

THE CHURCH AND BOYS - Making the Connection



The Church & Boys

Saturday 8 February 2020

10am - 12.30pm

Assembly Buildings Belfast

Book your place online at www.presbyterianireland.org/Events/The-Church-and-Boys-with-Nick-Harding.aspx



We encourage all our BB Leaders to go along to this free event being run by the Presbyterian Church, in Assembly Buildings Belfast. Hear stories, see resources and listen to Nick Harding (author of The Church and Boys) as he spells out the problem with Church and Boys and encourages us to see this in missional terms.

In Nick's book *The Church and Boys*, the opening page of the first chapter, says 'Boys are different from girls. Boys are part of God's great creation, just as girls are, and God is a God of diversity, but there are a huge number of issues facing boys that make them different and may be affecting the way they become men..' Nick tells us ten year old boys will not behave as sensibly as ten year old girls ...but as a BB Leader you know this already...right? BB Leaders have good experience working with boys to help their Churches understand the unique challenges this presents. We are encouraging you to come along to this event to better equip you to engage with your Church Leadership as they consider the issue of Church and Boys. Perhaps you will get affirmation that what you are doing is good and a few more tips that you can share with your wider Church.

Our Training and Programme Officer David Penney recently reviewed Nick Hardings' book for the Presbyterian Herald saying: 'as someone who regularly engages with Boys' Brigade Leaders, Chaplains and Companies I will now be saying "Before you do anything read this!"'

David continues...'There is an emphasis throughout the book on having male role models who engage in youth and children's activities so our boys see them in the front line of our congregations. Very simply and straight to the point Nick states **'boys need men'** and presents a real challenge to the church, not just to have men in background jobs or leadership roles but releasing them into children's ministry so boys will then see these role models from a younger age.'

'What I [David] loved about this book is the continuous reference to faith and how the book provides simple, practical suggestions to add to your context that will dramatically change your overall approach in how you reach boys for Christ. The book has lots of ideas on engagement with the Bible, prayer, worship and activities with boys'.

The Church and Boys is available to purchase from Amazon and The Bible Reading Fellowship priced £8.99



Why are men and boys so under-represented in churches?

Why do churches find it so difficult to cater for boys?

What would help boys in church grow into mature men of faith?

"We should try and view our worship space through the eyes of a boy and accept that we may have to work a bit harder to keep them engaged..."

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE

to advance Christ's Kingdom



CHAPLAINS GATHERINGS - RSVP NOW ON EVENTBRITE!

...for Ministers/ Pastors of Churches that have BB Companies.

We are running several Chaplains' Gatherings to share the vision of Mission 2020 and how Chaplains can get their BB Company and Church involved. There will also be an opportunity to meet Senior Staff from NIHQ and have conversations about BB to support Chaplains and their role in the BB Company. Please come to a venue that suits you - *see the Eventbrite booking links below each venue!*



Wednesday 15th January 2020

GREYSTONE ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ANTRIM

<http://tiny.cc/bbmissionantrim>



Thursday 30th January 2020

GLENMACHAN CHURCH OF GOD, BELFAST

<http://tiny.cc/bbmissionbelfast>



Thursday 13th February 2020

ANNAGHMORE PARISH CHURCH, ANNAGHMORE

<http://tiny.cc/bbmissionportadown>



Thursday 27th February 2020

NEW ROW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COLERAINE

<http://tiny.cc/bbmissioncoleraine>



Thursday 12th March 2020

1ST OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OMAGH

<http://tiny.cc/bbmissionomagh>



Tuesday 24th March 2020

SCARVA STREET PRESBYTERIAN, BANBRIDGE

<http://tiny.cc/bbmissionbanbridge>

We want to reach all young people in The Boys' Brigade and share with them the love of Jesus. How? We need everyone on board...Leaders, Helpers, Parents, Churches, Captains and Chaplains! We need everyone to pray for and play a part in Mission 2020.

Each of the Gatherings will commence at 10am with refreshments on arrival, finishing at 12noon. If you have additional Church staff, such as Youth & Children's Workers, Family Workers etc, they would be welcome to attend too. To assist with catering arrangements please book via Eventbrite, using the links below each event listed above or contact NIHQ - T: 028 92 688444 or e mail: nihq@boys-brigade.org.uk. *Mission 2020 will run in four locations in NI - Portadown, Belfast, Antrim and Coleraine, on four consecutive Saturdays during October 2020 and will be led by Crown Jesus Ministries. There will be two tailored events at each location - one for Anchors/ Juniors and one for Company/Seniors.*



OBM BEYOND ANNUAL STATS!

Check out the Tutorial Videos on OBM in the Help Section.



So what do you use OBM for?

- Emailing parents?
- Attendance register?
- New Programme Cards and additional downloads eg build a spy car?
- Badge Records?

Did you know there is more to OBM than entering the core data for each member in your BB to generate your Annual Statistical Return? OBM has the capability of so

much more that will make your life easier and make managing the running of your BB Company so much more efficient!

We were delighted to have Alex Schwerzmann with us from the Support Team at Felden to lead our OBM workshop on Tues 19 November 2019. On the evening leaders discovered how to use the email function to contact parents, how to access the

new programme cards on OBM, including building a plan for your BB night, and how to use the attendance register plus link it to badge records.

Many at the workshop agreed they would be exploring OBM a bit further to make full use of the extended functions. You too should take a look to see what its capable of. Help and resources are available...

Above: Alex Schwerzmann, from the Support team in Brigade HQ Felden at our OBM workshop in NIHQ Newport on 19th November 2019.

CHECK OUT THE SPRING 2020 GAZETTE FOR A TOOL BOX FEATURE ON MAXIMISING THE USE OF OBM



GDPR Re-Cap

Brigade UK has adopted a common sense approach to ensuring compliance with GDPR - the advice is keep it simple! Brigade has a Data Protection Policy and Privacy (Fair Processing) Notice which gives clear information about the way they collect, process, store and retain *personal data. You can find these policies and notices along with additional resources and support on the website at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/gdpr

** Personal data is any information that can be used to identify an individual: Name & Address, Phone Number & Email Address, Registration Number, Date of Birth, Photographs. In addition, Sensitive Personal Data is sensitive information about things like a person's ethnicity, health and criminal record.*

How long should you keep Joining, Information and Special Activity Consent forms?

Joining/Annual Information Forms: Should be retained securely for 12 months or until a new form (i.e. Annual Information Form) is completed by a Parent/Carer. Note where all data from a form has been keyed into OBM the paper form can be securely destroyed immediately

Special Activity Consent Form: Should be kept for six months following the activity and then securely destroyed.

Secure Storage: Paper records including Joining, Information, Consent Forms and Attendance Registers should be stored securely (locked room cupboard or drawer), and access restricted to **registered BB Leaders** on a need to know basis. **The best practice is to upload the data collected through the forms to OBM as soon as possible as this provides secure access to data on the move and even offline through 'OBM Anywhere'.**

If you carry paper-records with you during an activity instead of using 'OBM Anywhere', make sure that the forms are stored securely and not left unattended at any time.

 **Suggestion:** If you do carry the paper consent forms with you on an outing, you could use a **Locking Document Security Bag**. These can be found online on sites such as Amazon for between £20 - £30.

TOP TIPS AND ADVICE

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



New Youth Service Funding Scheme to be Launched March 2020

The official launch of the new funding scheme will be on the 2nd March 2020 with a call for applications beginning the 1st April, and funding released on the 1st October 2020. This funding applies to all youth groups in NI for assistance with running costs.

Please find enclosed the Engagement Framework at a Glance Poster to help you complete the supplementary question on Engagement.

If you have never applied for EA funding before for your BB Company we would encourage you to do so this year. Please look for details on the EA website at <https://www.eani.org.uk/services/youth-service/funding-opportunities-registration>.

Are you familiar with the new Brigade Code of Conduct for BB Leaders?

The Code of Conduct was launched in the Spring 2020 Gazette and maps out what is expected of BB Leaders at all times. By following it you will be able to check that you are always doing the right thing and behaving in the right way. Please take time out together as Leaders in your BB Company to read this and familiarise yourselves with the expectations and consequences of breaches of the code.

Complaints Policy... The Brigade Executive has also agreed a new Complaints Policy. To view this and the **Updated Safeguarding Policy** please go to the website: <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/policies-and-regulations/>

ONLINE REFERENCE:

www.bbni.co.uk/gdprinthecompany.pdf

EA Funded Training Opportunities



eventbrite

TO BOOK: All of the following training events must be booked on eventbrite. Please enter the title of the course in the eventbrite search box on their home page to find the particular event you wish to register for. Full details and the eventbrite booking links are also listed in the Events section of our Facebook Page.

Emergency First Aid

For company leaders, covering you with the basics for regular company nights. Includes the basics of dealing with choking, asthma, epilepsy, CPR and defib.

Wed 22 & Wed 29 Jan at Drumcree Parish

6.45pm – 9.45pm each night
and

Sat 29 Feb at Killead Pres Church.

9.30 - 4.00pm

Inclusive Skills and Games Training with Disability Sport NI

27 Jan 2020 at Newport

This three hour training session will be ran by Disability Sport NI; suitable for those delivering sports and active recreation sessions to mainstream groups within a school, youth or community environment. Practical knowledge and skills will be shared that can be applied to include young people with a disability in your physical activities. All participants will receive a Disability Sport NI Certificate of Attendance and a resource pack. Find out more about Disability Sport NI on their website at www.dsni.co.uk

Additional Needs Training

3rd February at Connor Pres. Ballymena

Supporting children and young people with additional needs. The session will examine general strategies to deal with additional needs and an introduction to the BB Disability App.

Skills for Queen's Badge:

10-11 January 2020 - *almost fully booked*
11-12 January 2020
6-7 March 2020
7-8 March 2020

Queen's Badge Residential:

24-25 January 2020
25-26 January 2020
7-8 February 2020
8 - 9 February 2020
20-21 March 2020
21-22 March 2020

Youth Leader Training:

1 February 2020 (Day 1)
29 February 2020 (Day 2)

Holiday Leadership:

1 April 2020

Camp Craft:

1 April 2020

Captains's Training:

1 April 2020

All Courses at NIHQ Newport.



re:think, re:new, re:source, re:fresh, re:vival



Over 125 leaders from Anchors and Company Section attended the Joint Conference on Saturday 12 October...and what a day it was. Anchor and Company Section Leaders took the opportunity to travel together and share in worship, and in learning. The opening key note speaker was Mark Kernohan from The Big House, who spoke powerfully on Mental Health and how we can support and care for our young people and children. There was a great buzz around the whole day, through conversations over lunch or whilst browsing at the bookstall. As well as joint worship and opening and closing sessions there was 'Section Bespoke' times for Anchors & Company Leaders with various contributors. Thanks to Ballyclare Presbyterian Church for hosting us, to their worship team for leading opening devotions, and to their catering team for feeding us well throughout the day. Feedback from the day included: *'craft was very enjoyable'* • *'Salt factory Sports – absolutely AMAZING'* • *'The presence of the Lord & fellowship'* • *'thanks and praise to God for a fantastic day'*.

BB HOLIDAY/CAMP MUSTS:



- ✓ All holidays must be notified - note notification is now completed on OBM. See the OBM Guide in the Spring Gazette 2020.
- ✓ The Officer leading the holiday MUST hold a valid Holiday Leadership Certificate.
- ✓ A member of staff MUST hold a valid Campcraft certificate if it is a canvas camp.
- ✓ ALL overseas visits MUST be notified to UK Headquarters, Felden at least three months before the date of visit.

£11,642 raised for Children's Heartbeat Trust



Anchor Boys in NI raised an impressive £11,642 for Children's Heartbeat Trust; their nominated charity for the 18/19 session. The Anchor Boys from 1st Garvagh recently presented the cheque to Family Support Worker David Templeton. Also pictured is Anne Houston, Chair of the NID Anchor Boy Committee.

Anchor Boy Fun And Games

Final: Saturday 25 January 2020, 10.30am

1st Antrim Presbyterian

Each Battalion will host their own heat prior to the final. Battalions must return the name sheet along with the score sheet (*available to download from our website*) to NIHQ Newport on or before **10 January 2020** with £5 to cover expenses. Full information and rules will be emailed to Battalion Anchor Boy reps.

Anchor Boy Challenge



The Anchor Boy Challenge is designed as an activity you can do with your boys with minimal preparation, in your own hall. The activities can be used as part of the Anchor Programme. Full information and rules are enclosed in the mailing for the Anchor Boy Leader in charge and available to download.

Angel Eyes - Charity Project 19/20

If you need inspiration to raise funds for Angel Eyes or learn more about this charity please download our Angel Eyes Pack from our website under the Anchor Boys heading. Nominations for the 20/21 Project are invited - please download the nomination form and return by **Wed 8 January 2020**. Nominations by email or social media cannot be considered.



REMINDER! ... Entry Deadline 10 January 2020 • Art competitions | Fun & Games



YOUNG
LEADERS'
NETWORK



NI DISTRICT

**FOR ALL REGISTERED
BB LEADERS
AGED 18 - 26 YRS**

OUR VERY OWN 'BB'
VERSION OF BBC'S
'THE TOP TABLE'

#getinvolved, #yourvoice

AT NIHQ NEWPORT

Have your say...debate/chat about current affairs in community, social, political and BB life in a fun and safe environment - **followed by coffee and Donuts!**

At the Top Table: **BBNI President David Blevins**, with NIHQ staff Jonathan Gracey, David Penney & Alison Irvine. **Chaired by a Special VIP Guest!**

WOULD YOU LIKE A PLACE AT THE TOP TABLE? Contact Alison or David at NIHQ for details.

RATHER BE IN THE AUDIENCE OR JUST INTERESTED IN THE DONUTS?

Register now on Eventbrite or phone NIHQ on 028 9268 8444

Change & Challenge



The Junior Section Conference was held at 1st Antrim Presbyterian Church Halls on Saturday 9 November, with 55 in attendance. After a welcome and Opening Devotions by Rev Stephen Lockington we got to know each other with a 'say what you see' icebreaker. The first session was taken by Chris Norman, Brigade Development Support Manager, who went through the new Under 11s Programme in detail. Chris had been involved with the production of the materials and was able to give an insight into the development of the materials and enthused those who were present to utilise all aspects of the materials. A physical activities programme based on an Olympics Challenge 2020 was led by David Doggart. Prior to lunch Rev Jonathan Moxen shared information about Mission 2020 and also talked briefly about the work of the Christian Education & Church Relations Committee.

Following lunch, Chris led a practical session which included craft and games from the new programme materials and everyone participated well. 'Challenges for All' was taken by David Doggart and Sharon Mackey and everyone took part very enthusiastically (and competitively) in the challenges. Prior to the closing devotions information was provided about Junior Section competitions and David Penney updated those present on training opportunities. Everyone went away with a resource pack and handouts related to all the sessions and have also received copies of the Powerpoint presentations of the sessions taken by Chris Norman by email. Thanks are extended to those who prepared and led the sessions along with the leaders from 2nd Antrim and their catering team who ensured we were very well fed throughout the day.

Sharon Mackey, NID Junior Section Committee Chair

MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

This annual competition will take place on Saturday 11 January 2020 at Templepatrick Presbyterian Church. Results will be announced on our Facebook page and the weekly e news following the competition.

SWIMMING GALA

Saturday 29 February 2020

Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Limavady

Closing Date for entries: Mon 10 February 2020



Commencing at 1.15pm (check-in from 12.45pm).

Please see entry form and rules enclosed for the Junior Section Leader in Charge - also available to download from our website at www.bbni.org.uk.

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL



FINAL: Saturday 25 April, 2.00pm (Check in 1.30pm)
Meadowbank Sports Arena, Magherafelt.

The closing date for Battalion Finalists for the 5-a-side Football Competition is **Monday 6 April 2020**. Battalion reps to the NID JS Committee have the Entry Forms and details. Please note that entries will not be accepted without payment.



STOOL BALL

SPRING COMPETITION

NID Final: Saturday 28 March 2020

Wellington Presbyterian Church Hall, Ballymena.

Battalion entries for the final are due by Monday 9 March 2020

Battalion Heats for the Stool Ball competition will be held towards the end of February/beginning of March as arranged by individual Battalions. The winning team from each Battalion will go forward to the NID Final, hosted by Ballymena Battalion, on **Saturday 28 March 2020 at 2.00pm in Wellington Presbyterian Church**. The entry form for each Battalion has been forwarded to their Junior Section committee representative. It would be great to have all 13 Battalions taking part in the Final.



QUIZ COMPETITION NEWS

Congratulations to 2nd Comber who won the Junior Section Quiz 2019 held in Killead Presbyterian Church on Saturday 26 October. 4th Londonderry were runners up with 4th Portadown taking 3rd place. 68 teams took part in the first round at Battalion level. The trophies were presented by Paul Lynas, President, Antrim & District Battalion.



Quiz winners: 2nd Comber.



Quiz 3rd place: 4th Portadown



Quiz Runners up:
4th Londonderry

Diary Dates 2020

Saturday 11 January

Musician of the Year, Templepatrick Presbyterian

Monday 10 February

Closing date for Swimming Gala Entries

Saturday 29 February Swimming Gala

Roe Valley Leisure Centre

Monday 9 March

Closing date for Stool Ball Final
(Battalion Entries)

Saturday 28 March

Stool Ball Final, Wellington Pres, Ballymena

Monday 6 April

Closing date for 5-a-side Football Entries
(Battalion Entries)

Saturday 25 April

Five-a-side Football Final, Meadowbank Sports
Arena, Magherafelt

Monday 11 May

NID JS Committee Meeting
7.30pm NIHQ Newport

KGVI 2020 Sat 18 - Fri 24 July

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE

for 17 - 21 yr olds

TO DEVELOP CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

For those passionate about
LEARNING AND SHARING in
Youth & Children's ministry.
(and it's a FUN week!)



- 2 YEAR TRAINING AND MENTORING PROGRAMME
- EQUIPPING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- DEVELOPING FAITH IN ACTION
- DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Download the forms at www.bbni.org.uk

Prayers for Boys and Church

'I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord.
For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.'
-1 Samuel 1:27-28 -

GIVE THANKS:

For the Christmas season that has just passed - thank you for the gift of Jesus who came to earth and the gift of the Holy Spirit that remains with us.

For all the boys and young men we have contact with each week in BB. Heavenly Father we ask that you would help us deepen relationships with these young people and help us model Jesus - that through us, our young people can see the truth of the Gospel.

Heavenly Father we thank you for all the Churches we partner with in BB. Lead us to work together to advance Christ's Kingdom.

We give thanks for opportunities to reveal the Gospel to our young people - thinking of the Church and Boys event and our Mission 2020 plans - Lord add your increase, wisdom and direction to these events.

PLEASE PRAY:

Lord help us recognise that boys have unique perspectives and needs and inspire us to provide for them in BB and in Church.

Please protect our young people from all harm. Guard their hearts and minds and work in them so they become followers of Jesus.

Our Father in Heaven build your Church to be strong and mighty, filled with boys who grow into bold and courageous men, who have a heart for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our Leaders so they have the energy for busy BB life, give them courage and boldness to try new things and the wisdom to lead as Jesus led.

AMEN.



FRIENDS OF NEWPORT: You can help financially with the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of Newport by being a Friend of Newport. This is a monthly giving scheme by standing order. You can join for an initial £10 donation and £1 per month thereafter.

This support is very valuable to NID and is earmarked for developing and maintaining Newport.

Please email richard.nelson@boys-brigade.org.uk for details

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The Object of The Boys' Brigade: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.



Congratulations to all at 1st Bluestone who received awards recently, presented by Brigade President Lord Griffiths at their Enrolment Service:

Dylan Harper (President's Commendation), Kyle Foy (MAD Award), Robert Campbell (Good Samaritan Award) and Gladys Kerr (Long Service Achievement).



We were delighted to welcome The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Rev Sam McGuffin on a visit to Newport. Rev McGuffin and his wife Linda were accompanied by former Boys' Brigade District Chaplain Rev Roy Cooper and his wife Joy. Speaking about his visit on social media Rev McGuffin said: 'Had a great time today at Boys' Brigade Headquarters. Great organisation, great people, great centre, great work, great plans, great blessing, all from our great God - #GodisourAdventure'

NIHQ Payment Options:

1. Cheque - Please make cheques payable to *The Boys' Brigade NI District*.
2. Paypal – www.paypal.me/bbnewport
3. Card - Telephone the office on 028 9268 8444
4. Cash - *preferably in person and not sent in post*



Next NID News - Due out March 2020 If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion please email alison.irvine@boys-brigade.org.uk by

Tues 4 February 2020

