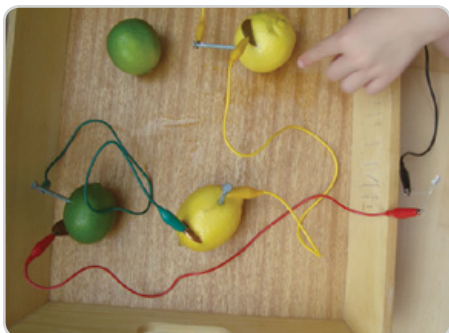
How it works...

Firstly, you need to setup your grid. Start off with a 3x3 grid, this can be done using hoops or tape/chalk on the floor. Then split the children into two teams and create a start line 3 metres away from the grid. Each team will need 3 items of the same colour (bean bags, quoits of similar) to use as markers for their team.

On the word 'Go' one team member at a time takes their marker and places it on the board (i.e. in a hoop) and runs back to their team to release the next team member. Once all 3 markers (i.e. beanbags) are on the grid, the next team member has the opportunity to move one of the markers in an attempt to get 3 in a row. Each team member can only place one marker (first 3) or move one marker and then must go back to their team. This is a fast game which requires quick decisions to be made, the winning team is the first to get 3 in a row. Reset the game and replay, you could always make the grid 4x4 to make it more difficult.

See the game in action on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v=IRDp5HcZyVA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRDp5HcZyVA)

Get Learning: Lemon Lamp Challenge



Get your young people to give this challenge a go, using chemical energy in lemons to power an LED bulb.

Equipment:

- ★ 2 lemons (you can also use limes and other fruits)
- ★ 4 galvanised nails
- ★ 4 pieces of copper (or pennies)
- ★ 5 pairs of alligator clips (copper wires with metal clips at one end)
- ★ LED bulb
- ★ Chopping board & knife

Instructions:

1. Give out the equipment to each individual or group and give them 15 minutes to turn the lemon into a working lamp.
2. Once the 15 minutes are up, turn out the lights and give the groups the opportunity to show they have completed the challenge by lighting up their LED bulb.
3. If they are struggling to make it work, then get them to follow these instructions:

- Cut the lemons in half.
- Inset a galvanised nail plus a penny into each lemon half.
- Connect one end of an alligator clip to one side of the LED bulb, and then carefully clip the other end of the alligator clip to a nail.
- To make a circuit connect an alligator clip to the penny in that lemon half to the nail in another lemon half. Continue attaching the alligator clip's from the penny in one lemon half to the nail in the next.
- Complete the circuit by connecting the alligator clip from the last penny to the other side of the LED bulb. The bulb should light up.

Experiment further by using different bits of equipment and/or seeing if you can use your lemon battery to work a clock or a toy.

Get Active - Shoe Box Football

With the upcoming Euro 2016 football tournament, try out this challenging craft which could be completed over a number of weeks.

Equipment:

- ★ Scissors
- ★ Colouring Pens
- ★ Pencil
- ★ Ruler

Materials:

- ★ Shoebox (field of play)
- ★ Table Tennis Ball
- ★ 6 wooden dow rods
- ★ 12 wooden clothes pegs (players)
- ★ Selection of Paints/Coloured Card
- ★ 4 bottle lids (feet)
- ★ String
- ★ Double-sided tape
- ★ Glue

Instructions:

1. Cut out a large goal on either end of the box.
2. Check the height needed for holes in the side of the box, by putting clothes pegs on dowel and ensuring the pegs can move without hitting the bottom of the box. Make holes in each side of the box for the dowel to go through evenly spaced out.
3. Paint the wooden dowels in team colours (3 for each team) so it is clear which team they operate. Once dry wind string over double sided tape on the rods to make a handle that is easy to grip.
4. Paint clothes pegs in team colours (6 for each team).
5. Decorate the inside of your box, paint or use a piece of card to make the pitch, and paint or use printed images around the outside to show a crowd or your team name/badge.
6. Put the dowel and clothes pegs together, suggest 1 dowel with goal-keeper, 1 dowel with 3 outfield players and 2 players as attackers (you could add additional dowels with more players or different combinations).

7. Glue water bottle lids to bottom of the shoe box to raise it off the ground further and make it easier to grip the dowel.

8. Optionally, you could add a scoring system using some craft beads inserted on to an opened out paper clip. Once beads are on each end of the paper clip, it should be inserted into the end of the box and folded over to fix. Beads can be moved from one side to the other to record the score at each end.

9. So now you're ready to drop in the table tennis ball and play!



Challenge: 30 Second Penny Tower

How it works...

This was a challenge in the 2015/16 Top Team Challenge, but for those that didn't take part try out this challenge with your young people.

For this challenge you will need £1 in 1p's and need to stack as many pennies as possible in a single tower within the time limit.

At the start of the attempt, the challengers hand must be flat on the stacking surface, with the coins flat and separated on the stacking surface. Coins are to be stacked, one at a time, using one hand only. The other hand must remain behind the back for the duration of the attempt. The tower must remain standing for 5 seconds once the 30 second period is over for the attempt to be valid.

Share how your young people got on with the challenge on Twitter/Facebook.





Get Learning: Living Memory Project



How it works...

The Commonwealth War Graves commission has launched a project to mark the 141 days of the Somme centenary. The Living Memory Project encourages community groups to discover, explore and remember those that died during the First World War.

There are some 300,000 war graves in more than 12,000 locations across the UK, and it is said that no-one is more than 3 miles from their nearest CWGC war graves. Could your group find your local war graves and organise a visit, find out more about the war graves and those marked by the graves.

Get your company involved...

- **Find your local War Graves/Cemetery** – Go to <http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery.aspx> to search.
- **Get your FREE copy of the Living Memory Pack** - Email livingmemory@cwgc.org for your copy of the Living Memory resource pack which helps you to find a local cemetery and is full of activities to remember those buried there.
- **Living Memory Online** - Share news on your visit to your local war graves and what you have discovered either by emailing us livingmemory@cwgc.org, posting on our Facebook Page or by tweeting us [#LivingMemory](https://twitter.com/LivingMemory)



The badge's aim is for young people to understand something of our history, explore the concepts of conflict and peace and to provide opportunities for social action. The badge is £1.30 (Code: 02 515 1) and can be ordered from BB Supplies online.



For Further information see:
shop.boys-brigade.org.uk

? The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following...

"What physical activities would you say are integral with your Company Section - the good old faithful used week in week out?"

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



We run a wide variety of games and sports including football (3-a-side, squash, headers & volleys, table) table tennis, short tennis, volleyball, tenni-quoites and uni-hoc. For a change, we also run team games taken from the book Play It! Great Games for Groups and Play it Again: More Great Games for Groups.

David Brown, 1st Bletchley



"We try to have a different type of physical activity every week. The old favourites (football, dodge ball, uni-hoc) get their turn but we also do team games, circuit training, Finnish floorball, volleyball, defend your area, circle head race, challenges etc and have recently successfully introduced badminton."

Bruce Laws, 1st Wickham Market



"I'm not a big fan of having week-in-week-out physical games because it needs variety. However, when you return to some old favourites, the ones that work best are 'Moo' - a game involving throwing a soft rugby ball around a circle and trying to catch the catcher out (i.e. if you drop it, they shout 'moo'; if it was a bad throw, they shout 'boo') - and dodgeball, uni-hoc by numbers, or crab football."

Fraser Boyd, 25th Stirling



Find out what others said online at:

boys-brigade.org.uk/answersoutthere.htm

Great activities & ideas for your section:

🗨️ DofE Diamond Challenge

The DofE Diamond Challenge is a year-long special Diamond Anniversary activity to raise awareness of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Charity, get people doing something positive and raise some money for the DofE.

Throughout 2016 people across the UK will be asked to choose their challenge from three DofE-inspired themes. Learn a skill, embark on an adventure or conquer a personal challenge, and raise a minimum of £60 (for 60 years) for the Charity.

By experiencing something new, as a 'Challenger' you'll step to the edge of your comfort zone, have fun and find out what you are capable of; all whilst giving vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, from your Region or Country the chance to turn their lives around through their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



For Further information see:
dofediamondchallenge.org



Get Active: People knots ice-breaker

Equipment:

- ★ People – at least six

Instructions:

1. Participants sit on the floor in a circle with legs extended toward the middle
2. Each person grabs two others' hands and holds them

3. The hands cannot be those of either person sitting on your sides and also cannot be both hands of the same person

4. Everyone stands up and untangles each other into a single circle, without letting go of the hands you have a hold of!



Participants were from around the country: from Kirkwall and Thurso in the North East, to Leeds in the South and Granshaw in the West (and over the water a wee bit...). It's great to see so many Companies taking part from all Regions of the Brigade.

The final placings for this session are:

- 1st Place;** 37 points: Harry Mulligan (1st Granshaw)
- 2nd Place;** 35 points: Joshua Addis and Ethan Kee (both 1st Granshaw); and Ben Khullar (9th Leeds)
- 5th Place;** 34 points: Joseph Campbell (1st Buckie)

As the results indicate, it was a very tight competition in the end. Well done to those who were placed, and everyone else who participated. The 1st Granshaw guys clearly benefitted from their Masterteam exploits – reaching the Irish semi-final – as both Harry and Ethan relying on 13 points out of 15 in the three mental challenges!



Learn more by visiting:
boys-brigade.org.uk/ucp/



Are you using **CHALLENGE PLUS**?

More and more groups of Seniors and Young Leaders are feeling inspired to organise larger projects which aim to help the lives of others and can have a lasting impact. International development, homelessness and equality are just a few of the causes which BB young people have come together to support.

Coming together to undertake a project can offer incredible benefits – to young people, good causes and also the Company itself. Young people may come from the same Church or Company, or indeed from across a whole Battalion or District. Combining talents, enthusiasm and skills from a larger area can offer a real sense of fellowship.

If you're considering using your BB setting and your talents to start a particular project, here are some useful tips...

@ **Share the Projects & Challenges your young people get up to:**
gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

Just for fun: Banana Games



Banana Surgery

In small groups (2 or 3) have the young people peel and cut up a banana into equal parts. Don't tell them what comes next until they're done. Give them some bits and pieces including tape, pins, skewers, etc. Then tell them they must put the banana back together using the bits and pieces you have given them. The team with the best reconstructed banana wins.

Projects should be...

- ▶ **Challenging** - something which can push both individuals and the group beyond their comfort zone
- ▶ **Young people led**
- ▶ **Rewarding and enjoyable**
- ▶ **Have a lasting impact**, or something beyond the short term

No two projects are the same, but there are key steps that you should consider...

- ▶ **Aim?** - What do you hope to get out of your project? This is normally a fixed goal that everyone is working towards.
- ▶ **Location** - Where is the work actually going to take place? Projects taking place abroad, for instance, will require more research.
- ▶ **How?** - You might have a great idea, but you need to think about how to make it a reality. You need to think about things like how are you going to fund it and whether you need any training.

- ▶ **Who?** - Who is going to be involved? Will older leaders need to be involved to advise? Can young people out with your area also get involved?
- ▶ **What?** - Exactly what is going to happen? What activities will you be undertaking?
- ▶ **When?** - This is where the dates come in. For some projects they will be a week or two weeks in duration. Whereas others may be once a week for 6 months. Think about when the project starts, when it finishes and all the key dates in between.
- ▶ **Communication** - How are you going to keep everyone up to speed with your plans? You could use email, social media or even online project management tools like Asana or Basecamp.
- ▶ **Sharing your story** - How is the outside world going to hear about your work? Give some thought to the likes of a blog, social media and press releases so there's a wider awareness of your project.

MY EXPERIENCE



Reflections of a Brigade Executive member...

The **Gazette** caught up with two young leaders, who along with responsibilities in their Companies and Battalions, also serve on the Brigade Executive (our Trustee Board). **Rachael Knowles** (53rd & 59th Manchester) and **Stuart Rankin** (15th Coatbridge) give us an insight to their experiences and more...

Q So, what got you involved as a BB leader in the first place?

A Rachael: It was the natural progression for me after my Queen's Badge. I love the organisation and it was an opportunity to give something back to the community and watch future generations develop.

Stuart: I had joined the BB as a young boy like many other leaders and when my time was up, I wanted to continue to be involved and to give something back to the BB. In most cases, being a leader doesn't mean you can't still have fun!

Q How long have you served on the Brigade Executive?

A Rachael: I've been on the Executive for nine months so far – I'm still a 'newbie', but excited about what the future holds!

Stuart: One year and a bit.

Q What's been the biggest surprise since you took on the role?

A Rachael: My biggest surprise would probably be how entertaining and interesting it is. My fear was that I would find it dull and boring, but I don't! It's great being involved in big decisions and having my voice (and those I represent) heard.

Stuart: The amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to run the charity. As a Company leader I never imagined just how much is done to keep the BB going day-to-day.

Q Away from Boys Brigade, how do you spend your free time?

A Stuart: Honestly, most of my free time is used doing lots of different BB activities, but I do enjoy hiking in the Scottish hills and travelling as well as 'binge-watching' TV shows now and again!

Rachael: What free time?! No, I like to consider myself rather musical, playing the clarinet and piano. I also have a healthy relationship with Netflix!

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STUART WAS INVOLVED IN THE 2015 WORLD RECORD BREAKING CHALLENGE

Q Some could say that having young trustees can be seen as a 'tokenistic'. What's your experience been? Is there any advice you would give other young people considering such a role?

A **Stuart:** The role is definitely not 'tokenistic'. Whilst it can be overwhelming at your first meeting, you quickly feel welcome and a part of the group. As a charity for young people, it's great that young people are given the opportunity to influence how the BB is run. I'd tell anyone to give it a go and let your voice be heard!

Rachael: I can see where these views come from and sometimes, I am tempted to agree. However, if you actively engage with what is going on and discussions that are being had, the advantages of having a young person's point of view can be seen. I like to believe that I'm a young trustee for a reason and because I can bring something to the table, but I guess only time will tell.

My advice to other young people considering the role would be that if you get stuck in and are willing to ask questions then go for it. Everyone is there to help you become the best version of yourself and to help grow this fantastic organisation. If you don't understand something, just ask! You're not going to know everything straight away and some people have gained their knowledge over numerous decades!

Q What do you think the BB should do more of to encourage more youth participation?

A **Rachael:** Giving young people the opportunity to do more exciting activities like paintballing with their own age group is a way that I've seen an increase in youth participation in Manchester. We allow the young people to work together to decide and organise events that they want to do rather than those older Officers deciding for them. This model has seen retention rates of Seniors increase within Manchester and feedback from the young people reinforces how well this model works.

Stuart: Put simply - give them more opportunities. Sometimes it's easy to forget that in many cases it's the young people who are closest to what's happening and can come up with the best ideas. It might be frightening to trust young people but the results may surprise you. We recently let our Seniors plan and run an entire Company Section meeting and some of it was better than what we come up with!

Q AND, finally... if you were on an overnight expedition, what essential food item would you take?

A **Stuart:** Would have to be a smoked sausage! Lots of flavour, hard to damage & doesn't need refrigeration. What more could you want?

Rachael: Frosties cereal bars ... They're basically what I survived on whilst doing my DofE!



You can follow Rachael and Stuart on Twitter...
@Knowlesy95 / @Stuart2412

TOOLBOX



Planning an exciting and safe programme

The last thing any of us want to happen in our activities is for a young person or leader to have an accident or sustain an injury. It is possible to plan an adventurous and exciting programme, whilst at the same time making the safety of young people and leaders our top priority. There really is no need for us to be risk averse!

It's all about assessing the risk and putting plans in place to reduce the probability of an accident occurring, and if it did occur, reducing the likely severity of any injury that might be sustained. In doing so it is also important to consider and assess the benefits of the activity; this is known as a Risk-Benefit analysis. As exposure to personal risk is recognised as an important aspect of growing up, and a certain level of risk in our lives is accepted as necessary to achieve certain benefits.

Did you know? All BB activities are subject to a risk assessment being completed?

Did you know? The Boys' Brigade has no set requirements for the number of leaders required in terms of staffing ratios, as it is necessary to fully consider the leader to children and young people ratio based on the activity being undertaken. Although it is important to remember that at all meetings a Captain, Lieutenant or Warrant Officer must be present, in addition to other registered leaders as required.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

A risk assessment need not be onerous, time consuming or a complicated task. It is really all about using common sense!

"A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about identifying sensible measures to control the risks in your workplace."
Health and Safety Executive

To carry out a risk assessment is to stand back from the activity and think about the hazards and risks that could occur. This should be done for the entire programme of activities that you offer in your Company. It is then good practice to record these hazards and risks.

Having a number of leaders involved in undertaking risk assessments is a good idea, a different pair of eyes may see what we have missed or become too familiar with.

Things to consider:

- **Meeting Place** – the space we meet in, the condition of the space and suitability for the planned activities, for example arranging a church BBQ outdoors.
- **Children & Young People** – the numbers, their ages, ability and understanding.
- **Leaders** - the experience and skills of leaders, including adequate numbers.
- **Equipment** - the equipment and apparatus we use e.g. scissors, hockey sticks, footballs.

When thinking about completing the risk assessment, you need to think about the Hazards and the Risks involved, remember:

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Things to consider:

- a **Hazard** is anything that may cause harm.
- the **Risk** is the chance, high or low, that somebody could be harmed by these and other hazards, together with an indication of how serious the harm could be.

From this point we now consider the **Control Measures**, in terms of what do we do to reduce likelihood of these occurring e.g. ensuring adequate supervision, removing obstacles, making sure the children all understand what is being asked of them, ensuring that any special needs are being taken into consideration.

The HSE (Health and Safety Executive) advises that risk assessments should not be over complicated. In most activities, the potential problems or hazards will be few and can be dealt with by a few simple measures. Checking them is common sense, but a necessary requirement.

Providing the control measures are adhered to you should be able to draw a conclusion that the activity you are undertaking is safe to go ahead with.

👉 KEY TIP

It is important to make sure that all leaders supervising activities have read the risk assessment and are aware of the potential hazards and the necessary control measures to minimise the risk of an accident occurring.

Occasionally, completing a risk assessment will highlight concerns, which may require you to think differently about the way you carry out that activity.

Further advice on completing a risk assessment can be found in the Safety Handbook which can be downloaded from the Leaders website together with template risk assessment forms.



Download Safety Handbook at
leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/factsheets.htm

What do I do if an accident does occur during a BB activity?

No matter how comprehensive the risk assessment is, occasionally someone may have an accident or sustain an injury. The immediate priority is always the wellbeing of the injured person and the safety of the rest of the group. You will need to assess the injury and administer First Aid if appropriate, or seek the assistance of a medical professional.

It is also really important that in the event of a child/young person being injured that you inform the parent/carer of the accident and where appropriate make a follow up phone call or visit to check on their recovery.



Did you know? Over 90% of claims made are where the injury occurred at the beginning or end of an activity or when there is inadequate supervision.

What else should you do?

Below is a tick list of actions to follow:

- **Accident Book** - The injury must be recorded in the accident book at the venue where it happened or where first aid is given.
- **Professional Medical Attention** - If the person requires professional medical attention (eg; needs to visit GP or hospital as a result of the injury) a BB Accident Notification form must be completed and returned to BBHQ at Felden Lodge. The form is available on the website
- **Negligence** - If you think a negligence claim is likely to be made against The Boys' Brigade you must inform BBHQ at Felden Lodge, regardless of the injury
- **Your Risk Assessment** - Remember to keep a copy of the risk assessment. If a claim is made, the Brigade Insurers will often require a copy of the risk assessment

Any questions or concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about risk assessments or the safety of activities which you are planning or carrying out please get in contact with BB Headquarters.

Jonathan Eales

Business Director



You can get in touch with Jonathan at
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SPORTING SUCCESS

Why are Sport and Physical Activity important and what does it add to the BB programme?

In almost every BB setting, games, recreation, play, sport – promoting activity and exercise takes many different guises. But why are these key to many BB programmes and have we considered how effectively they are delivered and what additional benefits they offer?

Graham Cossar and Shabaz Khan, recently appointed Sports Development Officers in Glasgow Battalion, share their expertise and offer tips to help you see the wider impact of physical activity in the BB programme.

Graham and Shabaz are running a range of initiatives in Glasgow, including young sports leaders' programme and also weekly drop-in sessions with a weekly Table Tennis Club being run. The team has also been going along to Companies and running sessions.



Find out more about what they are up to at
facebook.com/BoysBrigadeGlasgow
or bbglasgow.org.uk

Physical activity is important for a number of reasons. That importance can be specific to the individual, the team or the whole group.

When delivered well, **play, sport** and **recreation** can have significant benefits...

The individual physical activity, putting aside the obvious health benefits, is important to children, as it can set their moral compass. It challenges them to become competitive, but sporting; to become team players as individuals; to have a goal, but have fun, and to push themselves, but not lose themselves within a competition.

Sport can also help develop key **core skills**, such as:

- Hand eye co-ordination
- Spatial-awareness
- Communication
- Teamwork

Here's a straightforward example which can help with a range of needs in developing a child's performance both individually and in a group.

W Tig

'W Tig', taken mainly from rugby this mass participation high energy game is ideal for a warm-up game, or even for a main activity. Targeted normally for younger participants to develop understanding and performance of skills, this can also be an effective way to get older boys up and active...

It teaches the fundamental skills of throwing and catching and allows the children to learn the skills in a fun way before using them in team games like basketball rugby or netball. Additional skills needed are communication with other participants and teamwork throughout.

Preparation

Demonstration of catch... two hands up in front of face, with

thumbs close making a "w" shape in front.

Demonstration of throw... Two hands on the ball, moving with an underarm throw, hands following out in direction of the throw after release.

Explanation of Game

1. Catcher moving around making people freeze when they tig them. The players tug should stand with their hands in their w grip preparing for a catch.
2. Other players start with ball in hands. Once people are caught they can be released with a successful pass and catch. Once the frozen player receives the pass they then move to release others, and so on...



Running a session - Key things to remember:

The greatest barrier to sports participation for young people is usually the limited opportunities that they are provided with. Therefore, it is important that each Company and Battalion encourages volunteer Leaders to promote sport as often and in as many ways as they can, so that our young people truly feel the benefit.

You don't need lots of expensive equipment, big numbers of participants or even much space to provide good sporting opportunities. Work with what you have got, be enthusiastic and encouraging and concentrate on four simple things to make any sports session successful:



Prepare

The five **Ps**: **P**roper **P**reparation **P**revents **P**oor **P**erformance. Planning an activity or event makes the session run more smoothly for you and your young people. Make sure you have all the equipment you need set up ready and that you have a good understanding of the game/sport.



Safe Environment

Regardless of your facilities or the sport make sure your environment is safe for your young people to be working in; clear hazards, set rules and risk assess at the start and throughout.



Participation

Keeping everyone involved and active will lead to a better, more enjoyable session for everyone; make sure you set up prior to a session starting, avoid long explanations and avoid sitting people out - the more the young people get to do the happier they are.



Fun

Young people participate for enjoyment and will only continue to participate and come back if they have had fun. If part of your session is going well don't be afraid to extend it, alternatively if something isn't working, be brave enough to stop and change it. It's your session, take the lead, deliver with confidence but remember ultimately it's your young people that will tell you if it was a success or not!

So consider how you can develop sport and physical activity further in your Company... perhaps it is about ensuring that all members of the group feel comfortable participating in an activity, and look at ways of developing skills and confidence. So for example you could decide that you need to spend more time developing specific skills like throwing and catching before starting to play a game like basketball or rugby.



You can get in touch with Graham and Shabaz at graham.cossar@bbglasgow.org.uk or shabaz.khan@bbglasgow.org.uk



Online Brigade Manager

Online Brigade Manager (OBM) is now "live" and available for you to start using. A good number of leaders jumped into OBM and have been setting things up and starting to make use of the system.

In this article we share the key functionality OBM provides across all levels of the Brigade as well as hints and tips for getting started on OBM.



WHAT IS OBM?

It's all about Streamlining administration

– managing everything in one place helps to keep record keeping quick and easy.

All leaders can access the system

– all registered leaders can access OBM, based on their role.



"Online Brigade Manager will totally transform the way we work and take all the hassle out of administration... making record keeping and communication so much easier."

Adam, 1st Annaghmore

Built for Companies

– OBM was developed originally for a UK based Scout Group (in the Scouting world they use 'Online Scout Manager') back in 2011. Over the last 5 years the system has been developed to also support groups across the world within Scouting and Guiding. OBM provides functionality across The Boys' Brigade hierarchy, from local Companies to Battalions, Districts, Regional and UK & RoI Headquarters.

Access Anywhere

– with online and offline modes you can access on the web or through the app on your smartphone or tablet wherever you are.

Proven & Trusted

– OBM is safe, secure, and a data protection act compliant system already being used by thousands of volunteer leaders in Scouting and Guiding across the globe.



WHAT DOES OBM DELIVER FOR YOUR COMPANY?

Record Young People's data

– manage young people's personal details including contact details for parents/carers, medical details, etc.

Manage Leader data

– view and manage data for registered leaders in your Company including training (qualifications).

Keep track of attendance

– record weekly attendance, link attendance to programme/badges.

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Badge Records

– keep track of progress, manage badge stock and link badges to your programme and events.

Manage your Events

– everything you need to manage events and camps/holidays including tracking attendance, making payments and more.

Transfer members

– when they move up a section or even move to a different Company.

Communicate with parents/carers

– from inside or outside OBM with email mailing lists or text messaging.

Parents/Carers

– can access system through My.BB to sign-up to events, see badge progress, pay online, update details, see programme and access essential files/publications (e.g. consent forms).

Payments / Gift Aid

– Ability to take online payments for subs and camps/events through the direct debits system which also incorporates gift aid management where applicable.

Track Income & Expenditure

– record receipts and payments for events and activities making it easy to make expense claims or analyse costs.

Quartermaster Store

– everything you need to manage events and camps/holidays including tracking attendance, making payments and more.

Statistical Return

– The Annual Statistical Return is fully integrated into the system.



“OBM is very easy to use and will do so much to simplify our Company administration so we will be able to focus more time on delivering an exciting programme of activities to our young people rather than dealing with a variety of spreadsheets and pieces of paper!”

Tom, 3rd Enfield



WHAT DOES OBM DELIVER FOR YOUR BATTALION/DISTRICT?

Access to data

– access to search for leaders and Companies and view data within Battalion/District.

Communicate with leaders

– ability to communicate electronically with leaders through OBM.

Reporting

– the reporting framework enables data to be reported on (spreadsheet exports & graphical views). Information could help identify Company support needs, highlight trends, analyse membership/recruitment. .

LOGGING IN TO OBM

To access OBM go to obm.boys-brigade.org.uk. If you are a Company Captain or Battalion/District Secretary a user account has already been setup for you so you can click on 'Leaders Login' button in the top right of the window and to get access first time around. You will need to use the 'Forgotten Password' link to reset your password, and from there on in you can just enter your username and password to login.

All other Leaders will first need to register, by clicking on 'Register' from the top menu bar. After following the steps to register and setup a password leaders with no access at a Company/Battalion/District level will be able to view and update their own personal details.

The OBM Structure

The structure is based on Sections. A typical Company will have been allocated with six Sections, Anchor Section, Junior Section, Company Section, Seniors, Company (including Leaders) and a Waiting List. Company Captains have been given access to all sections and are able to grant access to other registered leaders in your Company.

OBM mirrors the hierarchy of the organisation. You will only be able to see information that relates to your Company, in the same way a Battalion can only access information for Companies and Leaders in their area.

Getting Started – What do I need to do?

A 'Getting Started' guide for Companies has been produced outlining the initial steps to follow to get your Company up and running on OBM. You will also find videos, tutorials and FAQ's to assist you in getting started and navigating the system.



Download the getting started guide at:
leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/obmgettingstarted.pdf

Ensuring everything is up to date

The details for registered leaders and information about Companies/Battalions/District has been transferred automatically from our previous database into OBM. It is possible that some of the information will be out of date or incomplete, so please check and amend where possible. If you spot something that is wrong that you cannot update yourself please let us know.



Contact us at:
membership@boys-brigade.org.uk.

Adding Young People to OBM

It is important that you set up a record for each Young Person in the Company. This is a very simple process and only requires you to input basic information including name, date of birth, date joined and gender. If you currently keep spreadsheet records, the information can be imported directly into OBM in just seconds. This is the only aspect of OBM that must be completed by Companies, all other functions are optional, but we are confident you will want to adopt these because of the huge benefits they will bring.



If you do require further help or support please contact the Membership Team at BB Headquarters at membership@boys-brigade.org.uk or by calling 01442 231 681 (option 4).

JOIN US FOR A WEBINAR

A number of webinars have been organised to assist you in getting started with OBM.

Webinars are short web-based seminars, you can join a webinar from your own home, workplace or wherever is convenient for you, and all you need to take part is a computer with audio capability. The webinars are all interactive with the ability to give, receive and discuss information in real-time and are led by BB Headquarters staff.

The upcoming webinars are:

- **Badge Functionality** – Wednesday 3rd August @ 7pm (45 mins)
- **Battalion/District Functionality** – Wednesday 3rd August @ 8pm (45 mins)
- **Events Functionality** – Tuesday 23rd August @ 7pm (45 mins)
- **Online Payment & Gift Aid Functionality** – Tuesday 23rd August @ 8pm

To register for the webinars logon to OBM and go to 'Help' menu and select 'News & Announcements'.



KEY DATES

By **31st August 2016** you will need to set up records for each young person in the Company. Then between 1st September and 15th October 2016 (head count date for statistical return) any member that has left should be deleted and any new members added.

From **September 2016** when a young person joins the Company they must be added to OBM within 4 weeks. Equally if a **young person leaves the Company they should be removed from OBM within 4 weeks**, to ensure accurate records of membership are maintained.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

There is the potential for OBM to make a big difference to how we manage administration and communication in our Companies and across the wider Brigade. The functionality you see now is only the beginning, over the next five years we will be reviewing all of our processes and embedding as many of them as possible into this platform in order to save you time and to make our processes as straightforward as possible.

We would welcome your feedback so we can ensure that future development is focussed around what you are telling us, and delivers the additional functions you would like to see.



Please send your development ideas to
membership@boys-brigade.org.uk.



Global Fellowship of Christian Youth

Including the International Network of The Boys' Brigade

Consulting Partners

An update on the Global Fellowship's Consulting Partners work to support member organisations across the globe:

Recently **Walter Stewart** met with representatives of BB in the Bahamas and the BB in Jamaica at meetings held in Nassau. This led to a visit to Jamaica and plans for making progress with work in the other islands in the region, particularly Haiti.

Geoff Holmes met with Rev'd Kautoa Molitii of BB in Tuvalu to look at re-engaging with the work on the islands. Training of new leaders has taken place and work to ensure that the organisation has the capacity to progress its development plans.

Ulrich Piltoft took the opportunity to meet with representatives in Central and Southern Africa whilst visiting as part of his work. Based in Johannesburg, Ulrich met with members from South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. It was a particular delight to welcome Rev'd Arlindo from Mozambique where there is currently no Brigade work, but through this meeting BB Zambia has recently led training courses to start BB. Ulrich then moved on to Lilongwe and met with leaders of the BB in Malawi. Progress was made in developing national structures linking the organisations in the north and south of the country.

Tim Pratt and **Steve Dickinson** travelled to Nairobi in early March to meet representatives of BB Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and DR Congo. Progress was made at looking at how member organisations in the region can work together on mutually beneficial initiatives.

As you can see, the Consulting Partner scheme has made an excellent start. Please continue to pray for the work of the partners as they seek to develop the capacity of member organisations.



Find out more about Global Fellowship at globofellowship.net



Project Stedfast marks 10 years!

In 2006 Companies from Edinburgh and also West Lothian set out with the objective of building three classrooms and toilet facilities for the children of Oloolua Kenya. Today, thanks to incredible fundraising, and in particular, to the efforts of BB young people and leaders, some 160 children, able bodied and disabled, enjoy a future of possibilities that only education can bring.

Ten years have passed since the initial goal was set and there are still plans to support the community. The next step for the Centre is the fundraising for and installation of a solar power system. This will mean that the Centre will take another great step towards being completely self-sufficient.



Easter Course 2016

This year's Easter Course took place in Transylvania, part of Northern Romania, hosted by IKE, the Transylvanian YMCA. The course saw Christian youth organisations from across Europe come together to learn more from our experiences of working with young people in our own communities, sharing faith and how to bring more young people into faith and exchanging activities, games and ideas that each organisation showcases.

The theme of the course was 'Love your Neighbour?' and focused on the ongoing Refugee crisis in Europe and how we as individuals, and organisations, can help, learning from different perspectives. Participants took time to visit a local orphanage and learn more about the work that is taking place to support orphans in Romania, and there was also time to visit local attractions in this historical and beautiful part of the world having a lot of fun along the way, including taking part in the annual Eastervision Talent Contest, and the Easter Games.

Next year's course takes place from **9th to 16th April 2017** in Denmark. Registration



Find out more at europeanfellowship.org



7th Northampton in Jamaica

Since 2000, Seniors from 7th Northampton have visited Jamaica and been involved in school building projects. A group of twelve has just returned having spent two weeks in Ocho Rios working at Exchange Basic School where they built a safe play area for the children, erected a perimeter fence and carried out general refurbishments. The group also paid for a ceiling to be installed in the kitchen and dining areas to ensure the rooms were insect and rodent free.

As well as working the group relaxed at Dunn's River Falls and at the Blue Hole, where some had to overcome their fears to take the plunge. The group worshipped at Calvary Tabernacle Church in St Ann's and experienced a very different type of service.

A visit to Kingston included discussions with BB Jamaica at BBHQ and then on to the British High Commission where they shared what they had been doing with Mr David Fitton, the High Commissioner who also told the group about his work and role in Jamaica.

A tiring but extremely valuable two weeks and the Company is already looking to its next visit in 2018.



2nd Forfar building houses in Nepal

The World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland is challenging Presbyteries and congregations to raise £500 to build a house in Nepal, as part of a three year project in partnership with the United Mission to Nepal. The 2nd Forfar Company, supporting the churches target, has become involved and raised £750 to date thanks to a coffee morning and a buy-a-brick campaign among parents & friends. This amount will buy one and a half houses.

Global Round-up

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



NEW SOUTH WALES QUEEN'S BADGE

Members of New South Wales State in BB Australia receive their Queen's Badges at Government House from The Governor of New South Wales.



BEING CREATIVE IN KUALA LUMPUR

Members of 1st Kuala Lumpur Company trying out hand painting with their younger members.



EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP AGM

Member countries from across Europe were represented at the European Fellowships Annual General Meeting held at Felden Lodge, BB UK&RoI Headquarters.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA BIG ADVENTURE

Anchors and Juniors enjoyed an awesome day out with a treasure hunt and barbecue lunch.



MANUREWA ICONZ CAMP

Members of Iconz, part of The Boys' Brigade in New Zealand, held an action packed camp which included surfing, swimming, crate stacking and many other activities.



2ND SINGAPORE ON THE WATER

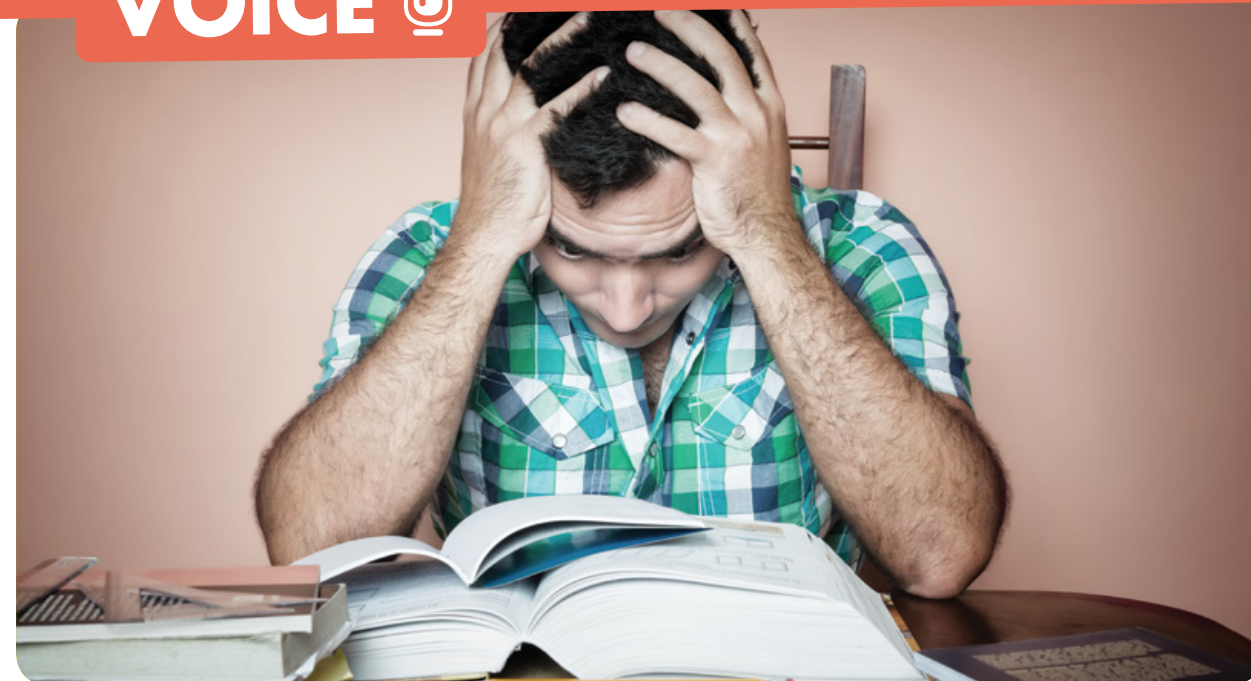
Members of the 2nd Singapore working towards their 1 Star Kayaking award.



HONG KONG FUNDRAISING

BB members in Hong Kong have been selling candy across the country to raise money for charity.

VOICE



Exam stress... "You may now turn over your papers" #BBvoice

Do those words still strike fear into you? Can you remember walking into the school hall for your exams, taking in your pencil case and lucky mascot? Do you think that the pressures facing young people taking exams now are greater than when you took yours?

Consider the following facts:

The NSPCC reports a 200% rise in recent years of numbers of young people seeking counselling for exam stress

ChildLine has reported an increase to 34,000 approaches from young people with worries about revision, schoolwork and exams

Young people seeking help gave these reasons for their stress:

not wanting to disappoint their parents

fear of failure

general pressures linked to academic achievement.

Stresses about exams can affect young people's ability to sleep, trigger anxiety attacks, depression and tearfulness, and eating disorders. In some cases it also led to self-harm and suicidal feelings.

Teenagers in BB who were asked about why exams are stressful said:


- "They feel too important"
- "It's like your results have got to be perfect or it's not worth it"
- "It's useless information you need to know for the exam and forget immediately afterwards"





One teenager who called ChildLine said:


"I am about to take my GCSEs and I am under so much pressure as my parents are expecting me to do really well. I am going to revision classes and trying really hard but I feel like it is not good enough for them. My parents don't allow me to do anything else apart from revision and if I try and talk to them it always ends up in an argument."


Many BB Leaders report that young people often don't attend while exams are on, so what as BB Leaders can we do?


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It can be very helpful for young people to take a break from revision, and BB can be the perfect way to release stress.
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Some young people might want to talk about their feelings of stress with you or each other, while others might prefer to burn off the stress with some physical exercise or just by having a laugh with friends
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It might not be the best time to plan the programme to include activities that involve too much thinking or researching. Going outside or having a "chill out" evening might be better. Ask your young people what they would like to do to take their minds off exams for a short while.
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Encourage young people to have a revision plan, put the work in, don't leave things to the last minute and keep their nerve. Doing nothing or delaying revision can make stress worse, but if they are finding it hard, encourage them to start with short planned periods of study and take breaks for healthy snacks and exercise.
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MOST OF ALL – communicate to young people that their worth does not lie in their exam results, there are other ways to be happy and successful and that life is not a sprint but a marathon.
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When the results come in we can get swept away with TV news stories of the "straight A's" students. It can be an awful time for many young people who didn't do as well as they hoped. Youth Leaders are often in a better position than parents or teachers to put this in perspective – we can uniquely value a young person for who they are without getting caught up in the emotions brought on by disappointment.

The work we are doing with BB leaders on young people's mental health emphasises the need to build **resilience**. This is a bit of a buzz word in youth work and education and means having the ability to bounce back from adversity.

We all need to experience disappointment or failure in order to build resilience. As leaders we can help young people to understand that they are more than their grades and that there will always opportunities throughout their lives.

BB is a place where all young people can achieve and be valued and this is one of the greatest opportunities we can offer.

Discuss this with your group

Get a conversation going with your young people using the discussion starters above and consider how you can support them during this time.

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

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

GET INVOLVED



The Christian Aid Collective

Come as you are and bring what you have, together we can end poverty.

In this issue Racheal Lees from Christian Aid shares with us what The Christian Aid Collective is up to and how we can get involved.

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Who are the Collective?

Well! For starters, we're part of Christian Aid - an international charity who work their socks off to see an end to poverty. More than that, we are a community of passionate young people who believe that through community we can change the world. So that's what we do! We work together creatively campaigning and giving what we have to make positive change in this world we share.

How can young people change the world?

Young people are passionate. We don't need to convince you of that. They believe in a vision of a better world and that they can make it happen. Our job is to help them do that (and you too!).

One way we do that is through sharing stories. When we tell or hear a story we connect with the person behind it, so you'll find us sharing the stories of people we work with around the world to help us feel connected to each other. That way when poverty

impacts anyone, anywhere, we'll rally together to help because we know it is a threat to everyone, everywhere.

We do more than simply share stories too. We pray for change, we lobby our MP's to make change and we fundraise so Christian Aid can enable change, and we resource you to do all of that...

Eat. Act. Pray.

One of our favourite resources is Eat Act Pray. It encourages young people to get together monthly, to share stories and create community while at the same time doing something. Whether that's taking a campaign action or praying for an issue that we at Christian Aid work on.

When Jesus sat down to eat it was always about more than just the food - something amazing always happened. People were healed, social barriers were broken down, miracles happened. We want to carry this on and have meals like Jesus did, meals that change the world!

So gather your young people together for dinner and make use of the handy discussion guides available to download at: christianaidcollective.org/resources/eat-act-pray

Fundraising

We know that young people have lots of time and not much money so we encourage them to fundraise in their churches and communities. Whether that's a sponsored hula hoop challenge, car wash or talent show. Get in touch with us for more information.



Youth Sessions

We regularly create youth resources to help young people engage with the tricky issue of poverty too. You can sign up to receive an email every couple of months to keep up to date with the latest sessions, videos or reflections. Topics include conflict, education, gender, trade, HIV/AIDS and climate change.

Sign up for resources online at christianaidcollective.org/resources



Campaigning

We have lots of campaigns for young people to get involved with. We know that their voice can influence change and so know too that it is important they use it! Our current campaigning focus is climate change, as its devastating effects are already impacting the poorest in our world.

We want young people to feel part of the political discussion and to use their voice. We encourage young people to lobby their MP whether that's through writing to them or visiting them and have loads of tools to help them do it. One of our latest campaigns that would be great to engage your youth group and local church in is called The Big Switch, and you can find out more about the campaign below.



The Big Switch

We want people across the UK to switch their energy supplier from fossil fuels to one which uses renewable energy. It would be exciting if Boys' Brigade groups got their meeting places to switch energy to renewable energy providers. Perhaps it is something you could take on as a challenge for your group?

If you have any questions then please get in touch with our team at collective@christian-aid.org

Check out the Christian Aid Collective website at christianaidcollective.org

Wear dots... raise lots

Wear dots...raise lots this October by exploring the braille alphabet. Get your groups involved and combine learning, creativity and fun!

Sign up now at: www.rnib.org.uk/dotsbb or call 0345 345 0054 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm) and get a free fundraising kit.

RNIB Supporting people with sight loss

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The Boys' Brigade is a Christian organisation, which cares for and challenges young people through a programme of informal education. Each week around 50,000 young people, aged 5 to 18, take part in one of our 1,400 groups.

Brigade Secretary / CEO

Fixed term appointment for three years
Package negotiable

Can you:

- Help to improve the experience of our members
- Support and challenge volunteers and young people
- Lead the staff team and provide support to the Brigade Executive
- Work with the Executive to develop a programme for improvement of the work of the Brigade across the UK / RoI
- Work with and develop relations with other key partners

For job description and further information
Telephone: 01442 231681 ext 204
Email: jan.williamson@boys-brigade.org.uk
or write to: The Boys' Brigade Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0BL Closing Date: 31 August 2016
Charity Registration Number 305969 (Registered in England & Wales)



BADAGUISH
Cairngorm Outdoor Centre AVIEMORE

WELCOME OFFER

NEW BIKE PARK
FREE 1/2 day ACTIVITY
For all new schools, youth and family groups in 2016 (residents & members only)

ACCOMMODATION
4 Lodges (17 Beds) / 4 Lodges (10 Beds)

NEW WIGWAMS & CAMPSITE
(88 Beds)

Badaguish is a small local charity, specialising in providing equal opportunity access to the outdoors for youth and education groups and for people with a disability.




www.badaguish.org T: 01479 861285

APPROVED CAMPSITES

The following sites have been officially approved, having met Guidelines laid down by the Brigade, and local Fire and Public Health Authorities.

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.




Contact:

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

Norfolk / Felden Lodge Campsites




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

Contact:

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

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




Contact:

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

West Midland District Camping Centre,



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

Contact:

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

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



Contact:

 Dettie Quirke on 07582 429929
 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.



Contact:

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

Coopers Mead Campsite, Whitecliff Bay,




Isle of Wight Traditional camping at its very best and at a reasonable cost! Weeks available for 2016, 2017 and beyond.

Contact:

 Ted Walliss 01737 352732
 edwardwalliss@btinternet.com




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.

Contact:

 Diana Dale on 01452 615072
 broadleas@boys-brigade.org.uk
 broadleas.boys-brigade.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. Close to safe sandy beaches and leisure centre. Enquiries contact John Osborn.




Contact:

 07796 177795
 freshwatercamping@gmail.com
 www.freshwatertrust.com

Bromley Battalion Campsite, Whitecliff Bay, IOW

Large & small marquees, traditional ridge tents. Purpose built Cookhouse/QM; Shower & Toilet block (M/F) Mains Gas & Electricity. At competitive prices, catering for 40 to 120.




Contact:

 Keith Francis on 01474 705485
 bromley_campsite@outlook.com
 www.bbcampsite.co.uk

CAMPING/HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES


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).

Contact:

Wardens, The Boys' Brigade, Carr Lane, Treales, Kirkham, PR4 3SS
 01772 685000
 office@bb-northwest.org.uk
 www.bb-northwest.org.uk




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Contact:

 0844 8000 222
 sales.info@rockuk.org
 www.rockuk.org

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



Contact:

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

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Swanage, Dorset - church hall available for camps The accommodation can comfortably sleep 24 people.




Contact:

 01929 422421
 www.swanagemethodist.org.uk/hallbookings

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

Contact Mark Boswell:

 Mark Boswell 07760111615
 Tony Drury-Smith 07930177764
 Greenmoor Centre



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

Contact:

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




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.

Contact:

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

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.




Contact:

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



Contact:

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

Stoke Gabriel Camp 2016/2017

All white canvas camp set in secluded private site close to Paignton, Brixham and Torquay. Modern porta loos on site with shower facilities on adjacent site. Cook tent and large marquee.



Contact:

 Clive Gordon 07718 761150
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Brixham, Devon 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 2017.

Contact:

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 graham.voizey@btinternet.com

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HM THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY BADGE

Product: 12 155 1

SILVER – 03 437 1 GOLD – 03 438 1

The Boys' Brigade has produced a commemorative badge to celebrate Our Patron, HM The Queen's 90th Birthday. It is an attractive purple enamel and gold plated badge with a brooch fitting ideal for presenting to members as a souvenir to celebrate this special occasion.



GIFT EDITION NIV BIBLE

Product: 35 354 0



Durable pocket size grey soft tone Bible with zip featuring BB 'adventure begins here' logo. Ideal as a gift/presentation Bible for Seniors/Leaders.

DARTINGTON WIBBLE BOWL

Product: 11 985 1



Handmade crystal glass bowl (260mm diameter / Large) ideal as a gift or for a presentation.

CHEERING STICKS

Product: 11 697 1



Inflatable cheering sticks which when hit together make a loud clapping noise. Supplied in pairs with inflating straw. Printed on both sides with 'the adventure begins here' logo

NAVY STRIPED TIE

Product: 18 516 1



Woven diagonal striped navy (pale blue/red stripes) tie. 100% polyester. Made in the UK.

LONG BENDY PENCIL

Product: 11 651 1



Flexible pencil that can be twisted into shapes. Great fun and ideal for Anchors & Juniors age groups.

STAR TROPHY

Product: 03 560 1



Rigid plastic black and gold star (approx 16cm x 16cm) with BB emblem in the centre. Space for engraving plate to be added.

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