EDITORIAL

Ten Percent in Twenty Twelve

The Brigade Executive has just met and as part of the ongoing development of the BB has agreed a 10% growth strategy for next session. This will look different in different areas and Regions and it will involve starting new Companies as well as recruiting additional members in our existing sections. Further information and materials will follow and I don’t want to get into the detail at this stage.

But why do we want the Brigade to grow?

We don’t want BB to grow simply so that we are bigger. We want to grow because of who we are, what we stand for and what we offer.

Think about why you became a BB leader. There may be a number of different reasons, but amongst them will be the desire to make a real difference in the lives of children and young people, to provide opportunities for them to develop and to share a glimpse of the Kingdom with those who might otherwise never hear.

We know that young people have better life choices through positive interaction with adults who care about them. We know that members develop a variety of skills, a sense of responsibility and an understanding of themselves and of others. We all know the impact that belonging has on the lives of our members and we want that benefit to influence more.

We want to engage this generation with a message of hope. Be confident – you have been called and equipped for the task. Let us all play our part in growing the Brigade.

Steve Dickinson

Brigade Secretary

Ten Percent in Twenty Twelve

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Healthy numbers in our sections allow us to run a more varied and engaging programme. Many Companies have done really well over the last couple of sessions in attracting new members. From ‘bring a friend’ nights to school assemblies, there have been a whole host of great examples. Many of you will have benefitted from using the recruitment toolboxes and other initiatives.

Whilst there have been so many positives, we know that there is more to do. It is widely recognised that there is return to structured youth work in the last few years and The Boys’ Brigade needs to be part of this momentum. In so many areas, there is such a desire for The BB to grow, but the right support has not always been there.

We all know that there are so many stories of great activities and opportunities provided by The Boys’ Brigade. It’s time for us to celebrate and shout about what we do, build on our solid foundations and attract even more children and young people into the life of the local church to hear something of the message of Jesus.

We know that for the campaign to be a success the importance of providing the necessary recruitment and programme materials as well as ongoing support with . . .

**What will be provided to help my Company get involved?**

- new designs for leaflets and posters
- new templates for you to customise leaflets, posters, letters, invites and more online with the ability to download print ready files
- new promotional videos ideal for use in school assemblies
- new badges and a certificate to encourage existing members to get involved
- new clipart and an image library to enable easy creation of local resources
- new banners and banner stands available to borrow from Regional Headquarters
- new ‘Company’ and ‘Battalion/District’ campaign guides to help support you.

**How will BB Headquarters and regional headquarters get involved?**

- by primarily supporting Companies, Battalions and Districts to engage with the campaign
- by raising awareness through increased social media activity
- by generating newsworthy stories and distributing these to regional and national media

Keep up to date with the very latest on this exciting new campaign online at [http://tenpercent2012.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://tenpercent2012.boys-brigade.org.uk)

**What now?**

More details about the exciting campaign and the variety of resources available will be sent out in the next few months via the e-update and Gazette. In the meantime, please consider how you could get involved. Are there perhaps local events in the summer and autumn where you could promote The BB? We know that many Companies are already doing a fantastic job in attracting new members, so if you already have a tried and tested method to share, a success story or a question/suggestion then let us know by sending an email to tenpercent2012@boys-brigade.org.uk.

Where do all my badges actually go?

Lots of our members will be receiving awards at displays and awards evenings at this time of year. A reminder of the correct positioning of the badges is shown below.

The images above show positioning if all possible badges have been gained. If a young person has not gained all badges then badges should be centralised and adjusted as more badges are gained.
The Diamond Jubilee marks 60 years since the Queen acceded to the throne and over the long weekend of 2nd to 5th June events will take place to celebrate this special occasion. To help Companies mark the occasion some helpful suggestions and ideas for getting your children and young people involved have been put together...

**LOOK OUT FOR 'THE QUEEN’S TOUR'**
As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations HM The Queen is touring the country, so watch out for when The Queen is in town and see if you can organis a BB group to go and show your support for our Patron. Visit thediamondjubilee.org.uk and overseas-visits for more information.

**WATCH 'THE THAMES DIAMOND JUBILEE PAGEANT’ TAKING PLACE IN LONDON**
There will be up to 1000 boats going along the Thames and The Queen will travel on the Royal Barge (Sunday 3rd June). Visit thethamesdiamondjubileepageant.org for more information.

**GET ALONG TO THE NEAREST ‘JUBILEE BEACON’ BEING LIT**
Part of lighting 2,012 ceremonial beacons at landmarks across the country! (Monday 4th June). Visit jubileewoods.org.uk for more info.

**ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE BADGE AND GIFTS NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**
Stocks of the special BB commemorative badge and range of gifts (including medalion, paperknife, pen, mug, keying and pencil) are going fast. Check out the full range available online at http://shop.boys-brigade.org.uk

**SEND IN YOUR PICTURES AND STORIES...**
Don’t forget to take some pictures and let us know what you got up to to celebrate The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee – send it all through to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk and we will feature as many as possible in the July edition of the magazine.

**HOLD A ‘BIG JUBILEE LUNCH’ AT YOUR CHURCH OR IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**
It’s all about bringing people together and sharing in a traditional street party or picnic! (Sunday 3rd June). See thebiglunch.com for more information.

**‘THINK DIAMOND, THINK 60’**
- organise an activity or event, which could lead you to holding a 60 minute sponsored silence or organising a meal for those over 60 years old in your local community.
- Be creative and get planning!

**‘JUBILEE THEMED EVENING’**
- You can get involved in the Diamond Jubilee without leaving your hall by making use of online resources including colouring pictures, quizzes, recipes, games and other ideas with a Jubilee theme. Check out these websites for a range of ideas:
  - Activity Village – visit activityvillage.co.uk/diamond_jubilee.htm
  - Nature Detectives – naturadetectives.org.uk/jubilee
  - iChild – ichild.co.uk

**GET INVOLVED IN THE ‘JUBILEE WOODS PROGRAMME’**
Helping the Woodland Trust to plant 6 million trees to create a living monument for years to come. Visit jubileewoods.org.uk for more information.

**SPECIAL BREAKING NEWS...**
Her Majesty, our Patron, has agreed to meet a small group of young people at Balmoral Castle in August to receive the Loyal Addressee of The Boys’ Brigade. Her Majesty’s reply will then be carried by various means to be received at Brigade Council in London. Regional Headquarters are making plans to determine the route of the messiture and it is hoped that Companies will wish to mark this special event.

**RELEVANT OR IRRELEVANT**
In an era when the church is challenged by the world to not live in an old paradigm, we need to ask ourselves, when seeking to reach the lost, ‘how can we be culturally relevant and yet remain Biblically and morally distinctive?’

The truth is we don’t have to make Christianity relevant – that rather says that it is irrelevant to start with. Jesus is more relevant than tomorrow’s newspaper. We simply have to show His relevance. My brother in law who has made millions in his life once made an interesting observation. He said, ‘Christians have managed to take the most famous brand in the world and somehow managed to make it look the dullest product in the world.’ Now whilst God isn’t a product I think he might have a point!

I think we have lost our confidence in the gospel and therefore live and act like it’s not relevant any more. The church has always been counter culture yet the interesting thing is, could it be directly proportionate to the lack of power and the lack of love that we now display which causes a loss of confidence in God and the message? He has commissioned us with.

I do believe that if we change our message to make it palatable to all, then we are simply broadening the road and widening the gate. And then, even if we do this there would still be people who would never receive Jesus. Would we be more true to the gospel and God by sticking with the more black and white approach? In truth, what I am really saying here is; we may well reconsider how we do things but we must always do it in the context of a renewed confidence in the gospel’s power. This can only be fuelled through a living relationship with God ignited by an intimacy with the Spirit of God and generated by holy living.

Jesus was a master at meeting people where they were. In Luke 19 v 5 we are told that Jesus reached the very spot where Zacchaeus was. It was only because He was where Zacchaeus was, that He had the platform to speak into his life. What’s more in His parable, the Good Samaritan could only be the Good Samaritan because he was on that road from Jerusalem to Jericho. He could only bring influence to that situation because he was there – right where the hurting man was. I guess the key to being successful is to ‘do life’ with those around us but to also ‘live lives’ that bring a Godly influence to those around us.

And finally, here’s another interesting thought. How many times have you heard a Christian say about a non-Christian, ‘I saw something in them that I wanted in my life?’ Now when people start saying that about you – then that’s what true relevance is all about!

By Evangelist Mark Greenwood

Visit the official website of The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee at www.thediamondjubilee.org for all the latest news and announcements.
5. Motions in the name of the Brigade Executive
To amend Brigade Regulations as follows:

- a) In Brigade Regulations, Section 2 – Mission Statement, delete existing Section 2 and replace with new Section 2 as set out in Appendix A (which can be found at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm).

The purpose of this motion is to refocus the actions of the mission statement into the areas of Engage, Partner and Support which have characterised the Brigade’s Engage a Generation Strategy.

- b) In Brigade Regulations Section 3 – The Organisation, Regulations and Procedures, delete existing Section 3 and replace with new Section 3 as set out in Appendix B (which can be found at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm).

The purpose of this motion is to tidy up anomalies that have arisen within existing Section 3 and to allow for equality of provision and opportunity for Young People Members and Representative Members of Regional Committees and the Brigade Executive.

- c) In Brigade Regulations Section 9 – Amicus, the following amendment shall be made:

Remuneration clauses 50 to 63 as numbers 1 to 14

In Clause 58 (subsequent to above, Clause 9) delete "(i.e. Clause 5A, Organisation – Regulation and Procedures)" and replace with "Section Four".

The purpose of this motion is a factual correction.

- d) In Brigade Regulations Section 10 – Girls’ Association, the following amendment shall be made:

In Clause 8 delete "(i.e. Clause 5A, Organisation – Regulation and Procedures)" and replace with "Section Four".

The purpose of this motion is a factual correction.

6. Motion in the name of London District
The Brigade Executive is instructed to:

- a) Undertake a meaningful consultation with Companies and Area Groups with regard to:

  - i) our vision for children and young people and their aspirations,
  - ii) the object in the context of the present day Boys’ Brigade movement, the composition of its membership and current and future activities,
  - iii) new ways of working which enable "BB" solutions that help meet the needs of local churches and communities, and
  - iv) where change may be needed to ensure that the organisation is relevant in today’s society and its work with children and young people.

and

- b) Bring forward, where necessary, constitutional motions over the next two years (i.e. Council 2013 and/or 2014) to give effect to the findings of the consultation process required by paragraph (a).

7. Motion in the name of Nottingham Battalion
"That the Brigade approve the wearing of designation badges for Leaders to be worn directly above the B.B. emblem or pocket on the left side of the uniform shirt or sweatshirt”.

Should this motion be passed the Brigade Executive will make the necessary changes to the Uniform regulations.

8. To transact any other lawful business
By order of the Brigade Executive
Steven Dickinson

Brigade Secretary

1st March 2012

All Members of Brigade Council as defined by the Articles of Association are entitled to be present and vote at this meeting or, in their absence, they may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. A form of proxy will be sent to all members with the July Gazette and, if used, should be returned to the Company’s Registered Office not later than 1.00pm on Thursday 13th September 2012.

Appendices A and B as referred to above and explanatory notes are available on the website at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm. Should you wish to receive paper copies, please contact Jan Williamson at Felden Lodge 01442 231681 jan.williamson@boys-brigade.org.uk.

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

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EXECUTIVE – 25TH FEBRUARY 2012

The meeting was held at Brigade Headquarters Felden Lodge. This is a summary of the main items covered.

- Finance

  The Brigade Treasurer reported on the Brigade Finances for the nine months to 31st December 2011. The Brigade was running a deficit of £103,000. It was expected that at the end of the year the Brigade would show a deficit of £110,000. Expenditure was under control, but income had not matched projection. The Executive agreed the Finance Committee’s proposed budget for 2012/13 and associated capitation fees.

- Development Plan

  The Executive agreed the priorities for the remainder of the current plan and discussed how to initiate discussions with the Brigade about the plan from 2013 onwards.

- Stedefast Supplies

  The operation of Stedefast Supplies was discussed.

- Battalions Updates

  Regional Directors updated the Executive on Battalion Reports received in their respective Regions.

- Business Director

  The Business Director updated the Executive on the statistical return process and Company Designations. The Executive approved the sale of property to the community in Craigavon, Armagh.

- Regional Directors

  The Executive discussed how to initiate discussion with Regional Directors and the minutes of Regional Committees. The Executive confirmed its position with regards to Age Regulations after an issue had been raised in Northern Ireland.

- Queen’s New Year Honours

  Congratulations are offered to Mr William James (Jim) McKittrick who has given 65 years of service to The Boys’ Brigade. He has also carried out much valuable charity work at home and abroad. He was awarded an MBE for services to the community in Craiggowan, Armagh.

- DONATIONS TO THE GET UP AND GO APPEAL

  We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Get Up and Go appeal.

  1st Castleford £260.00
  1st Dearham £419.07
  1st Dunbar £390.00
  5th Kingston and Merton £35.00
  39th Nottingham £65.00
  8th South Shields £45.00
  16th West Kent £50.00
  9th Wolverhampton £319.50
  1st Wyre £300.00

- CENOTAPH PARADE WHITEHALL

  Due to a waiting list from last year’s event all the places for this November have already been allocated. If any Company would like to apply for 2013 (Company Section age upwards) please contact Jan Williamson at BB Headquarters jan.williamson@boys-brigade.org.uk.

Please be aware that due to restricted ticket allocation we may not be able to meet all demands and we issue tickets on a first come first served basis. The tickets are primarily for the young people and officers should not take more than two tickets (preferably one) per Company. Correct uniform is required and will be a condition of ticket allocation.
25th Nottingham
Members of 25th Nottingham Junior Section cooking marshmallows in the grounds of their Emmanuel Church on the edge of Bestwood Country Park.

1st Hoddesdon
Simon Codlin of 1st Hoddesdon, pictured with Carol Kirkwood, BBC weather reporter, was recently presented with his Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Award at St. James’s Palace.

10th Southport
Members of 10th Southport paid respects at the town centre cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

25th Stirling
Members supported the Alloa Food Bank as reported in Around Scotland.

94th Belfast
Members of 94th Belfast at St James’ Park, Newcastle, on a recent trip to see Newcastle play Everton in the Premier League.

Highland Battalion
The Highland Battalion annual 5-a-side football tournament brought together members and leaders from all over the area.

15th South Shields
Members of 15th South Shields pictured with Deputy Mayor of South Tyneside, Councillor Eileen Leask and Councillor Olive Punchion, after being presented with a Mayor’s Gold Award.

1st Harpole
Members of 1st Harpole raised over £600 for the Hope Centre by holding a sponsored sleepout in the village graveyard. The Hope Centre provides support for homeless people in Northampton.

10th Liverpool
As the result of a school group trip to Bolivia by Thomas Cowan, where he helped to decorate and worked in a children’s orphanage, fellow members and leaders of 10th Liverpool decided to support the education needs of a child in a poor country.

1st Buckie
Three generations of the Murray family are active members of 1st Buckie Company.

Paisley District Battalion
Paisley District Battalion recently held a Junior Section Competitions Day in Sherwood Greenlaw Church. Fourteen Companies from the Battalion entered with 56 boys taking part.

Paisley District
Battalion

13th Motherwell
The 13th Motherwell dedicated Company Colours for the first time in its 96 year history.

1st Loughbrickland
Mr Ronnie Mayne was presented with a Bible to mark 50 years’ service to 1st Loughbrickland Company.

1st Cavan/Kilmore
Members of the 1st Cavan/Kilmore Company enjoying a pancake making evening.

10th Wolverhampton
Members of 10th Wolverhampton raised £800 for the Alzheimer’s Society by taking part in the Wolverhampton Marathon Cycle ride.

16th Newtownabbey
While some of the boys of 16th Newtownabbey were off school for the Christmas holidays they put together “Keep Warm” packs for the elderly on behalf of Newtownabbey Borough School.

1st Slough
The Methodist Church South East District’s Olympic prayer symbol has been designed by the boys of 1st Slough, based at St. Andrew’s Methodist Church, Slough.

16th Newtownabbey

2nd Alton
David Allan MBE hands over to Christian Janes as Captain of 2nd Alton.

22nd Paisley
Seniors of 22nd Paisley raised almost £300 in funds for the Company at a Coffee Morning as part of their Queen’s Badge work.

1st Slough

1st Chepstow
The 1st Chepstow BB camp at John Roberts Adventure Centre, Newent.

10th Southport

1st Hoddesdon

1st Loughbrickland

13th Motherwell

32nd Nottingham
Bradley Muller became the 200th Duke of Edinburgh’s Award recipient in the 32nd Nottingham’s 40th year.

1st Harpole

1st Cavan/Kilmore

10th Wolverhampton

2nd Alton

22nd Paisley

10th Liverpool

16th Newtownabbey

1st Slough

1st Chepstow

94th Belfast

Highland Battalion

15th South Shields

1st Cavan/Kilmore

10th Wolverhampton

1st Slough

16th Newtownabbey

2nd Alton

22nd Paisley

10th Liverpool

16th Newtownabbey

1st Slough
**HERE & THERE**

**31st Cardiff**
The 31st Cardiff supported the 2011 Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The Company filled 17 shoeboxes with Christmas gifts by the families of the Company. The boxes were then wrapped and distributed across the world to bring joy and a gift of love to a child in need.

**1st Barrhead**
“Hoot Owls” visit. The evening was presented by Gillian from the “Hoot Owls” Company at Kelburn Country Park. The boys had an educational talk and a demonstration with the owls and everyone had the opportunity to hold the owls.

**9th Inverness**
The Company started up again at the Hilton Church of Scotland after an absence of 15 years. After a local recruitment campaign a posse of helpers welcomed a very excited group of over 20 Pt-1 youngsters eager to start an Anchor Section. The evening was based around colour and included games, quizzes, craft and of course, colouring.

**Glasgow Battalion**
On 29th December, Junior Section boys from Eastwood District of Glasgow Battalion enjoyed a superb all day event at Orchardhill Parish Church at their first ever Christmas Cracker.

Fifty-two boys representing the eight Companies in the District enjoyed a fun-packed day with Assault Course / Bouncy Castle / Neon Room / Nativity DVD Quiz / Tower Game / Lunch / films and an epilogue.

**Veteran Alfie Smyth**
On Friday 13th January Boys’ Brigade Veteran Alfie Smyth, former Captain of 20th Belfast, celebrated his 100th birthday. Maurice Williamson MBE conveyed special greetings to him from his many friends in the Battalion.

**5th Guernsey**
The handprint of the Junior Section of 5th Guernsey Company.

**65th Edinburgh**
A board displaying the names of all its Queen’s Men was commissioned to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 65th Edinburgh Company and Norman MacKelvey, being one of the first boys to receive his Queen’s Badge, was asked to unveil the board which is situated in the Gibson Craig Hall, the meeting place of the Company. A full list of its Queen’s Men can be found on the Company’s newly launched website at http://65edinburgh.boys-brigade.org.uk/

**1st Pettigo**
Anchor Boys from 1st Pettigo Company presented a cheque for over £10,000 to “Northern Ireland Children to Lapland Trust” raised by Anchor Boys across Northern Ireland.

**18th Halifax**
Young members at 18th Halifax with their brand new games received through the Tesco for Schools and Clubs voucher scheme.

**19th Nottingham**
Pictured are James Bilsbrough being presented with his President’s Badge and Graham Wootton who has served 53 years in the Brigade.

**2nd Camborne**
The 2nd Camborne recently threw a surprise party for Malcolm Godolphin who has been Captain for 40 years.

**1st Castlederg**
1st Castlederg has been involved in collecting aluminium cans for recycling. The project “Cash for Cans” helps the Company funds and also contributes to a cleaner environment.

**1st Ipswich**
Their joint Annual Enrolment Service with the 7th Ipswich GB at Christ Church, Ipswich was held during Family and Youth Parade Service where it is a tradition to take a photograph outside the church.

**1st Tullyallen & Mountnorris**
Members of 1st Tullyallen & Mountnorris Company recently enjoyed an evening of sumo suit wrestling. They saw the idea of its Queen’s Men was commissioned to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 65th Edinburgh Company and Norman MacKelvey, being one of the first boys to receive his Queen’s Badge, was asked to unveil the board which is situated in the Gibson Craig Hall, the meeting place of the Company. A full list of its Queen’s Men can be found on the Company’s newly launched website at http://65edinburgh.boys-brigade.org.uk/

**6th Newtownards**
To mark the 45th anniversary of 6th Newtownards Company a stained glass window was dedicated at Strean Presbyterian Church in recognition of the Company’s role in the church and wider community.

**1st Margate**
The 1st Margate Boys’ and Girls’ Brigade band was invited to play during the opening week of the Turner Centre in Margate and they also performed at the switching on of the Christmas lights. Among other events the band also leads the Mayoral procession each year to the local Cenotaph.

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**2nd Bedford**
Pictured is the winning 5-a-side team from the 1st round.

**Strathkelvin Battalion**
Pictured are boys who entered the Battalion Marching and PT competitions. The 1st Kirkintilloch won the Marching competition and 1st Lenzie and 1st Torrance were joint winners of the PT competition.
Round the regions

Amazing Things 3
As Scotland’s youth unemployment figures continue to rise, a new edition of the flagship publication ‘Amazing Things’ highlights the range of opportunities available for young people through Scotland’s youth awards.

The third edition of Amazing Things – A Guide to the Youth Awards in Scotland, has been produced by the Awards Network, a forum of twenty-one providers of non-formal learning awards across Scotland. Amazing Things (third edition) and the work of the Awards Network is in alignment with the Scottish Government’s strategy to tackle the national challenges of youth unemployment. Both recognise the significant role youth work has to play in supporting young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

As well as providing an index of the awards available for young people aged 12-25, the publication celebrates the significant voluntary contributions that young people are already making in their own communities. It makes a clear link between the use of the youth awards and an increase in young people’s ‘soft’ skills and employability levels.

For more information see: http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/resources/amazing-things.htm

Firm Foundations – the Final Fling
An amazing array of artists and speakers has been booked to perform at this year’s Firm Foundations festival. You can still buy day or evening tickets for the event that’s taking place at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, between Friday 1 June and Monday 4 June. Don’t miss The Steels (a three-piece band), Our Dad (a jazz/funk/dance band), Husky (a rap artist), comedian Andy Kind or singer Roly Malone, who is also performing at events like Spring Harvest and the Olympic Games. He’s also been opening for bands such as Panic at the Disco, Fall Out Boy and All American Rejects.

Speakers Chip Kendall, former thebandwithnoname front-man and Mark Greenwood, from 40:3 Trust, will also be taking to the stage. Other exciting activities planned for the weekend include a special street party to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, a night at the theatre and a host of sports activities. The event is themed Greater Than Gold based on 1 Corinthians Ch.9:24.

Check out www.firm-foundations.org.uk for more details and a booking form.

After prayerful thought and consideration, both BB and GB have reluctantly agreed that Firm Foundations 2012 will be the final Firm Foundations. The festival has been operating for more than 20 years and has been good to the event – many people, both young and old, have had their lives changed or their faith renewed through attending.

As this is the last Firm Foundations, it’s likely more people will attend either for the whole weekend or just for the day. So the Planning Team can make the necessary arrangements, please can you ensure that your bookings are submitted as soon as possible. The late fee of £10 will NOT be applied to any bookings.

At some point in the 2012 festival we'll take time to give thanks to God for all that has been achieved through Firm Foundations and seek His guidance for the future.

Grande Image

Glasgow Seniors
Seniors from Glasgow and Vale of Leven enjoyed a fantastic day White Water Rafting on the River Tay at Grandully. The weather was perfect and the river level was ideal to show everyone what WWR is about. We even started in a photo-shoot! The Scottish Government is commissioning images to be used internationally to show the world that Scotland is a vibrant place to visit and does not close down over the winter months! Our event today was captured as part of that commission. Just maybe... an image of a BB event may be used to promote Scotland’s Tourism worldwide!

Paisley Chaplains, Captains and Officers’ Conference
Paisley and District Battalion organised the conference, titled ‘The Way Forward’, on Sunday 12th February at Slow Brea Kirk. There was an excellent turnout with over 40 delegates attending. Discussions centred on the relationship between Churches and Companies as well as improving the delivery of Christian faith within the Companies in the Battalion.

Bill Stevenson, Director for Scotland, and Development Officer, Niall Rolland, addressed the conference and took questions from BB Chaplains and Officers.

The Big Night Out 2012...
The ‘big night out’ which is sponsored by The Boys’ Brigade, Urban Saints, Scripture Union and the Church of England is being held on Saturday evening 19th May 2012 at the Lightwater Valley Theme Park near Ripon. Gates open at 5.45pm for exclusive use of the rides until 9pm, followed by an open air concert featuring the Chip Kendall Band and DJ Galactus Jack.

Tickets £13 before 5th May £16 on the gate.

The event will finish at 10.00pm. All young people must be accompanied by a leader. No unaccompanied adults.

Visit the website thebignightout.org.uk

BB Facebook Appeal goes viral
In the run up to Christmas many Companies help to raise funds for many different local and overseas causes. The 25th Stirling’s Christmas appeal managed to have an even greater impact.

The Company based in Dunblane aimed high and their last-minute Christmas appeal became an internet hit. After a tip-off from the mum of an Anchor Boy that the Alloa Food Bank needed urgent help, the Company decided to assist. The project was highlighted on the Company’s Facebook page and leaders used Twitter and e-mail to bring it to the attention to others in Dunblane and further afield. Local schools, community centres and offices helped spread the word. Donations of food, clothing and cash soon came flowing in from BB boys, parents, members of the public and local businesses and the end result saw an amazing amount of goods being collected.

In the end it took eight transit vans to deliver all the donations. 52 families in the Alloa area were helped on Christmas Eve from the collection, and the Salvation Army took enough toys and food to support a further 30 families in the Stirling area.

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Awareness Day
Stirling and District Battalion held a successful BB Awareness Day in the Stirling Thistle shopping centre. This is a great way to reach the volume of parents and families in one day and increase the PR of the local BB companies. Children received a Diamond Jubilee pencil and BB balloon as a take away. Lots of interested families stopped and talked to us and showed an interest in their boys joining a local Company. We even had interest from of interested families stopped and talked to us and showed an interest in their boys joining a local Company. We even had interest from...
Summer Madness

The 25th anniversary of the very first Summer Madness Festival will take place this year at Glenarm Castle with 1500 acres to play with.

As well as the usual broad mix of seminars, debates, music, worship and teaching, sport and outdoor activities, the SM programme will also include clay pigeon shooting, pony trekking, mountain biking, sea kayaking, orienteering, archery, and paint-balling. SM will provide certain ‘allied agencies’ with the chance to create special ‘sub-camps’ within the wider Festival.

If you are new to Summer Madness and would like to know more, please visit the website www.summermadness.co.uk or give us a call at any time (028 9067 3379). Coming along as a BB Company or encouraging some of your seniors to exercise their leadership skills and join in with the SM staff at the camp (we recruit 350 voluntary staff each year) could be a great way of developing your own group and the fantastic work you already do throughout the year.

Turning Point 2012

Turning Point is a Christian Youth Festival for young people aged 11-18 held at the Ganaway Activity Centre, Millisle. This session’s event will take place from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 April 2012. Popular features such as The BackBeat Café, The Live Lounge, Cinema, Open Doors’ Venue, Prayer Pod and The Trading Post will all return in 2012. By popular demand, the Pamper Parlour will be back and has been extended! This year we will also be welcoming back Heart Ablaze as our house worship band.

The outdoor activities at Ganaway have all been reserved for those attending Turning Point including the brand new caving complex! As well as all these, our usual football, tag rugby, hockey, volleyball, cricket, and crazy golf will also be running in the field. Mitch from Crown Jesus Ministries will be exploring what we can learn from the Olympics ... is there really more than gold?

To obtain a booking pack and join us for what we confidently forecast to be our biggest and best event ever, please call 028 90324853 or visit www.turningpointni.org.uk

If you would like to volunteer some of your time for all or part of the weekend, then please contact Belfast Battalion for a volunteer registration form.

‘4’

We can now confirm some of the Bands/Artists for ‘4’. The band (formerly known as Mr Jagg), Nathan Jess and Claire Hamilton will all be taking part during this Prayer and Praise evening.

The event will take place on Saturday 26 May 2012 at Wellington Presbyterian Church, just outside Ballymena, and tickets are now available by completing the form available on www.bbni.org.uk and returning to NI Headquarters. Tickets are limited, with The Boys’ Brigade being allocated 200. These will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Whilst this event is being organised by BB/GB, this event is open to all, so why not encourage those within your church or youth fellowship to come along as well?

Queen’s Badge Celebration

An open invitation is given to Captains and Leaders to come and celebrate with us as our Queen’s Men receive their certificates. The presentation will take place on Friday 18 May, commencing at 8pm, in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church.

Company Section Ten Pin Bowling

After a successful first year, Down Battalion is organising a second Refresh weekend. It will take place from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 May 2012 at Ardnabannon Outdoor Education Centre in Castlewellan. It is open to all church youth groups. Please spread the word and book your places as soon as possible as bookings will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis (all bookings require a £10 deposit per person).

For further information about the weekend, please contact Miss Karen Fitzsimons on karenf83@gmail.com

1st Moy and 1st Knocknamuckley shared the honours in the NI District 10 Pin Bowling Competition.
Princess Elizabeth and The Boys’ Brigade

Before becoming Queen and Patron of The Boys’ Brigade, Princess Elizabeth attended numerous events with her father King George VI, Patron of The Boys’ Brigade.

The Princess Elizabeth with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth

Inspection at Windsor Castle, 16th October 1943, on the occasion of the Brigade’s Diamond Jubilee.

1952 – Queen Elizabeth becomes Patron

Queen Elizabeth follows the example of King George VI, King Edward VIII and her grandfather King George V. The Boys’ Brigade has thus had the reigning monarch a Patron for 42 years. Extract from an official notice in The Boys’ Brigade Gazette (August 1952).

1958 – Reception at Balmoral Castle

To mark the 75th Anniversary of The Boys’ Brigade a reception was held at Balmoral Castle by HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip on the 6th September 1958.

1961 – The Princesses’ Visit to Brigade House

Proudly The Boys’ Brigade went on parade in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, on 2nd July 1961 to be reviewed by HRH Princess Margaret. 3000 boys took part in The Royal Review to commemorate the Centenary of The Boys’ Brigade.

1963 – Royal Visit to Brigade House, Parsons Green

To mark the 70th anniversary of The Boys’ Brigade, Her Majesty the Queen accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited Brigade House, Parsons Green on 22nd February 1963.

1964 – Our Royal Patron meets members

Her Majesty met members of The Boys’ Brigade at the King George’s Jubilee Trust Reception on 23rd May 1964.

1967 – HM The Queen’s Silver Jubilee

During the Jubilee celebrations there were a number of occasions when HM The Queen met members of The Boys’ Brigade.

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Her Majesty The Queen smiles at BB members forming a Guard of Honour as she arrives at Balloch, Dunbartonshire... On the Saturday of the London District Sponsored Walk our Patron was riding in Windsor Great Park and spoke to a number of Officers and Boys who were walking there. Extract from BB Gazette (August/September 1970)

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Did You Know?
The Boys’ Brigade sends a loyal message to HM The Queen annually and the response from HM The Queen is read out at Brigade Council.

Did You Know?
On an annual basis members of The Boys’ Brigade have the honour of being stewards at garden parties held by HM The Queen and other members of the Royal Family. These are great occasions when young people, usually Seniors and those that have attained The Queen’s Badge will meet Her Majesty.

1983 – Royal Review in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh

Proudly The Boys’ Brigade went on parade in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, on 2nd July 1982 to be reviewed by our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen. Over 3000 boys took part in The Royal Review to commemorate the Centenary of The Boys’ Brigade.

1984 – Royal Review at Windsor Castle

Our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen inspected over 1100 Officers and Boys at Windsor Castle on 30th April 1984.

1994 – Royal Review at Windsor Castle

Our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen inspected over 1100 Officers and Boys at Windsor Castle on 30th April 1994.

1999 – Royal Visit to Brigade House

Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of The Boys’ Brigade, accompanied by HRH Prince Charles, Prince of Wales visited Brigade House, Parsons Green on 22nd February 1999.

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2006 – HM The Queen’s 80th Birthday

On Friday 21st April 2006, our Patron’s 80th Birthday, The Boys’ Brigade along with other youth organisations were invited to Windsor Castle to present a card and gift to Her Majesty.

In 2012, Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of The Boys’ Brigade celebrates her Diamond Jubilee. During those 60 years Her Majesty has met members of The Boys’ Brigade on numerous occasions. Follow the journey of our Monarch and Patron, from the 1930’s onwards...
The Queen’s Badge is the highest award that may be gained by a member of The Boys’ Brigade.

The Queen’s Badge first came about in 1952 following the death of King George VI on February 6th 1952 and the accession of Queen Elizabeth II. A notice appeared in the BB Gazette in August 1952: “with Her Majesty’s consent the BB King’s Badge will after this session become The Queen’s Badge”.

In 1969 a new design of The Queen’s Badge was unveiled to bring it into line with the new award structure.

In 2011 over 600 young people completed and were awarded The Queen’s Badge.

Eighty years after the first King’s Badge, in 1994, a completely redesigned model of The Queen’s Badge was unveiled.

The first nineteen of the newly design Queen’s Badges were presented personally by HM The Queen at The Royal Review at Windsor Castle on 30th April 1994, to one Queen’s man from each District.

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Just some of the reactions from Junior Section Boys of the 1st Bothwell as they prepared to leave Carronvale House after a fun packed weekend.

Fourteen Junior Section boys and four Officers were there over the weekend of 13th-14th January and they certainly made full use of the time available to them. The boys took part in a sports/marathons, craft making activities, team games and braved the January cold for a scavenger hunt in the Carronvale grounds.

This was the first residential camp the 1st Bothwell Junior Section have been on for at least 15 years, but already they have plans for this to become an annual event. Ross Walker, one of the staff members on the weekend said, “The Carronvale staff certainly made the process of organising a trip like this very easy!”

Weekend camps like these are often the child’s first time away from home without their parents and are an ideal opportunity to develop more skills and get to know those in your section a bit better.

Carronvale (Scotland), Felden (England), and Rathmore (Northern Ireland) are all available for Companies to use for residential events and they have special rates for BB groups. So if you haven’t had your group away at camp for a while, why not think about it. Just remember, one of the leaders needs to have a valid Holiday Leadership Certificate.

Find out a little bit about each of the centres...

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**Rathmore House (Northern Ireland)**

Are you looking for a venue for your next Company or Battalion residential? Then read on...

Rathmore House is situated in Larnie in Northern Ireland and is ideal for Company and Battalion residents. The facilities include residential accommodation and training/conference rooms, as well as a recreation hall, games room, outdoor games area and chapel.

There are many local low-cost and no-cost programme opportunities, such as nearby coastal walks, lawn tennis and bowling, an outdoor gym, a synthetic football pitch and all-weather sports pitch. Carnfunnock Country Park is located 3.5 miles away and many groups avail of the wide range of activities available there. In addition, Lame Leisure Centre is within walking distance and provides an extensive range of sporting opportunities in a large, modern facility.

Rathmore House is conveniently located for access from Lame and Belfast ports and both Belfast airports.

For more information about Rathmore House visit www.bbni.org.uk or for more details on booking contact 028 2827 2784.

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**Carronvale House (Scotland)**

Carronvale House offers overnight Junior/Company Section Activity Break packages from just £19 per person with prices including use of function room in the house, use of the Recreation Centre and All Weather Surface along with overnight accommodation and food.

Carronvale is ideally situated in the central belt of Scotland with good motorway and rail links to Glasgow (23 miles), Edinburgh (22 miles) and Stirling (9.5 miles). The central location offers a base for exploring historic buildings, museums and other places of interest.

For more information about Carronvale House visit the website at www.carronvalehouse.co.uk or for details of packages contact the Centre Manager on 01324 562 800.

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**Felden Lodge (England)**

Felden Lodge is well equipped for BB groups of any size with indoor accommodation in the House (27 en-suite bedrooms) and Thurso Centre (self catering accommodation for up to 26 persons) and plenty of outdoor space for camping! Onsite sports facilities include the Sports Hall, Outdoor Playing Surface and 30 acres of outdoor space for games and activities. Felden is ideal for residential but can also cater for meetings, training and activity days.

Felden is ideally situated near Hertford in Hertfordshire with good road links (M1 and M25) and rail links (West Coast Main Line). Central London is only 30 miles away by road and a 35 minutes train journey, with theme parks, zoos and other leisure attractions within easy reach.

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President’s Commendation

Daniel Miller of the 1st Chester-le-Street Company was presented with the President’s Commendation by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County, Mr Malcolm Pratt, on the 31st January 2012.

The commendation was presented to Daniel for the courage he shows and the challenges he faces on a daily basis. Daniel joined the Company just before his 6th birthday and soon after was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

He has gone through several painful operations in order to help ease the condition. Daniel is now wheelchair bound, but throughout all of this time he has remained very positive and active. He is currently completing a photography course as his Skill section of the Queen’s Badge and in addition to this he has been an Ambassador for Whizz Kidz for many years. He has completed a Young Worship Leader’s Course and is also a volunteer at Beamish Open Air Museum.

3rd Bedford Junior Section member’s Great Achievement

Jake Field from the 3rd Bedford Company has raised over £1,300 for the RNLI during 2011 despite living in the landlocked county of Bedfordshire. Jake has visited 31 different lifeboat stations in the last seven years, since first taking an interest in lifeboats at the tender age of two.

Jake, 9, raised the magnificent sum by holding a coffee morning, which was supported by over 80 people and managed to secure over 40 raffle prizes. He arranged and baked for many cake sales in locations such as Priory Methodist church (home of 3rd Bedford), his school, Goldington Green Lower School, and his parents’ work.

He also received the collection at his BB Display towards his total after being awarded a special award for his achievement.

The RNLI also rewarded his success by inviting him to a naming ceremony in Hunstanton for a new boat in October 2011. In December 2011 Jake was awarded a ‘Pride in Bedford’ award in the young achiever category for his RNLI fundraising, which was presented by celebrity Adam Woodyatt (Ian Beale from EastEnders).

The RNLI also rewarded his success with street collections and other fundraising events.

Well done Jake in all your continued fundraising efforts, a job very well done indeed!
On January 19th the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, launched ‘YOU Matter’, a programme to promote uniformed youth organisations within London.

The Mayor arrived at 10.30am to find us already on Parade and waiting for his arrival. The Mayor, once welcomed, walked along the ranks speaking to every teenager present. As he came down our rank we had the honour of speaking to him about what it means to us to be part of BB. The Mayor took a genuine interest and we felt privileged to have been able to talk to him about BB. The Mayor then returned to the front of the Parade giving out his own commands and ending the Parade.

The morning ended with the Mayor saying how important all youth organisations are for our youth today and how important their leaders are too.

Karina Nicholson

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In January 2011 as part of the 125th Anniversary of Camping in The Boys’ Brigade we launched a nationwide competition to send in ‘the best memory of a camp or residential experience’ held during the year. Over 60 entries were received and these were judged by a team from our competition sponsors “Tiso the Outdoor Specialists”. Our sponsors provided a range of prizes including tents, sleeping bags and roll mats.

The winner of the competition was the 13th Motherwell Company, who produced a video about their Summer Camp to Aviemore. Check out their video online at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/125camping.htm.

We asked the judging team to sum up each entry and this is what they said “how much fun did these guys have during their trip to Aviemore/ Badaguish, smiles and fun all round and great camera skills!”.

In second place was the joint Halifax Companies, who produced a video about their Spring Camp to Dalby Forest in North Yorkshire. Check out their video online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=O915g9lNOoE.

Again we asked the judging team to sum up the entry and this is what they said “again a really good example of all the fun and games you can have whilst away on a trip – we especially enjoyed the look of terror on some of the adults faces whilst at the fun park!”.

Third place went to the 10th North Suffolk Company, who sent in a number of pictures about their Company Section Weekend Camp to Thetford in Norfolk.

The winning picture can be seen here. Again we asked the judging team to sum up the entry and this is what they said “the picture of the no fires sign in front of a blazing campfire was hilarious (hope this won’t be deemed to be too contentious or seen to applaud people breaking rules).”.

Well done to all Companies that entered the competition and a big thank you to our sponsors “Tiso, the Outdoor Specialists.”
Brigade Council 2012
14th – 16th September

London will be the base for Brigade Council 2012 with the event returning to the capital city for the first time in many years. Following the sporting endeavours of the Olympic and Paralympic Games that will dominate the summer calendar, London is certainly going to be a place to visit in 2012. The programme of the event has been put together to provide:

- Flexibility – the ability to select arrival and departure times to enable day visits or a weekend stay;
- Choice – the ability to select which elements of Council you wish to attend and the costs associated with that;
- Young people – a young leader event with activities and discussions will be taking place at a competitive price.

The participation fee has been kept as low as possible in order to increase the attractiveness of the event.

Taking time out to see the sights...
London has a wide range of entertainment and places of interest, so why not come early or extend your stay to take time to see more of this Capital City. For more information go to visitlondon.com

Book your place(s) now by downloading the booking form from the BB website at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/council.htm

If you have any questions regarding attending Brigade Council send an email to brigadecouncil@thebbinlondon.org.uk

The Boys’ Brigade in Northern Ireland
Junior Section Musician of the Year
Competition 2012

Whilst the number of entries was lower than in previous years for the Northern Ireland Junior Section Musician of the Year, the overall standard of the musicians taking part was very high. A wide range of instruments and the varied selection of pieces entertained the very appreciative audience throughout the afternoon. All boys performed extremely well. In her remarks the adjudicator, Mrs Karen Wilhers, provided very useful guidance and advice along with very encouraging comments. The results were as follows:

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The winner was presented with the Robert Renwick Cup, and 2nd/3rd places awarded small trophies. All boys received a Certificate of Participation. The Northern Ireland District President, Professor Norman Nevin, presented the certificates and trophies.

Thank you for your support so far...
A big thank you from our partner charities (Asthma UK, Barnardo’s and WWF) for all you have been doing in your Companies.

We know of lots of Companies who have been getting involved in one way or another, with Companies making use of the resources available online. So far over £10,000 has been raised for our partner charities. Here are just a few things Companies have been doing...

1st Eden held a 12hr stayawake from 7pm to 7am with their Company Section boys and Juniors made bird boxes and sold them with both events raising a fantastic £300.

16 Members of the 1st Dungar Junior Section took part in a sponsored walk to the summit of Lammer Law, the highest hill in East Lothian raising £390.

40 members of the 1st Annan took part in a sponsored walk with over £1200 split between Asthma UK, Barnardo’s and WWF. All those that took part were presented with the Get up and Go badge.

1st Wymering raised £300 by holding a Christmas Fayre, the boys took an active roll in bringing items in to sell as well as manning the stalls!

8th South Shields Junior Section collected money in Smarties tubes raising £45 for Asthma UK and also made use of the online resources to raise awareness among the group.

There’s still time to get involved . . . Find out more by going to www.boys-brigade.org.uk/getupandgo including access to resources to help you plan your activity.

Members of the 10th Enfield were visited by a local Barnardo’s representative who talked to the Company Section boys about the work of Barnardo’s. In the lead up to Christmas members of the Company took part in a Christmas Trailer Collection raising £1400 for Barnardo’s.

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From new beginnings

So what actually happens when a New Company comes into existence? How are they getting on “well into their second year”? Below are the thoughts of Kathleen Finlay (Acting Captain) and some of the leaders of 1st Newtownstewart Company.

The Company came about as part of the Diocesan initiative ‘Transforming Community Radiating Christ’. After many meetings and much discussion, it was agreed that a Boys’ Brigade Company would be a great way to partner our church and engage with young children in the community.

The initial Enrolment Service was held on Thursday, 26th February, 2010 and the special preacher on this occasion was the Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, the Rt. Rev Ken Good. The initial Enrolment Service was held on Thursday, 25th February, 2010 and the special preacher on this occasion was the Lord Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, the Rt. Rev Ken Good.

Taster Sessions held from 3rd March until 28th April, 2010 to further gauge interest in the Church and community proved very positive and successful. We are now well into our second year and I think all bodes well for the future. An Anchor Boy and Junior Section run each Wednesday evening and this is only possible due to the commitment and dedication of the Officers and Helpers. We are still very much a work in progress. Seventeen boys enrolled in the Company this year. There is full attendance almost every evening and it is clear that the boys derive fun and enjoyment as Boys’ Brigade members. We use the programme materials and the inspiration of our leaders. I guess success comes in many forms and may be measured in many ways. At the end of the day we judge that success by the extent to which together and as individuals we achieve our essential goal – The advancement of Christ’s kingdom.

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“Successful, proud to be part of it.”

“Brilliant – what a way to work as a team, great approach to introducing young children to discipline and team work.”

“Enjoyable – being part of it and afforded the opportunity to teach boys Christian values and share the Good News of the Gospel.”

Love The Boys’ Brigade? Leaving soon and want to do even more for your community with a shed-load of new and fun experiences thrown in? Then take a look at Round Table, which is offering a year’s free membership to under 25s.

Round Table is for men of 18 and over who are focused on fun, friendship and helping others. There’s 500 clubs in the UK and each one is tailored to what its members want, with limitless activities. They range from kating, inflatable sofa surfing, abseiling, banger racing and paintballing, to organising major community events such as fireworks displays and summer festivals.

Having fun is top of the list, but Round Table also offers personal development opportunities, such as event organisation, public speaking skills and budget management. If you’re a bit sporty, there’s a National Sports Weekend every year in which members from all over the UK come together to compete in loads of challenges from sumo to snooker.

There are a number of community initiatives in Round Table, ranging from supporting the local youth centre (or Boys’ Brigade!) to social events that bring people together. And because Round Table is a worldwide club, you can enjoy the international travel to tables from Iceland to India.

Round Table: the Lowdown

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We were told by the Master of Ceremonies that the Queen was entering the Great Hall, so we all had to stand behind our chairs and the Royal Party walked right in front of me to get to their tables, and everyone applauded. At this point I was extremely excited and nervous and just smiled at the Queen as she walked right by me, as close as a metre away.

Everyone was sat at circular tables and the Queen sat at Table 1, the Duke sat at Table 2 and the Duchess sat at Table 3, with lots of other guests.

At the end we were all asked to stand up whilst the Queen and the Royals left the Great Hall to a round of applause. From here they left to see the crowds in the town.

I felt very special for being chosen to represent The Boys’ Brigade and had a very enjoyable day to share with all my friends and family for the rest of my life.

Thomas Ogley
5th Leicester

T HOMAS OGLEY (5th Leicester) meets Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh and Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cambridge during their visit to Leicester on 8th March 2012 as part of The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. My Boys’ Brigade Captain (5th Leicester) received a letter from the Bishop of Leicester to supply a representative of The Boys’ Brigade to attend the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Luncheon on 8th March 2012. As I was the longest serving 11/12 year old with 6 years service in the 5th Leicester Boys Brigade I was chosen to attend. People were chosen to attend the luncheon to represent each decade of the Queens reign, so I was on the table with people born in the 60’s and there were tables with people born in the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, 80’s & 90’s.

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OBITUARIES

We pay tribute to BB members who have died during the year. Please send your obituaries to thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and church and their witness in the community.

ROBERT (BOB) READ. (75) The 133rd Manchester at the age of eight and began a life-time association with the Parish at the age of 13 and the City. George was a long serving Life Member of the Liverpool Stedfast Association and was President 1998 - 2008. His devotion to duty and his Lord was a lifelong service to the BB, and fellowship will be greatly missed.

MARGARET ISOBEL GRANT. (75) the 1st Officers of the 1st Corps (Moray), being a leader of the Boys’ Life / Junior Section for over 40 years. She was as the Arran Section, a Training Officer, served as Secretary of the Liverpool Battalion and as a member of the North-West District Executive. His leadership, friendship and fellowship will be greatly missed.

JONATHAN HOWARD LEE. (68) was an officer in the 32nd Nottingham Company and was a leader of the Life Boys / Youth Section. He was 53rd Manchester at the age of eight and became a Lieutenant in the company. He was 8 years ago when he attended as regularly as possible. His leadership, friendship and fellowship will be greatly missed.

JONATHAN HOWARD LEE

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- Felden Lodge (28th July to 3rd August)
- Carronvale House (28th July to 3rd August)
- Rathmore House (21st to 28th July)
For more information about KGVI contact your Regional Headquaters.

Archive Publications
The Glasgow Stedfast Association has produced a series of archive publications which have been reproduced from surviving original copies of very early Brigade publications. If you wish to find out more or place an order then please contact John N. Cooper on 0141 580 5875 or by email at j.cooper4953@ntlworld.com.

Kilbryde Hike 2012
The 2012 Kilbryde Hike takes place on 9th/10th June.
This year the Hike will have three challenges:
• Senior Hike for young people between the ages of 14-18 on the day of the hike.
• Junior Hike for young people aged 14 or under on the day of the hike with at least one member of the team being 14.
• Expedition Hike for boys age 11 accompanied by an adult or Senior Boy, max of 6 per team.
The Hike is for young people in teams of three. They can be boys, girls or mixed with separate tents. This year’s Hike will cover 25-35 miles, finishing with a meal and prize giving on the Sunday afternoon.
This is a challenge which tests the navigation and endurance skills and is greatly rewarding. Full details are supplied on receipt of entry.
Entry form available from Glasgow Battalion website, www.bbglasgow.org.uk

WALTHAM WALK 2012
Youth Challenge Expedition
Supported by THE HEDLEY FOUNDATION, FORD BRITAIN TRUST, EXICOR PEST CONTROL AND COTSWOLD ESSENTIAL OUTDOORS
19 to 20 MAY 2012
The Committee is pleased that planning for Waltham Walk 2012 has gone well with start overnight camp and finish now fixed and the route being checked. Entrants are now our focus.
WW2011 was a success across all the events and age ranges. It was also good to see some new as well as old faces returning to the event.
This year’s WALTHAM WALK challenge expedition is our 43rd and is planned for the weekend of the 19 to 20 MAY 2012.
The Waltham Walk continues to attract young people averaging 180+ entrants per year. It is a camping and walking expedition activity with the challenge of competition, relying on teamwork for success.
For further information e-mail publicity@walthamwalk.org.uk or visit our web site www.walthamwalk.org.uk.

“The Cleveland Hike”
THE OLDEST AND BEST OF BOYS’ BRIGADE HIKES.
23 & 24 JUNE 2012
The start of our Hike will be in the Guisborough area.
The maps you will need are O.S NORTH YORKS MOORS OUTDOOR LEISURE 1:25000 No. 26 & 27.
To take part in the Cleveland Hike you must be able to read a 6 FIGURE GRID REFERENCE and use a compass; our hike is not way marked.
Can you walk 20 – 25 miles over a weekend?
Carry all your equipment, tent, food, emergency rations, dry clothes?
Form a team of three, either all male all female or a mixture of the two.
Read a 6-figure grid reference and use an O.S. map and compass?
Do you like to compete against other Boys’ Brigade teams?
Take part in Incidents such as Army assault courses, quizzes etc?
Need experience for The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme?
Do you have a team that has never taken part in the Hike and wondered what it is like?
Enter them as an Expedition Team, a team of young members with a leader.
Normal team, three persons aged 12 – 19 years.
Veteran team, three persons aged 19 + years.
For more information on the Cleveland Hike contact our Hot Line on 01302 860006 or e-mail westwoodcb@yahoo.co.uk for an Information pack.

Chief Executive Officer
2nd Witham Boys’ Brigade
2nd Witham BB wish to recruit a CEO and Development Manager for our Group and create a new Witham Youth Network, of all local groups, to aid delivery of an integrated youth service provision.
If you have a background in management and Children’s work, plus fundraising experience, particularly in commissioning and procurement at County level, and above, we would be interested in hearing from you.
Key tasks:
To take 2nd Witham BB into the next five years, by creation of a Business Plan and strategic management.
Create funding opportunities for the Group and Network.
The establishment of a new Witham Youth Network, building on initial work already carried out, among the 36 youth groups in the town and immediate area.
Hours:
35 hours per week, 3 year fixed term contract. based at 2nd. Witham BB offices in central Witham, Essex.
Salary
£28k depending on qualifications and experience, plus travel allowance and mobile phone.
Further information and recruitment pack available after 1st April from:
e-mail John Boon, Chair of Trustees at info@2withamboys-brigade.org.uk
Informal discussions call John Boon, mornings please, on: 01376 520400

North West District Training & Activity Centre
The Centre is located outside the village of Treales in a quiet location with easy access by rail or road, within easy reach of Theme Parks, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Lake District National Park.
The ample car park is suitable for coaches or minibus use. The field is ideal for canvas camps and outdoor activities.
For large groups Centenary Hall with its newly refurbished kitchen and disabled facilities can accommodate up to 44 people while for small groups Stedfast Lodge has beds for 16 people and disabled facilities.
The Sports Hall with Table Tennis, Pool, Snooker and climbing wall* together with outdoor adventure area, archery* and orienteering combine to make your stay and active and fun filled one.
For more information or to check availability please contact the Wardens.
Archery and Climbing Wall activities require a qualified instructor - Available if needed.
For Brochure or to arrange a visit contact the Wardens on 01772 685000 • www.bb-northwest.org.uk
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