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Welcome

In the previous Gazette I spoke of the optimism that comes with Spring and the hope we can take from the Easter story, and here we are about to embrace the season of Autumn!

As BB leaders, the Autumn is a season of new beginnings too, as we welcome new members and bid farewell to those leaving for university or have come to the end of their journey as a young person. It is a time to plan ahead, reflect on what has worked well and what hasn't, as well as introduce new activities to help attract and retain members.

As an organisation it is important that we take this approach too. Earlier this year we launched our first national census, and a big thank you to everyone that took the time to complete this. I am delighted that we have received responses from over 800 Companies and the initial findings will be presented at Brigade Conference in September.

It is vital that the priorities of the national organisation, as well as for Battalions and Districts, are shaped by the needs of Companies. Consulting with leaders through things like the Census should help ensure our decision making is based on the needs of members. We should remember that the current five-year strategy to improve the quality of experience of children and young people is a result of the independent research conducted on our behalf in 2019.

Just as our national priorities should be based on what members are telling us, so Company programmes must be shaped by the children and young people we serve.

The Vision article in this Gazette focuses on the voice of young people. They will always be our greatest

ambassadors and advocates. I joined The Boys' Brigade not because of some flashy recruitment campaign, but because my best friend at school was a member and encouraged me to give it a go.

Too often, the spokespeople for the organisation are middle-aged like me, and that isn't good enough. I am determined that young people be the voice of the Brigade and the ones that shape the change the organisation requires to secure its future.

In October we are holding a residential for young leaders and I hope this will be the first step in creating a new network for young leaders to encourage and challenge each other, as well as providing opportunities to speak on behalf of the organisation.

I am also excited by the partnership we are launching with the University of Bolton focusing on raising the aspirations of teenagers. This is a five-year project and Companies will be receiving a range of programme resources aimed at the Company and Seniors age groups.

As we approach the start of a new session, let us remember that it is a privilege to serve children and young people, and that there is so much we can learn from them.

With every blessing for the new session,

Jonathan Eales
Chief Executive



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Anchor Points

At the United Reformed Church's Recent Ministers' Gathering a statistical overview was given of where the URC is as it emerges from the pandemic.

The picture presented didn't come as a surprise and was echoed by similar statistics presented to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland a couple of weeks later. The question that once again followed both is "where are the young people?". Perhaps in 2022 we have to ask more generally "where are the people?". However, this focus on young people and concern that they are absent from many congregations is not a new narrative.

As I started out as a leader in The Boys' Brigade at the end of the 1980s, a new resource called *Anchor Points* was launched by the Church of Scotland. Although it was not designed for exclusive use within the Company age group, this was the target audience. The preface includes this paragraph from August 1988:

"Given the appalling loss of younger teenagers to our Churches at the present time, there is much need to recover an effective ministry among youth. Resource materials are only a small part of the answer to a gigantic problem..."

Struck by the fact that the younger teenagers referred to here are now heading towards 50, most of our Churches are now having to come to terms with the challenges of a lost generation and the impact of a global pandemic.

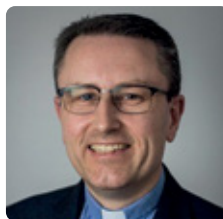
Over the last 30 years or so I have served on many youth committees, forums and discussion groups. A diverse range of creative ideas have been put forward, supported and mostly implemented in an attempt to address this ongoing desire to have more young people in our congregations. Some had a greater impact than others but if I am honest, they were all short-term projects that for many reasons eventually lost momentum, came to an end and were quickly forgotten about.

There is a great temptation to see the provision of more resources as the answer and in our digital world there is no shortage of easily accessible materials. However, as the preface to *Anchor Points* correctly identified, resource materials are only a small part of the answer.

The Boys' Brigade is not perfect, but nothing compares to the positive impact this organisation has had on many lives over the last 139 years and continues to do as a way of being Church and advancing Christ's Kingdom among young people.

The way I see it is that The Boys' Brigade is exactly the answer to what so much time, effort and anxiety is consumed to address and come up with. An amazing opportunity for a wonderful organisation with a proven track record.

Rev David Scott



David was a member, a leader and then Captain of 14th Paisley before becoming Minister to Duke Street and Saughtonhall United Reformed Churches in Edinburgh. Shortly after arriving in 2018, he restarted 14th Leith in Duke Street as a response to the opportunity to do so. In September 2022 he becomes Chaplain of Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion. Before being ordained David was a Chartered Valuation Surveyor working as a partner and director in a small firm based in Glasgow. He is married to Nova with son Fraser, daughter Beth and dog Lachie.

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GREATEST AMBASSADORS

In my experience there seems to be two main routes to becoming a member of the BB.

The first one is where a young person follows in the footsteps of parents/carers or siblings – families where there has been involvement in the Brigade perhaps over many different generations.

The second route sees the young person as the first in their family to step into the world of the Brigade. What we as an organisation must identify is what triggers those to step through that door for the first time.

Recruitment is of course a perennial challenge with the very nature of our organisation meaning that our membership is always changing as children and young people progress. We face the same challenges we have done for generations, challenges that are not unique to the Brigade.

Each year, significant numbers of Companies grow (indeed some even operate waiting lists), some remain stable in membership whilst there are also those with memberships declining and sadly we see some Companies having to close.

As we look towards the new session our attention once again turns to opportunities that there will undoubtedly be to recruit new members, particularly in the context where children and young people have missed out on so much over the last few years.

Sometimes when it comes to recruitment I think we can fall into the trap of looking for the easy answer.

Perhaps more national advertising or a high-profile celebrity ambassador is just what we need. Whilst I certainly wouldn't dismiss advertising and backing from famous faces would of course be welcome, I think the real answers are a lot closer to home.

As leaders we do have many different tools at our disposal to support recruitment, including social media, relationships with local schools and the local media. There are some great materials and resources that the Brigade has produced to support this, from short videos that can be shared on your Company's Facebook page to PowerPoint presentations that are ready to be used at a school assembly, as well as the more basic tools like leaflets, posters and outdoor banners (see page 14 for more information).

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Growth versus Recruitment

The Brigade's five-year strategy, developed from what leaders across the country told us in the Strategic Review in 2019 is focused on quality. As a Trustee, but more importantly as a leader in a Company I passionately believe that we have done and are doing the right thing in terms of this focus.

We know that if we get quality right, success will follow and this is why we have and why we continue to invest in programme and leader development.

I fall into the second of the categories I mentioned at the beginning. My own BB journey first began when I heard friends talking in the school playground about what they had got up to the evening before at Juniors. I had never heard of The Boys' Brigade – though I wish I had.

The children and young people of the BB family are our greatest ambassadors... they always should be.

If they aren't, then I'm not sure spending thousands on advertising or having the most famous face in the world shouting about our work would make any difference.

Over the last few years Thomas (pictured below, second from the right) has encouraged five of his friends to join him at BB. Some of his friends have since brought friends of their own or have encouraged their siblings to join them too. However, Thomas hasn't just limited himself to just bringing his friends along, with his mum joining the Company as a leader.

"I really enjoy coming to BB and having lots of fun each Thursday night. The more I told my friends about it, the more interested they became. It's great that we all get to do BB together now." - **Thomas, 11th Northampton**

Given the central role our members play in recruitment, bear in mind there is a whole host of ways you can do this. Remember young people, especially those in our uniform, do actually talk to each other... they do have a voice.



Bring a Friend nights or running informal taster sessions for prospective members are great and simple ways to give children and young people (and their parents/carers) a chance to come along and see what the Brigade has to offer them, and perhaps also challenge any preconceptions they may have around what happens.

And don't forget; young people can be rewarded for their offers with Recruitment Badges!





Faith in Young People

And how do we encourage our members to make the Brigade the talk of the playground? This answer is our programme and the quality of experience we offer.

"People influence people. Nothing influences people more than a recommendation from a trusted friend." – Mark Zuckerberg

It has never been easier to deliver a high-quality, engaging and retentive programme for all our members. Our new programme is vibrant, varied and adaptable for members of all ages, all interests and all abilities. I have enjoyed using the new resources in my own Company and our own children and young people (who aren't shy in sharing their opinions!) have remained very engaged each week.

"I introduced my friend Katie to the BB because I really like going myself and enjoy the programme and especially the sports side of it. Katie and I always have a good laugh at BB on a Thursday evening and always enjoy ourselves. The leaders are always prepared to have a fun evening and to let us enjoy ourselves whilst also learning. We also have a lot of fun meeting with the other Companies such as our recent trip to the lighthouse." – Kaelyn, 1st Rosehearty

It has been said for a long time that we are an organisation that has "faith in young people". What does this mean in your Company, Battalion or District? To me it is giving opportunities to our members to be leaders in **their** organisation, whether that be as a NCO, a leader or within the Battalion or District. Of course, there is therefore a duty on us to make these roles accessible and support our young people in developing whatever skills they require to take these steps. Having young people in positions of leadership and trust within our organisation shows our members there is a place for them in the Brigade beyond their time as a young person.

Parents/carers as ambassadors

Parents/Carers and families should be our next best source of recruitment. Parents/carers are more connected than ever. It seems that school WhatsApp or Facebook groups are commonplace, not to mention chatting at the school gates. We should be encouraging the parents/carers of current members to help us recruit members and spread the positive work we are doing. Have you asked them? After all, presumably they wouldn't bring their own children along if they didn't believe what we were doing was at the very least a good thing.

Our Parents/Carers Survey last year illustrated just how much they recognise the impact of what we do.

"BB has been the best, most positive, fun and encouraging thing for my child in the last year."

"BB creates a nurturing environment, a safe place and a place where the children can be happy and relaxed whilst having some fun."

I didn't join the BB because I saw a TV advert about BB or was convinced by a celebrity I should try out the nearest Company. It wasn't a billboard, or a clever slogan that piqued my interest.

I joined the BB for no simpler reason than my friends were there, they were having fun and I wanted to have fun too.

Does it need to be more complicated than that?

As true as it was for me then, and as true as it has been for nearly 140 years, so too is it true today. **The key to bringing more young people to this great organisation that we are part of is our young people themselves.**

Robert Cunningham

Brigade Trustee, Vice-Chair of Scotland Committee and leader at 4th Carluke



Congratulations to our Patron

We thank and congratulate our Patron, HM The Queen, on 70 incredible years of service.



Trooping the Colour

On Thursday 2nd June a group of BB members from across the country travelled to London for Trooping the Colour, which this year marked the start of a weekend of Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The group were able to watch the parade from a special enclosure for youth organisations, before walking down The Mall to see the traditional flypast and balcony appearance by the Royal Family.



Jubilee Lunch at Number 10

On Monday 6th June a small group of young people attended a Platinum Jubilee Lunch hosted by Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Nadine Dorries at Downing Street.

Neo, Logan and Joe were invited to Number 10 along with representatives from other uniformed youth organisations, Team GB and Paralympic GB athletes, school children and Points of Light Award winners.

Platinum Jubilee Competitions

During April and May, around 600 children and young people took part in our Platinum Jubilee Colouring and Tea Party Competitions. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners!

Colouring Competition

Anchors: **Alfie, 11th Northampton**

Juniors: **Sebastian, 1st Castlecaulfield**

Tea Party Competition

Anchors: **Tom, 1st Culnady**

Juniors: **Oliver, 2nd Polmont**

Company: **Bailey, 5th West Bromwich**

Seniors: **Harrison, 1st Howden**



See photo galleries of the top entries at:
boys-brigade.org.uk/programme-news





Brigade Conference

Brigade Conference (our AGM) will take place on Saturday 3rd September at the Lighthouse Christian Centre in Salford.

The AGM will also be streamed, however those joining virtually will not be able to interact with or vote during the meeting. Those wishing to vote should complete a postal ballot.



For more information please visit:
boys-brigade.org.uk/brigade-conference

Capitation Fees

Proposed Fees for the 2022/23 session

Fee Type	Level of Fee
Fee per Young Person	£25.00
All Officers	£25.00
(Second person at same address)	£21.00
Battalion & District Officers (not on Company Roll)	£25.00
Officers in full time education or training	£21.00
Helpers	£19.50

Brigade Council 2022 - Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of **THE BOYS' BRIGADE** will be held at Lighthouse Christian Centre, 12 Coronet Way, Salford M50 1RE on Saturday 3rd September at 2pm to consider the following business:-

AGM Agenda

- 1 To receive the Accounts for the year ended **31 March 2022** together with the Reports of the Brigade Executive and Auditors thereon.
- 2 To agree the capitation fees for the 2022/23 session.
- 3 To re-appoint Whiting and Partners as the independent auditors of The Boys' Brigade until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Brigade Executive to fix their remuneration.
- 4 To appoint Brigade Office Bearers for Session 2022/23 as proposed by the Brigade Executive.
- 5 To consider three motions in the name of the Brigade Executive to update Section Three of Brigade Regulations (The Organisation – Regulations & Procedures) and Schedule B (Terms of Service for Members of National Bodies).

Full details of the motion wording can be found at boys-brigade.org.uk/brigade-conference

- 6 To transact any other lawful business.

By order of the Brigade Executive

Jonathan Eales
Chief Executive

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 complete a postal ballot. A form will be sent to all members electronically and, if used, should be returned to the Company's Registered Office not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday 31st August 2022.

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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Office Bearers

The Brigade Executive is proposing the following Office Bearers for the 2022/23 session:



Rev Dez Johnston President

Dez was working as a bouncer in Glasgow when he came to faith through joining an Alpha Course. Now an ordained Baptist minister, he worked in youth ministry before becoming the Director for Alpha Scotland in 2018 where

he continues to serve and support Churches across the country. He was also recently appointed as Alpha's Europe, Middle East and North Africa Youth Director. Dez has been working closely with the Brigade for a number of years, and the partnership has seen the Alpha Youth resources being made freely available across the Brigade. Keeping Dez busy at home are his wife Fiona and children, Amber, Cody and Finn.



Mervyn Murdock Vice-President

Mervyn has been a member of The Boys' Brigade for over 50 years and has served as a leader in 1st Raffrey, becoming Captain in 1986, a position he held for 35 years. Mervyn is President of Down Battalion and a former Northern

Ireland District Vice-President. After becoming a Christian in his late teens, he has served God at Raffrey Presbyterian Church as a Sunday School and Bible Class teacher, BB leader, on Church Committee and as an Elder. Mervyn managed a team of University Technicians for five years and has served on and chaired numerous committees through work, BB and Education Authority youth advisory groups.



Alison Chambers Vice-President

Alison is a leader in Airdrie, Coatbridge and District Battalion, and has served as a leader in 6th Airdrie and 15th Coatbridge. Alison has been the Battalion's Training Convenor, Queen's Badge Co-ordinator for Lanarkshire District Fellowship and

has also served on the staff team of KGV I at Carronvale. She has been professionally engaged in education for over 25 years in senior roles and is currently Education Officer with Dumfries and Galloway Council.



Ian Rumbelow Vice-President

Ian has a wealth of experience as Captain of 1st Martock & Hamdon, presently President of Somerset Battalion and is currently Chair of our Brigade Programme Group. In a professional capacity Ian was a Head Teacher for many years,

most recently specialising in supporting local authorities and an academy trust with schools in special measures.



David Aubrey QC Vice-President

David joined the Life Boys in Cardiff, and it was there that he became a Christian. He gained his Queen's Badge and was presented with his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award by His Royal Highness at Buckingham Palace. He has served as a

leader and Company Captain, and is now the President of the BB in Wales. He is also the Chairman of the Brigade Safeguarding Panel, and involved in the Archive Trust and Heritage Society. By profession David is Queen's Counsel, and sits as a Recorder in the Crown and County Courts as well as a Legal President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.



Rev Stewart Cutler Chaplain

The Boys' Brigade has featured strongly since Stewart was a 6-year-old member of Anchors through to Queen's Badge, DofE Gold and KGV I as a participant (and later as Chaplain) as well as being a leader at 4th Carlisle and 1st Stonehouse.

Stewart has 30 years of experience working with children, young people, volunteers, students and ministers in Churches and communities around Scotland. For the past five years he has been minister of St Ninian's Church in Stonehouse, an ecumenical partnership between the United Reformed Church and Church of Scotland.

UK Parliament Week



UK Parliament Week is taking place from **14th to 20th November 2022**.

It is an annual festival that engages people from across the country with their UK Parliament, explores what it means to them and empowers them to get involved.



Sign up for a free kit to help your group get involved by visiting:
ukparliamentweek.org



e-learning

The Brigade has invested in e-learning as part of our current five-year strategy focusing on improving the quality and consistency of experience for children and young people. A central part of this strategy is supporting and resourcing leaders to continually develop their skills and refresh their knowledge to ensure we offer a safe and caring environment for children and young people.

The first set of e-learning modules are available to complete via Online Brigade Manager (OBM), providing leaders with the flexibility to learn at a time and place of their convenience.

Leaders should complete the Safeguarding and Managing Risk modules immediately if they have not yet done so. This

is important as it will help ensure that all our leaders are up to date with the knowledge they need to understand their responsibilities and carry out their role safely and effectively.

For leaders attending Youth Leader Training (YLT) the e-learning modules will become part of the pre-course preparation, and for new leaders the modules have now become part of the registration process.



Find out more about the launch of e-learning at:
boys-brigade.org.uk/gazette/introducing-e-learning-for-leaders

New Leader Registration Cards

All leaders should now have received their new registration cards based on their current primary role as well as information about the Code of Conduct.

The re-registration process has been replaced with a series of 'milestones' which leaders will need to complete in order to keep their registration active. As a result of this the new registration cards do not have an expiry date. The first of these milestones is the five-yearly disclosure check where required.



If you have any questions please contact our Support Team at:
support@boys-brigade.org.uk or on
 0300 303 4454





Recruitment materials

To support Companies in their recruitment efforts at the start of a new session a range of recruitment resources are available on our website, including leaflets, posters, vinyl outdoor banners and social media graphics.



Standard Design

This is the base level design and can be used without customisation to promote the organisation. The designs signpost boys-brigade.org.uk/join and the 'Find a Group' tool. There are print-ready designs for leaflets, posters, roller banners and vinyl outdoor banners.



Customised Design

This design allows for a local Company to customise specific elements with local details including Company Name, Meeting location, Age Ranges, Website address or contact details. BBHQ are offering a customisation service, where we will edit the designs and send out print ready artwork.



DIY Customised Design

This design allows for easy local customisation by adding details in the large space towards the bottom of the design. This can be done by adding local details through editable PDF template, a label into this space or even writing in the space. These include designs for leaflets and posters.



Online Print

We want to make the process of getting these resources printed as easy as possible, so we've put together some guidance and signposted a number of online print suppliers to support leaders in getting leaflets, posters and banners printed.



To find out more about our recruitment resources visit:
boys-brigade.org.uk/open-to

It's Your Future

In an exciting new partnership with The University of Bolton, launching in the Autumn, we are working to raise the aspirations of young people and support them in exploring, planning and making decisions that will help them become who they want to be.

Through this partnership young people will identify and develop their own skills, consider their future goals and dreams, build self-confidence and independence. Working with The University of Bolton new resourced themed programmes have been produced for both the Company and Seniors age groups with funding secured by the University allowing us to distribute printed materials to every Company. The new resources will be sent out to Leaders-in-Charge by end of August and we hope that Companies will be able to start making use of the resources during the Autumn term.

There will also be a limited opportunity for Companies to apply for grants to support them in participating in the programme, through enabling them to take on adventurous team building activities (e.g. raft building or high ropes course) which forms an optional part of the new programmes.



Find out more at:

boys-brigade.org.uk/your-future/



Top Team Challenge

A total of 219 teams took part in the Top Team Challenge, with members of Company & Seniors taking part in a series of tasks as part of their regular meeting, competing against others from across the country.

Congratulations to **1st Bloxham B**, winners of the competition, and well done to everyone who took part!



See the full results at:

boys-brigade.org.uk/top-team-challenge



Juniors International Team Games

176 teams from across the BB world took part in the Juniors International Team Games, representing Australia, England, Ghana, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Thailand and Wales.

Congratulations to **32nd Nottingham A**, the overall winners, and well done to everyone who took part!



Check out the full results at:

boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors-international-team-games



Company Census

Thank you to all those who have taken part in the Company Census this year to help shape the Brigade's future. We are delighted to have received responses from over 800 Companies.

We will be taking time now to analyse the data and will provide feedback to membership on the results, including a presentation at Brigade Conference in September.

Remembering Sydney Jones OBE

We are very sorry to report that Sydney Jones OBE, former Secretary of The Boys' Brigade, passed away peacefully in April, aged 85. Born in a London workhouse himself, Sydney dedicated his life to helping disadvantaged young people, giving them a better chance to fulfil their full potential.

He served as Brigade Secretary from 1998 until 2001, and received an OBE for Services to Young People.



1st Buckie receives Queen's Award

Congratulations to **1st Buckie**, who have been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – a prestigious award which is the highest that a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.

Alan McIntosh, Captain of 1st Buckie, said: *"It is a great honour and privilege for 1st Buckie to receive this award. For it to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our own 75th anniversary makes it even more special. Our thanks go out to the children and young people, the leaders, the parents/carers, the local community, our sponsors and our Church. Without their support we would never have reached this far."*



Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to BB leaders recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to The Boys' Brigade and their local communities.

Douglas Crowe, Bangor awarded BEM

"It has been my pleasure to have been part of this wonderful organisation since joining the Life Boys in 1955. This award is a tribute to generations of young people and leaders who have served in 92nd Belfast."

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.

Sir James Anderton CBE	14 th Wigan / Honorary Vice-President
Alan Bardsley	35 th Manchester
Robin Bolton	57 th Birmingham / 10 th Wolverhampton / BB Archive Trust
John Chappell MBE	15 th Halifax / 11 th Halifax / Former Field Officer
Ray Darnley	50 th Manchester
Evelyn Jones	47 th Manchester

Sydney Jones OBE	Former Brigade Secretary
Duncan Leel Jr	1 st Fraserburgh
Ken Roberts	1 st Kirkintilloch / 1 st Lenzie
Charles Redford	2 nd West Kent
Stuart Russell	2 nd Wishaw
Scott Smith	45 th Glasgow
Mary Watson	1 st Uphall



2nd Comber Weekend Camp

Members of the Juniors age group at **2nd Comber** enjoyed a weekend camp at Belfast Battalion's Ganaway Activity Centre in Millisle. The weekend involved lots of activities and sports including climbing, zip lining and laser tag along with many team sports and a visit to the beach.



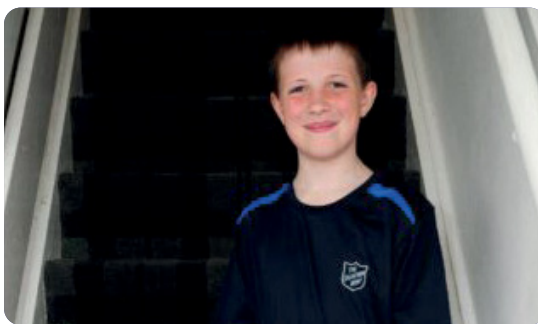
Life 2 the Max

Over 650 BB members came together for Life 2 the Max, an activity day run by **London District** at Felden Lodge, enjoying a fantastic day of funfair rides, inflatables, games, shows, crafts and lots more!



35th Liverpool @35thLiverpoolBB

We had such a blast with @MerseyPolice learning all about modern policing, the history of the force, and the equipment officers use to protect our community today! #BoysBrigade



Climbing stairs in memory

Daniel Brown, a member of the Company age group at **3rd Glenrothes**, climbed 51 flights of stairs every day for a week in memory of his father, Mark, who died unexpectedly at the end of last year. Mark had been involved in the Company for around 45 years. Daniel's efforts raised £1,000 for the Salvation Army in Kirkcaldy to support the mental wellbeing of the community.



1st Garvagh fundraising

Members of **1st Garvagh** have been busy raising funds for Hope365, an organisation which works to transform the lives of street children in Ethiopia, as part of a partnership with Northern Ireland District. Activities included a "bottle bank collection", with a total of £920 being raised. Well done everyone!



3rd Bearsden

Stretching our legs this evening! A super walk and a great final evening before the Summer holidays.



Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

It has been fantastic to see BB groups across the country coming together to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Check out just some of what they've been up to...



Jubilee Beacon in Fraserburgh

Members of 1st Fraserburgh and 1st Rosehearty were present for the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon at Kinnaird Head Lighthouse in Fraserburgh, also helping to keep the lighthouse going by winding its clockwork machine at 15-minute intervals between 8pm and midnight.



Gift deliveries in Dunblane

To mark the Platinum Jubilee, members of 25th Stirling delivered gifts of shortbread in commemorative tins from Dementia Friendly Dunblane to older members of the local community, giving them an extra treat to celebrate with!

JUBILEE SNAPSHOT





Glasgow Cathedral Service

Members of 278th Glasgow and 4th East Kilbride represented the Brigade at a service at Glasgow Cathedral to mark the Platinum Jubilee, following which they appeared on BBC Scotland News and STV News after being interviewed at the event.



Beacon lighting in Mountjoy

Members of 1st Mountjoy came together with the local Girls' Brigade, Scouts and Air Cadet groups for the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon at the top of Bessy Bell.



Big Weekend Carnival

Well done to everyone at 1st Tewkesbury, who won first place with their mobile Platinum Jubilee Street Party as part of the town's Big Weekend Carnival!



3rd Falkirk sponsored hill walk

Anchors at 3rd Falkirk successfully climbed Dumyat, a 418-metre hill in the Ochil Hills. It was their youngest ever group to complete a sponsored hill walk.



5th Hull @5thHullBB

Anchors making Jars of Sunshine #bekind
#behappy #smile



135th Glasgow farm visit

Anchors at 135th Glasgow enjoyed a visit to Heads of Ayr Farm, having the opportunity to see and learn more about lots of different animals.

SNAPSHOTS



1ST MARTOCK & HAMDON WEEKEND AWAY



24TH BELFAST PRIZE NIGHT



MUDDY ASSAULT COURSE AT 1ST DUNDONALD



**ENFIELD BATTALION AT
LEGOLAND WINDSOR**



**PIZZA MAKING AT
1ST UXBRIDGE**



**GLASGOW QUEEN'S BADGE
PRESENTATION**



Day out to Twinlakes Park

Over 70 Juniors from across **Northamptonshire Battalion** enjoyed a day out to Twinlakes Park, having lots of fun on a variety of different rides!



Festival of Flight

Members of **1st Scone** and **3rd Perth** provided help at the Festival of Flight at Perth Airport, with proceeds going to support the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance.



The BB in Stirling & Clackmannanshire

Over 50 of our Anchors and Juniors spent the day doing all things Lego with Let's Go Construct. From building "ice lollies" to tower challenges, great fun was had by all!





Working Towards Our Major Awards

The President's & Queen's Badges

Whilst we know that most BB Companies operate the programme-based awards, we also know that not every young person has the opportunity to go on to gain our highest awards. We hope that this article will help you to consider how you could get your young people on their journey to achieving the President's and Queen's Badges.

Chris Norman, Delivery & Programme Manager explains how to go about offering the Presidents' and Queen's Badges; what the requirements are; and how to get the most out of the experience.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Each session around 1,200 young people gain the President's Badge and a further 600 gain the highest award in The Boys' Brigade, the Queen's Badge.

What can young people gain from taking on our Major Awards?

- ✓ Good to add to applications and CVs
- ✓ Gives young people something to work towards and helps with retention
- ✓ Develops independence and self-confidence
- ✓ Helps develop new interests and skills
- ✓ Gives young people an opportunity to give something back to the Company and their local community
- ✓ Provides a real sense of achievement

THE PRESIDENT'S BADGE



Often seen as a pathway to the Queen's Badge, although the President's Badge is, itself, a very significant achievement for a young person. For many young people, the award marks a real milestone and offers a snapshot of the wider organisation.

A significant amount of the work required for the award can actually be completed in a Company setting as part of the weekly programme, as young people work towards their Core Activity Awards, so it is probably easier than you think to get started on the President's Badge. Where a young person is not working towards these awards there is also an alternative option, through gaining the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award instead.

Through the award participants also have the opportunity to participate in teamwork building activities with BB members from other Companies, volunteer in their Company and Church as well as participate in a residential experience or adventure days.

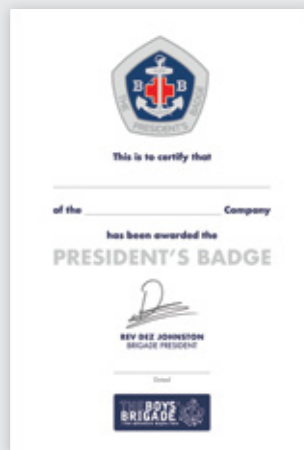
What are the full requirements for the award?

The President's Badge can be awarded from Year 1 in the Seniors age group, and it is the first of two Major Awards which can be gained in Seniors. The award can usually be achieved within one session, and the full requirements for the award are as follows:

- ✓ Gain a **Core Activity Award in the last 12 months** (this would be through participation in the Seniors Programme, or alternatively a young person could have completed Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award to fulfil this element)
- ✓ Complete **'Faith Journey' element**
- ✓ Complete **2+ Nights Away within last 24 months or 3+ Adventure Days**
- ✓ Complete **10 hours volunteering in Company/Church or complete 'Volunteer' Staged Award Level 3** (alternatively a young person could have completed Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award to fulfil this element)
- ✓ Complete **Building your Skills Course** (usually a one-day course held at Battalion/District level), or complete **'Teamwork' Staged Award Level 3**
- ✓ Be an **'Active' member of the Company**

Further guidance and support for each of the requirements outlined above can be found at boys-brigade.org.uk/presidents-badge with resources to help log hours and record progress also available.

How do we apply for the President's Badge?



Once the young person has completed the requirements of the award a Company leader can apply for the award. At that point the young person can also register for the Queen's Badge. The award will consist of a certificate signed by the Brigade President along with the President's Badge which is worn by the young person in a presentation box. A miniature version of the President's Badge will also be included which can be worn out of uniform. This will all be sent out to the Company leader for them to arrange a suitable occasion to present the award.

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THE QUEEN'S BADGE



The Queen's Badge is the highest award that a young person can gain as a member of The Boys' Brigade. It's a real opportunity; from beginning to end it's important that they get the most out of it. It doesn't matter who they are or where they're from. Any young person aged over 16, who has their President's Badge and is willing to do more than just sit on the sofa can take part!

The best part of the Queen's Badge is that the young person gets to choose what they do. They can choose to do projects and activities that get them really excited and which they are dedicated to. Young people have opportunities to develop their faith, engage with their community, build friendships, take on responsibility, set their own goals, build self-confidence and experience a real sense of achievement.

How does a young person get started?

Of course they will first need to have gained the President's Badge to be able to start out on their Queen's Badge journey, but with that completed, and having registered for the Queen's Badge the first thing to do is to take some time to look through the Queen's Badge Record Book.

In order to achieve the Queen's Badge a certain amount of planning is required on the part of the participant, and the earlier this is done the sooner they will be able to get started. This is all achieved through what we call the 'Candidates Conference', an opportunity to meet with the local Queen's Badge Advisor and Company Mentor. These two individuals are really important points of contact for the young person throughout the Queen's Badge journey.

Company Mentors

The Company Mentor is a designated leader in the Company who will provide support and encouragement to participants on a weekly basis. It doesn't necessarily need to be the Captain or Leader-in-Charge of the age group. It could be a young leader who has had recent experience of the completing the Queen's Badge themselves.

Queen's Badge Advisors

A Queen's Badge Advisor is the person from the Battalion or District who will help the young person plan what they are doing as well as review and support their work. Queen's Badge Advisors have helped many young people to complete the award and will have a vast experience with invaluable guidance that will help a young person complete the award.

Their role is not that of an assessor, but they are there to use their experience alongside the Company Mentor to help the young person set their own targets and get the best out of the experience. Queen's Badge Advisors will also provide support to Company Mentors and leaders who will be working with and supporting young people on a more regular basis, week to week. So, get in touch with your local Queen's Badge Advisor to find out more about how they can support participants in your Company.

What is the Queen's Badge Record Book?

On applying for the President's Badge, the option is provided to register for the Queen's Badge at that point and that is when the Queen's Badge Record Book is sent out. The Queen's Badge Record Book is really helpful in getting young people going and will provide lots of information to help support them, and it's theirs to keep.

As part of the Candidates Conference, participants would start to complete the 'My Action Plan' part of the record book, which will set out what they are going to do for each element of the award. It is important to remember that the decisions made should always be led by the young person, and their programme of activity should reflect their goals and abilities.

Throughout the Queen's Badge journey the Record Book will provide somewhere to keep a log of hours and record what's been achieved, with space for the participant, assessor and Queen's Badge Advisor to all include a report and feedback on each part of the award.

Key Tip!

The Queen's Badge Record Book is the most common method for recording progress with the award, but participants may choose an alternative, such as blog or video. The most important aspect is that the participants planning, experiences and work is recorded.

What are the full requirements for the award?

The Queen's Badge can be awarded from Year 3 in the Seniors age group, and it is the second of two Major Awards which can be gained in Seniors. The award can be started as soon as a young person has been awarded their President's Badge. The award will usually be achieved in around 18-24 months, and the full requirements for the award can be found below:

- ✓ **Hold the President's Badge**
- ✓ **Attend a Candidate's Conference**
- ✓ **Participate in Skills-Based training** (this could be a 'Skills for Queen's Badge Course or other appropriate training)
- ✓ **Take responsibility within the BB or Church** (at least 30 hours)
- ✓ **Provide voluntary service or support to others outside the BB or Church** (at least 30 hours)
- ✓ **Develop Interests** (from at least two areas from Skills, Physical, Expedition, for either 3-6 months)
- ✓ **Complete 'Faith Journey' element**
- ✓ **Participate in a Completion Residential**
- ✓ **Record Activity**

An Advisors & Mentors Guide is available along with other resources to help provide further guidance and support on every aspect of the award at boys-brigade.org.uk/queens-badge

What can young people do for each part of the award?

There are so many options and it really is down to the participant, and for each young person to decide what they want to do. Your Queen's Badge Advisor will be able to help with suggestions and providing guidance on the suitability of specific activities. A great range of ideas for the developing interests' (i.e. Skills, Physical & Expedition) and volunteering sections of the award can be found through the DofE website at dofe.org/do/ideas. The ideas here might help give some inspiration and will also give some ideas on what outcomes or goals a participant might set themselves. The Staged Awards which are part of the Company and Seniors Programmes will also provide a range of suitable activities that could be used.

Can a young person work towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award as well?

Yes, the Silver DofE Award requirements link up well to the requirements of the Queen's Badge, so do consider how participants could potentially work towards both awards at the same time. Although it is important to recognise that there are differences and additional work that would be required to

complete both awards. Check out guidance and support for running DofE within The Boys' Brigade at: boys-brigade.org.uk/dofe-leaders



How do we apply for the Queen's Badge?

Once the young person has completed the requirements of the award and their Record Book has been fully completed, a Company leader can apply for the award. As well as the young person themselves, the Queen's Badge Advisor, Company Captain and those assessing sections of the award will all need to have completed relevant parts of the Record Book. The award will consist of a certificate signed by HM The Queen along with the Queen's Badge which is worn by the young person and a presentation box. A miniature version of the Queen's Badge will also be included which can be worn out of uniform. This will all be sent out to the Company leader for them to arrange a suitable occasion to present the award. Many Battalions or Districts organise annual Celebrations/Presentations of Major Awards, by dignitaries including Lord Lieutenants or Mayors which is a great way to recognise the achievements on a wider scale.

What next?

So, as we head towards the start of a new session consider how you could get your young people working towards our Major Awards. Perhaps as part of one of your first weekly meetings you could spend some time outlining the awards with your Seniors and give them the opportunity to start their Queen's Badge journey (of course it would need to start with the President's Badge!). Could you invite a Senior who has recently completed the award to talk about their experience and answer any questions? And if you don't have anyone from your Company could you approach a neighbouring Company or alternatively speak to your Queen's Badge Advisor who may be able to help.



Towards the start of the new session BB Headquarters will also be offering a number of 'Getting Started on our Major Awards' webinars, details on how to join us for one of those can be found at: boys-brigade.org.uk/leaders-workshops



If you do have any questions please get in touch with the Programme Team at BBHQ, by email at: programme@boys-brigade.org.uk or on 0300 303 4454



Investing in Leader Development

"One characteristic of those who are the most effective communicators, whether they are addressing audiences of thousands or speaking to seminars of twelve, would be this: they are teachable. They are tireless in their effort to stir up the gift within them. They want to get better." – **Rob Parsons**

Northern Ireland District recently took members of the newly-formed Leader Development Community to hear accomplished speaker Rob Parsons from Care for the Family deliver his *The Heart of Communication* session in Belfast.

The purpose was to encourage the group and help them continue to build their knowledge and skills to effectively deliver training in the District. Rob Parsons is one of the most gifted, inspirational, funny and humble speakers of our time and did not disappoint. Everyone agreed they did indeed learn something!



Developing Young Leaders

Northern Ireland District held an evening at Newport for young people who have recently completed their Queen's Badge. The purpose was to have some fun, introduce the recipients to our Young Leaders' Community and to encourage the young people into leadership and fellowship with their peers.

Members of the Young Leaders' Community took the lead in planning and leading the activities on the evening which included bubble football, combat archery and of course some good food. Thanks to everyone who came along!



Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

The District was delighted to host a Jubilee Cream Tea at Newport as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Among the guests were former members who had served the Brigade in Northern Ireland faithfully for many years in various roles including committee chairpersons, trainers and expedition leaders.

Guests included Mrs Jean Nevin, wife of the late former District President Professor Norman Nevin who served from 1992 to 2014, as well as the wife and daughters of Alex Hunter, former Director of The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland. Lots of stories were shared and old friends had the chance to meet up again.



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Cumbræ Camp

After a three-year gap **Cumbræ Camp** returned with 133 young people and leaders from 13 Companies in Scotland hopping on a ferry to the Isle of Cumbræ.

Our friends at Christian Aid ran the "Safe Place Challenge" activity which helped the young people to learn some survival skills and more about the plight of refugees. "It's a Knockout" proved to be very popular with the weather helping to make it a great day. The weekend's activities also included cycling round the island, as well as STEM activities such as a crime scene investigation, landmarking and beach games. The congregation of Cumbræ Parish Church joined for the service on the Sunday morning, which was led by Gus McKay and streamed on Facebook. It was great to hear feedback from parents/carers, including:



"Thank you, my child had a brilliant time. Well done to all those who organised the camp!"

"My children had an absolute ball at camp. Thanks to all the leaders."



4th Irvine's Juniors attend Dalguise

4th Irvine's Juniors went to PGL Dalguise for their residential activity weekend. They took part in lots of activities, including burn walk and canoeing, where they worked in pairs to navigate the waters of Dalguise.

The Kilbryde Hike

This year's **Kilbryde Hike** started in Darvel and finished in Eaglesham with overnight campsite at Shieldhill Farm. Over the weekend teams navigated their own course between the various checkpoints, covering over 20 miles in the process and facing additional challenges at each checkpoint for extra points.

The winners were:

Main Hike: **1st Glasgow**

Junior Hike: **25th Stirling**

Expedition Hike: **6th East Kilbride Scouts**

Veterans: **1st Bellshill Old Boys**

**Next year's event will take place on
10th & 11th June 2023.**

4th Dunfermline raise funds for defibrillator

Young people and leaders at 4th Dunfermline completed a 24-hour 'cyclathon' in order to raise funds to buy a defibrillator for the Abbey Church of Dunfermline.

After just a few hours they had reached their fundraising goal of £1,500 and the decision was made to double the target to allow the Abbey Church of Dunfermline to buy two defibrillators. By the end of the challenge over £2,200 had been raised.



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1st Longford Mayday Out

Taking advantage of good weather at the end of May, **1st Longford** took the opportunity to go to Lough Key Forest Park. They played football and rounders, had a spot of lunch together and completed the Lough Key experience. Following this they made their way to the viewing tower by entering the old servant tunnels, climbing the tower and exiting via a tree canopy walk. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day all round.



7th Dublin

Members of **7th Dublin** got involved with the "Climb for Charlie" Challenge, which was initiated by Charlie Bird in aid of Motor Neurone Disease and Pieta House Charities.

They organised a "Family Climb" up the Big Sugar Loaf Mountain, with around 30 young people, leaders, parents/carers and siblings taking part in the challenge. They used two different routes up, one more challenging than the other and constructed a banner showing the BB on it.

After discussing the effects of the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine during one of their regular meetings, members were able to simulate what it is like to live in



the conditions of a war-torn country using their Church basement. They built anti-tank "hedgehogs", as seen on TV, and demolished the imaginary "tanks". They simulated building barricades, lifting an estimated total of over 1000kg between them and they were allocated very meagre rations of only very bare essentials.

After thinking about where they would cook, live and sleep they "escaped" back upstairs, and took time to think and pray about the experience they had just had, with four young people reading aloud the "Prayers for Ukraine" which are currently being used throughout the Brigade.



1st Clontibret

Over the winter months when Covid numbers meant meeting indoors wasn't possible, **1st Clontibret** decided to meet outdoors, even in the dark!

On a few of these occasions, they brought a big light to the local forest park and made a fire pit for the young people to gather around, making s'mores and having an epilogue after activities in the park.

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Unite 2022

Over 150 young people and leaders came together for **Unite**, which took place at Felden Lodge over the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

A variety of activities took place, including volleyball, Zorb football, tag rugby, wide games, human table football, camp workouts, cheerleading workshops, cooking, a campfire, a disco, films, human Among Us, Unite Fortunes and lots more!

The Cornerstone was also open for those who wanted to try some quieter activities or have a chat with the Pastoral Team.

The Friday afternoon saw everyone compete in a range of It's a Knockout challenges, which included inflatables, water games and team activities. On Saturday afternoon the whole camp came together for a Platinum Jubilee Party, celebrating the 70-year reign of our Patron!

There were times of worship where everyone came together in the Marquee. Thank you the Unite band and to our speakers – Aaron Routledge (Message Trust), Jason Royce (Souster Youth Trust), Dan Randall (HOPE Together) and Rob McNerney (Youthscape).

Each group at Unite was part of either the Blue, Red or Yellow village, each of which was led by two Village Leaders. They competed against each other to earn points for taking part in activities and winning competitions – well done to the Yellow village, led by Madi Neville (ProjectB & 54th Sheffield) and Sam Templeton (1st Largs), who were this year's winners!



Check out the Unite 2022 highlights video at:
youtube.com/unitebb

As part of the activities on offer during the Unite Platinum Jubilee Party there was the opportunity to have a go on a mobile climbing wall. Big thanks to the BB Mountaineering Club for enabling this activity to happen!



Challenge expeditions

Well done to everyone who took part in the two recent challenge expeditions in England – the **Waltham Walk** and **Cleveland Hike** – and congratulations to the winning teams!

Waltham Walk

Mini Trek: **1st Saffron Walden BB**
Main Event: **1st Saffron Walden BB**
Veterans: **Enfield BB**
Supervets: **Camberley Independents**

Cleveland Hike

Youth: **17th Teesside BB**
Senior: **17th Teesside BB**

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Find out a bit more about Alpha and how their resources can be used in a BB setting

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. Over 30 million people have taken part throughout Alpha's history.

Firstly... A chance to connect

Usually, Alpha starts with a meal together if in person or pouring yourself a cuppa if it's online, followed by a chance to meet new people and connect! Of course, within BB that will look slightly different.

The Alpha Youth Series has been developed to help young people explore life, faith and meaning. It is ideal to use with the Company and Seniors age groups, including those with no Christian or Church background.

Next up... Watch an episode

The Alpha Youth Series episodes are designed to engage and inspire conversation. They are videos created by young people for young people.

Each one is broken into three sections and each week there is the opportunity to explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as "Who is Jesus?", "How can we have faith?" and "How does God guide us?".



Find out more and get started at:
alpha.org/try-alpha

And finally...Space to share your thoughts

Probably the most important part of any Alpha session is that there is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group.

There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously!). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Alpha and The Boys' Brigade

Alpha can be used within The Boys' Brigade in a few different ways. My first involvement with the Brigade came about five years ago when I had just started in my role as Director for Alpha in Scotland and we started to explore how Alpha could be used for faith development within Companies, how it could link to Company and Seniors programmes and Major Awards.

Alpha is an amazing opportunity for people to come along to explore the questions that we all have and can be an amazing way of connecting with some young people outside of our current contacts. Running a course on a separate evening hosted and led by your young people could be game changing for your Company!

Wouldn't we love to meet some new young people and also give some new leadership opportunities for our young people? Alpha is the tool for just that. Everything is free and ready for you to use even down to the all the promotional materials. It's so simple, powerful and ready to use.

Rev Dez Johnston

Director of Alpha Scotland



Tips for using the Alpha Youth Series in your Company

1 Consider when you run your sessions

Think about whether Alpha will form a part of your regular programme or be run as standalone sessions. Could it be run in partnership with your Church and involving your Chaplain?

2 Decide where you will meet

Ensure that the meeting space that you use is informal and relaxed – it shouldn't feel like a school lesson. Many Alpha sessions include food, so why not order in some pizza or prepare a meal for the group to share?

3 Be prepared

Ensure you have an adequate setup to show the videos. You will likely need a projector / large screen, laptop and speakers. Downloading the videos in advance is recommended – you can do this via the Run Alpha website at run.alpha.org.uk

4 Be flexible

The series is designed to be flexible rather than prescriptive, meaning you can cover as little or as much as you like at one time and won't need to cut short interesting discussions.

5 Ensure discussions are youth-led

Although a leader may facilitate discussions with questions, allow the young people to discuss and share thoughts with each other. They can say as little or as much as they like, remembering that there is no obligation to say anything. You will know your young people best!

6 Link to the Company and Seniors programmes

Think about links to the Get into the Bible Activity Area, as well as how the series could meet the 'Faith Journey' element of our Major Awards.



Global Fellowship Week

This year's Global Fellowship Week took place from 30th May to 5th June and was an opportunity to celebrate the combined work of the 60 member organisations of the Global Fellowship of Christian Youth.

During the week various videos were shared on Facebook, including a prayer for the day on the theme of Kings and Queens in the Bible as well as showcases of music from around the world. There was also a special service for Pentecost Sunday. All of the content remains available to watch on the Global Fellowship Facebook page.

As part of the week an International Connections webinar took place on Zoom, which was led by Bill Stevenson (General Manager) and Masauso Mwanza (African Development Manager).

Global Fellowship also launched a Climate Change Challenge, encouraging members to get involved by planting a tree, tidying up some land or having a car-free day.



Find out more on the Global Fellowship website: globalfellowship.net

BB International

After a couple of years where international work moved online due to the challenges of the pandemic, the BB International Team was recently able to meet in person and plan for the upcoming session.

It was great to hear of the work taking place in our partner organisations European Fellowship and Global Fellowship and share updates on upcoming events such as Easter Course, Be One and the Global Fellowship Conference in Uganda. The Team spent time hearing from Compass Club, our Organisation in Touch which is based in Kyiv, on how the war has affected their members and how other organisations close to Ukraine such as our partners IKE in Transylvania are providing support.

Our next international project will focus on Ukraine, building on the existing programme resources and looking at opportunities of how Companies can raise awareness and support. More details will be available in the Autumn.

If you would like to know more about the international opportunities available to young leaders or share news of international activities and exchanges you are taking part in, please contact Vaughan Staples on v.staples@boys-brigade.org.uk or visit boys-brigade.org.uk/international



Global Round-up

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



**BOYS' AND GIRLS' BRIGADE
IN HAITI**

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade has recently been restarted in Duplan, Haiti and now has over 200 young people. Despite lacking many resources, the Company is doing well with a very enthusiastic group of members.



**SUPPORTING BB IN
MALAWI**

Global Fellowship has been supporting the BB in Malawi to get fully operational again. Using funds raised by The Boys' Brigade (Church of Scotland) World Mission Fund and with support from the BB in Zambia's training team, leader training was recently delivered at Katawa Church in Mzuzu.



ANGUILLA DAY

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade in Anguilla held a parade to mark the celebrations for Anguilla Day, the island's National Day and also a public holiday.



WINDSOR PARK ICONZ

Members of Windsor Park ICONZ in New Zealand visited Wētā Workshop, a special effects and props company, taking advantage of their offer of free visits for school and community groups.



THAILAND FIELD TRIP

Members of 2nd Nakhon Ratchasima in Thailand took a field trip to Thai-Denmark Farm at Muaklek, Saraburi. They learned about the history of the farm and how to make fertiliser from milk, as well as gaining hands-on experience of milking cows, feeding calves and riding horses.

CAMPSITES & RESIDENTIAL CENTRES

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Traditional camping at its very best and at a reasonable cost! Weeks available in 2022 and beyond. Contact to discuss your return to camping on the Isle of Wight.

☎ Ted Walliss 01737 352732
 @ edwardwalliss@btinternet.com

The Albert Wilson Memorial Field, Prestatyn, North Wales

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

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

Popular campsite at Freshwater, Isle Of Wight.

Fully equipped for 60 (approx), canvas tents/marquee, purpose-built toilet block, cookhouse. Minimum charge 20 campers (£750). Close to safe sandy beaches and leisure centre.

☎ Tim Finch 07786 733782
 📧 www.freshwatertrust.com
 @ freshwatercamping@gmail.com

Dartmoor Activity Centre, Broadleas.

With 3 accommodation options, each with your own dedicated kitchen, dining halls, washroom facilities, activity areas and woodland. Option 1, Indoor accommodation for 38. Option 2, wood cabins sleeping 36. Option 3, campground for up to 55. Activities available on request.

☎ 01364 661283
 @ info@dartmooractivitycentre.com
 📧 www.dartmooractivitycentre.com

Broomley Grange Residential Outdoor Activity Centre

Set in 22 acres of grounds in Northumberland, just 25 mins from Newcastle. We offer fully catered accommodation for up to 62 guests and camping for up to 100, and 30 challenging activities onsite delivered by qualified staff.

☎ 01661 842299
 📧 broomleygrange.co.uk
 @ manager@broomleygrange.co.uk

1st Yeovil Campsite Corfe Castle Fully equipped for 60 persons, all white canvas 14'x14' ridge tents. 75'x30' Marquee. Weeks available 2022 and beyond.

☎ Graham Voizey 01935 422 292
 @ graham.voizey@btinternet.com

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.

☎ 0131 551 1200 ext 301
 @ office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk

In the heart of Nidderdale.

Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Leeds Battalion Boys' Brigade Hostel, Heathfield, Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire, HG3 5PU. Sleeps 26 in 4 dormitories. Large lounge with coal fire. Fully equipped kitchen. Toilets and showers. Lots to do and see in the surrounding area.

☎ 07746 569507
 📧 lighthousehostel.co.uk
 @ carolnormanton@aol.com

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Copy for Campsites, Residential/Activity Centres and items wanted or for sale should be sent to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

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'Holcot', not-for-profit, Christian Group Holiday Centre, Edenbridge, Kent.
Fully equipped and particularly well-suited for childrens' groups.
W/E's max £35pp (minimum number applies) with discounts available
for primary aged groups.

Tel: 01732 863330 Email: holcot@btconnect.com
www.holcotgroupholidaycentre.co.uk

NEW

MEMBERSHIP CARDS 2022/2023

31 380 1 – BOYS ONLY

31 381 1 – MIXED (BB & GIRLS' ASSOCIATION)

Pack of 10 cards including an information card which includes church attendance table on the reverse along with a credit card sized membership card. Versions of the card are available for Companies with boys only and also a card for Companies with a Girls' Association.

The membership card is ideal for presenting as part of an Enrolment Service or at the start of the session to promote a sense of belonging to the Company and Church.





PLATINUM JUBILEE ITEMS (REDUCED)

A limited quantity of our Platinum Jubilee Items are still available, all featuring BB Platinum Jubilee logo.

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| BONE CHINA MUG | 11 625 1 | Was £6.50 / Now £4 |
| RECYCLED PURPLE PENCIL | 11 623 1 | Was 90p / Now 50p |
| PURPLE PEN | 11 624 1 | Was £1.50 / Now 75p |
| JUBILEE BADGE | 11 622 1 | £2.25 |



NEW



£8.50

COMPANY/ SENIORS ALUMINIUM SPORTS BOTTLE

Product Code:
115611 (Company)
115621 (Seniors)

Aluminium Matt Black 600ml bottle with a blue screw-top lid and silicone carry strap, featuring either Company or Seniors age group logo. Dimensions: 230 x 66mm diameter.

NEW



£4

COMPANY/ SENIORS POWER BANKS

Product Code:
115631 (Company)
115641 (Seniors)

Power bank with a 1200mAh capacity (milliamps per hour) in black with either Company or Seniors age group logo in white, with a handy keyring loop, ideal for a quick charge when your battery is running low! Supplied in a box with USB cable included.

FLOWER GARDEN FOILAGE VASE

Product Code: 040181



A tall waisted vase shape that will house a bunch of long stemmed flowers or just a few selected blooms in style. Hand made in quality clear glass this vase makes a lovely gift. Sandblasted with the BB crest. Height: 29cm

£36

CONE TROPHY

Product Code:
Small – 35221 – £5.50
Medium – 35201 – £6.50
Large – 35241 – £7.50



Blue & Silver Cone shaped trophy on a marble base with BB centre. Available in a range of sizes.

WWW.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK



Order your items online 24 hours a day. Visit shop.boys-brigade.org.uk



Order your items by telephone on +44 (0) 333 320 8078 (Mon to Fri)



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