



The Boys' Brigade in the North West

Digest



Autumn 2012

Festival of Fun



Flooded roads around the country and an Amber flood warning did not deter some 200 members from 23 Companies making the journey to the District Training and Activity Centre on Saturday, 23 June 2012 for the Festival of Fun.

All the usual activities had been transferred into the spacious Sports Hall and the Centenary Hall as a precaution. A rain free day was a considerable blessing and contributed to a very enjoyable time.

The North West District funds benefited by £600.



WORKSHOP FOR JS/AB LEADERS 1ST DECEMBER 2012

10% in 2012

Some years ago a Brigade Secretary claimed he could double the strength of the Brigade overnight, when asked how, he replied "that each member bring another with him".

My own experience was that my best friend encouraged me to join the Brigade something for which I am eternally grateful since it was to be the beginning of my journey of faith. The July Gazette reveals there is to be a new badge awarded to members who bring a friend.

As we approach the new session with a commitment to grow strengths by 10% let us do so in partnership with our churches mindful that childhood influences are often lasting. Through imaginative and prayerful recruiting methods let us give every young person in our communities the opportunity to join us.

It is equally important that we should seek to find new adult leaders. Do we do enough to get interested persons involved? At the same time we must make sure we take good care of our existing leaders always taking time to encourage them and make best use of their time.

In his service
Alan McLoughlin
District President

THE FUN CONTINUES....



Derby Colours Dedication

At a service held in the Parish Church of All Saints, Childwall on Sunday, 1 July the Earl of Derby DL presented new colours to the Liverpool Battalion emblazoned with his family crest to replace colours gifted to the Battalion by his forebear the 18th Earl in 1971. During the course of the service awards were presented to 30 officers of the Battalion. An offertory taken at the service amounted to £200 and was donated to "Donnas Dream House.



Matthew goes the second mile

Staff Sgt. Matthew Prior 1st Burton in Kendal (*St James Parish*) was asked by the Olympic Torch run organiser to run an extra section through Bolton-le-Sands and to "put a spurt on" which he cheerfully did.



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Members of 6th Liverpool (St Oswald's Parish) created a floral display for the Church flower festival.

MESSY PARTY



Members of the 10th Southport (*Marshside Methodist*) invited members of the 5th Southport Girls' Brigade to join them for a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration party followed by messy games.



THE ELWORTH CUP CAKE

Junior and Anchor Sections of 1st Elworth (Mount Pleasant Methodist) with the model of a giant cupcake made to advertise Cup Cake Day at the Annual Elworth Methodist Art & Craft Exhibition.

Derbyshire Well Dressings



The ancient tradition of well dressing emanated from a pagan custom of making sacrifice to the gods of wells and water. It was later adopted by the Christian church as giving thanks for the gift of water. 1st Chapel-en-le-Frith (Townend Methodist) chose to create a floral decoration with the Queens Jubilee badge.

Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and The Boys' Brigade



The Brigade has been privileged to have her Majesty as our Patron throughout her reign and to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee four young men will convey the loyal greetings of the Brigade to her Majesty at Balmoral Castle. Her Majesty's reply will be sealed in a Baton to be carried by BB members throughout the British Isles to reach London for the Annual meeting of the Brigade Council on 15 September.

The Baton will arrive in the North West District at Uppermill, Oldham on Saturday, 1 September and will proceed by way of Manchester and Liverpool arriving in Middlewich on the 3 September from there it will be handed to the North Staffs Battalion.

DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

Thank you to all the Boys/Companies who participated – Well done! Thanks also Mrs Hazel Armstrong of 1st Oswaldtwistle for judging the exhibits.



Class	Section	Entries	Topic	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
1.	AB	36	Colour Bible Picture	Thomas Maunder 8th Wigan	Oliver Hagan 7th Southport	Connor West 1st Southport
2.	JS	17	Colour Bible Picture	Liam Houghton 10th Liverpool	Jordan Stafford 7th Southport	Nathan Morris 4th Runcorn
3.	JS	12	BB Badge Freehand	Archie Rimmer 1st Southport	Jordan Stafford 7th Southport	Tyler Tomlinson 10th Over Wyre
4.	CS (J)	3	Design Charity Card	Joseph Brolly 7th Southport	Stephen North 7th Southport	Daniel Wilcox 7th Southport
5.	CS (J)	9	B.B. Poster/Flier	Joseph Brolly 7th Southport	Connor Burke 10th Liverpool	Ben Shallcroft 4th Runcorn
6.	CS (S)	2	Tee-shirt Design	Thomas North 7th Southport	Matthew Hall 7th Southport	
7.	CS (S)	3	BB Membership Card	Thomas North 7th Southport	Matthew Hall 7th Southport	Liam Overend 4th Runcorn



DISTRICT CALENDAR

2012

September

- 1 Gym Course Treales
8 Building your Skills Treales
Hosted by Lancaster Battalion
14-16 BRIGADE COUNCIL London
28-30 Camp Taster Weekend Treales

October

- 6 98th Annual General Meeting Rishton
19-21 Skills for Queens Badge Treales

November

- 17 Swimming Gala TBA
24 Captains Course Treales

December

- 1 Juniors/Anchors Workshop Treales

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January

- 5 District Executive Treales
19 Anchor Boy Party Treales
26 Ten Pin Bowling Warrington

February

- 19 Cross Country Wythenshawe TBC
16/17 Youth Leader Training Treales
22-24 Queens Badge Completion Treales

March

- 2 District Executive Treales
9 Five-a-Side Football Treales
16 Working with Challenging Behaviour Treales

April

- 13 Archery Day Treales
27 J S Competitions Day Treales

May

- 11 Campcraft Treales
12 Queens Badge Presentation

June

- 1 District Executive Treales
8 Holiday Leadership Treales
15 Festival of Fun Treales

NEWS in BRIEF

Men in the Ministry

Two former members of the District were ordained as Deacons in the Church of England on Sunday 1 July.

BILL ADDY former Captain of the 35th Liverpool (All Saints, Childwall) in Liverpool Cathedral to be Curate in the Fazakerley Team Ministry.

WILLIAM BISSETT former Queensmen of the 3rd Lytham St Annes in Guildford Cathedral to be Curate (NSM) at Christ Church, Virginia Water.

We wish them God's richest blessing in their future ministry.

KGVI Cadets

Congratulations to Jack Murdy, 1st Chapel-en-le-Frith (Townend Methodist) and Staff Sergeant Daniel Jarmin, 1st Morecambe & Heysham (Stanley Road Baptist) on satisfactorily completing the King George VI Officer Cadet Course at Felden Lodge in August.

Royal Guests

The following officers and their spouses had the honour to be invited to attend one of her Majesty the Queen Garden parties at Buckingham Palace during the summer.

- Margaret Batterick** - 1st Oswaldtwistle
Colin Burrows - 11th Warrington
Ian Roberts - 2nd Altrincham
Derek Swanson - 16th Liverpool
Derek Stevenson - 1st Burton-in-Kendal

We congratulate them on receiving this recognition of their dedicated service in their communities.

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.

Prayer Topics

Please Pray for:

- Hazel ARMSTRONG** – Oswaldtwistle
David & Sonia GRIFFITHS – Wigan
David KENNETT – Oldham
Andrew McKAY – Moreton
Ray SMITH – Sandbach
Sheila WHISKER – Wigan
Darren WRIGHT – Southport

Photo Acknowledgements

- Barry Ellershaw • John Gaffney • Peter Goddard
Andrew McCaldron • David Mills • Kay Owen

OBITUARIES

HARRY BRIGHOUSE

Aged 82

Harry was Captain of the 14th Wigan (St Matthew's Parish Church) from 1955 to 1980 during which time he was prominent in the first aid work at Battalion and District level. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Alma.

GEORGE DEMPSEY

Aged 80

George was a dedicated officer in the 9th Southport (Ainsdale Methodist Church) who gave enthusiastic support to the organisation and Company camps and the football teams, who was also very conscientious in support of the Southport Battalion.

In retirement from Company work he continued to support the work of the Sunday school. Our condolences are expressed to his wife June and his son.

LEWIS EDGE

Aged 13

Members of the District will be greatly saddened to learn of the tragic death of Lewis on 12 July. He had been a member of the 2nd Widnes Company (St Mary's Parish Church, West End) since the age of 8 years. He was a talented guitarist being much appreciated in both High School and Company occasions. Our most sincere sympathy along with literally thousands of others was extended to his father Graham and Louise his mum.

MARTIN GRAY

Aged 73

Martin served for 30 years as an officer in the 1st Ormskirk (Emmanuel Methodist/URC) as officer in charge of the Junior Section and then as Company treasurer. A man who lived his life in the service of others. Each year he almost single-handedly organised a Christmas party for over 70 disadvantaged children. A Company Section boy wrote in the condolence book "Mr Gray was one of the best people I knew"! Our sympathy is extended to his wife Pauline and his grown-up sons.

HERBERT (BERT) PIERPOINT

Aged 92

A Lay Pastor in the United Reformed Church who served for several years as President of the Wirral West Cheshire Battalion.

Refurbishment Fund

The District President wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following further donations from Charitable Trusts:

Charitable Trusts £5,750
TOTAL TO DATE £23,434

The Boys' Brigade NORTH WEST DISTRICT

invites you to the

98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

**Sat. 6 October 2012
at 2.00 pm**

at

**RISHTON METHODIST CHURCH
ALBERT STREET, RISHTON**

(by invitation of
East Lancashire Battalion)

Come and enjoy the fellowship

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