

THE BB Digest

The Boys' Brigade in the North West

Autumn 2010




FESTIVAL of FUN

Some 250 plus young people took part in the Annual Festival of Fun held at the District Training and Activity Centre on Saturday 19 June 2010.

The clerk of the weather provided wall to wall sunshine for the action packed programme which included Archery, Rifle Shooting, Jockey Racing, Parachute Games, Target Golf, Inflatables, Face Painting and numerous games. Refreshments, Tuck Shop, Cake Stall and Barbecue did a roaring trade all contributing to a net profit of £882 for Training Centre Funds.

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LOOKING BACK - LOOKING FORWARD

As we look forward to the commencement of the 128th session we do so amidst the uncertainties created by the deep recession. Already local authorities have written to say that the very modest financial support they give to the District cannot be guaranteed for 2011 and doubtless there will be similar constraints at Company level.

This issue of 'Digest' features some of the Archives we display at the District Training and Activity Centre, the uniforms and badges are a distant memory for many but the pages of the Gazette and Stedfast Magazine tell of imaginative programmes of activities undertaken by Companies in the North West often in difficult economic circumstances in years gone by. We should take heart from these reports.

We are a totally voluntary organisation motivated by the Christian faith, ever mindful of the resources which are unchanged by economics.

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called to his purpose" Romans 8:28

May God richly bless you in His Service.

Alan McLoughlin

HOTSHOTS COMPETITION RESULTS



OFF TO CAMP IN 1959



We live in an era when young people accept air travel as normal, but way back in 1959 for a BB party to charter their own aircraft to go to camp was quite exceptional. So exceptional that the Manchester Evening News sent a photographer out to Ringway Airport to witness the departure of a 40 strong party from the 27th Manchester (Chapel Street Congregational) and the 71st Manchester (Oxford Hall Methodist) to Dublin by an AerLingus 'Friendship' Aircraft.

The Charter flight cost £285! The Camp equipment followed as cargo by sea to Dublin Docks and transfer to Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

Our photograph includes a young Brian Taylor and the Captain's daughter Irene Archer who were later to become Mr and Mrs Taylor of the 3rd Trafford Company!

AGE GROUP 7-9

Archery

1st Seb Tasker 3rd Trafford

Darts

1st Thomas Ridehalgh 1st Oswaldtwistle

Basketball

1st Thomas Ridehalgh 1st Oswaldtwistle

Golf

1st Daniel Stanwing 3rd Trafford

Football Dribble

1st Seb Tasker 3rd Trafford

Overall Winner: Thomas Ridehalgh, 1st Oswaldtwistle

AGE GROUP 10 - 13

Archery

1st Sam Wigglesworth 3rd Chester

Darts

1st David Dixon 1st Port Sunlight

Basketball

1st Dean Martin 1st Oswaldtwistle

Golf

1st David Dixon 1st Port Sunlight

Football Dribble

1st Tony Pickford 1st Leyland

Over All Winner: David Dixon, 1st Port Sunlight

OPEN NIGHT AWARDS

It was the 1st Dearham (St. Mungo's Parish Church) open night on 25th June and when the Bishop of Carlisle the Right Reverend James Newcome was the guest of honour along with his wife Alison. The photograph shows the award winners.

They are: Front row, left to right: Oliver Brincombe (Junior Boy of the Year) Luke Haycock (Anchor Boy of the year) Ben Nicholson (Junior Christian Faith Award)

Back Row left to right: Daniel Gash (Company Section Smartest Boy) Josh Brincombe (Company section Boy of the Year) Bishop James Newcome, Rees Fisher (who received The President's Award and Callum Johnson (Company section Christian Faith Award and Drill Boy of the Year).

Entertainment on the night featured singing and comedy sketches.



OUR HERITAGE

MAGAZINES BB Gazettes from 1914 Life Boy Link and Stedfast Magazines



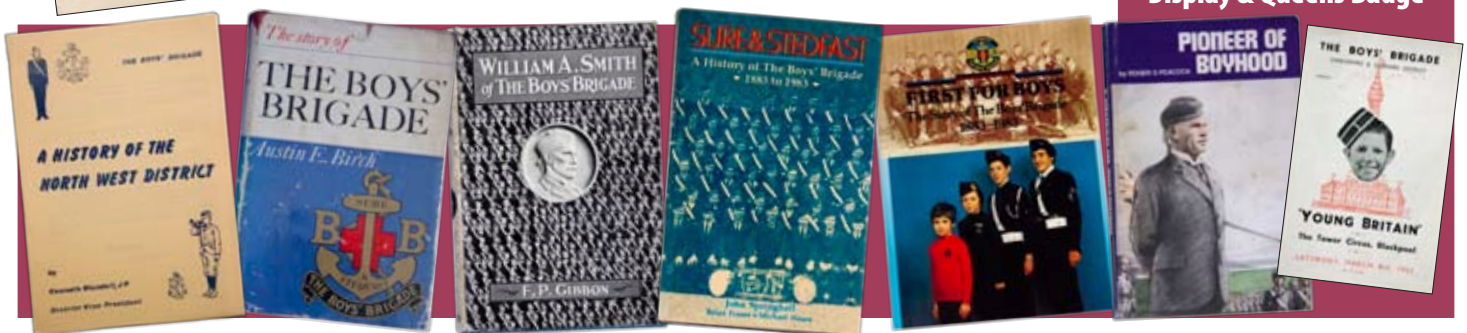
Over the last two years a small group of Officers have been compiling some archives at the District Training & Activity Centre this has resulted in a Display in the Conference Lounge and a library of material in the boardroom.



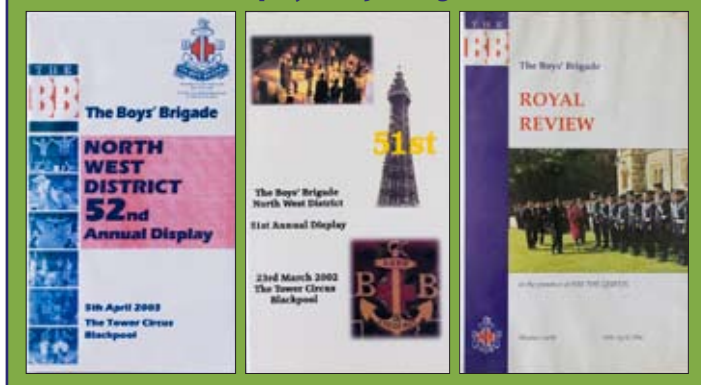
BRIGADE MEMBERSHIP CARDS from 1883



BOOKS & PROGRAMMES Histories - National & Local Display & Queens Badge



VIDEOS – District Displays, Major Brigade & District Events



ANNUAL REPORTS Brigade & District



DISTRICT CALENDAR

2010

September

4 District Day at Camelot Camelot

18 Building Your Skills Treales

October

9 96th District AGM Manchester

15-17 QB Part One
(Skills for BB Leadership) Treales

November

6th Swimming Gala Ellesmere Port

19-21 QB Completion Course Treales

2011

January

15 Anchors Event Treales

29 Ten Pin Bowling Warrington

February

12-13 Youth Leader Training Treales

ROYAL GUESTS ALSO AT THE PALACE

The Following members of the District had the honour to be invited to attend Garden Parties given by Her Majesty The Queen at Buckingham Palace during the summer.

Dorothy Catte

3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)

Christopher Fagan

1st Over Wyre (Bethel URC)

Andrew Sefton

35th Liverpool (All Saints Parish, Childwall)

Robert Tolmie

1st Elworth (Mount Pleasant Methodist)

We congratulate them all on receiving this worthy recognition of the work they have undertaken in their communities for many years.



The North West District had the honour to provide 4 Stewards as part of a 20 strong Boys' Brigade group who undertook duty at the Garden Party held on Tuesday the 20th July. The group had the extra honour to be introduced to the Queen. Photograph L to R Jake Dwyer, Jack Murdy, Nicholas Brown and Ryan Shone.



The Boys' Brigade NORTH WEST DISTRICT

invites you to the

96th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Sat. 9 October 2010
at 2.00 p.m.

at

Emmanuel Ecumenical Church
Langworthy Road, Salford M6 5HX
(by invitation of Manchester Battalion)

Guest Speaker:

Mr NICK HARDING

Author

'Boys, God and Church'

Come and enjoy the fellowship

TWO NEW BANNER STANDS

Two new banner stands have been purchased to promote leaders recruitment and are available for loan from the District office



Prayer Topics

Please Pray for:

David GRIFFITHS – Wigan

Canon Jim HAMILTON – St Helens

David KENNETT – Oldham

Graham LOFTUS – Runcorn

Darren WRIGHT – Southport

Anybody out there with a flat cavalry trumpets with low pitch please contact
S Fisher Captain 12th Wigan
01942 259032

CHANGES

The District Office seeks to maintain an accurate record of contact addresses (telephone numbers and emails). Please advise the District Secretary immediately of any changes.

Photo Acknowledgements

Ben Brincombe • John Gaffney • Bob Mandry

Junior & Anchor Sections

DISTRICT DAY AT

Camelot THEME PARK

The Magical Kingdom,
Chorley, Nr. Preston PR7 5LP

Sat. 4 September

Special Admission Charge
£8.50 per person

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