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## Passing on the Baton

the Opening of the Scottish Parliament

Did you watch the coverage of the Olympics from Rio? It was an enthralling spectacle and it was great to see so many young athletes in the GB team doing so well. There were a couple of BB ex-members in the team and I was delighted to be able to pass on our best wishes and congratulations to Andy Butchart who came 6th in the 10,000 metres. Andy was a member in the 25th Stirling, ran competitively in the BB and was the Scottish Cross Country Champion on a number of occasions. The day before he left for Rio he spent some time at Carronvale with the KGVI course.

Perhaps you have a favourite event at the Olympics. I always enjoy the 4 x 100 m relays. It is a real mixture of personal skill, stamina and teamwork; you are always on edge in case someone fails to pass on the baton correctly. I believe that in the BB we too have excelled in passing on the "baton" over the years. For over 130 years, generations of BB leaders have supported and encouraged the next group of young leaders. Many Companies have their own little traditions that have been passed down and these elements help to create the esprit de corps that makes the Brigade so special.

You can hear an interview with Andrew Butchart at http://bit.ly/2cTaRdu.

Over the summer, I was privileged to be able to visit all our KGVI courses and was able to spend some time with some new leaders. Their enthusiasm, commitment and passion for the Brigade shone through and I am sure the Brigade will be in safe hands in future years. It was good to see how the staff team acting as mentors were able to so willingly pass on the skills and ideas that they had learnt over time. We may not have a physical baton to pass on, but the fact that we have so many committed leaders willing to devote so much time to sharing their faith is something that we must always give thanks for. Obviously KGVI is not the only route to train new leaders and I know how much benefit is passed on through YLT training too. Just as training is so important for our athletes, it is also crucial to our plans to develop the Brigade.

By the time this reaches you the new session will already be well underway. There are exciting plans to grow the Brigade; we have new enthusiastic office-bearers and some new trustees. I know just how committed they also are to growing the Brigade and they will be doing everything possible to support the work of Companies and Battalions.

I do hope all your plans for the session bear fruit – never forget that you are doing the Lord's work.



**Bill Stevenson** Brigade Secretary & CEO



# A light which shines through...

I always find it important in dark situations, to look for a light which shines through and provides hope. This is a very common theme with our faith; when times are tough, we tend to lean on the hope that God gives us to guide us through. An example of this which I discovered recently comes from the Second World War and the story of Jane Haining, a Scottish missionary who served the Church of Scotland's mission in Budapest. I recently travelled with a delegation from the Church of Scotland to take part in the celebrations of the 175th anniversary of the mission there, and part of the celebrations were centred around the service of Jane Haining. Her story is an extraordinary one of giving your all, even when everything is against you.

Jane journeyed to Budapest in 1932 to work at the girls' school run by the Scottish mission. The school took in the girls that were not accepted in other local schools, and more importantly a few years later when the Second World War began, girls of Jewish backgrounds. Working as a matron in the school Jane was seen as something of a mother figure for many of the girls, and gave loving, caring attention to all of them in the school. There was nothing she would not do for the girls and despite

being recalled by the Church of Scotland on more than one occasion during the war, she refused and would not leave the school and the girls behind. Despite all the work and love she gave, she was betrayed by a family member of a colleague at the school and was arrested by the Gestapo in April 1944, charged with 'working and crying with Jews' and 'listening to BBC broadcasts'. Having been held briefly in prison, Jane made her final journey, the journey from Hungary to Auschwitz where she died during the summer of 1944.

Although a harrowing story, I found it inspirational that somebody working for the Church of Scotland was out protecting young Jewish girls from the worst fate of all in the face of one of the most brutal regimes of all time and I believe only shows that no matter the darkness of the situation, a light can be, and should be, shone for all to see. I would encourage each of you to write down the positives and inspirations of life and the next time you need reassurance, take a look at what you have written – pray about it and be thankful for it.

#### **Andrew MacPherson**

Moderator of the National Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland



You can follow Andrew on Twitter @nvamoderator



Andrew MacPherson, 23, is the current Moderator of the National Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He is also a BB Officer with 2<sup>nd</sup> Broxburn in West Lothian, where he lives, and works as a Change Analyst for the Royal Bank of Scotland. Outside of this he is a fan of golf and football where he follows local side Livingston.



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## **PARTNERING:** THE CHURCH **PERSPECTIVE**

We say that The Boys' Brigade works in partnership with the church, but what do we mean by this and what can this partnership look like? From its beginning The Boys' Brigade has always been firmly rooted in the church and integral to its mission and outreach and it's wonderful to see that, just like North Woodside Mission Church in 1883, churches today are still choosing BB as their partners in reaching young people.



"This is going to be a good thing; let us put it into God's hands."

Sir William, A. Smith, Founder of The Boys' Brigade, 1883

In 2016, by partnering with The Boys' Brigade, more than 1300 churches bring thousands of children and young people across their doorsteps each week. Today we have churches that laid down their BB roots in 1883 and churches that have opened BB Companies in the last month.



Working with 1,398 Churches across UK & Rol



28 new Churches have chosen to partner BB in the last year

In this issue, we speak with churches that have relatively recently started their BB adventure and get an understanding of why this partnership is so important to them.

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Alderholt Chapel, located in the Dorset village of Alderholt, is the home to the 1st Alderholt Company which started up in June 2011. The church's roots go back hundreds of years, having been on their current site since 1923, but during that time had not partnered with the BB before. The Company has grown rapidly over the last 5 years with up to 100 children and young people attending weekly activities.



#### **Rev Chris Bishop**

Rev Chris Bishop, Pastor at Alderholt Chapel said in starting the Company, "This is the first time I have come across BB; it was something new to our church and the majority of our membership. It was fantastic that when we first started talking about BB fourteen potential leaders came forward and we sensed it was right for us as a church once we saw the enthusiasm and energy in the volunteers coming forward to get involved and be trained as leaders.

We're one big team at Alderholt Chapel, the BB leaders are part of that team, and BB is one of the 40 distinct ministries that make up our Church, and there are many connections between these ministries. We are pleased to see BB members joining in our worship on Sunday mornings, joining with the wider church activities and being part of residentials like the Soul Survivor Festival in August each year."

The Company started with an Amicus group and has expanded the age range over the past 5 years, working its way down to work with young people from age 4 to 18 years. The 1st Alderholt has a programme which has included a wide range of activities from sand-sledging to cookery and crafts to forest adventures (inc bush craft and den building). The Company also has a strong DofE programme with more than 20 young people currently engaged in Bronze, Silver or Gold awards.



#### Rev Jon Paterson

Rev Jon Paterson, who had been a member in 1st Stevenston as a boy shared something about his experience of BB as Lead Pastor at the Chapel. "As a Church we've trusted in The Boys' Brigade to build bridges into the community we wouldn't have otherwise had. We've looked at what was working well already through our existing youthwork and where BB fitted into this. Taking what BB offers flexibly has been extremely fruitful - bringing in children and young people from both our village as well as the surrounding area".



Find out more about Alderholt Chapel at alderholtchapel.org



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You can follow 1st Alderholt on Twitter @1stAlderholtBB





## Allan Park South, **Church of Scotland**

(4th Stirling Company)

Allan Park South Church, located in the heart of Stirling, is home to the recently reformed 4th Stirling Company. Over the past few years, the Company has grown steadily and now has members in Anchor, Junior and also Company sections. The church undoubtedly sees the BB as an integral part of its outreach.



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#### **Rev Alistair Cowper**

Rev. Alistair Cowper, Minister of Allan Park South explained more behind the decision to partner with the BB. "I genuinely believe that the BB is an effective way to engage children and young people in the gospel of Jesus Christ and grow the Church. BB membership gives these young people all the benefits of the gospel - hope, purpose and meaning in life."

#### Alex Clarkson

There is a strong connection between the running of the BB Company and the everyday life of the Church. Alex Clarkson, member of Allan Park South has recently been appointed a leader with the Company's Junior Section, "I started helping at the BB through the Church. I was involved in the BB many years ago and that really sparked me to get involved at the 4th Stirling."

Alex had been a BB member when he was young and, whilst the approach has changed somewhat, he believes that the BB is central to the wider approach the church is taking. "It's more relaxed and there's definitely a good relationship between Church and Company here. The approach the minister has taken is refreshing and I can see why it appeals to young people."



You can learn more about Allan Park South Church by visiting apschurch.com



/4thStirlingBB



Check out the 4th Stirling on Twitter @4thStirlingBB





**World Harvest Christian Centre** (2<sup>nd</sup> Clayton Company) Allan Park South Church, located in the heart of Stirling, is home to the recently reformed 4th Stirling Company. Over the past few years, the Company has grown steadily and now has members in Anchor, Junior and also Company sections. The church undoubtedly sees the BB as an integral part of its

World Harvest Christian Centre, located in Manchester is the home to 2nd Clayton Company which started in October 2015. The Company launched with the Anchors and Juniors age groups, however it soon became apparent that some of the teenagers within the church wanted to become involved and they have been volunteering within the Company. The Company held its first Enrolment Service in October and has lots planned for the future. They are slowly but surely becoming a presence within their local community most recently having held a fundraising bag pack in their local supermarket.

Pastor Emmanuel Ajoku shares something about why the church partnered with The Boys' Brigade. "We had a good number of young people within our church and we were looking at the best ways to engage them spiritually, emotionally and psychically. BB has offered us just that. Our young people really enjoy coming to BB playing and learning in the church through the varied BB programme."



You can learn more about World Harvest Christian Centre by visiting apschurch.com

#### **Stories**

Do these stories reflect your experience of working in partnership with your church or is it time to look afresh at ways to strengthen the relationship? A booklet has been produced entitled 'Faith In The Company', which includes some useful starting points for Church and BB leadership



Download the 'Faith in the Company' booklet at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/faithinthecompany.pdf



# **Make a Difference Awards 2016**

We celebrated the achievements of four young people from across the Brigade at a special presentation at BBC Broadcasting House on Wednesday 12th October 2016

The 2016 award winners were presented with their 'Make a Difference Awards' by the Brigade President, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port and BBC Radio 2 Presenter, Chris Evans at a presentation inside the studios of BBC Radio 2.

This year's award winners included:

Mitchell Powell of the 3rd Chelmsford Company in England for his work at a local cycling club where he has helped coach younger members. Mitchell also adds to his volunteering efforts as a leader with Anchors and Juniors in his Company.

Lewis Shillinglaw of the 1st Loanhead Company in Scotland for the remarkable amount of volunteering with the Thornton Rose Riding for the Disabled Project. Lewis has spent in excess of 220 hours assisting the charity, which provides riding opportunities for people of all ages and disabilities.

Keelan Leeper of the 1st Bluestone Company in Northern Ireland for his volunteering as a Junior leader at the Goal Line Youth Trust. Keelan has been involved for over 3 years, meeting for 2 hours every Friday night and often attending planning meetings and discussion groups. He particularly enjoys spending

time with and encouraging young people with disabilities and special needs as well as those from migrant countries.

Adam Morris of the 21st Cardiff Company in Wales for his volunteering as an Anchor Boy leader. Adam has been volunteering with this age group for over 5 years and has also given up additional time to help plan and deliver the very successful BB event 'Unite' at Felden Lodge.

The award winners were interviewed live in the BBC Radio 2 studio during the Chris Evan's Breakfast Show and had the opportunity to chat with Chris Evan's and also meet fellow Radio 2 presenter Ken Bruce, an ex-BB member from Glasgow.

Following the presentations Brigade Secretary, Bill Stevenson said "Congratulations to Mitchell, Lewis, Keelan and Adam. We are exceptionally proud of them. Like so many BB young people. they go above and beyond to help others. The Boys' Brigade aims to make a difference in the lives of young people, like our winners, who give so much to help others. These young people are an inspiration and thoroughly deserve this recognition."

## **Annual Review 2015-16**

Check out our Annual Review for 2015-16 which provides an overview of activities and events held during the last year.



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



You can also view or download a video of our review at vimeo.com/theboysbrigade



# **Recruitment Campaign**

The campaign to continue the growth of The Boys' Brigade has started well with over 10% of all sections having already signed up to the campaign.



#### 5,300 Sections

The organisation in the UK & Rol has more than 5300 sections and if all grew by just one new member, The Boys' Brigade would achieve more than 10% growth.

All those who have signed up have received regular updates which include advice, tips and examples of effective ways to welcome new members. A webinar has already taken place and more are scheduled to ensure that what's working well is being



You can still sign up to the campaign at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/oneforall.htm

#### You've also been sharing your ideas on social media...



#### Stuart, 13th Hamilton

... looking forward to our biggest recruitment drive yet! This year it's not only about recruiting new members, 13th Hamilton are looking to make the BB badge a well-known symbol throughout our local community!



1st Ashborne @1stAshbourneBB

Great 1st night back. New starters across all sections. 6 new members in Anchors and Juniors. @theboysbrigade #oneforalIBB



#### 43rd Belfast Boys' Brigade

Great night yesterday for our 'first night' back. 12 new faces - brilliant!



One for All isn't only about recruiting - it is also a great opportunity to raise awareness of just how much the BB offers its members. Teachers and parents have also got involved by contributing testimonies to how much young people gain from their membership of the organisation.



You can take a look at some of the testimonies at boys-brigade.org.uk/media

In addition, the #mvBBadventure hashtag is an online campaign to allow our current members to share what they enjoy most about BB.





Download the template at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/myBBadventure.pdf

Please keep sharing how you're getting on with your campaign, and importantly, tell others what's working well!



Keep track of the goings-on by checking out #oneforalIBB

or drop an email to oneforall@boys-brigade.org.uk

#### **Welcome to our New Companies**

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

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
1 <sup>st</sup> Duffield	Glynn Bevan	Duffield Baptist Church, Derbyshire
1 <sup>st</sup> Nuneaton	Carol Wilson	Ridge Lane Church, Warwickshire
1st Scapegoat Hill	Daniel Preston	Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church, Huddersfield

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# **Online Brigade Manager Update**



More than 3,500 leaders have now logged into OBM, with more than 50,000 logins since the system went live in June. We are pleased that many Companies have already uploaded the details for young people and are making use of the wider functionality within OBM.



#### Dunblane BB @dunblaneBB

Delighted that our parents/carers are on board with @OnlineBrigMgr software. Making leaders' lives so much easier this year! #BoysBrigade

The Statistical Return process for Companies and Battalions/ Districts went live on OBM on 15th October and Companies are reminded that the return should be completed by 1st December 2016.



#### 5th Hull BB @5thhullBB

Loving #OBM - thanks @thebovsbrigade - All summer holiday activities recorded for all sections! Amazing, #organised



#### **Graham Knight** @Grahamknight73

@chrisnormanbb @onlineBrigMgr - Certainly looking forward to using the system, Making life easier in running the company

There are a number of ways we are offering additional support to leaders including extended opening hours at BB Headquarters, webinars, step by step guides and videos to help you to get going on OBM.



Find out more by going to 'News and Announcements' which you can find in the OBM Help menu, or at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/OBMresources.htm

## **Juniors 100**



In 2017 we will be celebrating the centenary of the Junior Section (Juniors), a significant anniversary in the life of our organisation and one that we hope members will want to celebrate locally and nationally.

Our celebrations will take place across the calendar year, covering both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 sessions allowing ample opportunities for local and national events to take place.

There will be activities at a Company level that your Juniors can participate in including the Juniors 100 Challenge, International Team Games, The BIG 100 Party, Comic Relief 2017 as well as programme ideas and resources. These will be alongside national opportunities to celebrate including regional services and events.



We have designed a logo for use at local and national level and this is available to download along with branding guidelines at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100

A special anniversary badge is being produced to be awarded to members of this age group during the year, and this will be available from BB Supplies from January 2017.

There will be a special Juniors 100 pull-out in the Winter 2016/17 Gazette containing more details about how to get involved including programme ideas and resources to help support your celebrations. Further announcements will also be made through the monthly eBB news which goes out to all leaders.

## **British Youth Council**



Three young leaders represented The Boys' Brigade at BYC's Annual Council Meeting at the beginning of September in Coventry. Tom Baird (Northern Ireland), Callum Laing (Scotland) and Martin Townsend (England & Wales) made up the BB delegation, the first there's been for a number of years.



To find out more The Boys' Brigade participation in this event and work with the BYC, email niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk



Learn more about the work of the BYC at www.byc.org.uk

#### **Company Captains**

A number of Companies are currently operating without a Company Captain. The role of the Company Captain is crucial to the success of a Company, and Brigade Regulations are clear that each Company should have a Captain.

In order to facilitate the appointment of new Captains the Executive has agreed that it is no longer mandatory to complete Captain's Training prior to appointment. However, the Brigade still strongly recommends that Captains complete their training as soon as practically possible.

#### **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.

Frank Burns	Airdrie, Coatbridge & District Battalion
Rose Cornwall	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmer Green
Roddy Dick	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cambusnethan
Jim Mac'-Guinnes	Southport Battalion
Roy Inglis	45 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow

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

#### **National Competition 2015/16**

This year the finals took place between March and May. Companies experienced new venues and made new friends as they travelled around to participate in each of the rounds.



Masterteam – Hosted by Scotland				
Champions	25 <sup>th</sup> Stirling	$\times$		
Runners-up	1st Ardstraw	-1-		
<b>Table Tennis</b> – Hosted By Northern Ireland				
Champions	1 <sup>st</sup> Kempston	+		
Runners-up	1st Grangemouth	×		
Junior 5-A-side Football – Hosted by Scotland				
Champions	1st Greenisland			

#### Runners-Up 2<sup>nd</sup> Gourock

Senior 5-A-Side Football – Hosted by England		
Champions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gourock	$\times$
Runners-Up	15th South Shields	+
Badminton - Hoste	ed by Northern Ireland	

#### Champions 65th Edinburgh

os Edinburgh	
Runners-Up 1 <sup>st</sup> Largs	×

#### **Chess** – Hosted by England

Champions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bedford	+
Dunners IIn	7th Edinburgh	>

#### **Welcoming our New Office Bearers**

We are pleased to welcome Mr David Aubrey Q.C., David Blevins and Very Rev Michael Barry who were elected as Brigade Office Bearers at Brigade Conference in September.

All Brigade Office Bearers can be contacted via the Assistant to the Brigade Secretary at BB Headquarters.







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# **News from Brigade Conference**

Brigade Conference 2016 was hosted by the Northern Ireland Region in Belfast from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September. The weekend provided a fantastic opportunity for leaders from across the Brigade to come together, with a civic reception at the NI District Headquarters on Friday night, the Brigade Council Meeting, workshops, a Gala Dinner and a Service on Sunday morning.

#### **Brigade Council Meeting**

During the Annual General Meeting the following matters were considered:

- 1. Accounts to 31st March 2016 were received and adopted.
- 2. Capitation Fees for 2017/18 session were agreed (as Summer 2016 Gazette)
- 3. Auditors were reappointed as Whiting & Partners.
- 4. Brigade Office Bearers were elected for 2016/17 session:

President: Lord Griffiths

Vice-Presidents: David Blevins

> Alistair Burrow David Aubrey Q.C.

Clifford Bygrave Treasurer:

Very Rev Michael Barry Chaplain:

4. Motion in the name of London District was agreed

In Brigade Regulations, Section 3 (The Organisation - Regulations & Procedures), Schedule B (Terms of service for members of National Bodies), After Clause

B15. insert.

#### Trustee time limit

**B 16** Where a person who is a Trustee has undertaken any combination of Representative Member,

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

- B 16.1 Any person who serves the maximum period as a Trustee permitted under these Regulations shall be eligible for re-election as a Trustee (in any role for which he or she is otherwise eligible) following a break in service for a period of at least 12 months. The maximum period of service set down by these Regulations shall also apply to any period of further service following such re-election."
- **B 17** For the avoidance of doubt, clause B16:B 17.1 shall apply to all periods of service since 1 September 2009. No Trustee who was appointed on or before 1 September 2009 and who has served continuously since then shall be: (a) Required to retire before 31 August 2018, or (b) Permitted to continue in office beyond 31 August 2018.
- B 17.2 Shall not override clause B13.2

# **President's Commendations**

#### The President's Commendation has recently been awarded to:

#### Marcus Faulkner – 74th Belfast

On 12th September 2016, David Blevins, Brigade Vice President, presented Marcus Faulkner with his President's Commendation. Although Marcus was born with Cerebral Palsy he fully participates in all aspects of the Junior Section programme, for example, games, marching, model-making, crafts and attending outings/events including caving, archery, ten-pin bowling and football. He

recently broke his femur and in spite of being confined to a wheelchair for three months he still attended BB and took part in all the activities. Unfortunately Marcus then suffered a further break which required operations and blood transfusions. He nearly didn't survive. Marcus has been an inspiration to all the young people and staff over the years. He does everything with a smile and is naturally competitive.



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## "Don't give up! Anything can happen in life and you just have to give it your best."



Team BB member, Olympian and former member of the 25th Stirling Company, Andrew Butchart, achieved a great deal in The Boys' Brigade – not least achieving the Queen's Badge and clinching the Scottish Cross-Country title. Andrew has gone on to accomplish a great deal in the athletics world - taking first place at the British championships and is currently the Scottish record holder at

At Rio 2016, Andrew qualified for the 5,000m final and finished in an incredible sixth position - only missing out on the medals by a matter of seconds. Just days before setting off for Brazil, Andrew, sat down in conversation with BB young people attending KGVI at Carronvale House.

- How long have you been running for?
- Probably since about 17 when I started running with the BB
- That seems quite late especially for someone who's now an Olympic athlete?
- Well, I guess that like most guys you want to play football your whole life. You play for the local team and it just so happens I found running.
- What kind of preparations do you need to put in ahead of competing at the Olympics?

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- Most of the year I spend at altitude either in America or in Europe, spending one or two months at a time there. Running at high altitudes of 2000m with much less oxygen can be pretty tough!
- So, what's your training schedule been like?
- Each week I run around 100 miles. In the mornings I run around 10, before going on to the gym in the afternoon and then a six mile run in the evenings.
- Who would you say is your toughest competitor?

- It has to be Mo Farrah. He's world class. I train with him sometimes... he's a different level!
  - You can follow Andrew on Twitter @andybutchart91 and on Instagram @Andybutchart

- Do you take part in any other sports?
- I try to get involved in as many sports as I can. But with the caution of being injured I have to be really careful... As long as it's just recreational, I like to play some golf and some football when I can.

- What are your own BB memories?
- The things I remember most were the summer camps! I also really enjoyed teaching the younger kids. Towards the end of my time as a member I got to help the younger kids. It was great to see them grow through the BB and I still get a chance to see them around town now - they're great guys!
- Would you say that there are particular aspects to your BB experience that have been helpful in your current athletics career?
- I think being part of the 'BB family' is quite similar to the athletics world. It's similar in sense that everyone gets along, there's good banter and camaraderie.

- You've come right the way through the organisation. Are there particular aspects which have made a positive difference on, or off the
  - Definitely! When I was working towards the Queen's Badge - doing voluntary service and helping out in the church – it made me come on to become a better person.

Helping people is definitely something to do in life.

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# Sponsored All-night Games in Barrhead

Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Barrhead raised a fantastic £2840 for Crohn's and Colitis Clyde Group, helping to provide organised and supported outings for Crohn's and Colitis sufferers under 25.

Twelve Seniors took part in a sponsored all night games event, which included basketball at 5am and volleyball at 6am. That evening more than 80 members and friends of the BB and Church family took part in a quiz night at Barrhead Bowling Club also in aid of raising funds for the group.

They chose this local good cause because one of their young leaders was diagnosed with the condition just over a year ago, aged 18, and this was an opportunity to give back for the great support and treatment she had received.

Jim Glen, Company Captain said: "Fundraising is an important part of our annual community outreach programme and I'm exceptionally proud of the group for their dedication and hard work in supporting Crohn's and Colitis Clyde Group. It was the members' idea to undertake and deliver this event, which has raised an outstanding sum of money over the course of the past year."



#### £30,000 raised for New Minibus

Two years ago the 11<sup>th</sup> Northampton Company set themselves the challenge of raising £30,000 to buy a new minibus. Two years on and they are now the proud owners of a brand new Ford Transit minibus. A remarkable £27,000 was raised through sponsored events, jumble/cake sales and local collections with thanks going to boys, parents, friends and supporters who all helped make this possible.



#### 1st Gill Brigades @1stGillKentBB

Ooo la la French food sampling in Company section tonight - cheese, pain au choc, croissants, soup & baquettes #boysbrigade #communitybadge





#### Defibrillator for Milngavie Town Centre

Members of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Milngavie Company took it upon themselves to raise funds to provide the first and only public access Defibrillator in Milngavie Town Centre.

Thanks to the efforts of their members they raised nearly £1500 to purchase the defibrillator through bag packing at Tesco and donations from Tesco and the local council. The Company organised several events in order to raise awareness in the community, providing opportunities to view how the unit works and to promote confidence in its use.

The defibrillator is now located on the wall of Marks and Spencer in a heated weatherproof cabinet and is available to the whole community. It can be accessed and operated by anyone without any prior training as it is fully automated with voice prompts.



#### **Liverpool Battalion**

Great reptile night on Thursday at the 26th Liverpool Boys' Brigade, a joint venture with Girls' Brigade!





#### **Marching Band completes 10K**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Hull Company became the first marching band to complete the Jane Tomlinson 10K event. Not only did they gain sponsorship for the Jane Tomlinson appeal, they completed the 10km in the fabulous time of 1 hour and 47 minutes whilst marching and playing. There was a fantastic atmosphere with the band receiving a great reception from supporters and runners alike, receiving applause from the elite runners as they passed them in a two-way section. It is hoped that they will complete it again next year with a slightly larger band.



#### **2nd EK Boys Brigade** @2ndEK\_BB

Company Section boys made it to the top of Ben Lomond today - a great effort! #bbweekend





#### A FIRST for 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet - 'Jack Pot'

Boys and staff were excited as the results were given out at the Battalion Sports Day, with the Company teams coming 1st place in the Junior Section Sports Day and 1st place in the Company Section Sports Day. On the day, they were also announced as winners of 'The Battalion Trophy', which is a Battalion wide award combining all activities from across the session including church parade attendance. It is the first time the Company has won 'The Battalion Trophy' in their 30+ year history.



#### **Liverpool celebrates 125 Years**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Liverpool and District Battalion launched its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year at Liverpool Cathedral. Members of the BB from across Liverpool, The North West and the UK were in attendance in the presence of The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Cllr Roz Gladden and the retiring Brigade National Chaplain, The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McLellan CBE, who brought the good wishes of the Brigade President, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port. Rev Bill Addy, a former Captain of the 35<sup>th</sup> Liverpool and Hon Vice President of the Battalion shared some of his memories from boy through to serving as an officer and beyond.

As part of the launch event members of the Battalion were invited to share what the BB means to them in just three words.

This is the first of many events to mark this milestone year with future events including a Christmas Carol Service, Fun Day, Parade Service and presentation of Long Service Awards to our leaders.





#### The BB in Nottingham @bbinnottingham

Congratulations to the leaders of @32ndnottingham who received their long services awards this eve #bbweekend





#### **60 years Camping**

Dougle Crowe, an Officer in 92<sup>nd</sup> Belfast, this summer attended his 60th consecutive Summer Camp with the 92nd . Imagine starting out as an eleven year old boy at his first camp in 1957 at Stevenson in Scotland and not having missed a single camp as a seventy year old, this year's Camp in Dawlish. The Company has held a Summer Camp every year since 1950 when they travelled to Malin in Co. Donegal and since then has kept the tradition going, travelling as far as Croatia, Spain and France. Dougie has been a stalwart at Camp since he was a boy and has fulfilled every role from cook to Captain.



#### TheBB-Edinburgh @eldbb

16 Boys in the Battalion have just returned from a weekend long camp to @CragganCentre #myBBadventure #BoysBrigade





#### Kirk Youth Moderator @nyamoderator

At @TheBBScotland in Broxburn tonight we are talking about emotions (and emojis) on World Mental Health Day #WMHD16

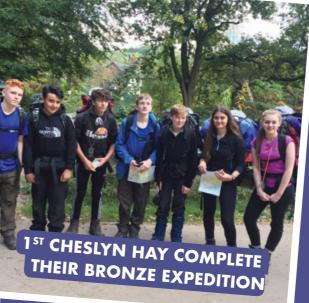


**SNAPSHOTS** 



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#### 46th Aberdeen BB @KincorthBB

Geocaching and orienteering with Company Section, even found some Pokémon too! #boysbrigade #BBweekend





#### It's in the family - Queen's Badge **Holders**

During a recent Queen's Badge presentation at the 18th North Staffs Company, the opportunity came about to celebrate three generations of Queen's Men in Matthew Ernest, Mark Ernest (Father of Matthew) and Vic Ernest (Father of Mark and Grandfather of Matthew, also Company Captain). Alongside Matthew, fellow member Ryan Williams was also presented with his Queen's Badge at the presentation.



#### 11th Northampton BB @11thnorthantsbb

A special #London themed evening at #Juniors tonight including our new 2 meter colouring sheet! #boysbrigade





## How important is having the 'perfect body'? **#BBvoice**

A recent survey has shown that young men struggle as much as young women when it comes to body image.

The survey of 1,000 secondary-aged students, carried out by Credos on behalf of the Advertising Association, showed that 55% would consider changing their diet to look better. 23% of respondents believed there was such a thing as a 'perfect male body'.

According to this research, over half of young males struggle to discuss concerns with teachers and just under a third when it comes to talking with parents. Respondents said that the pressure to look good comes from social media, advertisers, friends and celebrities.

#### What's your opinion?

We hear the views from some BB young people...



"It would be easy to point the finger at the media," he added, "but I think it's more of a confidence

"I know that celebrities will post pictures on Snapchat of themselves going to the gym or whatever, and a lot of our age group use Snapchat and other picture based social media platforms like Instagram. I think that's also an offender."

Dave, 19



"Society expects young men to be able to handle themselves, not to be caught up in emotional drama, which is seen to be un-masculine.

"But at the same time, not to look a certain way is also perceived as un-masculine. Our response is create safe spaces where young men can talk about whatever it is that is bothering them and not be judged."

Paul, 25

What's the 'perfect body' in your eyes? Do you exercise regularly, and if so, do you feel pressured to do so?

Advertisers have come under scrutiny for not showing a more diverse range of body shapes. Do you think this is fair? Is there something the BB should do to help young people who struggle with body image pressures?

## Discuss this with your group

discussion starters above and see how they feel about body image and advertising.

#### **Further Resources**

The Advertising Association has developed resources specifically designed to support young people gain better understanding and resilience on commercial messaging. Media Smart has materials for both leaders and young people.



Learn more about Media Smart at mediasmart.uk.com



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



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

Include your first name, age and where you're from.



Welcome to the Autumn 2016 programme supplement, showcasing some great activities and ideas that you could use in your Company.

#### **Resource Bank**

Selection of resources with activities and ideas for all sections



#### **UK Safer Internet Centre**

Games, guizzes, films and advice to help support children and young people to get the most out of the internet while staying safe online.

Check out saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/youngpeople



#### **BBC Learning**

Download and view online learning resources on a wide range of subjects with crafts, games, quizzes, films and advice as well as teaching packs.

Check out bbc.co.uk/learning/



#### My Life 4 Schools

My Life is a free interactive resource from The Children's Society, developed in partnership with the national Good Childhood® Inquiry. All the materials on the site aim to help children develop the skills they need for a happy, healthy childhood

Check out mylife4schools.org.uk

# The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Falkirk or Fenton, Gracehill or Guildford.

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

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



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

#### Your Help

**RESOURCE** is all about sharing what works well for you in your Company with others. Could you contribute a game, craft, devotional or themed night idea for the Winter 2016/17 issue? Send it to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

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

Check out the sectional programme ideas >>>











# ANCHORS RESOURCE

## Great activities & ideas for your section:

#### **Programme Planning**

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



#### 21 - 27 NOV

#### **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

Take part in the week by promoting the 'Make the Brake Pledge' theme, or focusing on any other road safety issue that is important to you. Sign up for a free action pack, registration is free and you can download factsheets, colouring and activity sheets.

Check out roadsafetyweek.org.uk



#### **DEC 2016**

#### **CHRISTINGLE**

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

Check out christingle.org

#### Get Active: Domes & Dishes



Get the children into two teams, giving each a marker cone. Explain to one team that they are 'domes' and will be required to put the cones down on the ground the correct way up, the other team will be 'dishes' and will be required to put the cones upside down. Each team should set their cones down as domes or dishes, once these are in place the leader can start the game. The children should attempt to change the cones to domes or dishes. The first team to change all or the team that has the most when the leader signals the end of the game is the winner.

## Get Creative: Paper Standing Christmas Tree



#### Preparation

In advance a leader should cut out the Christmas tree shapes. Each child will need two identical cut outs of a Christmas tree, one with a cut in the middle from the bottom halfway up and one with a cut in the middle from the top halfway down, so they will slot together and stand up. Optionally, if you have some yellow card you could cut out a star and make a cut in the middle to halfway so it can be placed on top of the tree at the end.

#### Instructions

The children simply decorate both sides of each of the templates cut out for them using colouring pens, stickers and glitter. Once finished they should slot the two parts together.

#### **Equipment**

- ★ Thick green card
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Stickers (stars, circles, Christmas
- ★ Colouring pens
- ★ Glitter
- **★** Glue



Disney's latest release of the Jungle Book is now out, following on from this get your section into the jungle with these programme ideas:

#### **Get Active: Run through** the Jungle

This activity will get the children (and leaders) moving about and having a lot of fun. The children should follow a leader around your meeting space, through the 'jungle'. The idea is that as the group moves around they run into animals along the way and need to get away or hide from them.

The leader should give appropriate commands, and the children carry out a suitable action (see suggestions below):

- iump over logs
- duck under branches
- swing through the jungle like Tarzan (children reach up for the jungle vines and calling 'arrhhh,
- high knees through guicksand
- run from the tiger
- tip toe past the snake
- talk to the monkeys (ooh, ooh, aah, aah), etc.

#### **Get Creative: Fork Lion**

#### **Equipment**

- ★ Yellow card/sugar paper
- ★ Plastic fork
- ★ Orange/yellow paint
- ★ Black colouring pen/pencil
- ★ Circular object (to draw around)
- ★ Wiggly eyes (optional)



#### Instructions

- 1. Draw around the circular object to create the lions head.
- **2.** Use the colouring pen/ pencil to draw the eyes (stick on wiggly eyes if using), mouth and nose.
- 3. Using the fork and orange/ yellow paint go around the outside of the head.

## Get Active: Mowgli's Limbo

You will need a piece of rope or string for your vine. Ask two children to hold one end of the 'vine' each and pull it tight at shoulder height. The rest of the children can then take it in turns to lean back and shuffle under the vine. Anyone who touches the vine (or the ground with their hands) is out. Carry on, lowering the rope each round, until you have a final winner



#### **Decorate your meeting** space

Decorating your meeting space will add to the atmosphere of your themed evening. You could add some plants or branches/leaves, twist green and yellow streamers together to look like vines and drape them from the walls or ceiling. Put pictures of animals, Jungle Book characters, paw prints or other related images up on the walls and make signs that say things such as "Zebra Crossing" or "Beware of Lions."

#### **Get Learning: The Animals** of the Jungle

Ask the children to tell you the names of as many animals as possible that you might find in the jungle. You could link into the 'Jungle Book' here and find out if they know the names of some of the characters i.e. Baloo (bear), Bagheera (panther), Shere Khan (tiger), Kaa (snake), King Louie (orangutan).

You could then share some of these interesting facts about animals in the jungle:

Elephant - Spends 16 hours a day eating plant food & the tusks can be over 10ft (3m) in length.

Giraffe - Fur darkens when they grow older & their tongue can be 18 inches long.

Snake - Doesn't have eyelids & smell with their tongue.

Orangutan - In the wild may live up to 45 years.

#### **Get Creative: Disney's Jungle Book Activities**

A range of activities including printable maze, spot the difference and other activities.



Go to

create.disney.co.uk/the-jungle-book

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### **Get Active: Sleeping Lions**

Or maybe not so active with this game. Linking to the famous line "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight" get the children to get in a space on the floor and stay as still as possible. Anyone that moves or makes a noise is out. Set a time limit if the game goes on too long.



#### **Get Creative: Dress to Impress**

Ask the children to come dressed as their favourite Jungle Book character, as if they are going on safari or as another animal. You could offer a prize for the best dressed on the night.



#### Get into the Bible: That's What Friends Are For

Ask the children if they have ever seen the movie "Jungle Book?". It tells the story of a boy, Mowgli, who lives in the jungle among the animals. He is trying to make his way back to the human village and along the way he meets many very interesting characters.

There's mad King Louie of the Apes and a lovable, happy-go-lucky bear named Baloo. He even meets a group of vultures who pledge their friendship in a song called "That's What Friends Are For" (you could download a clip or play the track for this song).

The words of the song go like this:

We're vour friends We're your friends We're your friends to the bitter end

When you're alone Who comes around To pluck you up When you are down

And when you're outside, looking in Who's there to open the door? That's what friends are for!

Do you have a friend who is always there for you? One who makes you feel better when you're feeling sad, one who is there to help, one who stands by you no matter what. We could all use a friend like that. couldn't we? Jesus is that friend, someone we can always rely on and is always there for us.



Download and sing "I'm the King of the Jungle" from

youtube.com/watch?v=DJwUvjVq9k4

#### Get Active: Lion, Lion, Zebra

This game is played like Duck, Duck, Goose. All the children should sit in a circle. A leader selects one of the children to walk around the outside of the circle and tap each child on the head (gently) and say "Lion". This continues until the child touches someone and says "Zebra". Then the child who was called Zebra jumps up and tries to tag the one who called them zebra before they can run all the way around the circle back to their space.

# - BUGGE RESOURCE

## Great activities & ideas for your section:

#### **Programme Planning**

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



#### 17-21 NOV

#### **Anti Bullying Week**

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

Check out antibullyingweek.co.uk



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#### **Big Schools Birdwatch**

The Big Schools' Birdwatch is an educational activity that gets your children closer to nature. It takes just an hour and works for all ages and abilities. Register your group to take part and get a free resource pack including a bird ID poster.

Check out rspb.org.uk/kids-and-schools/kids-at-school/schools-birdwatch

#### Get Active: Balloon Tennis

#### Equipment

- **★** Balloons
- ★ Plastic tennis rackets or table tennis bats
- ★ Use a net, mark a line on the floor or place an object (to act as a divide).

#### How it works...

You can play balloon tennis in a variety of ways by getting children into pairs to play against each other or making teams. You could score points or just let the children have some fun hitting the balloon(s) backwards and forwards.



# Get Creative: Marshmallow swizzle sticks



#### Instructions

- **1.** Break the chocolate into pieces and melt in microwave or over a pan of simmering water.
- **2.** Put three marshmallows on to a long wooden skewer and spoon some of the melted chocolate over the marshmallows to coat. Gently shake off any excess chocolate.
- **3.** Sprinkle with chocolate strands or hundreds and thousands to cover the chocolate completely. Place the skewers on a cooling rack.
- 4. Chill in the fridge for 30 mins to set.

#### Ingredients

- ★ Long wooden skewer
- \* Milk chocolate
- ★ Marshmallows
- \* Chocolate strands
- ★ Sugar hundreds and thousands



Shared by Chris Norman, 10th Enfield



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



#### **GET ACTIVE - Gift Wrap Relay**



#### You will need

- ★ Table
- ★ Wrapping paper
- ★ Scissors
- \* Sellotape
- ★ Gifts (a range of items, same for each team)
- ★ Stocking

#### Instructions

Get the children into teams for this relay race, each team needs a table set up ready to wrap. All the items should be ready on the table; team members should go one at a time from a starting line, race to the table set up with all the items and wrap one item. They need to then run with the item and place it in the stocking. The first team to complete is the winner. You should make sure that all items are properly wrapped and you could then judge the wrapping which may change the result of the race!



#### **GET CREATIVE - Lollipop Nativity**



#### **Equipment**

- ★ Lollipop sticks (at least 7 each)
- ★ Felt tips or paint/paint brushes
- ★ Marker pen
- ★ Glue
- ★ Glitter glue
- ★ Gold pipe cleaner

#### Instructions

Distribute at least 7 lollipop sticks to each child (ideally two of which should be cut in half). Have the children colour in or paint the long sticks to form the frame of the stable. Glue together and put to one side.

Add some glitter glue to the roof of the frame and colour three half lollipop sticks to create the nativity characters, using a marker pen to draw eyes (the simpler the design for the faces, the better). Glue them to the stable frame. Use another half lollipop stick to create an angel for the roof, decorating with a golden pipe cleaner.



Shared by Andrew McCaldon, 35th Liverpool



#### **GET ACTIVE – Human Christmas Tree**

#### Equipment

- ★ Green crepe paper
- **★** Tinsel
- ★ Baubles
- \* Anything else you can think of!

#### Instructions

Get the children into teams and a volunteer to be the Christmas tree. Set a time limit and on the word 'Go' the remainder of the team simply decorate their tree. A leader(s) should then judge the team's efforts and decide on a winner.



#### **GET OUT & ABOUT -Neighbourhood Food Collection**

Help support people facing hunger this winter by joining the UK's biggest food collection. From the 1st to 3<sup>rd</sup> December, all Tesco stores will be hosting a food collection as part of the ninth Neighbourhood Food Collection.

Christmas can be a difficult time for individuals and families who are already managing on extremely tight budgets. The increased winter fuel bills, and the pressure of choosing between heating and eating, will sadly push many families into food crisis. Donations made to Trussell Trust foodbanks are used to provide three days of nutritionally balanced, emergency food to people in crisis that have been referred by frontline professional agencies such as Citizens Advice or children's centres.

Get your section involved by collecting food and delivering it to your local Tesco store between  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ December.



Find out more at tesco.com/food-collection/



#### **GET ACTIVE -**Name that Christmas Song/Carol

Make a list of lyrics from songs that only provides 3-4 words from each song (not the title). The person who names the most songs in a certain amount of time



#### **GET INTO THE BIBLE -Christmas Lights**

Bring a string of Christmas lights to plug in and light

Ask the children why we have Christmas lights. Ask them to think about what light is good for and give examples. They might say things like finding your way, not feeling scared, amongst other things.



#### Read: John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

One of the greatest things about light is that it helps us to see. In the bible verse that we read, the Bible calls Jesus the "light of the world". What this means is that often we can find ourselves in darkness, because we do things that are wrong (sin). If we turn to and follow Jesus he can help us out of that darkness and show us the light.

Christmas is all about Jesus being born, to be a bright light, a shining example to follow and to give us hope.



#### **JUST FOR FUN -**Sweets in the jar

Fill a jam jar full of sweets and give each child the opportunity to guess how many sweets are in the jar. At the end of the evening, announce how many sweets there were and the winner, who takes home the jar of sweets.

## The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following . . .

"What do you do in terms of following up members who haven't yet returned after the summer break?" In response to this a number of leaders have shared their thoughts.



"At the end of the summer holiday we visit every boy to hand deliver a letter and consent form. If someone doesn't come back we send a postcard to the boy saying "we missed you" (I used one of the downloads from the BB website, printing 4 to a sheet of card).

Jane Holden, 1st South Woodham Ferrers



"If a member of our Juniors doesn't return after the first week we ask their friends to remind them and also send a reminder text to the parent. If after the second week they don't turn up we talk with members who know them to see if they are away or moved etc and this followed by another text and a visit to the home by staff."

Ian Rumbelow, 1st Martock & Hamdon

# discover Resource

#### Great activities & ideas for your section:

#### **Planning your Programme**

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



#### 30 NOV St Andrew's Day

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



#### **Chinese New Year**

Why don't find out more about Chinese New Year? Share in the celebrations, see if there is a local event you could attend. Check out the resources in Winter 14/15

Gazette available online at boys-brigade.org.uk/media/gazette-magazine/

#### The Answer's Out There

For this issue we asked the following...

"Some sections review their subs annually, but what happens in your section? Does what your young people pay cover the costs of running your programme?"

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



"Our subs for the session are currently set at £105 a year for Company Section members if paid in two parts, or £95 if paid in full at the start of the session. We find that most of our members pay up front for the session and are able to gift aid this amount, resulting in us receiving an extra £23.75 back from the Government. We have increased our fees significantly across all sections in the past 5 years, this has helped us improve the quality of our programme, and decrease the need for us to run fundraising events to support the Company programme. We offer financial assistance for any young person who could not afford to pay these fees, having never turned a young person away. There are also lots of other benefits in collecting subs up front rather than

Chris Norman, 10th Enfield



"We ask the members to pay termly, September, January and April (post Easter). The subs are currently £20 per term. With the launch of OBM the majority of parents are opting for Direct Debit and we are in the process of setting up for Gift Aid contributions."

Derick Lawson, 1st Chester-le-Street BB



"We have only changed our subs once in the last 10 years, going from £1 a night to £1.50. If parents choose to pay in advance but then aren't there for the evening we roll their subs forward to another week. Equally, if a family can't afford to pay one week we encourage them to come anyway - we're not there to make money and feel Christ would rather we wrote off the cost than turned families away. At the moment our subs cover costs but we're actively fundraising as this is becoming more of a strain as we look to run more varied activities."

Jonathan Haddock, 1st Canterbury



## Get Learning: World War 1

One Hundred years ago, The Boys' Brigade Gazette of 1st November 1916 featured the story of an act of heroism on its front page. This story (extract below) is something which could be used as a discussion starter with your young people in learning about the experience of a BB member in World War 1.

#### Boy William Walker -A Hero of The Boys' Brigade

An incident not dissimilar in character to, but on which has received less publicity than the heroic conduct of the Boy Cornwell, has recently been reported, and it is gratifying to know that the hero of it is a past member - too young to be called an old Boy - of The Boys' Brigade. William Walker, who is only 16 years of age, joined the 4th London Company at the age of 12. He served for two sessions and became adept at bugling, and it was this which led to his heroic conduct at the Battle of Jutland. On leaving The Boys' Brigade, Walker joined the Royal Navy in which he occupied the position of Bugler aboard HMS Calliope when she led her Squadron into battle on 31st May. It was the duty of "Young Bill", as his friends call him to stand on the bridge with the Captain, and to him fell the honour of sounding the "Commence". After he had

done this he bravely stood by his Captain amidst the fury of the battle, while his ship played a gallant part in the great fight. Late in the day a splinter of a shell struck him, wounding him severely in his side; but he still stood to his post until he fainted from loss of blood. The wound was a serious one, necessitating the removal of three ribs, and leaving a scar ten inches long very near his brave young heart. While in hospital Walker was visited by the King.

The honour which Walker valued most highly is the recognition of his gallantry by Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, who presented him with a specially inscribed bugle in commemoration of his heroic

It is good to know that Walker has now almost recovered from his wound, and has been on leave at his home in Kennington. It was only on his arrival home that the story of his heroism became public, and to his surprise he found himself dubbed "the Kennington hero".

A silver watch and chain, with a suitable inscription, is being presented to Walker on behalf of the Executive, as a token of the appreciation of the Officers and Boys of the Brigade. The conduct of the Boy

Walker should be made known to his comrades throughout the Brigade, and his gallant devotion to duty should be an example to us all.

member being awarded the World which is available from BB Supplies







## Get Active: Four Square



A great game to play with 4 or more players. The object of the game is to eliminate players in higher squares so that as a player you can advance to the highest square yourself. Four square is played with a bouncy ball on a square

court with four players, each occupying a quarter of the court. You need to number each square between 1 and 4.

To serve the player in the highest square (4) drops the ball and hits it to the lowest square (1). The ball should bounce in the square and then the player in that square hits the ball to another square. The ball must bounce in the square, and then be hit by the player in that square. This continues until someone makes an error and is eliminated (i.e. the ball goes out of bounds or bounces twice in the players own square). Eliminated players leave the court, all players advance to fill the empty squares, and the player eliminated goes back to square 1 or if there are other players waiting to play, a new player joins in at square 1 and the eliminated player goes to the end of the queue.

An additional rule you could add in, is that once a ball has bounced in a square and then been hit out by the player in that square, any player may now touch the ball and hit into any other square. Once hit into another square play continues as normal where that player must hit the ball out of the square once it has bounced.



There are lots of variations on this game, check out the website for official rules and more information on the game.

foursquare.org



This is a great activity linked to the popular ITV series "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here" on TV during November.

#### **Bush Tucker Trials**

Get your section into teams to take part in a series of trials to earn stars for their team. Once you have established your teams it's time to send them to their camps, set up a red camp and yellow

There is some preparation required for each of these trials, but they will all be lots of fun. Each of the trials below is designed for one member of each team to go head to head against the other team(s). For each trial, each team can gain stars to add to their team score. The team with the most stars will be crowned "King or Queen of the Jungle".



#### All Hands

Wearing blindfolds team members put their hands inside a box and guess the contents. Setup some boxes in advance with different things in them, these could include rice pudding, cooked pasta, feathers, cotton wool or other items. Place a star(s) in each box for the team members to find.



#### **Wobbly Madness**

Make a bowl of jelly for each team, inserting several plastic stars in the jelly before it sets. Allow the jelly to set. For the trial give each team member a pair of goggles and a timed limit to get as many stars as they can. Team members cannot use their hands, and must get the stars out by their mouth.



#### Slippery Feet

Fill a washing up bowl or box with spaghetti, oil, imitation spiders/cockroaches/ants. Place several stars into the bowl/box. Wearing blindfolds team members must use their feet to feel for and get the stars out.



#### **Disaster Chef**

Don't worry you don't need to spend hours in the kitchen for this one. Set up a table and chairs and serve your three-course meal. You can buy online packets of sugar critters like mealworms and crickets, including chocolate covered ones. You could provide some garnish like lettuce for presentation. There is no need to have a time limit, but for each course or item they consume each player should get a star.

To go with the meal, you could prepare a special 'Earthworm/Cockroach Shake'. The ingredients are simple with it containing apple juice, green food colouring, and melted marshmallows - with a plastic cockroach. It looks and tastes great.

#### Flying Cockroaches

Buy a couple of packets of the 'Tobar Cockroach Catapult' from Amazon. Each pack contains 2 cockroaches and a launcher. Set up some targets (buckets or pop-up targets) for the team members to aim at, giving them a time limit, see how many times they can hit the target. Allow them or another team member to collect cockroaches so they can keep going during the allowed time. Award a star for every cockroach that hits the target.

#### **Digging Deep**

Fill a bowl with Wotsits (or cheaper supermarket alternative) and add some imitation spiders/ cockroaches/ants. Place an equal number of stars in each bowl. Team members wearing goggles go head to head to find the stars using only their mouth.



Purchase plastic stars to use for your theme night, so that the young people can collect the stars as they complete each trial. Try searching for 'Balloon weight stars' on Amazon.

# CHALLENGE RESOURCE

## Great activities & ideas for your section:



#### **Ultimate Challenge Plus 2016 - 2017**

Well done to everyone who got involved in last session's challenge. News about the competition for this session is being launched very soon. In the meantime, take a look at last session's results and get practicing some of the activities - go to boys-brigade.org.uk/ucp/



#### Get Active: Spoons

This is a great game, involves lots of energy and is fast-paced and can be played inside or outside.

#### **Equipment:**

- ★ Spoons 1 per team plus 2
- ★ Chalk (or alternative marker) for floor)
- ★ Bowl (to put spoons in)

#### Instructions:

To start off with divide the young people into 3 or 4 teams and get them to number off. Get each team to move to a corner of your meeting space or spread out along the edges. In front of each team draw a chalk circle (or use something to mark a small area like a hoop). Place all the spoons in a bowl in the centre of the room. Call out a number and the young people run to collect a spoon and deposit in their circle. They can only carry 1 spoon at a time and the winning team is the one who gets the most spoons. Once all the spoons have gone reset the game. The team that wins the most times are the champions.

You can change the game to make it easier of harder by putting more or less spoons in, calling more young people from each team to get spoons, allowing spoons to be taken from teams as well as the centre, making the playing area bigger, or using different items other than



#### Getting Into The Bible: BEN-HUR

Ben-Hur is the epic story of Judah Ben-Hur (Jack Huston), a prince falsely accused of treason by his adopted brother Messala (Toby Kebbell), an officer in the Roman army. Stripped of his title, separated from his family and the woman he loves (Nazanin Boniadi), Judah is forced into slavery. After years at sea, Judah returns to his homeland to seek revenge, but finds redemption.

Based on Lew Wallace's timeless novel, Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ, the recent release of the film (September 2016) also stars Morgan Freeman and Rodrigo Santoro.

The film and the resources available will help young people think about the themes of faith, hope and redemption as well as relevant issues, such as the challenges of growing up, and being change-makers in the world.



Free resources including video clips, images and leaders guides are available to download from

http://benhur.damarismedia.com



#### **Just for fun: Alliteration**

You will need a group of at least 6 young people for this activity. Get the group to stand in a circle facing inwards. The first person introduces themselves, using an adjective with the same first letter as their name and then describes what they enjoy doing e.g. "I'm courageous Colin and I like basketball". The next person in the circle does the same, except before saying their own, they repeat the names (with alliterations) of everyone who have come before them e.g. "Courageous Colin, I'm Happy Helen and I love to travel...". Keep this going until everyone in the group has had a go. You can make it unpredictable by changing direction!



#### **♥ Challenge: One Minute Sentence**



Young People pick a topic at random and are challenged to speak about it nonstop for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition. A list of topics could be provided, for young people to choose from, ideas include Football, The BB, Fame, Spiders, Computers, Camping, Christmas, Holidays.

You need a minimum of 3 young people to play this game. The young person who starts the game is given a topic, they have one minute to talk about their topic without hesitation, deviation or repetition. If one of the other players thinks that the speaker has hesitated, deviated or repeated, they can interrupt, either by knocking on the table or pressing a buzzer. If the interruption is deemed appropriate by the leader then the player who interrupted gets a point and takes control of the subject for the remaining time. If it was inappropriate then the original player gets the point and retains the subject. The player who has control of the subject at the end of the minute gets an extra point. Play as many rounds

#### **Getting Into The Bible: Youth Alpha**



#### Read: Psalm 139

We hear the word faith being used regularly - both in and out of the church, but how should we understand it, and where does it come from?

Hebrews 11 is known as the 'faith' chapter as it describes several examples of faith and why it is important to have faith as a Christian.

#### Voice & Contestant game

- ★ Set up a small obstacle course
- ★ Divide the group into pairs
- ♦ One will be the 'voice' and the other one, 'the contestant' will be blindfolded
- ★ The 'voice' will have to direct their partner to safety at the finish of the course
- ★ When you shout "start", all the 'voices' have to provide directions to their partners simultaneously
- First 'contestant' to cross the line wins!



This game is an example of how difficult it can be to follow instructions when you have many distractions. Even though we can hear the voice, it is sometimes not clear if this is the way to safety.

In Hebrews 11:1 we are told that it is faith which gives us the strength to follow that 'Voice', even when we are not sure where it is leading us, but to know that it is the best route to fulfilling our lives.

Adapted from ministrytoyouth.com

# FOCUS R.o.I

## **Annual Founder's Thanksgiving Service**



**Baltinglass** 

The Annual Founder's Thanksgiving Service was held in St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street on Sunday, 16th October 2016 with representatives from Girls' Brigade Ireland and the Stedfast Association along with many parents and friends attending the

The service with the theme "Celebration & Remembrance" was conducted by Rev. Canon David Gillespie, Vicar, St. Ann's Church and Mark Acheson, BB National Chaplain. The readings and reflections were led by members of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 39th Dublin Companies. We were delighted and honoured to welcome the Brigade President, The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port as our special speaker.

WHAT'S ON - R.o.I

**20 NOV** 



**27 JAN** 

**Anchors' Craft Evening** Mullingar

4 FEB

**Figure Marching & Drill Competitions** Swords, Dublin

# FOCUS ENGLAND

**South Eastern District Service** 

#### **KGVI 2016 Review**

KGVI England and Wales took place at Felden Lodge during the first week of August. It was our most successful event yet with over 35 young people from across the two regions attending. It was particularly good to see some of our newer Companies sending young people to the course. All participants explored new challenges and developed new skills whilst also building relationships with their peers.

We could tell you just how great it was, but thought you might like to hear directly from the young people who attended:



I cannot say a bad thing against it, it was one of the best experiences I have ever been involved in. I enjoyed the challenges presented by the leadership training but joined the course not expecting to meet and become such good friends with so many other people within BB. It is a great way of building a network of friendship nationally. I really enjoyed everything about the week and cannot wait for next

Michael Bull, Scarborough

KGVI 2017 will take place at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead 29th July - 4th August.

# & WALES

I was totally unsure as to whether it would be

something I would enjoy. My initial thoughts were that it could possibly be boring. I could not have been more wrong. I was worried about others' views however I felt comfortable with everyone immediately. I would encourage as many young people as possible in BB to do the course. It was a really fun week and has encouraged me to get more involved with my Company.

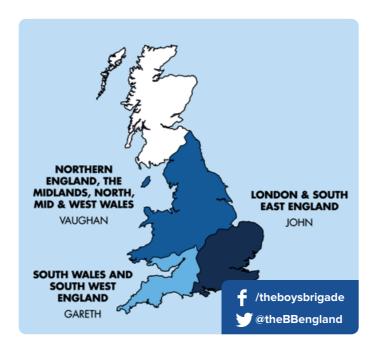
Adam Franks, Manchester



## New beginnings . . .

As we approach the end of 2016, we head into a new beginning for The Boys' Brigade in England and Wales. With the recent retirement of England Director, Eric Hudson, and the appointment of Natalie Whipday as his replacement, the new England and Wales team are now in place and looking forward to the start of a new era.

The new team will be directed from the England and Wales office based at Felden Lodge. Graham Weston, will continue to support the team as administrator and any enquiries can be directed to the office on 01442 288 558.



#### Introducing the Staff Team for England and Wales



Swapping my 14-year legal career for a new challenge as the Director of England and Wales could be described by some as a leap of faith. However, having been part of The Boys' Brigade in different capacities for the past 20 years, it is an organisation very close to my heart. I am very passionate about working with the great team we have here to ensure that The Boys' Brigade in England and Wales remains current and is the Christian youth organisation of choice for both young people and volunteers.

The legacy left by my predecessor Eric Hudson, including the hard work he has done with Millennium Volunteers and latterly Youth United, means we are in a great position with lots of opportunities. However, it is also a very challenging time for all youth organisations across England and Wales to not only increase but retain membership. One of my key focuses will be to put strategic plans in place to support the sustainability of both existing and new groups.



Contact Natalie natalie.whipday@boys-brigade.org.uk on 01442 231 681 (ext 210) or 07415 241 192.



I'm looking forward to a fresh and exciting new challenge with The Boys' Brigade England and Wales. I've spent the last couple of years helping to develop new groups in the North of England. specifically in rural Yorkshire, so moving to London and the South East is going to be very different, but extremely exciting.

My role will be to support existing groups in the region as well as explore opportunities for developing new groups. One of the main things that excites me about this role and which I look forward to the most is meeting new people and having the privilege of sharing their journey/vision for the transformation of their communities. I'm really looking forward to connecting with leaders across London and the South East over the coming weeks.



Contact John john.myers@boys-brigade.org.uk if you would like support in your area.



Having grown up through the BB in 1st Walsall Wood Company in the West Midlands, I have been able to experience first-hand what our movement can do in developing and nurturing young people. I have been fortunate enough to be a Company Captain, hold several positions within Battalions, Districts and the England Region, as well as serving as a Brigade Trustee, organising events and being the co-ordinator of international work engaging with young people and leaders across the Brigade. Over the last 3 years I have been working for the Brigade, developing new groups within London and diversifying the way we work within the capital.

My new role, based in Manchester, will allow me to support and develop both new work and existing Companies across large parts of both England and Wales, enabling sustainable ways of working and ensuring Companies who may be struggling, can continue to grow. I cannot wait to work with Battalions and Districts across the region to enable local Companies, both existing and new to continue engaging young people through what the Brigade can offer!



Contact Vaughan v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk if you would like support in your area.

#### The Big Night Out 2017



The Big Night Out is an annual youth event held in May each year - in fact, it is now the largest Christian youth event in the north of England! The event provides the opportunity for young people, and their leaders, to have a day of fun activities at the Lightwater Valley Theme Park (near Ripon), including exclusive access to the park rides and finishing with a concert with a top Christian band.

The event will take place next year (2017) on Saturday 20th May. Check out thebignightout.org.uk for more information, including times, activities and live acts.



I have really enjoyed working with The Boys' Brigade in Wales over the past 3 years. I am proud of the success we have achieved with the launch of several new Companies which are currently thriving and doing great work in their local community.

One of the most exciting parts of my job is seeing Companies go from strength to strength and this new role will give me even more opportunity to work with many more Companies across the region and witness the great work that The Boys' Brigade does week in week out in many communities across the country.



Contact Gareth gareth.hillier@boys-brigade.org.uk if you would like support in your area.

#### **Get Active 2017**

Following the official launch of Get Active 2017 in our last issue, we had a great response from Companies, Battalions and Districts. The team has now met and agreed events for six roadshows. Keep an eye out in upcoming e-bulletins for details of the closest roadshow to you.

Get Active 2017 will consist of a number of competitions and activities designed for both Junior and Company Section members in teams of 6-8 young people. To keep up to date with the latest news follow us on Twitter @GetActiveBB or contact us by email getactive@boys-brigade.org.uk with any questions.

#### **Logo Competition**

We are looking for members of all ages in England and Wales to design a new logo for this exciting new event. We encourage you to be as creative as you can, there is no limit to what you can include. The winner will be announced in the next Gazette and their winning design will be used across all the activities and branding that takes place.

Email your designs to getactive@boys-brigade.org.uk - the closing date for entries is end December 2016. Good Luck!



#### Moderator visits KGVI

Over the course of two weeks this summer, nearly 60 young leaders participated in the KGVI Youth Leadership Training at Carronvale House. Visiting the cadets during their second year course was Right Rev Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr Barr spoke with each the young people and paid

tribute to the BB, saying that if it were not for BB, he would not be in the position he is today!

Congratulations go to all involved in this year's courses, particularly the 33 who completed their second year. They will 'graduate' officially at a service in the Spring next year.

#### **World Mission: Kenya Visit**



Three young people, including a young leader from Girls' Brigade Scotland, spent ten days in Kenya as part of the World Mission Fund's 'Kit for Kenya' appeal. Fiona from GB Scotland, along with Greig from 1st Cumbernauld and Ian from 128th Glasgow, attended various church events and met with members of both BB and GB in Kenya. They even got the opportunity to attend a joint camp attended by 500 members of both organisations!

Learn more about their experiences by visiting bbworldmissionfund.wordpress.com

#### Quest 17

Following on from the successes of previous national challenges - Fifteen for 2015 and 1,000km Challenge - Companies will have the chance to compete in a brand new event for the Simon Smith trophy. There are 36 challenges and they are designed so that all members, from five, right up to 18, can get involved. Learn more by visiting boys-brigade.org.uk/quest17.



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## WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND 🛗

2 - 3 DEC

**Enhancing Your Skills** Carronvale House

3 - 4 DEC

**Enhancing Your Skills** Carronvale House

14 JAN

**Captains' Event** Lanarkshire

**23 JAN** 

**Carronvale Burns Supper** 

#### **BB** members strike Gold!



BB young people have been presented with Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award certificates at a special ceremony at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh on 6th July.

HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, gave the Royal seal of approval to the nine young people and spoke to them ahead of the awards ceremony. John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, presented the certificates.

There was also a special presentation to BB officer, Alistair Whitelaw, who received a long service award. Alistair has dedicated over five decades to leading the DofE programme with members of 1st Lenzie Company.

#### **Burns Supper**

A very special event is coming to Carronvale House on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The Annual Burns supper is always a terrific evening of fun, good company and entertainment. Please contact Scottish HQ now to reserve your place and also notify us of anyone with a talent to recite Burns! Funds raised will go to support the Carronvale Appeal.



Call 01324 562008 or email irene.davidson@boys-brigade.org.uk

#### **Camp on Cumbrae**

BB Scotland will be organising a camp for Company Section members between 25th - 29th May 2017 on the Isle of Cumbrae. This special event is specifically for Companies that do not regularly organise a camp.





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

#### **BB 133**

A service was held in St Giles' Cathedral at noon on October 4th to mark the anniversary of the Brigade's founding. Nearly 100 people attended the service, including 20 BB leaders and young people, which was led by Brigade Scotland Chaplain, Rev Derek Hughes. Two Seniors, Barry Williams and Matthew Turnbull, from 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Motherwell Company, laid flowers at the Founder's plaque inside the cathedral.



#### Young Leaders in Madrid



The Spanish capital was venue of choice for this year's national young leaders' European trip. Eighteen young people from Companies across Scotland took in the city's top sights, including the Royal Palace and the stadium of Athletico Madrid.

Information about the 2017 event will soon be announced so stay tuned to the YLN Facebook page at facebook.com/ YLNScotland/

# FOCUS NORTHERN IRELAND

#### **NI District Heritage Project**



This Heritage Book has been produced by The Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland District for Company Section Boys aged 11 to 15 years. It contains ideas for games and activities to inform young people about the history of The Boys' Brigade, celebrating the 125 years of work that took place from 1883 to 2013 with a focus on The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland.

It is intended that BB Company Section Boys would follow this Heritage Programme to learn about BB History by starting with the Historical Snippets for each time period, and then completing the 'Badge Classes Then and Now' section, which compares today's Discover programme to what boys had to do in the early days to achieve badges. We encourage those using the book to do their own research too.

One free copy was sent to every Company Captain/ Correspondent in the September mailing along with an accompanying USB data pen with additional resources.

#### **Christian Education** Course now on sale

The Leaders' Guide for the new Scripture course for the 2016/17 session is now available to order priced £5.00 + £1.00 P&P. The order form and worksheets can be found on the NID website on the Downloads page.



A Beatitude is a promise of blessing or happiness for anyone who follows the ways of Christ. This is all about our attitude and faith in God. The right attitude brings a beatitude – the blessing and happiness of God. The Beatitude is the blessing that comes when we have the right attitude.

#### **Junior Section 100th Anniversary Celebrations in** Northern Ireland

During 2017 the Junior Section will be celebrating its 100th Birthday from starting as Boy Reserves then Life Boys and now Junior Section. At this stage we are planning two special events - PLAY THE GAME and a 100th BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA.

The Play the Game special anniversary event will be run in three locations in NI -Ballymoney, Portadown and Lisburn - running on a Friday night, Saturday morning and



Saturday afternoon. Companies may enter up to 2 teams of 4 boys. Teams will play a variety of popular table top and board games from the past century. The top teams from each event will take part in a grand NID final - details to follow. Please enter early to secure your chosen venue and time. The entry form is enclosed for JS Leaders in Charge and may be downloaded from the BBNI website.

More details will follow on the 100th Birthday Extravanganza at Ganaway Activity Centre later but save the date now - Saturday 6th May 2017.

## WHAT'S ON - N. IRELAND

12 DEC

**Deadline for JS Musician of** the Year entries

16 DEC

**Christmas Open Day** NIHQ Newport (10am - 4pm)

13-15 JAN

**Youth Leader Training** 

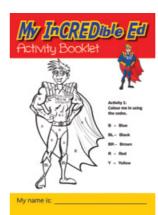
14 JAN

**Junior Section Musician of the year** 

**25 JAN** 

**Online Brigade Manager Clinic** (extended features)

#### **InCREDible Ed Activity Booklets**



InCREDible Ed Activity Books were sent to every Anchor Boy Leader in Charge in the NID Septemeber mailing. The books contain activities based on Community Relations, Equality and Diversity, at an appropriate level and fun for Boys. This follows the InCREDible Ed design competition for Anchor Boys. Now here he is ready to be introduced to your Boys in

You may wish to send this Activity Book home with the

Boys, or use over a number of weeks during your programme as a way to introduce CRED. You may also wish to use the Programme on a Plate which will soon be available with a whole evening ready planned for you to raise the topic of CRED.

InCREDible Ed's costume can be borrowed from NIHQ Newport for you to use. We hope you find this useful in your work with your Anchor Boys - please let us know! The NID CRED Team.

Please note the number of booklets enclosed was based on last year's statistical returns. If you need additional information please contact NIHQ.

#### **Province-Wide Street Collection for Newport**

The Newport Fundraising Team is once again seeking support from the NI District members for what we hope will be the easiest fundraising initiative so far! We have obtained permission to hold a street collection throughout Northern Ireland on Sat 26th November 2016. We are looking forward to this province wide event and to seeing Boys and Leaders in all our major towns and cities collecting funds in Northern Ireland on that day.



This is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for Newport whilst at the same time raising the profile of Boys' Brigade across the whole province in such a visible way. Your Battalion will be in touch with details for the collection in your local town.

Contact Drew Buchnan on 07803 146938 or president.ea@boys-brigade.org.uk for more information

#### **KGVI 2016**



KGVI took place from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Thirteen first year and eighteen second year cadets attended the training led by a team of volunteer tutors: Richard Clarke, David Doggart, Rebekah McLean, Andrew Paul, Cynthia Thompson, Matthew Gallick and Rev Dessie Paul. We are very grateful for all who gave up their week to lead and take part in



Tom Baird (pictured ready to bat) from 1st Legacurry sums up his experiences of KGVI:



Having recently completed my second year of KGVI, I can only praise the programme, and the confidence I have gained since is growing. KGVI was a fantastic opportunity to share with other young leaders from across Northern Ireland in our faith, through daily devotions, and in our ideas and experiences from each of our sections and Companies. After the first year I learnt a lot about youth leadership and what was involved in being a leader and so I felt equipped for the next year, to put what I had learnt into practice. Over the course of the year my confidence grew and it was an absolute pleasure to meet up with my fellow cadets for our second year. The second year will probably hold my best memories of KGVI as we each had so much fun in delivering our demonstrations! KGVI is definitely a training programme worth going on, it's an incredibly rewarding course and you will make friends for life through the fellowship of the week.



# **Putting the FUN into fundraising**

Got a great idea for a project or an event, but not sure how best to raise the money required? Keeping your eye on the end goal, whilst running a fun and engaging fundraising campaign can be very challenging.

Dunblane's BB Company, 25th Stirling, in partnership with 'Classrooms for Malawi' spent a couple of weeks this summer to renovate two school classrooms. Thanks to fundraising efforts, led by BB leader Colin Anderson, they raised an unbelievable £70,000 for the project!



Colin offers some tips and advice into adding that much needed FUN into fundraising...

Although most Companies can rely on the odd coffee morning or bag packing stint to get them the funds they need to cover their annual costs, with a little bit of creative thinking, you could unleash a new income stream and also build a better team and reputation at the same time.

When brainstorming fundraising ideas, it's normally best to get a cross section of your Company to help. That includes leaders, young people and parents. The more ideas that get shoved into the melting pot the better. When thinking about ideas, try to think how they can be twisted to make them unique and fun. Daft ideas will be most memorable but you

do have to make a judgement as to whether they are pragmatic or not. To keep things structured a bit, have a think about things you can sell, services you could offer or events you can put on.



#### Things you can sell

First think about the skills that you have available from your volunteers. Will they have the ability and time to make as many things as you need to sell? Have a think about the profit margin too. If the cost of the materials is high compared to the price you can sell them for, then consider if it is worth all the effort.

Also think about how you are going to market your goods. Are they for your specific area or can you market them nationally? You have to constantly think about the buyer and what they will pay for them. Don't fall into the optimistic trap and maybe try selling samples before you grow the supply.

#### Case Study from Project Malawi – Lego

One of the boys in the team had the idea that he was going to have bricks of Lego in his house and he would sell bricks to his friends and family who could write their name on the brick and help build a Lego school. This idea was supersized into a Lego school that was 100cm by 50cm long. The Lego school was at all the events and it grew more attention as it got bigger and bigger. Local businesses were asked to put in windows in exchange for advertising and the school also went around the schools and churches in the community helping with publicity. An offshoot of this idea was to create Lego people with BB uniforms on. Prototypes were created and an initial batch was sold to the Company in Dunblane, they went like hotcakes. They were then advertised on the BB Scotland Facebook page and demand went through the roof. There were even large orders from Hong Kong, Singapore and China.

#### Services you can offer

Getting the young people involved is normally key here. You have to think about what your Company can offer as a service and whether it is sustainable. Also think about putting a twist on it so that it stands out as unique. Car washes are all well and good, but why not try a fancy dress car wash? Who wouldn't want their car washed by Super Mario or Spider Man?

Special twists like these add an element to your fundraising that makes it publicity friendly and newspapers love that. Try and think of ideas that may cause a trend or a certain amount of curiosity: something that makes people do a double-take.

#### Case Study from Project Malawi – Flamingos

Although a common fundraiser in the United States, flocking someone's garden with pink flamingos and then demanding a ransom for them to leave is not a common occurrence in the UK. The flamingos did have to be sourced and brought over from the US and Canada, but they created a huge impression in Dunblane. People would stop their cars to take photos of the flock wherever they turned up and it opened a revenue stream for the project that would have not been opened before. The buzz around the town was great and social media and the newspapers loved the idea. The flocks continued to reinvent themselves too with Birthday and Christmas flocks available (including little Santa hats). Although they were auctioned off at the end of the project, they still receive requests to appear in gardens.



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#### Events you can put on

The main thing you have to think about when putting on a fun event is whether enough people will come to cover your costs and make a profit. So you have to think about whether your event is a ticketed event and then think about the up-selling element once you have your crowd. Do you have a stall or a tuck

Think about what else your audience would be willing to purchase to have fun - extra bingo tickets and a bingo night or a tombola. Have a think about your audience too. Is it a family friendly event like a beetle drive or bingo night? Or is it a more adult evening like a wine, gin or whisky tasting? Get a good compere and if it is a game night like bingo or beetle, then add a twist and make it fun.







#### ■ Case Study from Project Malawi - Beetle Drive

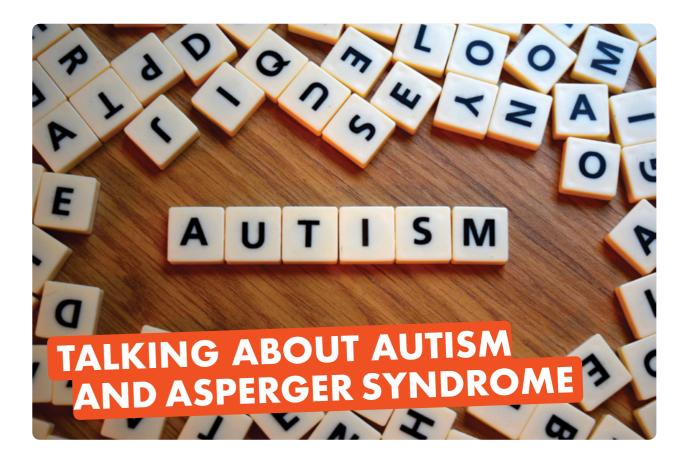
The Beetle Drive event was an opportunity to involve young people from all sections in a fun evening. Most of the audience didn't know how to play so there was a need for a careful explanation of the rules. Tables were placed in a circle and the winner of each table moved clockwise around the hall whilst the lowest placed of that game moved anti-clockwise. This ensured that the event was a great mingling social experience. The twists - the winner had to wear a hat that had a huge beetle pinned to the front and wear their Beetle Crown. We also had prize rounds where the winners of each table came up to the front and had to answer a beetle (or Beatle) related question right in order to win a prize. There was also a tuck shop, a tombola and our Lego School available.



There is a fundraising 'A-Z' and also a guide available via the leaders' website

leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/factsheets.htm





Chris Bonnello, former Primary School Teacher and autistic BB Company Captain, shares insights into how best to provide for our Companies' children on the autism spectrum.

Due to a recent drive to include disabled and disadvantaged children in mainstream settings, there are more children with autism in The Boys' Brigade than ever before. We have a choice between seeing this as a challenge, or seeing it as an opportunity. After all, our whole reason for working in The Boys' Brigade is to build and guide young people, and youngsters with autism in particular may need the building and guidance we can provide!

Speaking as an autistic man who grew up to become a Captain and a teacher - almost entirely thanks to a Boys' Brigade upbringing - I have a few insights from personal and professional experience.



I don't know what a natural leader is, but it's not me. Teachers are made, not born - and The Boys' Brigade was crucial in helping me build up the skills to become everything I became.



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Here are 10 things to consider when providing for autistic children within our Companies:

#### 1. Every autistic child is different!

Yes, this is number one for a reason. Some children on the spectrum grow up to need round-the-clock care, and others grow up to be university professors. Some have communication difficulties, others do not. Some have incredible memories, others do not.

I could give endless information about "how to work with autistic children", but the most important advice I can possibly give is this: know them as a child before knowing them as a syndrome.

#### 2. Take their anxieties seriously.

Autism and anxiety often go hand in hand. And it makes sense: if you were made to feel isolated or different from others (or in my case, feeling like you were born on the wrong planet), wouldn't you feel anxious too? Sometimes, anxiety is caused by complex neurology. Sometimes it's caused by life experience. Sometimes it's both.

Either way, children with autism can get anxious over what appear to be fairly trivial things (e.g. a change in routine, a lost pencil). But please remember – even if they seem 'silly' to you or the other children – to them, the anxiety feels very

#### **₫** FACT

Between 1-2% of the general population are on the autism spectrum: about 700,000 people in Britain.

This is an increase from 1 in 10,000 fifty years ago: the rise is due to increased understanding of autism in recent years. (In 1995, aged ten, the psychologist just told me I had a 'slightly odd personality'!)

#### 3. Sometimes their senses can be oversensitive (or undersensitive).

People with autism often experience Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) or at least traits of it. This can result in the brain interpreting sounds as too loud, lights as too bright, physical injuries as not painful, and so on. Examples of this can involve children being distracted by tiny noises in the background, or feeling almost physical pain from another person shouting.

When helping with children who have these issues, find out which of their senses are more (or less) sensitive than other childrens', and adapt your activities where necessary so their brains don't feel under attack.

#### **₫** FACT

Only 15% of us are in full-time employment. I have three university degrees, but have spent less than two years in that 15%.

#### 4. Things are easier when they're predictable.

Not all of us are reliant on routine, but plenty of us are. Unexpected changes lead to not knowing what's about to happen, and this can be a big anxiety driver. So if a child with autism repeatedly asks what the group are going to do next, try not to feel irritated!

Depending on the child's needs or the severity of their autism, sometimes a timetable description at the start of the evening will work, and sometimes a physical timetable on the wall may help them. But (and I recognise the difficulty with this) - whatever timetable you assure them of, do your utmost to truly stick to it!

#### 5. Give them time.

I often compare myself to a car with slow acceleration but a brilliant top speed. And sometimes, it takes a while for the thoughts in my brain to become actions through my hands or words in my mouth. (When you think about it, the process of turning your thoughts into specific lip and tongue movements is surprisingly complex). People with autism may take a few seconds longer to process things. Give them time, even if you need an answer in a hurry.

#### **≰** FACT

Autism cannot be cured (but the right support and opportunities can help enormously).

#### 6. Have good relationships with their parents.

Obviously I'd give this advice for working with children in general. In teaching too, parents who are on the same page can be powerful allies. But there are extra reasons when special needs are involved:

- · Professionals can teach you about autism, but parents can teach you about the child.
- · Parents will know which strategies in particular have worked with their child, and which topics will engage them.
- · It's possible that some parents affected by special needs may feel as socially isolated as the child. Having good relationships with their local BB staff could really mean something to them, especially if they know their child also has a safe place outside the home.

#### **≰** FΔCT

Most other statistics I could include here would also sound pessimistic, but the future can be very bright for those whose needs are catered for.

#### 7. Focus on their strengths, not just their weaknesses.

My adulthood would have been very different if my BB Captain had concentrated on my deficiencies rather than my strengths. You don't become a teacher and a BB Captain by having your weaknesses reinforced! All children, regardless of academic or social ability, have skills and strengths. In my experience, BB leaders can be vital for spotting these



One of our boys. And you know what? I wouldn't change his personality for the world either.

skills and providing opportunities for the children to use them. (Again, I would give this guidance when working with children in general. But I make a real point of it regarding children with special needs, because it's so easy to fall into the trap of assuming inability until proven otherwise.)

#### 8. There is nothing 'wrong' with autistic children.

I know plenty of autistic people who say "I don't suffer from autism. I suffer from other people's attitudes towards autism." If an autistic child grows up around adults who think there's something deficient about them, they're pretty much instructed to believe it themselves. People often claim that children on the autism spectrum aren't very perceptive, but any child can tell when they're not being believed in. This final point isn't just about not telling the child there's something wrong with them, but also not thinking it. Underestimating thoughts lead to underestimating words and actions, and the child will pick up on it.

And yes, sometimes it sucks having anxiety issues, sensory disorders and so on. But honestly, I wouldn't trade my autistic personality for the world. And nobody else should want me to.

#### Conclusion

Of course, there is so much more to say that I've not had room for. But I'll finish with this.

Like anyone else, autistic children flourish when they know they're around people who are rooting for them. And we all know how brilliant The Boys' Brigade is at providing an environment where the children feel believed in. You may find your members across the autism spectrum to be endearing, challenging and fascinating all at once, and there is so much they can add to your Company if they are well provided for. And you never know, you may have a future Captain among them.

#### **Chris Bonnello**



**Follow Chris on Twitter** @AutisticNW

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Further resources for understanding Autism

National Autistic Society: autism.org.uk

NHS Choices: nhs.uk/conditions/autistic-spectrumdisorder

#### **World Autism Awareness** Week 2017

Get involved with Autism Awareness Week in 2017 which takes place from Monday 27th March to Sunday 2nd April. It's all about raising money and awareness so that as many people as possible learn about the challenges, features and reality of autism.



Check out

autism.org.uk/get-involved/

# GLOBAL

# A Danish adventure -Landslejr 2016

In July members of the 77th Belfast and 1st Kirkliston Companies went to Denmark for the FDF National Camp which takes place every 5

#### Cameron Young, 17, from the 1st Kirkliston Company shares his experience:

Between the  $4^{\text{th}}$  and  $18^{\text{th}}$  of July, we - the  $1^{\text{st}}$  Kirkliston Company - visited the brilliant country of Denmark to partake in the massive event known as Landsleir, a camp event that is run by the FDF (an organisation that is very similar to the BB in many aspects).

Landslejr means "National Camp", and is organised for their own members, and for any eager, kindred organisations from around the world to come and enjoy a week of great experiences with some great people. The camp had over 11,000 people participating in activities and intensive yet satisfying work; for example, we had to build our own camps and sleeping areas (ours was a long-house, complete with hammocks) over the first few days. What followed was an immense week which felt very non-stop at times but after a while of adjustment that feeling was very much welcomed. It began to dawn on us just how big the event actually was, after the Queen of Denmark came to visit and it was rather surreal to see her there in the flesh.

There was always something to do around camp whether it was something as simple as playing card games or helping out with the food, and outside the camp there was even more to do with activities, shows and challenges to take part in. The whole experience was not without the infamous Lejrbål ("campfire" show) that would be held every few nights or so for the entirety of the camp in almost complete Danish. Luckily we were supplied with headphones and the help of two very funny (and very questionable) translators who would always be ready to crack jokes instead of translating the show, which led to many



Before and after the camp we were looked after by FDF Storvorde-Seilflod; they took us canoeing, on a tour of the city of Aalborg and we also visited a local theme park. The experience overall was unbelievable, un-replicable and can only be experienced by going ahead and doing it. There is genuinely nothing else like Landslejr on the face of the earth."

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

#### **Northern Ireland support Global Fellowship**

Alex and Sam, Junior Section boys from 43rd Belfast Company presented a cheque for £1,000 from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's, Boys' Brigade World Mission Committee to Global Fellowship. The generous donation was received at Brigade Council in Belfast by Mr David Love, GF Trustee. The money was raised by Presbyterian Junior Sections across Northern Ireland and was given with the promise of continued support for the work of Global Fellowship.



# Global Round-up

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



Representatives from around the world gathered for the Triennial Conference of Global Fellowship, which was held in Singapore in August 2016. Over the four days, the programme included discussions, presentations and workshops which provided the opportunity for delegates to learn more about Global Fellowship and about how member organisations operate throughout the



Members of the 18th Victoria (Berwick) Company in Australia on a hike in the snow up Mount St Gwinear in the Baw Baw National



BB Senior and Junior Leaders from the Leadership Training School serve the elderly in a local community by teaching exercises to improve mobility, conducting games relating to fall prevention and giving all participants a relaxing foot massage.



Members of 1st Howick BB/Iconz Company near Auckland in New Zealand get creative model making with their Airfix kits.



In August members from Penang State in Malaysia celebrated BB Malaysia's 70th Anniversary with activities and displays at Pragin



Members of East Coast Battalion in South Africa on Camp.



# **Keep Britain Tidy**

The nation's anti-litter charity

Helen Bingham from Keep Britain Tidy shares with us more about their work, what's going on across the country and how BB Companies can get involved.

#### What is Keep Britain Tidy about?

Places blighted by litter or neglected make people feel unsafe and this has an economic impact – no one wants to visit or invest in an area where it looks like people don't care. Keep Britain Tidy is one of the country's leading environmental charities. It focuses on the environment on people's doorstep, campaigning to reduce litter and waste and improve parks, beaches and waterways. If we don't care for the environment on our doorstep, how can we expect to care for the global environment?

#### Taking action to clean up our country

Improving the quality of the places and spaces we share is at the heart of everything that Keep Britain Tidy does. Whether it is supporting communities with clean-ups, helping local authorities change the behaviour of the minority of people who drop litter or don't pick up after their dog or delivering campaigns that encourage mass participation in positive activities, Keep Britain Tidy is committed to driving forward the changes that everyone wants to see - a cleaner, greener country.

#### Get involved and make a difference

- ✓ Take part in the Great British Spring Clean in March 2017
- Become part of one of the Care projects that the charity runs
- Take the Waste less, Live more Challenge in September 2017
- Join in the fun with our Love Parks campaign ✓ in July 2017

#### The Great British Spring Clean

Litter picking is fun and you can make a real difference – a difference that you can see straight away. There is something very satisfying about arriving somewhere that looks littered and unloved and, with a little bit of effort, turning it into somewhere that looks like someone cares.



It is also a great way of getting children and young people to understand the scale and the impact of litter on our environment and starting conversations about the amount of waste we produce, particularly things like plastic bottles and aluminium drinks cans. These things could and should be recycled but, once littered, they blight our environment and, ultimately, end up either polluting our rivers and oceans or being swept up and sent to landfill.

Here at Keep Britain Tidy we support groups and individuals who litter pick 365 days a year through The Big Tidy Up but we are also holding the country's biggest-ever mass participation clean-up next year with up to half a million volunteers taking part on the weekend of  $3^{rd}$  to  $5^{th}$  March 2017.

Last year, 250,000 people took part in Clean for The Queen, collecting; this year we are hoping to double the number of participants.

It's easy to take part - you can simply register at greatbritishspringclean.co.uk and you can get all the help and resources you need to organise your own Great British Spring Clean or join with others to take part in a clean-up.

#### Show you care

Keep Britain Tidy supports thousands **KEEP** of volunteers around the country BRITÄIN who are taking action to improve the **TIDY** environment on their doorstep. We run WaterCare projects in the Midlands, the North-West, East Anglia and the South-West that support communities. Whether it's cleaning up a brook, doing water testing, getting rid of invasive species or creating new habitats, the WaterCare projects are making a huge difference to places.



A recent campaign by our BeachCare project in Cornwall demonstrated the impact of the cheap body boards that form a part of many people's holiday by the sea. The volunteers collected 600 broken boards that had been left by visitors over the summer and piled them all up to demonstrate the scale of the problem.



You can find out more about Keep Britain Tidy's Care projects at

keepbritaintidy.org



#### Waste Less, Live More

We are consuming our planet's resources at an ever-increasing rate and generating waste that is choking the planet. Waste Less, Live More is a campaign that aims to show us that wasting less doesn't have to mean sacrifice - what's good for the planet can also be good for us.

In 2016, more than 40,000 people took the Waste less, Live more Challenge. The Challenge consisted of 101 different things that people could do that would cut their environmental impact at the same time as being fun. Suggestions included 'Scoot to school', 'Row a boat' and 'Give a hen a home'.



You can find out more about the campaign at wastelesslivemore.com

#### **Love Parks Week**

Our parks are a national treasure and are used by millions of people every year. In fact, more people use a park each year than voted at the last General Election.



However, due to the cuts to local authority budgets, our parks are feeling the pinch. There are less resources and less people to keep the parks clean and safe and a recent Heritage Lottery Fund on the State of UK Parks warned they were at risk of decline.

Anyone who remembers the 1970s and 80s knows that our parks have come a long way since then and, if we want them to stay that way, we all have a role to play.

Love Parks Week is a celebration of our fantastic parks and the thousands of Friends' Groups that give their time to help them stay that way.



You can get involved and find out more at loveparks.org



Find out more and get access to resources at keepbritaintidy.org

# DIRECTORY.A.

#### APPROVED CAMPSITES

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

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

#### Contact:

**01360 770256** 

centre@auchengillan.com П www.auchengillan.com

#### Norfolk / Felden Lodge Campsites

2018/2019 BB canvas campsites (operated by 10th Enfield) fully equipped for up to 80 (smaller camps welcome) in West Runton (North Norfolk) and at Felden Lodge, BBHQ (Hertfordshire)

#### Contact:

Chris Norman on 07703 571915

chris@boys-brigade.org.uk 10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk

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

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

honeyhill.boys-brigade.org.uk

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

/ Jamie Copson on 01905 480 955

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

#### Contact:

Dettie Quirke on 07582 429929 @ info@vectisyouthcamps.org

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

#### Contact:

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

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

Ted Walliss 01737 352732 @ edwardwalliss@btinternet.com

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

showers etc. Outdoor pool, large hall.

#### Contact:

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

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broadleas.boys-brigade.org.uk

Popular BB approved campsite at Freshwater, Isle of Wight. Fully equipped for 60 (approx), canvas tents/marquee, purpose built toilet block, cookhouse. Minimum charge 20 campers. Close to safe sandy beaches and leisure centre. Enquiries contact John Osborn.

#### Contact:

**07796 177795** 

freshwatercamping@gmail.com www.freshwatertrust.com

#### Bromley Battalion Campsite. Whitecliff Bay, IOW

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

#### Contact:

Keith Francis on 01474 705485

keithfrancis2606@gmail.com

www.bbcampsite.co.uk

#### **CAMPING/HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Near Blackpool at Kirkham in the Rural Fylde North West District. Training & Activity Centre provides excellent indoor self-catering accommodation. Centenary Hall 44. Stedfast Lodge 16 plus a camping field and sports hall (see aerial view).

#### Contact:

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

01772 685000

office@bb-northwest.org.uk

www.bb-northwest.org.uk

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#### Contact:

0844 8000 222 sales.info@rockuk.org

www.rockuk.org

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01683 221040

ben8363@aol.com

www.wellroadcentre.co.uk

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#### Greenmoor Residential Centre S35 7DX. Reopened after extensive refurbishment.

Flexible sleeping in 6 rooms for 30. Accessible facilities, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 showers, toilets, washroom, games room, staff room, projection equipment, heating, 15 minutes M1 and dark

#### Contact Mark Boswell:

Mark Boswell 07760111615

Tony Drury-Smith (bookings) 07930177764

Greenmoor Centre

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

#### Contact:

01978 761105

admin@caergwrlebb.org.uk www.caergwrlebb.org.uk

#### The Albert Wilson Memorial Field,

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

#### Contact:



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

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

#### Contact:

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

www.abernethy.org.uk

#### Christian Mountain Centre, North Wales

Can provide residential accom. or just activities for your BB camp. Try anything from archery to climbing, paddleboarding to gorge walking (a BB favourite). On the coast near Dyffryn Ardudwy.

#### Contact:

01341 241718

office@cmcadventure.org.uk www.cmcadventure.org.uk

#### Stoke Gabriel Camp 2017

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

#### Contact:

Clive Gordon 07718 761150 cliveg04@yahoo.co.uk

Brixham, Devon Fully equipped for 60 persons 14' x 14' ridge tents plus 70' x 30' Marquee & 30' x 13' Toilet tent all in white canvass. Bookings now for 2017.

#### Contact:

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# **BADAGUISH**

Cairngorm Outdoor Centre AVIEMORE

#### **WELCOME OFFER**

**NEW BIKE PARK** FREE 1/2 day ACTIVITY

For all new schools, youth and family groups in 2016 (residents & members only)

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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

#### **NEW WIGWAMS & CAMPSITE** (88 Beds)

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

www.badaguish.org T: 01479 861285

# BB SUPPLIES 쓻

#### **2017 CALENDAR**

Product: 31 590 1

A4 wall calendar featuring drawings and paintings by BB members from across the Brigade. The calendar features more than 100 drawings and paintings selected from a competition that received more than 500 entries.



#### A5 BLACK NOTEBOOK & PEN

Product: 11 688 1



A stylish notebook with a soft-feel hardbacked black cover, embossed with 'the adventure begins here' logo with ballpen.

# LASER ENGRAVED CUFFLINKS

Product: 11 595 1



Laser engraved cufflinks in black presentation box with 'the adventure begins here' logo

#### **REUSABLE SHOPPER**

Product: 11 707 1



This clever shopper bag featuring 'the adventure begins here' logo has an integrated pouch into which the whole thing neatly packs away.

# JUNIORS BLUE BASEBALL CAP

Product: 11 710 1



Blue baseball cap with the Juniors logo in white. 100% cotton. One size fits all.

#### WIBBLE VASE INK BLUE

Product: 11 988 1



Contemporary handmade ink blue vase (250mm), sandblasted with The Boys' Brigade logo

#### **BB TABLE CLOTH**

Product: 17 700 1



Blue tablecloth (60" x 72") embroidered with the BB crest, fully fringed. Also available to order without the fringe. Embroidery for individual Companies is also available at an extra cost.

Different sizes are also available - price on application (tel 01442 231681 ext 215).

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