



Fun in the Sun

Despite gloomy weather forecasts the Fylde Coast as usual produced a lovely summer day for the District Festival of Fun on Saturday, 1 June 2013 when 300 members from 25 Companies representing 9 Battalions enjoyed a great time making full use of the District Centre.



HOT SHOTS RESULTS

The Hot Shots Competition was keenly contested with 18 Company Section and 8 Senior Section taking part. The results were as follows: -

COMPANY SECTION

Archery

- 1st Joel Shelldrake5th Manchester
- 2nd Joshua Doyle 1st Rishton
- 3rd Bevan Brignall 1st Over Wyre

Darts

- 1st Bevan Brignall 1st Over Wyre
- 2nd Pip Lyn5th Manchester
- 3rd Peter Lee5th Manchester

Basketball

- 1st Luke Meecham 1st Oswaldtwistle
- 2nd Joel Shelldrake5th Manchester
- 3rd Bevan Brignall 1st Over Wyre

Football Dribble

- 1st Charlie Fogg4th Runcorn
- 2nd Callum Nicholson1st Bare
- 3rd Jenny Jackman4th Runcorn

Shooting

- 1st Liam Houghton 10th Liverpool
- 2nd Callum Nicholson1st Bare
- 3rd Peter Lee5th Manchester

Overall joint winners

- Joel Shelldrake5th Manchester
- Bevan Brignall 1st Over Wyre

SENIOR SECTION

Archery

- 1st Ryan Dean 1st Leyland
- 2nd David Roache5th Manchester
- 3rd Matthew McCready4th Runcorn

Darts

- 1st Luke Derbyshire 1st Leyland
- 2nd Dominic Scullion5th Manchester
- 3rd Matthew McCready4th Runcorn

Basketball

- 1st Luke Derbyshire 1st Leyland
- 2nd Matthew Myers 1st Rishton
- 3rd Matthew McCready4th Runcorn

Football Dribble

- 1st Matthew McCready4th Runcorn
- 2nd Dominic Scullion5th Manchester
- 3rd David Roache5th Manchester

Shooting

- 1st Dominic Scullion5th Manchester
- 2nd David Roache5th Manchester
- 3rd Jordan Archer 10th Liverpool

Overall winner

- Dominic Scullion5th Manchester

Why do we do what we do?

There can be few, if any, leaders who haven't asked this question usually at a time of frustration when the best laid plans haven't gone according to plan or a misunderstanding has fractured relationships within the Company.

At our June District Executive we were challenged by the England region question what is BB which of course is the same question but looking for a 2013 description of what we do.

We do what we do, in many different ways to build up relationships in which young people may be influenced to take the first steps in faith.

We don't need to re-invent the 'Object' we just need to prayerfully dedicate ourselves to keep it in clear focus as to why we do what we do.

In Christ
Alan McLoughlin
 District President

Queen's Badge Winners 2013

James Whitehead 1st Chapel-en-le-Frith
 Daniel Cooper 1st Elworth
 James Egerton 1st Elworth
 Robert Stones 6th Liverpool
 Sean Kirk 12th Liverpool
 Jack McGuinness 12th Liverpool
 Sean Morris 12th Liverpool
 James Thompson 12th Liverpool
 Charlie Wilkinson-Brown 12th Liverpool
 Anthony Lunt 16th Liverpool
 Daniel Foster 31st Liverpool
 James Kelly 31st Liverpool
 Joshua Pryce 31st Liverpool
 Liam Kelly 35th Liverpool
 Mark Naylor 35th Liverpool
 Matthew O'Connell 35th Liverpool
 Charles Peacock 35th Liverpool
 Rachael Knowles 59th Manchester
 Mark Richmond 1st Middlewich
 Dean Martin 1st Oswaldtwistle
 Hannah Griffiths 1st Rainford
 Jessica Lea 1st Rainford
 Fergus Powell 1st Rainford
 Bradley Rigby 1st Rainford
 Michael Baines 2nd Rochdale
 Rowan Linden 2nd Rochdale
 Matthew McCready 4th Runcorn
 Liam Overend 4th Runcorn
 Robert Finnie 8th Trafford
 Lewis Cleary 12th Wigan
 Mitchell Parr 12th Wigan
 Liam Pennington 12th Wigan
 Brodie Revell 12th Wigan
 Craig Slater 12th Wigan

This list is repeated from summer issue due to omissions in that list

ROYAL OCCASIONS

ROYAL STEWARDS

The following Queensmen undertook duties as Stewards at the Royal Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace on June 2013.

James EGERTON 1st Elworth (*Mount Pleasant Methodist*)
Daniel FOSTER 31st Liverpool (*Holy Trinity Parish, Wavertree*)
James KELLY 31st Liverpool
Dean MARTIN 1st Oswaldtwistle (*Rhyddings Methodist*)
Joshua PRYCE 31st Liverpool
James WHITEHEAD 1st Chapel-en-le-Frith (*Townend Methodist*)



ROYAL GUESTS

The following persons and their guests associated with the District had the honour to attend one of Her Majesty's Garden Parties during the summer.

David COOKE – Middlewich
Valerie HALL – Port Sunlight
William BISSETT – Lytham St Annes

We congratulate them on receiving this recognition of the service they have given to their communities over many years.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONATION

The Brigade was represented at a Service of Celebration held in Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday 9 June 2013 by Mr Bill Clarey, District Vice President and the President of Liverpool Battalion along with Officers and Boys' of the 16th and 35th Liverpool. The District Colours of the Battalion was presented at the Sanctuary.

35th LIVERPOOL PIRATES PARTY



The Anchor Boys staged a Pirate Party complete with pirate costumes, pirate music and pirate sayings. The games included: finding the treasure, fishing for shrimps and walking the plank. A great time had by all!



A GROUP OF OLD BOYS ENJOYING A REUNION

1st Rainford Celebrate

After 9 years of fundraising and eight months in construction 'The Anchor', the purpose built headquarters for the 1st Rainford Company were officially opened by former Captain Alf Webster, located in the grounds of All Saints Parish Church in the centre of the village.

Company Captain Ian Lancaster says "Whilst I am grateful to the many businesses and grantmakers for their support the real good factor is the number of 'old boys' who came back to give their skills as bricklayers, joiners, electricians and plumbers. All because they remember the good times they had in the company.



ALF WEBSTER PERFORMING THE OPENING CEREMONY



INSIDETHE NEW 'ANCHOR' BUILDING

The Party in the Park



The Manchester Battalion had a publicity stand at The Party in the Park. The event was organised by local churches in the area and took place in July at Builie Hill Park it was a fantastic turn out with roughly 3000-4000 people turning up throughout the day. From links with these churches through the local development workers were able to get ourselves 1000 Manchester publicised flyers put in the free giveaway bags, a free promotion slot from the stage.

ART'S EXHIBITION

Anchor Boys. School Years 3 & 4. Age 6 & 7 year olds

Class 1. Colour Bible Picture (38)

1st place.	Jack Marshall	1st Oswaldtwistle (Rhyddings Methodist)
2nd place.	Ethan Cowan	4th Runcorn (Norton Parish Church)
3rd place.	Mason Howarth	1st Rishton (Rishton Methodist)

Junior Section. School Years 5 & 6. Age 8 - 11 year olds

Class 2. Colour Bible Picture using Pencil Crayons (16)

1st place.	Oliver Hagan	7th Southport (Liverpool Road Methodist)
2nd place.	Joseph Kershaw	1st Southport (St Philip & St Paul with Wesley)
3rd place.	Connor West	1st Southport (St Philip & St Paul with Wesley)

Class 3. Illustrate & Annotate 8 bicycle safety points (1).

1st place.	James Meecham	1st Oswaldtwistle (Rhyddings Methodist)
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Company Section (Junior). School years 7 - 9. Age 12 -14 year olds

Class 4. Illustrate and colour Bible story in form of a comic strip - 8 pictures (0).

Class 5. Charity Event Design - computer generated (2).

1st place.	Daniel Wilcox	7th Southport (Liverpool Road Methodist)
2nd place.	Charlie Fogg	4th Runcorn (Norton Parish Church)

Company Section (Senior). School years 10 and above. Age 15 years & over.

Class 6. North West District Annual Report - Design cover - computer generated (1)

1st place	Ben Shalicroft	4th Runcorn (Norton Parish Church)
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Class 7. Company/Church Designation - Design include 3 photographs - Computer generated (0).

A total of (58) exhibits in the seven classes were entered in this year's exhibition from 10 Companies.

The exhibits were judged by Mrs J Nicholson and Mrs S Borgin of the 1st Bare Company.

Each place winner was presented with District Certificates. Those gaining first place were given £5.00 Gift vouchers, these being presented by Mr J Lloyd District Vice-President.

Youth United Foundation

The efforts of the two development workers working in specified areas are starting to bear fruit. Some much so, the prospect of four new Companies being enrolled into the Manchester Battalion in the new session, caused the Battalions Training Team to organise a Special Youth Leader Training Course at a church in Levenshulme on Saturday 29 June and 13 July, some 26 leaders attended.

A very experienced Training Officer commented "I have to say this was the most receptive group I have had the privilege to teach".

We pray the roots will run deep.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

2013
September
6/8 Brigade Council Belfast
27/29 District Camp Treales

October
5 99th Annual General Meeting
South Chadderton Methodist Church

19 District Swimming Gala Southport

November
2 Anchor Party Treales
22/24 Skills for Queen's Badge (QB1)
Treales

January 2014
5 District Executive

February
15/16 Youth Leader Training

April
11/13 Navigation Skills Training

May
30/1 June Expedition & Outdoor Leadership

The Boys' Brigade NORTH WEST DISTRICT

invites you to the

99th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Sat. 5 October 2013
at 2.00 pm
**AT SOUTH CHADDERTON
METHODIST CHURCH**

(by invitation of Oldham Battalion)

Come and enjoy the fellowship

Prayer Topics

Please Pray for:

Sue & Dave MITCHELL – Moreton
Bryan MOORE – Liverpool Stedfast
Ray SMITH – Sandbach
Darren WRIGHT – Southport

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OBITUARIES

MARTIN JOHN COATES MBE

(Age 57)

Martin was born into a BB family so it was quite natural that he should join the Life Boys in the 42nd Manchester (*St Matthews Parish Church, Crumpsall*). He served through the ranks and when he moved to Bury he became an Officer of the 1st Bury Company (*Whitefield Methodist*). He was very much involved with the Christian Endeavour House at Plas-y-nant, which gave him a love of the outdoors. He climbed Snowden 160 times!

He was Captain of the 48th Liverpool Company (*Linacre Methodist*) for some 21 years and at the time of his passing Battalion Secretary of the Liverpool Battalion and a member of the District Executive.

In 2003 he was awarded the MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list in recognition of his service to the DofE Award scheme in Sefton. Our deepest sympathy has been expressed to his wife Brenda, his children Sarah and Christopher (both Officers in the 48th) and his sister Alison.

East Lancashire Scripture Competition

Three Companies took part in the Battalion Scripture Competition which had the theme "The Temptations of Jesus", the winners were 1st Burnley (*Greenbank Methodist*).



Company Charity Walk



The 1st Over Wyre (*Bethel URC, Preesall*) raised £406.02 by holding a sponsored run/walk in aid of The Bridge Project a drop in centre organised by The Salvation Army in Blackpool to provide facilities for Homeless and vulnerable adults. Archie Hey one of our boys came up with the idea and we all helped by taking part.

The cheque was presented at the Salvation Army's Sunday service on the 23rd of June.

REG LOCKETT

(Age 79)

Reg joined The Life Boys in the 11th Wigan Company – later designated 1st Bryn - at St. Peter's Parish Church in 1941.

He progressed through the various ranks to Staff-Sergeant.

After University and National Service he became a Lieutenant in 1959.

He served as a member of the District Executive 1961 – 1971 with a specialism for the Seniors Christian Leadership Courses (1960 – 1973) and the Queen's Badge Completion Courses.

He served a term as President of Manchester Battalion from 1973 - 1977

After service as District Vice-President 1971 – 1973, Reg was elected District President, a position he held for some 17 years. On his retirement 1990 he was appointed District Patron.

He served The Brigade at National level from 1978, again his specialism was in Senior Boy work through the KGVI courses at Felden Lodge and The Leadership of 'Campus' at Durham in 1983, an International Seniors Gathering .

Reg was appointed National Vice-President in 1978, a position he held until 1999 when he was elected Brigade President. In this role he travelled extensively around the UK and the Republic of Ireland. At the time of his passing he was Brigade Honorary President UK and Republic of Ireland

Reg's Christian Service was not solely within The Brigade. He has served his Parish Church in varied roles, he was for some time an Organist and Choirmaster, and Licensed Reader for 43 years!!

In his professional life he had an exceptional career. First as a solicitor in a small town practice he became one of first solicitors in the country to be elevated to the Judiciary in 1970, first as a District Judge, then Circuit Judge and ultimately Senior Circuit Judge and Honorary Recorder of the City of Preston.

Reg was a source of great encouragement and inspiration to young people, and many will testify to taking their first steps in faith under his influence.

Reg was happily married to Edna for some 54 years. They have one son John and daughter Alison, and four Grandchildren, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Edna and the family wish to thank all who sent letters and cards of condolence and made generous donations to Regs chosen charities.

The District Treasurer wishes to acknowledge the sum of **£1,120** received in memory of Judge Lockett

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