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Thank You

Two little words but what a difference they can make. Who hasn't been encouraged at the end of a BB evening or event when a youngster comes up to you with a smiling face and says "thanks" for making it all possible?

Occasionally they may even tell you it has been the best day of their life! We are so privileged to have the opportunity to work as leaders in the BB and to be able to share the Good News of the Gospel with so many young people.

Sometimes, I feel we do not say thank you enough in the BB. By the time you read this there will be only be a month or so left in the current BB session, so on behalf of the Brigade Executive can I thank you again for all you do on behalf on the Brigade. We are blessed to have so many committed leaders and I know from personal experience just how much work goes into keeping a BB Company running. Many of you are also involved at Battalion and District level too and much devoted service is again given to keeping the accounts in order, preparing for meetings and doing the minutes!

Whenever I get the chance I remind government ministers and politicians just how much we do to promote civil society and social action across the UK and RoI. It is amazing but I have never yet met a politician who does not support and value youth work. John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister of Scotland and an ex-member of the 13th Edinburgh recently publicly thanked the Brigade for all its work and spoke tellingly of the difference being a member of the BB had made in his life. Bishops, Moderators

and other members of the clergy have also indicated how much the BB does to encourage young people to have a live church connection. I can assure you that nothing you do is in vain.

I was delighted in June to attend a presentation service organised by Liverpool and District Battalion. Every five years they present leaders with their long service certificates and re-dedicate themselves to advance the Object. A simple but brilliant idea that is well worth replicating in your own area if it is not already happening.

One selfish reason for saying thank you is that I am hoping and praying that you will all do even more next session! The Brigade is in good heart but many of our Companies could do with more members – we need to start growing the BB again. Please start planning and thinking **NOW** about what you can do to help.

Once again many thanks!

Bill Stevenson

Bill Stevenson
Brigade Secretary & CEO

 **Follow Bill on Twitter at @BillBBHQ**

Faith in God, Faith in Young People, Faith in Yourself!

Sunday 4th June, Pentecost Sunday. Happy birthday church. Another year of witness across many different denominations completed. Many more years, and challenges, to come!

The world, our countries, cities, towns, communities and worship communities are facing challenges, many the same as before our time and many unprecedented. The question "what is normal?" does not have a set answer and is consistent with many situations in the past.

Consider, for a moment, the situation of the Apostles. It was fifty days since Jesus had risen and they were still very nervous and even afraid to be seen following the traumatic death of Jesus.

"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:2-4 (NRSV)

Immediately these nervous and fearful Apostles stood up and declared the Gospel of Jesus to the crowds in Jerusalem. What a transformation!

The young people we as BB leaders have the honour of serving, (or can serve if they can be attracted to our organisation,) are described as Generation Z or iGen. Most members of Gen Z or iGen don't remember a time before social media. They are highly educated, they want to make a difference in the world and they are more diverse than the Millennials who preceded them.



These are the young people we are working with and the young people we must also reach out to. God loves us unconditionally and I believe this marvellous message must go out to all young people. Just as we face unprecedented challenges and changes, as did the Apostles, we can confidently have Faith in God, Faith in young people and Faith in Ourselves as BB leaders! The BB has a distinct role to play in the lives of young people and we should never be distracted with structural changes in BB life, the life of our worship communities or even the life in the communities in which we live and work.

We must be focussed on enriching the lives of young people and sowing the seeds for a future generation that will continue to make the world a better place whilst working to achieve God's will here on earth.

Mark Acheson

Mark Acheson is a Junior Section Leader in the 12th Dublin Company (due to celebrate their 125th anniversary next November), a Brigade Training Officer and National Chaplain for the Republic of Ireland District. Mark is a Diocesan Lay Reader for the Church of Ireland (Anglican) United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.

Mark is currently a member of the Christian Faith Group (CFG) for the BB centrally. Watch out for news on resources for working with young people and their faith development. CFG is working towards providing and pointing to good online Christian resources for activities and learning.

Married to Jean for 32 years, they have a daughter, Kim, and son, Sam, both currently at University in Dublin. Mark took an early retirement from the insurance world "to see what else life can offer". Mark likes 'people-centred' activities, in particular his parish involvement, watching movies, reading the occasional book and playing mindless games on his laptop.





GETTING OUTDOORS AND ADVENTUROUS

HOW TO CONVERT AN UNADVENTUROUS YOUTH WORKER

I'm going to be totally honest. Normally when I hear the words; 'walk', 'challenges', 'map reading', 'camping' combined with... 'young people' - I start to get heart palpitations.

Before the Waltham Walk I didn't really get the whole adventure thing. As a youth worker, my mind feels swamped with the idea of risk assessments, first aid, lost children and the unavoidable fact that I hate camping! But it's strange how a few hours and some inspirational young people can change your mind.

I had the privilege of tagging along to the event and spent the whole day in awe of the young people who signed up to the weekend expedition. As soon as I got out of my car I witnessed groups huddled together planning their routes (no phones in sight!) and giving each other advice about how to survive the day ahead. I then looked on as they raced against other teams, participated in challenges (some involving a river!) took part in quizzes and then at the end of the day, set up their camps and cooked their own food. The best part was watching all of this unfold whilst the young people continued to support and encourage one another.



The Waltham Walk, described as 'a challenge expedition' is held in May every year. Young people from across the UK take part in a trek around Chelmsford and the Rodings whilst racing against other teams.

During the walk they have to make it to different check-points and take part in various 'incidents' (challenges) as well as quizzes along the journey. If that isn't challenging enough, the teams also camp out overnight, setting up their own tents and cooking their own meals.

The biggest thing I learnt from my day in the beautiful countryside is that adventure is more than just 'fun'. Yes, fun is a very important aspect of youth work... I mean if the young people don't enjoy it, what's the point? BUT, on top of that adventure is a wonderful tool for building up those essential life skills we want young people to develop; resilience, leadership, teamwork, independence, problem solving to name just a few. And to be able to pack all of that in over a weekend is an absolute bargain!



"Be prepared to use all your skills, especially map skills. Be positive, it's all about being positive and be determined."

Sam, 2nd Reading

One young person participating in the walk told me, "I've learnt that we work really well as a team, it's really improved our communication skills and we've gained some practical skills like map reading."

I'm not 100 percent sure what has converted me, but I can't stop thinking about the power of adventure and young people. I'm honestly surprised to admit this, but I came home and suggested to my husband that we take our youth group to the Waltham walk next year (I better learn how to read a map!)



"Getting lost was such an adventure. The independence is a great experience."

Jekiah, 3rd Warley

For anyone who is like me and prefers to keep things a little more 'dry', I would really encourage you to explore ways to incorporate some adventure into your group. It could be as simple as going on a treasure hunt or a bug hunt - any challenges which require teamwork and strategic planning coupled with bonfires and marshmallows (!) - the point isn't even what you do, it's the atmosphere it creates.

Thank you to the organisers of the Waltham Walk for letting me part of your day and thank you to the amazing young people who shared their experiences with me and even let me try their campfire cooked dishes!

Louise Mary



Louise resides by the seaside in Margate, Kent. She has been working with young people for over 12 years in different capacities, both in and outside of London. She has recently trained as a counsellor to explore how she can bring those tools into youth work. She and her husband currently serve at New Life Family Church, Margate as youth leaders.

Getting outdoor adventure into your programme – 50 ways to be adventurous!

How adventurous is your programme? Have you considered adding more outdoor adventure into your programme, to provide fresh challenges and new experiences to the children and young people in your Company?

We have put together a list of 50 ways to get outdoors and adventurous...

1. Go on a bug hunt
2. Go camping



3. Build a bonfire



4. Try roasting marshmallows over a fire

5. Go on a picnic
6. Go bird watching



7. Go for a bike ride

8. Dam a stream



9. Build a shelter

10. Try star gazing or learn a constellation
11. Visit a waterfall
12. Go pond dipping
13. Build twig rafts (and race down a river/stream)
14. Play in the snow (build a snowman)
15. Go on a treasure hunt
16. Go orienteering



17. Go kayaking/canoeing

18. Go on an expedition
19. Cook over an open fire
20. Walk along a canal

Use the box next to each activity to tick off as you complete an activity. How many can you complete next session?

21. Build mud castles or sculptures
22. Try out map reading



23. Go coasteering / rock scrambling

24. Try star gazing or learn a constellation
25. Sleep under the stars (bivvy bag or shelter)
26. Go fishing
27. Roll down a hill/slope
28. Go crabbing
29. Try skimming stones on water

“We are blessed with plenty of countryside within walking distance of the halls. We do simple tracking, bushcraft, den building, bug hunting, wide games, leaf gathering, water games as well as outside games like quick cricket.”

Nev Keating, 1st & 3rd Wallingford

30. Go sailing
31. Try out bark rubbing
32. Go on a coastal walk along the beach or clifftop
33. Go Geocaching
34. Go swimming in sea/river/lake



35. Go on a night/welly walk

36. Climb a tree
37. Visit a farm
38. Track an animal
39. Play Hide & Seek
40. Build sand castles or sculptures
41. Create and try out a blindfold rope trail



42. Go raft building

43. Have a water fight
44. Plant a tree or flowers
45. Feed a farm animal
46. Spend some time at Playground



47. Climb to the top of a hill

48. Get creative with leaves
49. Go on a scavenger hunt
50. Go caving or explore a cave

Well that's a list of 50 activities, but there are many more out there that you could include in your programme, for additional ideas check out woodlandtrust.org.uk and nationaltrust.org.uk who have some fantastic programme ideas and resources.

All Year Adventure

These are just some ideas to get you started, it may at first seem that the majority of these activities would be done in the summer, but many could be done all year round. So consider how you can get outdoors and adventurous throughout the session and don't limit it to just the summer months.

Safety First

Remember, with all activities it is important that you carry out a risk assessment, having considered all the risks and what you are going to put in place to minimise any identified risks. It is essential that whilst participating in the activity you are continually assessing risk and any changes. When going out and about you should ensure you have access to; consent forms and medical information, emergency phone and a first aid kit.

Share your adventure

Let us know what you get up to in your Company, by sharing using [#bbadventure](https://twitter.com/bbadventure) on social media or send your photos and captions to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk.



Juniors 100



As we continue to celebrate this significant anniversary it is great to see so many photos and stories being shared on social media. Many Companies are progressing well with the Juniors 100 Challenge, with some Companies having completed as many as 6 challenges in just one night! If your Company hasn't made a start, there is still time to get involved, check out the Juniors 100 page on the website for full details.



In September, we are hoping that Companies will be joining the national 'The Big 100 Birthday Party'. Resources and ideas to support The Big 100 Birthday Party can be downloaded from the Juniors 100 webpage.



Remember to keep sharing your pictures and news reports to newsdesk@boys-brigade.org.uk and use the [#juniors100](#) on social media.



Check out the resources and all you need to know at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100

Introducing the Christian Faith Group

"We need someone to do the devotions at the meeting next week. Any volunteers?"

How many willingly and enthusiastically raise their hand? It can be daunting for those of even strong personal faith, to think of ways to inspire children and young people to engage with what are the core Christian values of The Boys' Brigade. It's not that leaders don't want to talk about faith matters, it's just that the confidence is lacking to do so.

My name is Susan Brown and I am a Church of Scotland Minister living and working in the Highlands. We have a small Company in Dornoch (the town I live in – population is less than the number of sheep!), I have also served as a Chaplain on a KGV course for 20+ young people at Carronvale House.

It was a real privilege to be part of KGV last summer, working with the young people, as we found inventive ways over the week to 'do' devotions and as we explored various aspects of the Christian Faith. For me it was absolutely wonderful to see young adults growing in the space of a few days, from being fearful of saying very much about their faith, to engaging confidently with the Bible and with expressing that faith in very different and creative ways.

It was that experience which led to me saying 'yes' to a phone call which came out of the blue, asking if I would consider chairing a working group tasked with exploring how to help ensure that the Christian ethos of the BB remained as a central pillar of all its work.

The Christian Faith Group (CFG) met for the first time in January 2016. The group comprises of people from England, Wales

Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Scotland – a fantastic spread! The group has gelled well and clarified its remit which in general terms, is to provide support and guidance to the movement in the areas of faith exploration, development and nurture of both young people and leaders. What this means on a practical level is the that the group wants to provide help, encouragement and resources for Company Captains, Leaders and Chaplains to enable their faith-engagement with the BB to be rewarding for everyone.

In order to be able to do that well, the CFG wanted to find out what it is that you are looking for. Is it prayers you struggle with? Or answering some of the questions that are thrown at you? How do you make devotions 'fun'? Can those devotions be looked forward to as much as all the other aspects of a typical BB evening?

The group put out an online survey earlier in the year for Captains & Leaders and a separate survey for Chaplains and is grateful to all those that responded. The CFG is currently reviewing the results from the survey and will be sharing something of these responses in a future issue with more details of what the group is looking to do.

If you would like to get in contact with the group you can do so via BB Headquarters.

Rev Susan Brown
Chair, Christian Faith Group

Trooping the Colour



Over 100 members of The Boys' Brigade came together in London on Saturday 17th June for Trooping the Colour to celebrate HM The Queen's Official Birthday.

The group watched the ceremony on Horse Guards Parade from a special youth enclosure alongside other youth organisations including Girl Guiding. BB members then made their way up The Mall towards Buckingham Palace for the balcony appearance by the Royal Family and the RAF flypast which included The Red Arrows.

This was a fantastic experience for all that attended and certainly a day to remember. If your Company is interested in attending next year then watch out for details which will be circulated in March/April.

HM The Queen's Birthday Honours



More than 1000 people were recognised in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours announced on Saturday 17th June 2017. The Brigade congratulates the following members who were recognised and awarded the Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEM):

James Anderson, 1st Stonehouse Company
Henry Austin, Tonbridge and North West Kent
Hugh Hutchinson, 1st Vale of Leven

President's Commendation



The President's Commendation has recently been awarded to:

Pharnell Geddes – 1st Thurso in Scotland

In May 2017, The Lord Lieutenant of Caithness, Anne Dunnett presented Pharnell Geddes with his President's Commendation. Despite his health difficulties Pharnell shows great determination and he enjoys his time with his friends at BB each week. He's a happy boy and a real asset to the 1st Thurso and all are so proud of how he likes to help others despite being ill himself. His positive, cheerful attitude and enthusiasm is an inspiration to all who know him. Pharnell is a credit to himself and his family and the Brigade is proud to have him as a member.

Juniors 100 International Team Games Results



There were 193 entries to the competition this session including Companies from Thailand, Ghana, Australia, Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Well done to 8th Wigan Company (England), winners for 2016/17 session. Details of the 2017/18 games will be available on the website from October 2017.



Find out more at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm

Top Tips when booking activities at an Activity Centre



To help provide an exciting and varied programme many Companies will organise activities to be run through a local activity centre. These often range from climbing to archery, fencing to canoeing. Undertaking activities through a specialist centre is a great idea and enables young people to participate in exciting activities where BB leaders may not have the expertise or equipment available to include these in the programme.

Although staff at the activity centre are leading the activity, there are a number of considerations that still need to be taken into account when assessing whether an activity is suitable for your Company.

Actions to take in advance:

- A risk assessment must be completed.
- Does the Centre have Public Liability insurance in place? Ask to see a copy, often it will be available from the website.
- What consent forms/terms & conditions will you be asked to sign before the event or on the day? Ask to be sent copies if not available via the website.
- Check that the instructors are qualified.

Important Note

- Leaders should not sign any disclaimers waiving the right to hold an Activity Centre responsible should an accident occur where the provider may be negligent.
- As the activity is being offered in the name of BB, it is not possible to simply ask parents to sign the disclaimer. The BB will still be responsible should an accident occur.
- Remember that leaders are always responsible for the supervision of young people, even where someone else is acting as instructor.



In recent months BBHQ has been contacted by a number of Companies looking to use one of a growing number of Trampoline Parks across the country as part of the programme. In principle, like other activities there is no issue with this, but please note that the terms and conditions vary hugely from centre to centre. Look carefully to ensure there isn't a clause waiving the Centre's responsibility should an injury be sustained.

Adventurous activities form an important part of Company programmes and we would want to encourage Companies to offer these opportunities to young people.

If you have any questions about suitability of an activity or are concerned/unsure about anything you are being asked to sign please contact Jonathan Eales, Business Director at BBHQ on **01442 509519** (Direct line) or at jonathan.eales@boys-brigade.org.uk

Child Car Seats: The Law



Some new rules on the use of child car seats came into force earlier this year. It is important that leaders are aware of the changes and the law in general when transporting children and young people for BB activities. To provide further clarity we have produced a fact sheet with all the relevant details and some advice to leaders.

The law says that **all children aged from 3 to the age of 12 (or 1.35m height)** must use the correct car seat, although there are some exceptions to this including when children travel in a minibus or a coach.

As an organisation who carries other people's children, BB leaders have a legal duty to ensure they carry them safely.

Download the fact sheet at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/factsheet-childcarseats.pdf and check out childcarseats.org.uk for further advice.

Congratulations to all our Finalists

In the last issue we shared the results from the Masterteam, Table Tennis and Chess Finals and now we conclude our roundup with the results of the Badminton and Football competitions.



National Badminton Final

The 65th Edinburgh made it three years in a row by winning the National Badminton Final in Leicester on Saturday 29th April. After a long competitive day of some excellent Badminton, the 65th Edinburgh were triumphant against 4th Newtownabbey in the final at The Roger Bettles Sports Centre in Leicester.

Six teams from around the Brigade had qualified for the final including 65th Edinburgh, 1st Largs, 1st Garvagh, 4th Newtownabbey, 32nd Nottingham and 9th Southend.

The winning team of Peter Sawkins, Jason Wang, Lucas Johnston, Liam Packwood & Sam Raphael were presented their individual trophies and the Competition Trophy by Natalie Whipday, Director for England & Wales.

Peter Sawkins, Captain of the winning team said "I have been involved in the Badminton Final for the past 5 years and this year's competition was by far the closest fought that I can remember. Our whole team worked hard throughout the day, whilst still having a laugh along with the boys from other Companies. Winning the competition was a great way to finish off my time as a competitor in the competition!"



Senior 5-a-Side Football

The 15th South Shields team won four of five matches to clinch the 2016 – 2017 title at an event hosted by Glasgow Battalion on 22nd April. The team, who were runners-up in last year's finals, topped the table above second place team, 4th Newtonabbey.

The winning team consisted of James Ingoe, Daniel Gray, Jordan Capeling, Harry Edwardson, Samuel Ingamells, Luke Walker, Jordan Brindle and Harry Ludlow.

This year's finals saw six teams – 15th South Shields, 4th Southampton, 2nd Gourock, 1st Buckie, 5th Carrickfergus and 4th Newtownabbey – competing at the Alistair McCoist Complex, East Kilbride.

The finalists were welcomed by the Depute Provost of South Lanarkshire Council, Pam Clearie and the boys from 15th South Shields were presented with the trophy by Brigade Vice President, Alistair Burrow and Director for Scotland, John Sharp.

Member of the winning South Shields team, Daniel Gray (18) said "This means so much. It's my last year in the Company after seven years. We finished runners-up last year – it was so close. This time I think we all just wanted it so much more. I think the team has got good depth and has a real chance of defending the title next year."



Juniors 5-a-Side Football

The 1st Kilkeel Company from Northern Ireland won this year's title following a fantastic day of football at the Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey on Saturday 13th May 2017.

This year's finals saw six teams taking part including the 1st Kilkeel, 1st Moneymore, 2nd Gourock, 1st Banff, 2nd Tonbridge and 14th West Bromwich.

2017/18 National Competitions

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

Brigade Council Business

Appointment of Brigade Office Bearers:

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

President: Lord Griffiths of Burry Port

Vice-Presidents: Mr D Aubrey
Mr A S Burrow

Treasurer: Mr C Bygrave

Motions / Amendments

Following the publication of the business for Brigade Council a number of amendments have been received.

1. Amendment to Motion 2 - Capitation Fees

In the name of the East Lancashire Battalion, Geoff Smale (President) Margaret Battrick (Vice President) Ian Parrish (BTO) and Wendy Curzon (Battalion Secretary)

That there be no increase in the capitation fee in 2018/19 for Helpers and that this should remain at the current level.

2. Amendments to Motion 6 - "Ayling" motion

The proposers have accepted an amendment from Jim McVean (200th Glasgow) and Douglas Ellis (163rd Glasgow) to change the size of the Executive to 13 members. The Brigade Executive have proposed a number of other amendments. Please see the supplement / website for full details.

3. Motion 7 regarding a change of wording to use Young People instead of Boys in Brigade Regulations has been withdrawn.

4. Amendment to Motion 8 – Northern Ireland District

With the agreement of the proposers the Northern Ireland District motion has been amended to read:

The Council instructs the Brigade Executive, in order to maintain the bond and benefits of a national organisation, to bring to Brigade Council 2018 proposals to provide accountable autonomy in Regions for the management of resources and delivery of support to Companies and Battalions in accordance with Brigade Policies and regulations.

Full details of the motions and amendments can be found on the website and in the supplement which is included in the Company mailing. The supplement also includes a statement from the proposers of each motion.

A form to register a vote at Council is also included in the Company mailing and is available to download from the website. Registration to vote in person may take place on the day of the meeting, but it would help greatly with administration if this form could be completed and returned by Friday 18th August 2017. If a proxy is being appointed to vote for any category of membership, this form must be returned to Brigade Headquarters not later than 1:30pm on Thursday 31st August 2017. Additional copies of the supplement and the voting form can be requested from Jayne Thorne at BB Headquarters at jayne.thorne@boys-brigade.org.uk.

WCF Stos

William C.F. Stevenson
Brigade Secretary / CEO
10 June 2017

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.


Trevor Giles	1 st Waterloo
Roy Barson	Yorkshire & Humberside District
Eric Britt	Honorary Brigade Vice President
Ken Wallis	1 st Fleet
Reg Moss	1 st Port Sunlight

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

Recruiting for the New Session

As we move towards the start of a new session we would encourage you to consider your plans for recruitment. There are a wide range of resources available to support you in your recruitment efforts including recruitment toolkits, videos, assembly guides, templates as well as access to a photo and cartoon library. A range of FREE leaflets and posters can be ordered online and Regional Headquarters can arrange the loan of banners and banner stands to support local recruitment events.



 You can access everything you need through the Leaders website at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/oneforall.htm

YOUR VIEWS AND NEWS

The Tough One – The Waltham Walk

The Waltham Walk, in it's 48th year, took place in May with 160 participants taking part in the 2017 event. The walk took place around Chelmsford and the Rodings with teams competing against the clock between checkpoints with each checkpoint included an 'incident' (challenge) for the team to complete.



Teams camped at Skreen's Park campsite, setting up their own tents and cooking their own meals before completing another day of walking on Sunday.

Well done to 'Operation Deliverance' winners of the Main Event, 1st Saffron Walden A team winners of the Mini Trek Event. Next year's event will take place from 19th to 20th May 2018.

Easy Fundraising in Bromsgrove

The 2nd Bromsgrove have just completed 3 months of the easiest fundraising ever. Their local Asda store participates in 'Your Community Counts' (the Green Token Scheme) and the Company was selected to be one of three community groups within Bromsgrove to be in the quarterly fundraiser.

After applying to the store (a simple application form available from within the store) to be considered, they received confirmation shortly after that they had been chosen.

Following this they did some promotion on social media and within the Company and Church through newsletters etc to encourage people to pop their tokens in their slot. The campaign with the most tokens was to receive up to £500 and the runners up each receive £200.

As a runner up, the Company received £200, which they are putting towards resources and activities for our members this year.



Besides the fundraising and publicity, the store's Community Engagement team have offered to do some activities with the young people on healthy eating and cooking, free of charge, at church or in store.

The money raised helped pay for a Juniors weekend away as part of the juniors 100 celebrations. The weekend involved team games, swimming and night time hill walks all with the emphasis set on fun.



Netherlee BB 278 @NetherleeBB278

So, last night we ended 2016/17 with 18 Anchors - only 4 of whom were members last year! #netherlee #boysbrigade #theadventurebegins here



BYBA (Youth Music) @BYBAOfficial

A great day today at @theboysbrigade National Band Championships. Congratulations to all who took part #brigadesshowcase17





North West Kent BB @NWKBB

Full house at camp! Time for evening worship
#BBWeekend #BC2017



2nd Witham goes to Denmark!

21 boys and Leaders road-tripped to Billund, Denmark during the school holiday. The boys enjoyed the original Legoland®, an interactive Viking center, Henne Strande beach and LeLandia Water Park, while staying at a residential camp owned by a local FDF group (the FDF in Denmark is a youth organisation similar to BB). Young people from both groups spent time sharing games and activities, eating great food, enjoying great camaraderie and experiencing local culture and (almost) too much Lego®!



99th Belfast Boys Brigade

Thank you to Lewis (David), Jake and Charlie (soldiers) and Bill (Goliath) for their performance of 'David and Goliath' in the organisations service at St Matthews Church today. A lot of positive feedback from the congregation



SNAPSHOTS



212TH GLASGOW
AT HAMPDEN PARK



3RD GATESHEAD ON
TOP OF BLENCATHRA



35TH LIVERPOOL
FALCONERS VISIT



133RD LONDON
JUNIORS 100 SELFIE



3RD CARRICKFERGUS
SURF SCHOOL



43rd Belfast Boys' Brigade

Well done to the Bronze DofE group on completing their expedition this afternoon. You all worked well together as a great team.



Alex Sampson @AlexSampsonEC

The BB has given me so much over my life, and continues to bless me. It's an amazing honour to give back to young people #iamableader

Surprise for Honorary Brigade President

Lord Elgin, Honorary Brigade President has been unable to attend the Scottish Bands Contest over the last few years. As a special surprise, boys from the 1st Tulliallan Company who regularly take part in the Scottish Bands Contest went to play for him at Broomhall, his home outside Dunfermline.



Boys' Brigade NI @BBNI

#celebrating #workingtogether uniformed youth in NI - 6 years of community relations, equality and diversity.



The Severn Challenge

The Severn Challenge is a unique BB event that runs every other year. The River Severn is Britain's Longest River at 220 miles long, rising in the Cambrian Mountains in North Wales it enters the sea at the Severn Estuary, West of Bristol. The river is traditionally navigable from Pool Quay near Welshpool to where it joins the sea.

Over the years the river which now has little commercial traffic has been allowed to go wild. Many of the original man-made features have been allowed to collapse and many of the trees and other obstructions that find their way into the rivers upper reaches are often not cleared. At Telford the river passes through the world famous gorge at Ironbridge, where some years ago boulders were dropped into the river to create a stretch of grade 2 rapids.

The Challenge is for young people either in teams or as individuals to cover 107 miles of the River Severn in seven days. This year young people and leaders from Companies in Somerset and Oxfordshire took part in the week-long challenge.

The event is open for Companies from further afield to get involved and full details can be found at severnchallenge.org.uk



1st Ipswich celebrate celebrating 114 years of fun, adventure (and fundraising!)

Next year will mark the 115th anniversary of the 1st Ipswich Company at Landseer Road Methodist Church. The Company has been having lots of fun whilst raising funds over the past few years, and recently held a Comic Relief fundraising evening with 7th Ipswich GB. They raised £500 through a range of games, Lads and Dads nights, Mums and Girls challenges along with a 'Climb Mount Snowdon' challenge, which consisted of members and parents scaling Church stairs to a calculated equivalent of the height of Mount Snowden. Over the coming months there will be numerous changes to the Company with a new Church Minister coming soon and the possibility of the BB and GB Company doing more activities together.

1st Barnet's Mini Bell Lyres



The team at 'Mayfield Bell Lyres' are no strangers to receiving requests for adaptations to their musical instruments, but the phone call they received from 1st Barnet Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association took them by surprise. They were asked if they were able to design and manufacture a mini-bell lyre, with only 5 notes, specifically wanting this modification because the band also play bugles and this particular note configuration suited their musical scoring. But then came another surprise – it wasn't just one mini-bell lyre they wanted, but 50!

The team love a challenge so they immediately got to work on designing the bell lyre for the band. Chief Engineer, Tony Cutts, met with the Company to check if the customised design met with their approval and having received the 'thumbs-up' they began to make another 49! In the space of 2 months, the instruments were ready for collection. The end result is a beautiful and very lightweight bell lyre, perfect for the younger band members. It can be easily carried by hand or with the use of a sling. It retains the quality workmanship that is associated with Mayfield instruments, with each aluminium note meticulously tuned for perfect pitch and harmonics.

The same size bell lyre can actually accommodate up to 7 notes. To demonstrate just how Mayfield instruments can be personalised, Tony and Simon have since designed a mini bell lyre with red painted woods, blue back plates and white felts – very patriotic!

The Mayfield team are very proud of their latest invention and have given it the angelic name of "Seraph".

For more information on Mayfield Bell Lyres, please visit their website at mayfieldbelllyres.co.uk



#Juniors100

400+ Celebrate Juniors 100 in London



More than 400 young people and leaders came together in North London for a fun packed weekend. Activities included an It's a Knockout Team Challenge, climbing, rifle shooting, archery, bungee run, sulk suits, bag drop, gladiator duel, crafts, face painting, laser tag, puppets, football freestyling, magic/illusions, toasting marshmallows, bonfires, disco, late night film and lots more. A celebration service on the Saturday included a time of worship and the release of 100 balloons. This was a great opportunity for Juniors from across London to join together and celebrate.

Tom Elliott @TomElliott_UK

One of the best selfies #juniors100 @theboysbrigade

8th Hartlepool BB @the8thBB

The end of a week long party for Juniors complete with photo cake #juniors100 @theboysbrigade

Keep sharing your stories using [#Juniors100](https://www.facebook.com/juniors100)

Hants Celebrate Juniors 100

More than 160 young people from 17 Companies from across Hampshire joined together to celebrate 100 years of the Junior Section, at New Life Christian Church, Emsworth. They were joined by 100 leaders, parents and special guests including the local Mayor. The young people arrived on the sunny south coast to the uplifting sounds of 1st Chandlers Ford band, and dispersed into teams to enjoy a variety of activities around the site. There was a wide range of activities on offer including a bouncy castle assault course, rounders and football, Human Table Football and a drumming workshop. When the BBQ coals were lit, hundreds of tired feet filed into the church to lift hands in praise and remember that BB is more than just fun, it's about following God. An excellent way to end a brilliant day!

Nottingham celebrate with Lord Mayor



The Boys' Brigade in Nottingham kicked off their Juniors 100 celebrations with an evening with the Lord Mayor of Nottingham Mohammed Saghir at the Council House. Around 100 current Junior Section members from all over Nottinghamshire attended an evening on Tuesday 2nd May. During the evening they had a chance to look around the Council House and meet and speak with the Lord Mayor as well as completing a Juniors 100 Challenge.

1st Fegg Hayes Get Creative

Two members of the 1st Fegg Hayes Company wrote a poem as part of the Juniors 100 Challenge. Well done to Eliza (8) and Louis (7) who created this fantastic piece.

*100 years ago was when it 1st began
To introduce new skills to boys for when they become a man.
The Boy Reserves were born as part of the Boys Brigade.
The name has changed yet most things have stayed the same.
The games they played as children then are the same ones played today,
The Christian faith is still a big part including how we pray.
Sure and Steadfast is our motto an anchor for our souls,
It's a place to play, a place to learn, a place to reach our goals.
To help build communities - it's a place to belong.
100 years later its still going strong.*

by Eliza Glenn and Louis Glenn



Talking about the topics young people want to discuss

A recent survey by Youthscape of Youth and Children's work in 2,054 churches in England, Scotland and Wales suggests that churches are struggling when it comes to working with children and young people. The report shared a number of findings, but in this issue we are going to focus on the finding that 'Churches lack confidence in addressing the topics young people really care about and want to discuss'.



You can read the full report online at:

youthscape.co.uk/research/publications/losing-heart

The survey wanted to find out what churches were talking about with their young people, and the topics they prioritised in their youth work. What was considered a fairly standard list of youth work appropriate topics were provided.

We have highlighted a small number of these (the full list can be found in the report):

- 50.2% of the churches regularly talk about the **basic beliefs of the Christian faith** (22% never talk about this)
- 19.2% regularly talk about **Poverty and social justice** (33.5% never talk about this)
- 1.2% regularly talk about **Preparation for moving to senior school/college/university** (47.5% never talk about this)
- 48.7% never talk about **Sex and relationships** (7.8% regularly talk about this)
- 48.6% never talk about **Mental Health and self-esteem** (10.2% regularly talk about this)

To complement the church findings, the research polled 100 11 to 19 year olds through an online survey to gauge which topics they would be most interested in discussing in their youth group. These are highlighted as follows:

- 60% were **very interested** or **interested** in discussing **basic beliefs of the Christian faith** (only 2% didn't want to talk about this)
- 70% were **very interested** or **interested** in discussing **Poverty and social justice** (only 2% didn't want to talk about this)
- 59% were **very interested** or **interested** in discussing **Preparation for senior school/college/university**
- 72% were **very interested** or **interested** in discussing **Sex and relationships** (17% didn't mind if they talk about it or not and 5% didn't want to talk about this at all)
- 80% were **very interested** or **interested** in discussing **Mental Health and self-esteem** (only 1% didn't want to talk about this)

In the main, young people were interested in talking about every topic on the list provided. The most popular topic which young people wanted to discuss was **Mental Health and self-esteem**. Of course it's not only Churches that find these sorts of discussions difficult at times. How confident and comfortable do BB Leaders feel about some of these discussion topics? How could BBHQ help resource and equip Leaders to feel more confident? A good start would be to share these report findings with young people and see what they say



Discuss this with your group

Discuss the findings with your young people and find out what they think about this. What topics are important to them and what would they like to discuss at Church and at BB? Consider how your Company could incorporate these topics into the programme.



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



Continue the conversation on Twitter: @BBgazette using hashtag #BBvoice



GREAT ACTIVITIES & IDEAS FOR YOUR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Welcome to the Summer 2017 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



101 Sublime Science Experiments

Check out these 101 awesomely fun science experiments you can try out with your young people. From standing on eggs, to giant bubbles and balancing cans there is something for everyone.

Check out sublimescience.com/free-science-experiments



Wycliffe Bible Translators Resources

Want a fresh activity to get kids excited about reaching the world? Try out some of these fun and educational activities to help children really understand how life-changing it is for those who hear God speak to them in their own language for the first time.

Check out wycliffe.org.uk/beinvolved/resources



Flame Creative Ministries

Some fantastic creative ideas for children (under 11's) with activities around prayer, Advent, Easter and more. With easy to follow instructions there is something for the anytime of the year and the site is regularly updated with new ideas.

Check out flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk



The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Hutton or Hamilton, Irvinestown or Ipswich.

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 2017 issue? Send it to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

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

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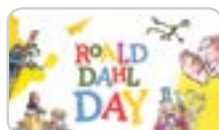
Some ideas to help you with your programme planning over the next few months:



SUMMER RNLI & LIFEBOAT WEEK

Throughout the summer period the RNLI hold Lifeboat Week's at RNLI stations across the country. Find out about how you could get involved by visiting the nearest RNLI station to your meeting place, or inviting an RNLI representative to visit your group. The RNLI also have lots of useful resources and information about staying safe at or near beaches and the sea on their website.

Check out rnli.org/youth-education



13 SEP ROALD DAHL DAY

Celebrate Roald Dahl day by running a theme night based on one of his stories. There's a downloadable party pack full of ideas on how to celebrate as well as a range of resources on the Roald Dahl website.

Check out roalddahl.com



15-18 SEP GREAT BRITISH BEACH CLEAN

The UK has some of the most beautiful coastline you could hope to find. But it is being ruined by a rising tide of litter that is increasing year on year. We need your help to tackle this menace! It's easy to take part. Most events will take an hour or two - time well spent making a difference to the growing problem of beach litter.

Check out mcsuk.org/beachwatch/greatbritishbeachclean

Getting Into The Bible: God's Love - Jelly Babies

Put a bag of Jelly babies into a bowl and ask the children to take one each. Ask them not to eat it for now.

Ask them to identify the colours and flavours (red – strawberry, yellow – lemon, pink – raspberry, green – lime, black – blackcurrant, orange – orange). Ask the children if they picked a particular colour or picked it at random. Some of them will say because it was their favourite colour, others may say they like the taste best.

Highlight to the children that each Jelly Baby is unique. They are all different colours and made individually, each colour also has a slightly different shape (yellow has a necklace, green is crying, black has a heart on its belly etc). No matter what the colour or shape, they are all still Jelly Babies.

Remind the children that we are also different shapes, sizes, colours and nationalities, however we are all human beings. We are all made differently by God yet he loves us all the same. If a bag of Jelly Babies were all one colour / flavour, then it would be a pretty boring bag of sweets. The same can be said about us. If we were all the same it wouldn't be much fun. God made us all different for a reason, but loves us all the same.



Explain to the children, that we are called to 'love our Neighbour', which doesn't mean just the person that lives next door, but everyone. Ask the children to think about ways they might be able to 'love their neighbour' a little bit more. Could they be kinder to others? Help someone out?

Get Active: Jigsaw Relay

Instructions

For this game you need a simple jigsaw for each team, ideally with the same number of pieces and the same level of difficulty. It could be as simple as printing off a picture and cutting up rather than using a premade jigsaw. Get the children into teams and spread out the jigsaw pieces about 3m away from the team.

In turns the team members must run and collect a piece of their jigsaw and return to the team. Once all pieces of the jigsaw have been collected the team can then work together to make their jigsaw. The first team to complete their jigsaw is the winner.



Get Out and About: Free Trees for Communities

The Woodland Trust have got thousands of free tree packs to give away. They want to make sure that everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. Does your group have a space where trees could be planted? You can choose a pack from the range available and complete an application form to see if you're successful. Packs are sent out in either November or March, when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting. If you don't want to wait it is also possible to purchase tree packs from the Woodland Trust, so if you have somewhere to plant them this could be a great activity.



Find out more about this opportunity at woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/



The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following...

"What outdoor adventure do you offer through your programme? Do you regularly get out of your hall and outside to play games or explore?"

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

"We have used den building as something more adventurous for the Anchors. As long as they are capable of picking up larger sticks then they are capable of joining in. It is also a good activity that can be done with older sections joining in too. We regularly get outside to do various forms of treasure hunts in our church grounds and playing games that require a larger space than our hall allows."

Callum Iaing, 3rd Perth

"We regularly, from spring onwards, take the boys to a local park. It has the usual climbing stuff and swings etc but there are also some trees with low branches which allows some supervised climbing. The park also has a grass area which allows and outdoor football game to be played. The boys love it and on occasions with nice weather we have spent the whole time there."

Dave Tait, 44th Aberdeen Company

"We go to the local woods. Parents pick up and drop off there and boys wear clothes that they can get dirty. We splash in streams, scramble up hills and have made boggarts."

James, 1st Ossett

Theme Ideas



AUTUMN

This autumn get into the season by celebrating the harvest festival and all of God's amazing creation with these themed ideas.

01 Get Creative: Harvest Collage

Create a Harvest themed collage to display in your church ready for the Harvest Service which will take place towards the end of September. Using a roll of lining paper (or similar) the children can paint, draw and colour to create a great visual celebration of this significant festival. You could also go out and collect leaves and twigs which could be used on the collage.

02 Get Active: Playing Conkers



It is a game which has been played every autumn for generations but these days fewer children play it. Why not revive this pastime by going out and collecting conkers, and holding your own conker tournament with your section.

Preparing your Conker

First of all you need to go out and collect some conkers up, you could do this as an activity with the children or in preparation of your meeting night. A leader will then need to make a hole through the middle of the conkers using a skewer. Cut pieces of string about 30cm in length and thread the string through the hole in the conker and tie a knot at both ends.

How to play Conkers

1. Wrap the string around the hand, with the conker dangling (approx. 20cm of string should be showing) – the conker should be kept absolutely still and held at arm's length.
2. Each player has three attempts to hit their opponent's conker with players taking turns until one of the conkers breaks and you have a winner.

You could declare a winner the number of hits and/or 'windmills' if there is no winner after a certain number of turns.

03 Get Active: Fruit Relay

Purchase or bring in a variety of different fruits, ideally you need enough items of fruit for each child. Fruits with a protective skin will be better for this activity like melons, oranges, bananas, kiwis, pineapples.

Get the children into teams and place the fruits on a table at least 3m in front of each team. In turn, team members go to the table and pick up an item of fruit and run back to their team to release the next team member before going to the back of the team. Go through the whole team, so that each team member collects an item of fruit and remains holding this. Once the game is completed and winner declared take the opportunity to talk about each of the items of fruit, you could talk about its colour, texture, where it comes from and see who has eaten it before.

04 Get Active: Autumn Leaf Characters

Equipment

- Leaves
- A4 Paper/Card
- Colouring Pens
- Paints
- Glue
- Wiggly Eyes

Instructions:

1. The first step to completing this craft is to take the group outside to pick up some leaves to use. If you can take the children outside somewhere they can pick up some different leaves this will be something a little different for them as well. You could encourage them to get some different colours, shapes and sizes. If its not possible a Leader will need to pick up some leaves in preparation of this activity.
2. Starting out with the paper, stick the leaves on the piece of paper.
3. Using colouring pens or paints add some features to make your leaf characters.
4. Finally add wiggly eyes.



JUNIORS RESOURCE

Great activities & ideas for your section:

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



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JUNIORS 'BIG 100 BIRTHDAY PARTY'

It's time to hold your BIG 100 Birthday Party. We want to encourage every section to hold a special birthday party in September 2017, the month that The Boys' Brigade first started working with this age group back in 1917. It is a great opportunity to celebrate as a section, so start your planning early and involve your young people to find out what they would like to do. A resource containing programme ideas for your party including games, crafts, devotions to help you get the party started is available at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100



25 SEP – 1 OCT RECYCLE WEEK

Get involved in Recycle Now's annual week of awareness. Recycling is not just about putting the right things in the right bins, there's a lot more to it. It's also about repairing rather than replacing (maybe a piece of furniture or clothing), and rather than throwing away something you don't that could be used by someone else, why not collect them up and take them to a charity shop. There are lots of resources and ideas on the Recycle Now website.

Check out recyclenow.com



16 - 26 JUN WORLD SPACE WEEK

World Space Week 2017's theme is "Exploring New Worlds in Space". Hold a 'Space' theme night to coincide with Space Week. You could take a look back at UK Astronaut Tim Peake's 186-day adventure in space which he completed in 2016. Online resources can be found on the European Space Agency website at esa.int/education

Check out resources at worldspaceweek.org

Get Creative: CD Hovercraft

This is a great craft activity which will provide lots of fun afterwards.

Equipment

- 1 x Balloon
- 1 x CD/DVD
- 1 x Pop-up Water Bottle Lid
- Strong glue or a hot glue gun
- Permanent Pens or Paints to decorate (optional)

Instructions

1. Take the CD or DVD disc and glue the water bottle lid to the centre of the disc, so that the hole in the disc lines up with the lid.

2. Make sure the pop-up lid is in the closed position.
3. Blow up the balloon and without letting it deflate stretch the opening of the balloon over the top of the pop-up lid – just over the push-up bit.
4. Making use of an empty space pull the pop-up lid to the open position and set the hovercraft down and watch it move around the floor.
5. The disc and the balloon could always be decorated.

You could try seeing how far the hovercrafts travel or find out what happens if you add a bit of weight to the hovercraft (perhaps some Blu-Tac or Playdoh on the disc), or if you blow up the balloon more.



Theme Ideas



With Recycle Now's annual week of awareness taking place at the end of September, why not get involved using these themed ideas.

01 Get Creative: Recycle Challenge



Collect together used items such as toilet roll tubes, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard boxes (i.e. cereal boxes or juice cartons) and plastic containers. You'll be surprised what you can make with items you'd usually put in the bin or recycling bin. You could give the children a particular challenge or let their imaginations run wild and make something of their own choice.

02 Get Active: Recycle Relay



Equipment

- 3 bins or boxes (marked reuse, recycle and rubbish)
- Selection of unwanted items (clean and safe) for each team (ideally 10 items or at least 1 per person). This could include items like a carrier bag (reusable or recyclable), empty bottle (reusable or recyclable), toilet roll tube (reusable or recyclable), small box (reusable or recyclable), carton (reusable or recyclable), item of clothing (reusable or recyclable), crisp packet (rubbish, not recyclable) CD or DVD (reusable or rubbish, generally not recyclable), plastic toy or game (reusable or rubbish, not

generally recyclable), newspaper (reusable or recyclable), magazine (reusable or recyclable), food packaging (reusable or recyclable), book (reusable or recyclable), toothpaste tube (rubbish, not recyclable).

Instructions:

1. If you are using the same items for each team, mark one of each item with a number to indicate what each team did with each item.
2. Mark a start line and from there set out the three bins/boxes, with the reuse box placed closest to the start line, then the recycle box and then furthest away the rubbish box.
3. Place the items for each team in a box at the start line and get the children into teams for the race.
4. The relay is started and the team members pick up an item from their box and decide which box/bin they are going to place the item in. They run to the box and place the item before returning to the team and the next team member goes.
5. The game finishes when a team has placed all items in a box/bin. The more items they reuse and the more items they recycle the quicker they will have completed the relay. This also reinforces the idea that reusing is cheaper and requires less resources than recycling. Recycling, on the other hand, uses fewer resources than rubbish going to land fill.
6. A leader then needs to review each item in each of the bins. The team members have to explain how they would reuse an item in the reuse bin to confirm that the items put in the recycling bin are actually recyclable.
7. As the items are reviewed consider if the team members could of made a better choice (i.e. to reuse or recycle). After doing this, run the relay again to see how they do things differently.

03 Get Creative: Campaign

Get the children to think creatively as to how they could encourage others to recycle (and reuse) items rather than throw them away. See what ideas they come up with, these could include designing a poster, creating a song or a jingle or perhaps putting together a short role play. Could you share their efforts on social media?

04 Get Out & About: Collecting

Get the children involved in collecting items to recycle or that could be donated to a local charity or good cause. There are many charities out there that raise money from collecting unwanted items or through selling unwanted items, so see what your group could do to help. Items like mobile phones and printer cartridges can be collected and donated to specialist charity schemes through organisations like recycleforcharity.co.uk

05 Getting into the Bible: Caring for God's Creation

Take the children on a short journey outside your meeting space to observe what is going on around us. Tell the children that we are going to see how well we're taking care of God's world, and to do this we're going to go on a look-and-listen walk. Encourage the children to be quiet (silent ideally) and listen for all the sounds around them, and to look around at what they can see – thinking about God's creation.

After a two-minute walk outside, bring the children back inside and discuss the sights and sounds. Ask about the natural and the human-made sounds. Talk about natural beauty and human-made creations. Ask the children about whether they think God would be pleased about all of this?

In the Bible in Genesis it says "God looked over all he had made, and he saw it was very good". In six days God created all that we see in nature and then handed it over to us to take care of it. God's plan was and is perfect, and the responsibility for carrying out that plan rests with us, to care for the world around us and do our bit.

Illustration

Get the children into 3 groups, you could do this by having them count off by threes. Have groups 1 and 2 form a big circle. Give each child in the circle a sheet of newspaper. Give each child in group 3 a carrier bag and ask them to get on their hands and



knees in the middle of the circle. To start the illustration, groups 1 and 2 begin to tear the sheets of newspaper into little pieces and throw the pieces into the circle. Group 3 have the task of keeping the circle clean by picking up all the paper and putting it in the bags. After a short time (based on how things are going) stop the activity and see if group 3 was able to keep the circle clean.

Ask the groups to sit down where they are, in the circle or in the middle and ask them how they each felt. Go on to ask them how is this game like what's happening in the world outside? Do you think God feels the same way?

Finish by asking the children what else they can do to help care for the Earth in which we live. If the children don't mention these things, bring them up: recycle, reuse, walk or ride a bike instead of asking for a ride in a car, and use water and other resources carefully.

Get Active: Chinese Handball

This is an individual game, and the idea of the game is to hit someone below the knee with a ball. Players are not allowed to pick up the ball, only to hit it with their hand. Once a player has touched the ball once, someone else must touch it before they can hit it again. If the ball goes above waist height and someone catches it, the person who knocked the ball up is out.

Players are not allowed to 'drag' the ball or to pick it up. Players are out if they touch the ball twice in a row also. No kneeling on the floor is allowed, all play must be from a standing position. You can add in variations by giving players a number of lives, playing in teams or playing with more than one ball.

Get Creative: Water Rockets

The origami water balloon is easy to make and lots of fun. After making it once the children will love going back to the table to make another one. All you need to do this activity is a pack of square origami paper, a water supply to fill the balloons up and ideally some outside space to be able to throw the water balloons!

Follow these instructions...

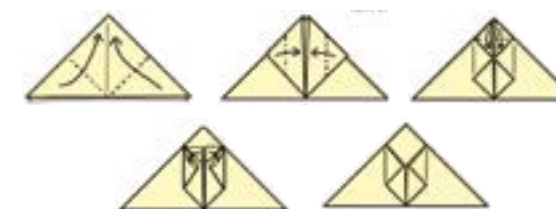
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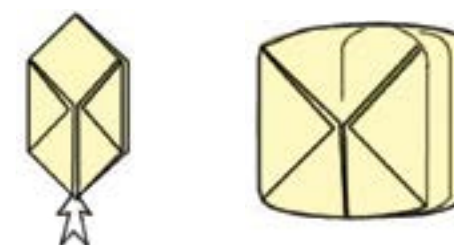
2. Turn Over & Repeat



3. Turn over & repeat each time



4. Blow and inflate and fill with water!



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JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Half a million children in the UK are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder. Jeans for Genes Day is about raising awareness and raising money to transform lives. Could your section wear Jeans on your meeting night this week? Could you raise some money for Genetic Disorders UK? There are resources and toolkits online with activities for all ages.

Check out jeansforgenesday.org



12 - 18 OCT

NATIONAL CURRY WEEK

National Curry Week continues to celebrate our nation's favourite food, why not get your young people cooking some dishes, reviewing a local takeaway or holding your own 'Come Dine with Me' (everyone brings along a main dish, or prepares & cooks one at BB and then mark each other's out of 10). You could also try the Poppadum Speed Eating Challenge, check online to find out the record you need to beat.



13 - 19 NOV

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

Now in its seventh year, the week-long festival encourages local groups to explore what UK parliament means to them and empower them to get involved. There are lots of resources to help support you and **before 30th September** you can register to receive a free kit.

Check out more information and resources at ukparliamentweek.org

Get Active: Rock, Paper, Scissors

Ever considered taking this simple game and making a tournament out of it? To be crowned "Rock, Paper, Scissors Champion" will be no simple task though, with the champion having to win back to back games against other young people.

To run this as a tournament start by pairing off the young people to play their first set of games, play best of 3, so the winner is the first to win 2 games. The winners from the first set of games go to one side of the room and losers to the other side of the room.

The winners pair off and play again in the next round, and this process repeats itself until you have just two players left. In the final increase it to best of 5, so the first person to win 3 games.

You could present a trophy to the champion and even do it a couple of times a year. This game can really create a lot of fun and is also great as an ice breaker.



Get Creative: Flap Jacks



Try out this fantastic flapjack recipe with your young people, it's a simple and quick activity.

Equipment / Ingredients

The following ingredients are for one person to make approx. 4 flapjacks:

- ★ 50g butter
- ★ 25g light brown sugar
- ★ 1tbs Golden Syrup
- ★ 83g porridge oats
- ★ Small foil tin (size of a takeaway tin)
- ★ Greaseproof paper

Instructions

1. Gently melt butter, sugar and syrup in a pan.
2. Remove from heat and stir in Oats until they are all coated.
3. Put greaseproof paper into foil tin.
4. Pour mixture into your tin and flatten with the back of a spoon.
5. Cook in the oven (180oc/160oc fan) for approx. 20 minutes or until golden brown.
6. Remove from oven and let cool for approx. 10 minutes.
7. Turn out and gently cut into four squares.

Get Active: Hantis

Try out this relatively new sport, which began in 2005 in a media arts classroom at Scott County High School in Georgetown, USA. After completing their class work, the students began playing around with a tennis ball and four tables. For large groups, Hantis can be played as a rotational activity similar to four square. Hantis is also played competitively. You will already have everything you need to play Hantis so why not give it a go with your young people.

Check out hantis.net/rules for all the rules and information on how to play.



Get Creative: Onion Bhajis



Try out these fantastic Onion Bhajis, a quick recipe which could be linked with National Curry Week (12th to 18th October).

Equipment

- ★ Mixing bowl
- ★ Wooden spoon
- ★ Knife
- ★ Frying pan
- ★ Frying slice / spatula
- ★ Kitchen paper
- ★ Teaspoon
- ★ Tablespoon

Ingredients

Ingredients required for each person (based on making 2-3 onion bhajis):

- ★ 1 x egg
- ★ 1 x onion
- ★ 70g plain flour
- ★ ½ tsp ground coriander
- ★ ½ tsp cumin seeds
- ★ Vegetable oil

Instructions

1. Slice the onion into rings using a knife.
2. Take a mixing bowl and break the eggs into the bowl.
3. Beat the eggs.
4. Add the onion rings and mix well.
5. Add all the remaining ingredients (flour, ground coriander and cumin seeds) and mix well.
6. Heat a frying pan with 1 ½ tbsp of oil on a medium heat.
7. Once hot take a large spoonful of the bhaji mixture and fry until golden-brown on all sides, turning over as necessary (should only take 60 seconds or so).
8. Remove from the pan and drain on kitchen paper.
9. Repeat this with the remaining mixture, topping up the oil as required.

Get Active: Sheep Driving

Equipment

- ★ Blindfolds (for sheep)
- ★ Marker Cones (for sheep pen)
- ★ Whistle (for shepherd)

Instructions

The idea of this activity is for the shepherd to herd their sheep into the pen as quickly as possible.

Get the young people into groups of 4-6 people. A member of the team is nominated as the shepherd and all other team members become sheep. The sheep will be blindfolded and

led to a position in the 'field', the shepherd will be outside the field and cannot move. Neither the sheep or shepherd can use verbal communication and physical contact isn't allowed. Before starting the game the team is given 10 minutes to discuss how the shepherd will successfully herd the sheep, only by using a whistle. You could set a time limit for the team(s) to try and complete and score based on the number of sheep in the pen at the end of the time or time it and record the time for each team to fully complete the task.

Be aware that the young people are blindfolded and moving around without being fully aware of their surroundings, so watch out for any danger and ensure this task is completed safely.

? The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following...

"Have you been successful in partnering up with another Company (at home or abroad) and what has that led to?"

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

"For some 10 years now we have had a relationship with the 45th Glasgow Company and each year we travel to Glasgow for a weekend stay in their church halls. Our last visit was in June this year and we had a joint games night on the Saturday where boys from both Company's mixed for some games and sports. On Sunday we had a joint Laser Quest game. These weekends are very successful and once the ice is broken as it were the boys get on well together."

Dave Tait, 44th Aberdeen Company

"We have partnered with the Company Section at another local company which has led to us visiting each other on a meeting night, being able to offer a wider programme and us being able to join them on camp this year, so we can offer a summer camp to our members."

Stephen Taylor, 7th West Kent

"We joined up with 2 other local Companies for a joint night. We are all reasonably small Companies, so it gave our boys an opportunity to be involved in a much larger evening, with the ability to do some activities that would have been harder on our own."

Callum Iaing, 3rd Perth

"Camp is always the highlight of the year, and many Companies are too small to hold camp themselves. Also, there are many benefits in camping with other Companies - being able to participate in a wider variety of activities which may not be possible in a smaller camp. The 5th Swansea has for many years has camped with 1st North Wales Company. The two Companies are 4 hours travel apart but the links between the two Companies have been made much stronger. The boys in the two Companies, following camp, keep in touch through the year on social media which is great. Another Camping partnership has been with the Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Youth Camp. This has provided a different style of camping and a different style of worship. With young people from several Churches, and their Youth Leaders, very strong bonds have again been established."

John Winchester, 5th Swansea

"All the Companies in our local area work well together. Staffing is so often an issue so we often find leaders going along to help each other out. There are also activities that are run which are offered out to other local Companies including a Monday Kayaking session run by 1st Wallingford which upto 4 other Companies participate in and Community Café run every 7 weeks which is staffed by members from all local Companies and the funds are then split."

Nev Keating, 1st & 3rd Wallingford

CHALLENGE PLUS

RESOURCE

Challenge: Coin on a Lemon

This is a great little challenge for your young people. All you need is a bowl of water, a lemon and a 20p coin. Making sure the lemon is floating without touching the sides or bottom of the bowl in anyway attempt to balance the coin on top of the lemon. Can you balance it on the lemon for 3 seconds? Let everyone have a go and see what happens.

This could be a great fundraiser at your next event, with all coins staying at the bottom of the bowl going towards your good cause or charity.



Challenge: Omelette Challenge



Since 2006, the Omelette Challenge has been a regular fixture on the BBC One Saturday morning show 'Saturday Kitchen'. The challenge asks the programme's two guest chefs to make an omelette as quickly as possible using three eggs.

The show's record holder is Theo Randall with a time of 14.76 seconds, set on 2nd May 2015, which has also been officially listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Try the Omelette Challenge with your young people and see how quickly they can make an omelette. You will need to appoint a judge to time competitors and make sure the omelette is completely cooked, raw eggs should not be eaten.

Quick Omelette recipe

1. Heat some oil in a non-stick frying pan.
2. Crack 3 eggs into a bowl and beat with a fork or whisk.
3. Pour in the eggs.
4. Using a spatula ease around the edges of the omelette and flip to cook the other side.

Get Active: Freeze Frame

Based on the party game of musical statues, ask the young people to move around your meeting space. As the participants move around a leader calls out the name of a sport, for example, golf, football, rugby, swimming, basketball, horse racing etc. When they hear the name, they must stop immediately and hold a still 'freeze frame' illustrating or acting out the sport. A leader should take a photo or video the freeze frames so everyone can take a look afterwards and see the different freezes. You could have a competition for the best, most life-like or descriptive 'freeze frame' in each round. You can play variations to the game by shouting out emotions, job titles or even animals.

Challenge: Extreme Ironing

Extreme ironing, dubbed as "a danger sport that combines the thrills of an extreme outdoor activity with the satisfaction of a well-pressed shirt" involves ironing clothes in remote or unusual locations and is alleged to have started in Leicester in 1997. The unusual sport is now practiced all over the world, including USA, Australia and Germany.

All you need to try out this activity is an ironing board, a shirt and an iron – it's then about planning a route to go on or locations to visit. You could do this as part of a walk or challenge, extreme ironing has been seen on the Underground in London, on rooftops, on top of hills/mountains and many other locations.



Check out David McKinney's story from 25th Stirling Company who's extreme ironing efforts got him into the news a few years ago at bit.ly/2tFrTjN

Take a look online to see some of the extreme locations people have already taken this sport, and then see what ideas your young people can come up with. Remember that a risk assessment must be carried out to ensure the activity is safe for all participating.

Project: Dragons' Den

Dragons' Den is a television programme that consists of entrepreneurs pitching their ideas to secure investment finance from business experts – the "Dragons". The contestants are people who have what they consider to be a viable and potentially very profitable business idea, but who lack funding. In return for financial backing, the contestants give the Dragons a percentage of the company's stock, which is the main point in negotiation.

The contestants must make a presentation to pitch their idea, and the Dragons then probe the idea further, often revealing an embarrassing lack of preparation on the part of the contestants or uncovering troubling facts, and consequently rejecting the investment.

In preparation, you will need to get access to an episode of the programme:

- Watch one of the entrepreneur's pitches to the Dragons.
- Stop the recording at the end of the pitch and ask group members if they think that the Dragons will invest.
- Ask the young people what information and factors the Dragons might want to ascertain before investing their money e.g. cost of sales, firm orders, sales projections etc.
- Watch the interrogation by the Dragons and discuss.

Get Active: Games with Ice

Chop Stick Relay

To play this game you will need two trays of ice cubes, a large plastic cup for each team and chopsticks for each participant. Issue a pair of chopsticks to each young person and split them into two equal teams. Give each team one of the large plastic cups. Arrange chairs in a line for each team, sitting side by side in one row. On one side (next to the first person) place the tray of ice cubes on the floor and on the other side (next to the last person in row) place the plastic cup on the floor. The task of each team is to move the ice cubes using only their chopsticks from the tray to the plastic cup. The winner is the team that will have the most ice cubes in their cup by the end of the game. Team members can only use their chopsticks and can only move one ice cube at a time.

Ice Cube Melt

To play this game you will need plenty of ice cubes. Split the young people into teams. The object of the game is for each team within a specific amount of time to fill a cup with water using only the dripping water from melting ice. They may only use their hands to melt the ice. Only one ice cube can be melted at a time.

Now it is time for the young people to take the place of the Dragons:

- Watch two pitches from two entrepreneurs (without the questioning from the Dragons).
- Give each young person an amount of money each which they can use to invest.
- Having watched the clips, what questions would they ask and in which product would they invest. Remember that in the programme, the Dragons can compete against each other to invest in the product.
- Each young person can decide whether they want to invest or not, and how much they want to invest. It is perfectly acceptable for someone to say they are not going to invest at all.
- Watch the outcome of the bidding on TV and discuss as a group the outcome.

Young People could also be given the opportunity to be entrepreneurs and come up with a product they will pitch to the Dragons (which could be a panel of leaders).



FOCUS ENGLAND & WALES

Unite 2017 - an amazing weekend!

Between Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th June 2017, over 200 young people and Leaders from across England & Wales came together for Unite at Felden Lodge. This was the event's third consecutive year.

Unite is a great opportunity for people to meet, explore their faith and enjoy a range of activities together, through a semi-structured programme which runs over the duration of the event.



The weekend began with a time together in the Marquee, where we were welcomed by Lee Hiorns, Event Leader. This was followed by a time of worship together. We were delighted to welcome back James Oxford and his band to lead worship, and our speaker for the weekend was Luke Dale, Youth and Children's Pastor at Mowbray Community Church in Yorkshire. Gareth Hillier, Development worker and Sean Clancy, England Regional Chaplain, led sessions for the 11 to 14's age group.

There was a packed programme of activities throughout the weekend including football, archery, rounders, American football, inflatable bungee run, sumo suits, laser tag, a camp fire, a quiz and much more. James and his band led a music workshop and a praise party, and there were also workshops for Leaders including success sharing and problem solving, working with challenging behaviour, an OBM clinic and an afternoon tea.



The entertainment on Saturday evening included the opportunity to have a go at some Bushtucker Trials, the return of the Lip Sync Battle - which featured several memorable performances - and a disco which included a photo booth and the chance to make some mocktails!



Each group at Unite was part of one of three 'villages': red, blue and yellow. Each village was led by two village leaders. They competed against each other throughout Unite to earn points for taking part in activities and winning competitions, with the aim of being named the 'best village' during the Unite awards ceremony at the end of the weekend. After a very close competition, and for the first time ever, the winners were the yellow village led by Connor Ruse (1st Plymouth) and Will Snowden (59th Manchester). Well done yellows!



For more information about the event as it happened, check out our social media feeds at:

Facebook: facebook.com/unitebb

Twitter: @unitebb

Instagram: @unitecamp

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

Juniors 100



It is fantastic to see so many Companies getting involved with Juniors 100 and it is great to see the photographs you are all sharing of the challenges on social media. Here are just a few from the across the England and Wales Region.



Do not forget to share your plans and ideas for celebrating and we would encourage you to send details and photographs to ewhq@boys-brigade.org.uk along with sharing the same on Twitter [@theBBEngland](https://twitter.com/theBBEngland)

Get Active 2017

We have had seven very successful roadshows so far in Manchester, Somerset, Cardiff, South Lincolnshire, Plymouth, Bloxham and Felden and Felden, for the Unite weekend with approx. 230 young people enjoying the fun filled team building activities.



Adventure SLEEPOVER

Saturday 4th November 2017 – Sunday 5th November 2017

England & Wales will be hosting a giant sleepover open to all Companies to celebrate the Centenary, in partnership with Kingswood Centres. To date we have received a good number of bookings for both venues. Anyone wanting further information please contact ewhq@boys-brigade.org.uk

Feedback from Get Active in Wales

“Get Active in Wales had over 70 young people involved. It was a beautifully sunny day, so the water activities were a particular hit with the children and young people. There was a large variety of activities which kept the teams entertained right from when they arrived until they left. It was a great opportunity for leaders to come and spend time with other leaders whilst the activities were going on. The feedback we have had back has been fantastic and we are already looking forward to the next Get Active hoping to have it as an annual event.”

Gareth Hillier, Development Worker



To keep up to date with the latest news, follow us on Twitter [@GetActiveBB](https://twitter.com/GetActiveBB)

Training

The processing and recording of training for both the England and Wales Regions will be facilitated via the England and Wales Office from 1st September 2017.

All Brigade Training Officers (BTO's) are reminded that they must notify and register any training to the England and Wales HQ ewhq@boys-brigade.org.uk prior to the training taking place and also provide details of those leaders who have completed training thereafter to ensure the correct recording of the same. We also want to emphasise that mandatory training course such as YLT, Captain's Training, Holiday Leadership, etc should only be delivered by a registered Brigade Training Officer.

Young Leaders Weekend – Have your say!

We are looking at arranging a Young Leaders Network to meet no more than 2-3 times per year. The focus being to build on experiences within their current roles and ways to share and channel ideas for the future. If you are or know of a young leader aged between 18-25 and would be interested in getting involved please email natalie.whipday@boys-brigade.org.uk.

TRAINING AT FELDEN

29 JUL - 4 AUG

KGVI Leadership Training

7 OCT

Brigade Training Officer's (BTO) Update

14 OCT

Holiday Leadership Course

3-5 NOV

Build Your Skills Weekend (Young People)

To book please contact Graham Weston on ewhq@boys-brigade.org.uk or 01442 288 558

WHAT'S ON - ENG/WAL

14 OCT

National 10 Pin Bowling Go Bowling Dunstable

4 NOV

Juniors 100 Adventure Weekend Kingsood Centres

FOCUS R.o.I



Alex Thackaberry retires as President

Alexander H. Thackaberry has retired as President of The Boys' Brigade in the Republic of Ireland after thirty-two years in service. His time as President has included events of historic importance including our Centenary celebrations in 1991 and the visit of the Brigade Council to Dublin in 2009. He motivated the amalgamation of various past member organisations into a unitary Stedfast Association and together with his wife Kitty participated regularly in its various activities.

Right from the start of his presidency, he made it the primary objective of his office to visit and keep in touch with all our Companies, and to attend special events not only in Dublin but also around the country whenever possible. This undertaking has been magnificently fulfilled, and the District expresses the appreciation of all our Companies for this support and encouragement.

Alex in boyhood served in the ranks of the 17th Dublin Company (St. Matthew's Parish, Irishtown) but did not continue into leadership. He made his mark in the business life of the city, and this qualified him well when he was elected as Honorary Treasurer of Dublin Battalion on 19th June 1972. Nine years later, on 15th July 1981 he was elected Vice-President and subsequently, on 17th June 1985, President. What a remarkable record of service!



The Boys' Brigade in the Republic of Ireland is greatly indebted to Alex and to Kitty, who has been his constant support and companion throughout his 45 years in the Brigade.

Brian Weekes has been appointed as the new President for The Boys' Brigade in the Republic of Ireland.

Cumbrae Camp



120 Company Section members and leaders from 12 Companies took over the Isle of Cumbrae for Cumbrae Camp 2017 from 26th – 29th May. Young people got the chance to try a whole host of activities, including cycling, football, volleyball, water sports – and even sandcastle building!

Company Section member, Euan (11), from 1st Prestwick Company, gave his impressions of camp just before he set off on the



journey home: "It's been great fun, everyone's been really friendly and the food has been great. I loved the sandcastle building and the cycling the most. Hopefully there are showers next time!"

The main aim of the residential was to give BB young people who wouldn't normally get to participate in a canvas camp the opportunity to do so.

Exhibition in Scottish Parliament



The Boys' Brigade hosted a week-long Scottish Parliamentary exhibition to highlight the extent to which BB gives young people opportunities to get involved in recreation, sport and play. Dozens of MSP's took time to learn more about the

campaign and showed a great deal of interest in the wider work of BB. You can find out more about the event, the calls to action and the findings at boys-brigade.org.uk/need-for-team-based-approach-to-increasing-youth-sport-participation/



2018 Brigade Conference Logo Competition

In 2018, Brigade Conference will be returning to Scotland and will be held in Edinburgh, at the beginning of September. Each year, the conference has a logo and a commemorative badge is produced and given to each of the delegates attending. Given that 2018 is also Scotland's 'Year of Young People', The Scotland Committee would like to engage children and young people in the design the logo for the 2018 conference.

 Find out more at boys-brigade.org.uk/2018-conference-logo-competition

New BB members of the Scottish Youth Parliament

Following the elections which took place between 12th and 18th June, The Boys' Brigade has elected two new members to the Scottish Youth Parliament. David Kong from 65th Edinburgh and John Paterson from 3rd Kilsyth have been elected to represent BB young people for the next two years. Both will attend the first sitting of the new Parliament this weekend in West Dunbartonshire.


 You can get in touch with David and John by emailing syp@boys-brigade.org.uk

YLN:24



year of young people
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2018


This is the first residential event of its kind specifically for young leaders (up to 25) in The BB in Scotland. The weekend will consist of workshops, indoor/outdoor activities, and social time. This gathering will also be a chance for you to meet other BB young people from around Scotland, share ideas and put forward suggestions on the future of The Boys' Brigade. Above all, YLN:24 is all about supporting you in your role as BB leader in a fun and relaxed environment.

 Learn more and register via the website at boys-brigade.org.uk/events/event/yn24

Year of Young People 2018 – Funding

The 'Creat18' fund is now open to applications from groups of three or more young people aged between 8 and 26. 'Create18' events could be anything from film festivals, gigs, and theatre performances, to art exhibitions, sports competitions, and nature trails. They must be of benefit to the wider community and involve young people in the organising.


For events taking place in the first half of next year, the funding deadline is Monday 21st August.

 Get ideas and more information at young.scot/yoyp2018/yoyp-articles/create18-fund

Juniors Giant Sleepover



Making a return to Glasgow Science Centre 3rd – 4th November this year is 'Juniors Giant Sleepover'! There are spaces for 400 Junior Section members to enjoy this fantastic learning and residential experience. This very special event will also be part of our 'Juniors 100' celebrations.

 Learn more by visiting boys-brigade.org.uk/events

2016 Make A Difference Award Winner

Alan Graham a member of 1st New Monkland Company was presented with the Make a Difference Award by STV news stalwart and former BB member John MacKay.



Alan received the national honour in Scotland for helping others in his local community where he carried out in excess of 250 hours at Airdrie Foodbank. Alan was joined at the presentation by Company Captain Calum McLeod and Fiona Curtis, Volunteer Coordinator of Airdrie Food Bank.

His volunteering efforts are going towards his Queen's Badge and he is set to attend KGV at Carronvale this summer.

Alan said "It's an amazing feeling and a great honour. It came as a big surprise as it was a very unexpected nomination. My volunteering has given me a much clearer understanding of foodbanks and just how many people rely on them. The experience has also really helped me develop my teamwork and communication skills."

In making the presentation, STV presenter John MacKay said "It's a remarkable thing for such a young man to get involved in the food bank and make a difference to society. Alan's story is an inspiring one."

Nominations for the 2017 awards closed at the end of June and details on the winners will be announced later this year.

WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND

29 JULY -
4 AUG

KGV New Entrant's Course
Carronvale House

26 - 27 AUG

YLN:24
Garelochhead

26 - 27 AUG

Enhancing Your Skills Course
Carronvale House

1 - 2 SEP

Enhancing Your Skills Course
Carronvale House

2 - 3 SEP

Enhancing Your Skills Course
Carronvale House

9 - 11 OCT

Queen's Badge Completion Course
Carronvale House

28 - 29 OCT

Sports Leaders
Carronvale House

FOCUS NORTHERN IRELAND

JS Play the Game Winners – 1st Muckamore

Congratulations to 1st Muckamore Junior Section Boys who won the Junior Section 100th Anniversary Celebration event 'Play the Game' on Saturday 25th March 2017, held in Lagan Valley LeisurePlex Lisburn. The winning trophy was presented by Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP.



Juniors have an Extravaganza Day to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Junior Section



The NID Junior Section committee ran a Birthday Extravaganza Fun Day at Ganaway Activity Centre on Saturday 6 May 2017, to mark 100 years of the Junior Section of The Boys' Brigade. Over 550 boys, along with around 150 leaders, enjoyed a fun filled activity day taking part in up to 8 different zones. The Ganaway Activity zone gave boys the opportunity to take part in challenges such as caving, climbing wall, high ropes, zip line, low ropes and archery.

Other zones included games down on the beach, an inflatables zone, all the fun of the fair, sports day activities, 100th anniversary craft activities and a picnic/food zone. Finally the party zone gave boys the opportunity to enjoy some party games, take part in a BB bake-off by decorating a biscuit and then join in singing Happy Birthday before enjoying a piece of birthday cake. Good weather added to the enjoyment of the day and everything ran very smoothly.

Thanks are expressed to all those involved with the planning and organisation along with the many leaders who worked at each of the zones throughout the day to ensure boys and leaders enjoyed all the activities.



AB Challenge Winners



Congratulations to 1st Killead who won the Anchor Boy 2017 Challenge. Pictured with Anchor Boy Section Chair Anne Houston and Sam Hyde Captain of 1st Killead.

Queen's Badge Celebration 2017



The NID Queen's Badge Celebration took place on Friday 19 May 2017 in Wellington Presbyterian Church, Ballymena. A total of 268 young men received the Queen's Award in NI in 2017. It was a privilege to see many of these young men receive their Queens's Badge at the celebration event representing commitment, hard work, enthusiasm and over 16,000 hours of volunteering. The special guest was Daniel Wright.

'Daniel Wright has risen to the position of assistant golf professional just five years after a heart condition ended his hopes of a football career. The 22-year-old was a goalkeeper with Wolves when he almost died during a game and was subsequently forced to retire. Daniel decided to give golf a go and five years after swinging a club for the first time he is assistant pro at Royal County Down.' **Source - BBC Sport.**

Daniel was interviewed by Queen's Man, Neru Baay, in a fun and informal chat show style. During the interview Daniel shared some of his hopes and dreams and his faith journey with the young men and their friends and family who gathered to mark the special occasion.

AB Colouring Winners

Congratulations to the following boys who won their age category in the annual Colouring Competition for Anchor Boys:

- 1 James Stewart, 3rd Portadown
- 2 Harry Bell, 2nd Ballynahinch
- 3 Daniel Ball, 1st Loughaghery
- 4 Tom McCrory, 1st Cairnabana

Prince Philip recognises three BB Leaders for DofE work within BB

Malcolm McFadden, 1st Randalstown BB; Tom McCormick, 1st Saintfield BB; Kay Wightman, 1st Saintfield GB; and James McClements, 1st Glasry BB were all presented with certificates on 25 May 2017 by HRH Prince Philip, at Hillsborough Castle, to recognise their service to DofE and the tireless work they carry out with young people and Leaders in BB and GB - well deserved and congratulations to you all!

Progress at Newport



As many of you will already know The Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland District relocated its Headquarters and Residential Training facility from Rathmore House in Larne, to the former Newport Primary School in Culcavy, just outside Hillsborough in 2014 and launched the 'Opening New Doors' fundraising appeal for the renovation and extension work.

The Northern Ireland District has raised just over £250,000 as of early 2017, thanks to the dedicated fundraising work of the Boys, Young men and Leaders and successful applications to trust funds. Work on phase three commenced the first week in June 2017 to renovate the four remaining classrooms into a modern training room and three dorm style en-suite bedrooms for residential training. The Northern Ireland District is very excited about this progress.

Centre Manager Alison Irvine says: 'We have received so much and are very grateful for all the donations so far; funds raised by buying a brick, being a Friend of Newport, sponsoring an event, attending a dinner, buying something at an auction, cycling, running a concert or cake sale, bag packing, filling smartie tubes with 20p coins... the list is endless.'

'Our Fundraising efforts for Newport are ongoing and there is still an opportunity to Buy a Brick or be a Friend of Newport. Your contributions will be used wisely to develop and maintain Newport as a Training, Conference and Residential Centre for many new generations of Boys and Young Men in The Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland District.'

Full details of the Buy a Brick and Friend of Newport schemes can be found at bbnewportfundraising.org





Safeguarding Children & Young People

In this issue Karen Jay, Director of Youth & Children's Work at BB Headquarters shares some changes to policy and the launch of a new Code of Good Practice card for leaders.



We know that these cards are used widely throughout the Brigade and given out on registration and at training courses, so every Leader should have at least have seen one and ideally be carrying one in their purse or wallet! The cards are a good reminder of best practice when working with children and young people, and set out what a Leader should do if they suspect a child is being harmed or abused. If they receive a disclosure from a child, or if there are concerns or allegations made about another adult or themselves.



The new Code of Good Practice card has been sent out with this issue of the Gazette, and is also available on request from BB Headquarters or your Regional Headquarters. Download at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/goodpractice

Even with the best training we can deliver, if something like this happens in your Company there can often be a period of shock and confusion and these cards are a valuable resource to keep handy at all times.

The current version of the Code of Good Practice card has been with us for nearly 20 years and although it's done a good job, we've updated it to reflect the changing environment we work in, as well as add some new advice and guidance.

For leaders that do not receive a copy of the Gazette (i.e. Helpers, Residential Activity Helpers, Staff Sergeants and Young Leaders) additional cards can be ordered, free of charge from BB Headquarters or your Regional Headquarters. It's strongly advised that all Companies replace the old cards with the new ones for all leaders. At the same time, it might be appropriate for you to request some safeguarding training for existing staff so everyone understands their role in keeping children and young people safe.

The main differences on the new cards are as follows:

- **Better shape and size** – they really will fit your purse or wallet!
- **Out of Hours Emergency Number** - We've publicised the existence of the 24/7 out of hours emergency helpline (given out on the out of hours answerphone message at BB Headquarters).
- **Whistleblowing** - There's information about our "whistleblowing" policy.
- **Good Practice/Policy** - We've clarified certain good practice issues about having more than one Leader present for activities, and the policy on transporting children and young people by car/minibus.
- **Reporting** - We've amended the wording on reporting concerns and incidents to reflect the fact that slightly different procedures apply in some denominations.
- **Social Media & Online Safety** - There's some clear guidance on the new cards on social media and online safety – this supports the more detailed information available on the website and delivered on training courses.



How to Help Young People Moving into Positions of Leadership

The Boys' Brigade has a strong commitment to developing young people's potential, and for some young people, part of their personal development will include becoming a Leader in a Company – often the same Company they "grew up in".

However, this transition is not always an easy one to make and will not be achieved overnight. We've produced some advice cards for young people thinking of becoming a Leader and these can be ordered free of charge from BB Headquarters or your Regional Headquarters.

What are the challenges?

Taking on a position of trust

Once an 18 year old registers to become a Leader, certain responsibilities apply immediately, for example the requirement to comply with our safeguarding policies and the Code of Good Practice guidance.

Working with their peer group

If young people are becoming Leaders in the Company where they have been a young member, it may be difficult to adapt to a new role in a familiar environment. We need to enable young people to be aware of the change in role – to clarify what precisely has changed, how that feels to them, how their peers may react, how the other Leaders treat them and how they can grow in skill, knowledge and confidence over time.

Suitability to become a Leader

It can be tempting to make young people Leaders to keep them in the Company, but in fact, they should be selected on their merits like any other Leader. Some young people will be well suited to the role, whereas others won't be. It is the young people who are not suitable but who are registered anyway who can be vulnerable. Furthermore, an unsuitable appointment could make the children in the Company vulnerable.

Inducting an 18 year old into their role as Leader

It is helpful to have a general discussion about how the young person feels about taking on this role.

This could include:

- Their hopes and fears
- What responsibilities they feel ready for – and what ones they would like training and support for
- How to cope with the reactions of their peers
- Coping with challenging behaviour
- Who to ask for support/advice
- Growing into the role and gaining confidence
- Safeguarding – issue the **Code of Good Practice** and **"Advice to 18/19 year olds registering as Leaders"** cards.

Finally, encourage the young person to take the opportunity to attend the relevant training courses that are on offer so they can develop their skills and confidence for their role.

You can access more support and guidance intended to help Captains and other leaders support young people making this transition at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/enabling.pdf which sits alongside the resource: "Guidance for Young People becoming BB Leaders" which can be downloaded at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/adviceleaflet.pdf.

Who Needs to be Registered, and Who Needs to be Disclosure Checked?

It was recently announced that as from 1st September 2017 a prospective Leader may not take up their role or start working in a Company in any capacity until the registration process has been completed.

This has been implemented to bring our safeguarding procedures into line with many of the Churches we work with and is generally recognised to be good practice. Company Captains and Leaders of all sections are asked to note this change which will mean that no one should be allowed to volunteer in a company until they have had the appropriate disclosure check and been fully registered with Brigade Headquarters.



Following on from this we have put together a range of scenarios to help clarify who needs to be registered as a leader.

Running a Parents' Rota



Scenario: We've setup a Parents rota in our Company to ensure there is adequate supervision on Company nights, with parents helping on average every 4 weeks.

Do we need to register these them? Yes – by going on to a rota it is clear that these adults will be helping out regularly and must be registered as leaders, we would recommend registering them as Helpers.

Adults on a Residential



Scenario: We have a couple of adults (former members) who don't help at BB on a normal meeting night, but do come along to our residentials (camps, etc) to help out (i.e. cooking/transport).

Do we need to register them? Yes – All adults attending a residential activity (including sleepovers, camps, etc) must be registered. If their only involvement is at residentials then they should be registering as 'Residential Activity Helpers'.

DofE Young Leader



Scenario: We have had an enquiry from a 15 year old girl asking if she can help in the Company as part of her volunteering for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This would involve helping out on a weekly for at least 6 months.

Do we need to register her? Yes – Non BB members under the age of 18 years old are required to register as 'Young Leaders'. There is no requirement to complete a disclosure check. If the Young Leader is still helping out when they turn 18 years old they would be required to register as a leader and complete a disclosure check at that time. Remember! Any young person helping out should be regarded as a member in terms of consent forms, supervision etc and should not be counted as an adult for ratios.

Becoming a Staff Sergeant



Scenario: We have always appointed 17 year olds in the Company to the rank of Staff Sergeant as part of their progression through the NCO scheme.

Do we need to register them? Yes – There is a requirement for those appointed to this role to be registered with BB Headquarters. In appointing a young person as a Staff Sergeant they move into a leadership role. A disclosure check will be carried out as part of the registration process for this role. The role is age specific and a young person can be appointed to this leadership role from their 17th birthday until the end of the BB session (31st August) in which the person attains their 19th birthday. At this point the individual would then transfer to one of the other categories of leadership if they wish to remain as a leader in the organisation.

Sharing a Skill/Hobby



Scenario: Once a year we have somebody come along to BB to teach the young people a specific skill (i.e. First Aid, Car Mechanics, etc). A registered BB leader is always present and supervising the session.

Do we need to register them? No – on the basis that the individual is coming in to share a specific skill over a few meeting nights, as long as the sessions are supervised by a registered BB leader there is no requirement to register this person or see a completed disclosure check.

It's important to remember that All adults working regularly in a BB Company are classified as Leaders, and must be registered in the appropriate leader category and disclosure checked. "Parent Helper" or "Adult Volunteer" are not categories and no adult should be working unregistered.

The categories of Leadership are:

- Captain
- Chaplain
- Lieutenant
- Warrant Officer
- Helper
- Residential Activity Helper (these adults should not attend weekly meetings and are only registered for attendance at camps, holidays and sleepovers)

As part of the selection process, the Church must approve the appointment and is responsible for taking up references.

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A Captain, Lieutenant or Warrant Officer MUST be present at all meetings – a Helper cannot lead a session.

What should I do if I have any concerns?

If you have any concerns about a child or a young person or a question about safeguarding or good practice, then contact Karen Jay at BB Headquarters on **01442 231681 (extension 211)** or email safeguarding@boys-brigade.org.uk.

If the matter is urgent or you think a child is at risk of immediate harm then phone the police or your local Children's Services or Social Services.



Introducing the Clubs

In this issue, we share something about each of the clubs that operate within the Brigade. The clubs offer a range of different opportunities for young people and leaders to get involved with and we encourage you to consider how they could support your Company programme.

Rowing Club

The Rowing Club has recently been established to introduce and support the sport of Rowing in the Brigade. It is hoped that it will be possible to establish a permanent base in the Henley area, to provide facilities for training and activities. Debbie Flood (Double Olympic Gold) has agreed to become Patron and there are a growing number of people getting involved in this new club.



Find out more at boysbrigadecanoecub.co.uk or email secretary@boysbrigadecanoecub.co.uk



Heritage Society



In 1982, Muriel Ellis, the former Brigade Archivist, started The Boys' Brigade Badge Collectors' Newsletter. Gradually a Collectors' Club was developed, for those interested in Brigade memorabilia and history. By January 2016 it became apparent that, rather than simply collecting items, people were more interested in the rich, valuable heritage of the Brigade, preserving our irreplaceable historical material, and learning lessons from the past, to inform the present work of the BB and to help shape its future. Accordingly, The Boys' Brigade Heritage Society was formed.

There are now over a hundred members around the world with extensive and wide-ranging expertise, and huge experience of the work of the BB. We actively engage in research, digitising and preserving records and documents, producing articles for magazines, and providing answers to questions posed by individuals and institutions. We attempt to locate and preserve material relevant to our heritage, and which can be used for future generations. We hold auctions of memorabilia, with proceeds donated to charity, and significant amounts have been raised as a result.

The Society puts on displays and presentations, thereby raising the profile of the Brigade and informing others of our work. We design anniversary badges for Companies, and secure their production, this being a means of fundraising for the Companies. We can provide help and advice to individuals, Companies or Battalions with preserving, cataloguing and digitising their records.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter and have an annual members' badge. New members are always welcome. For more information Contact Colin Swinton at ctkswinton@gmail.com.



Find out more at heritagesociety.boys-brigade.org.uk

Canoe Club



The Boys Brigade Canoe Club exists to promote the sport of canoeing within the BB and opportunities including training courses, trips and residentials. We are here to provide advice, training and paddling opportunities for both BB leaders and young people.



Many of the BB leaders in the club are qualified British Canoe Union Coaches with a lot of experience who are happy to share their skills and enthusiasm with others. Membership is free to anyone in the BB who is interested in adding canoeing and kayaking to their programme.



Every year we run two or three training weekends in a variety of locations and are happy to organise one near you if there is demand. Last year we ran a weekend in Kent, two in North Wales, a fun weekend in Herefordshire and a paddling weekend in the Lake District. Our qualified coaches have also run sessions for Companies at camps around the country.

Our activities range from white water trips, to lake paddling, canal trips, fun days and safety and rescue courses. Training courses are always individually tailored to those who attend be they first timers or old sea dogs!



Find out more at boysbrigadecanoecub.co.uk or email secretary@boysbrigadecanoecub.co.uk

Mountaineering Club



The BBMC is a club of BB associated young people, leaders and ex-members who enjoy and experience the mountains together. We have an annual programme of meets with training and assessment courses in various mountain and moorland locations. Membership can be as an individual, a Company or a Battalion.

Founded in 1965 by Ted Ward of 2nd Runcorn Company, it was his idea to create a club that challenged young people to take

part in the adventure sport of mountaineering. The club has qualified leaders in both mountain walking, lightweight camping and rock climbing and all these aspects of mountaineering are available to its members. Training and assessment courses are available for anyone wishing to gain the Brigade's Expedition and Outdoor Leadership Certificate; this can be by attendance at any of our annual training courses or by making use of our 'On Demand' courses at a time and location to suit the needs of your Company or Battalion. We are able to help train young people for the expedition part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (particularly at Gold level in wild country) and provide D of E assessors for expeditions (particularly in wild country) for which we have not been otherwise involved.

The club's aim is to help any Company, in whatever way it wishes, to challenge its members in any aspect of mountaineering; be that by leader training or first-hand contact with its members.



Find out more at bbmc.boys-brigade.org.uk including full list of events and training opportunities.

Easter Course 2018

The European Fellowship Easter Course will take place from Sunday 25th March to Sunday 1st April in Hila (near Helsinki) in Finland. The event is all about meeting similar young leaders (18 to 25 years) who are also active in youth organisations across Europe. To learn new games, activities, explore the theme of the course, make new friends and explore spirituality and have a lot of fun whilst doing it!

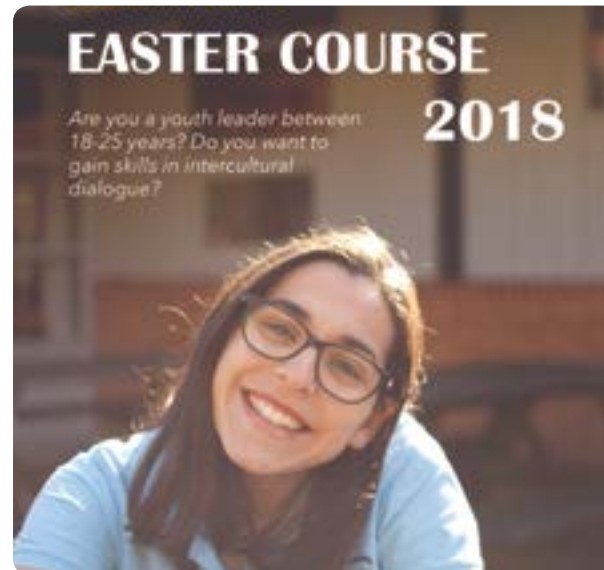
The cost to participants is 175 EUR which includes full board, programme, travel between airport and training centre, study visit and training materials. Easter Course 2018 is financially supported by the European Youth Foundation.



To find out more or to book please visit europeanfellowship.org



If you have any questions please contact Vaughan Staples by email at v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk



Growth in Hong Kong

Brigade Secretary/CEO Bill Stevenson recently visited Hong Kong and shares how BB has evolved in Hong Kong since 1962.

The Boys' Brigade Hong Kong (BBHK) was established 1959 when the 1st Company in Union Church Hong Kong and the 2nd Company in YMCA were set up. Five years later the BB was introduced to local Chinese children when the 3rd Hong Kong Company was established. The Hong Kong Council of the Boys' Brigade was formed in 1962 and it was renamed as The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong in 1985.



In 1984 BB Hong Kong set up Non-uniformed divisions which have provided social services and training experiences across the territory. Recently they have also launched a new recycling project. The development of BBHK undertook a revolutionary change when girls became members in 1986 and the first mixed Company was set up. Now all Companies are open to both sexes. In addition they now operate with five different sections starting with "Anchor Lambs" for three and four year olds, these groups mainly meet in schools and usually have the children's teachers as leaders.



Entering the 21st Century, BBHK has continued to flourish. The Brigade has continued to expand and the membership has almost tripled. Many Companies now operate in local schools as well as having links to their local churches. Each year BBHK holds an impressive Rally and Parade to mark Founders Day.



Global Round-up

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



Members of The Boys' Brigade on the Cook Islands in the South Pacific at their National Camp.



BB members in Serawak Regional Council in Malaysia came together to complete their Basic and Advanced NCO Training Course.



Members of the Team Section in 14th Christchurch Company on the East Coast of New Zealand's South Island making pizza on their weekly meeting night.



BB members in Accra in Ghana taking part in the Juniors 100 International Team Games at their local park.



A weekend of mountain bike riding at Tewantin National Par was enjoyed by members of 3rd Carboolture in Queensland, in North East Australia.



Members of 3rd Gold Coast BB and GB took part in the parade on ANZAC Day, which is on 25th April each year and is one of Australia's most important national occasions. ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.



BB members in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia joined together with the 2nd Kuala Lumpur Girls' Brigade for their Annual Enrolment Service

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HOW ONE BOY'S WORDS INSPIRED A GLOBAL MOVEMENT

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Joe Black from Mary's Meals shares with us more about their work, the impact it's having across the globe and how BB Companies can get involved.

Who are Mary's Meals?

Mary's Meals is a charity with a simple vision: that every child receives one daily meal in a place of education. Very often, chronically poor children don't attend school because they are begging, working or searching for food, or are too hungry to concentrate in class.

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger stand in the way of children gaining an education.

Around 61 million of the world's hungriest children do not attend school. In order to survive, they have to work or beg. Even if they do make it into the classroom, hunger affects their ability to learn.

In 2002, Mary's Meals' founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow visited Malawi during a famine and met a mother dying from AIDS. When Magnus asked her eldest son Edward what his dreams were in life, he replied simply: "I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day."

“What's important to us is the hungry child. When there are hungry children in front of us today, we're going to feed them, and at the same time we're going to work on the solution to getting them fed in the long term, creating a global movement of people who believe in this vision.”

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals Founder and Chief Executive

By providing one daily meal in a place of learning, Mary's Meals enables impoverished children to attend school, where they receive an education that can offer a route out of poverty.



"I am able to come to school every day. Before I had to stay at home because of hunger. I love studying science and I'd like to be a scientist when I grow up."

Patrick Aoun, 10, Izivale Private School, Montserrado, Liberia

That moment was a key part of the inspiration leading to the founding of Mary's Meals, which began by feeding just 200 children at a Malawian primary school in 2002.



Today, Mary's Meals is reaching more than 1.2 million children with a nutritious daily meal in places of learning in 14 countries including Malawi, India, Syria, Liberia, Haiti, and South Sudan.



It costs just £13.90 to feed a child for a whole school year with Mary's Meals. Wherever possible, Mary's Meals uses locally grown food to support the local economy and engages community volunteers to prepare and serve the meals. In Malawi alone, there are more than 80,000 registered volunteers who cook fortified maize porridge for the children.

Mary's Meals works hard to keep running costs low to ensure that at least 93p of every £1 donated is spent directly on charitable activities. This is only possible because most of this work is carried out by dedicated volunteers.

How can you help?

There are many different ways you can help – by donating your time, money, skills and prayers.

Young people play a huge role in supporting Mary's Meals and raising awareness about the charity's work. BB groups across the UK think of all sorts of ways to help. The 1st Bromborough Company filled empty Smarties tubes with 20p pieces and arranged a sponsored walk, raising enough to fund daily meals for every child at Mocho Primary School in Malawi for a whole school year!

“Young people are passionate supporters of our work because they understand the practicality and simplicity of Mary's Meals and the difference a daily meal can make. Their enthusiasm and willingness to share our story with friends, family members and peers is absolutely wonderful and we never cease to be amazed by their innovative fundraising ideas!”

Joe Black, Education Officer, Mary's Meals

Blair Anderson from Kilsyth in Scotland started fundraising for Mary's Meals with 3rd Kilsyth Company in 2010, to mark the Company's 60th anniversary. The whole Company pitched in with supermarket bag-packing over Christmas and New Year and a Christmas card delivery service around their town and neighbouring villages.

The Company's fundraising was a huge success and, having raising enough to sponsor the building of a school kitchen in Malawi, some of the Company visited the school to meet the children receiving Mary's Meals there.

Today, Blair is President of the University of Glasgow Mary's Meals Society. Blair said: "It genuinely changed our lives. Being involved with Mary's Meals has definitely shaped who I am as a person, and what I do in life."



The Back Pack Project

Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. You can support them to get the most out of their lessons by donating a backpack full of the things they need. For many children, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the first gift they have ever received. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk under 'Get Involved' and 'Campaigns'.






For more about the work of Mary's Meals visit marysmeals.org.uk

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 www.auchengillan.com

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Contact:

 Chris Norman on 07703 571915
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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
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Contact Mark Boswell:

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Contact:

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Contact:

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Contact

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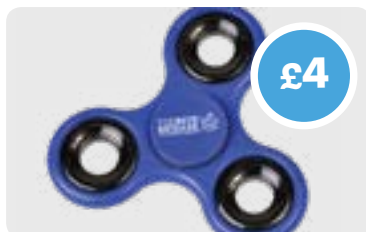
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