

# Serving the Community

## Childwall in Bloom



Anchor and Junior sections of the 35th Liverpool Company (All Saints Parish Church) undertook to plant hundreds of bulbs around their community.

## GIVING SERVICE

In this issue of 'Digest', we feature some of the community service undertaken by companies in the North West District.

The 'Discover' programme and the Queens Badge encourage such service.

In the current session, we want to extend opportunities for service at District level by inviting members to be part of teams. Organising special events at the District activity centre, and to be part of the maintenance groups who undertake projects at the request of the management committee.

If required, such service will be formally verified by the Officers in charge of the event or project.

Wishing you Gods richest blessings in all you do in his service.

*Alan McLoughlin*  
District President

## Music in East Lancashire

Despite the extreme weather conditions, the Accrington BB Silver Band 1st Rishton Company (Methodist) maintained their Christmas tradition of playing carols in residential homes in the community. In addition, they played outside M&S in Blackburn, raising £250 for the District charity.



## Serving supper in Southport



Members of the 7th Southport Company (Birkdale Methodist) regularly visit the Methodist Home for the Aged, at Connell Court Southport.

## A mural in Trafford

Members of the 3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist) at the request of the "Friends of Victoria Park", the company created a mural for the under 5's play area, based on the alphabet. Other community groups produced murals, and the finished project was unveiled by Kate Green OBE, the MP for Stretford and Urmston.



# Brigade Secretary Visits Treales



**The Brigade Secretary, Mr Steven Dickinson** was guest of honour at the formal dinner held in connection with the Queens Badge completion course, which took place during the weekend 4th-6th February 2011. There were present some 15 candidates from 8 Companies representing 5 Battalions.

## ANCHORS AWEIGH



Some 34 Anchor boys from Companies in Leyland, Overwyre and Southport battled against atrocious weather conditions to take part in the Anchor Boys Party which this year was themed "Anchors Aweigh".



## Christingle



**Members of the 1st Rishton (Methodist)** were greatly encouraged by the support they received from parents and church members for their Christingle Service, which was held when many local events were being cancelled due to snow. The sum of £87.84 was collected on behalf of the Children's Society.

# In the capital

This year the Brigade celebrates **125 years of Camping** and a special **Badge is available for all those attending Camps and Residentials.**

The 1st Morecambe & Heysham (Stanley Road Baptist) spent a weekend in London, hosted by Ramsden Road Baptist Church, Balham.



## NEW COMPANY

The 3rd Burnley (St Catharine's Parish Church) pose for the camera on their first night. The company is continuing to grow, and are looking forward to taking part in battalion events, and the dedication of the company colours.



# TOP TEN PIN

A total of ten teams participated in the District Ten Pin Bowling Competition held at the L.A. Bowl, Warrington, on Saturday 29th January 2011.



A very keenly contested competition resulted in an excitingly close final results:-

Winners: **1st Oswaldtwistle** (Rhydys Methodist)  
 Runners up: **31st Liverpool 'A'** (Holy Trinity Parish Wavertree)  
 Third: **1st Leyland** (Methodist)  
 Fourth: **7th Southport 'B'** (Birkdale Methodist)  
 Individual Award: **Graham Smith 31st Liverpool 'A'**  
 Staff: **Mr David Foster 31st Liverpool**

## DISTRICT CHARITY APPEAL

The following donations have been made:

District Queens Badge Courses	<b>£42</b>
East Lancashire Battalion	<b>£250</b>
Liverpool Battalion	<b>£500</b>
St Helens Battalion	<b>£125</b>
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£917</b>



The Southport & District Battalion donated the offertory from their Carol Service to Barnardo's.

## After the Lord Mayors Show

On Saturday 12th November, the **1st/2nd Moreton BB/BB Band** will be taking part in the Lord Mayors Show at the invitation of the National Youth Marching Band Association.

On Sunday 13th November, they undertake Remembrance Sunday duties in Wallasey and Thornton Hough!!

# DISTRICT CALENDAR

## March

- 5 **District Executive** Treales  
 12 **Cross Country** Wythenshawe Park  
 25/27 **England Unite** Felden Lodge  
 26 **Five-a-side Football** Treales

## April

- 2 **Build Your Skills** DTC  
 2/3 **Brigade Training Officers** DTC  
 9 **Build Your Skills** DTC  
 8/9 **Working Weekend** Treales  
 9 **JS Competiton Day** Treales  
 10/11 **Brigade Training Officers** DTC

## May

- 14 **Building Your Skills** Manchester  
 15 **QUEENS BADGE PRESENTATION** Chadderton  
 27/30 **Firm Foundations** Felden Lodge

## June

- 4 **District Executive** Treales  
 18 **Festival of Fun** DTC  
 30 Jul/  
 5 Aug **KGVI Leadership** Felden Lodge

## Centre Refurbishment & Development Fund

The District President acknowledges with grateful thanks the following donations:

Parochial Church Council of St Nathaniel Platt Bridge	<b>£125.00</b>
Liverpool District Battalion	<b>£5,000</b>
Charitable Trust	<b>£250</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,375</b>

## Prayer Topics

### Please Pray for:

- Brian ARMSTRONG** - Oswaldtwistle  
**David GRIFFITHS** - Wigan  
**Sheila WHISKER** - Wigan  
**David KENNETT** - Oldham  
**Darren WRIGHT** - Southport  
**John GAFFNEY** - Southport  
**Graham LOFTUS** - Runcorn  
**Ron ADSHEAD** - Manchester

# Youth Leader Training

The following officers attended the residential Youth Leader Training Course held at the District Training Centre over the weekend 18th/20th February 2010.



**Liam Jayne, Luke Sherwin and Matt Peacock** 12th Wigan (*St John the Evangelist Parish*). **Michael Worthington, Sophia Carbutt and Sean Marshall** 7th Liverpool (*West Derby Methodist*). **Sarah Coates, Christopher Coates and Philip Hughes** 48th Liverpool (*Linacre Methodist Church*). **Andrew McKay** 1st Moreton (*Methodist*). **Wendy Curson and Janet Harrison** 1st Burnley (*Greenbrook Methodist*). **Graham Wheelhouse** 1st Burton in Kendal (*St James Parish Church*). **Barbara Hickson and Chris Wood** 10th Wigan (*St Nathaniels Parish Church*). **Jean Holt and Keith Holt** 3rd Burnley (*St Catherines Parish Church*).



The members of the 3rd Wallasey Company (*St Andrews Meth/URC*) held a Coffee Day to raise funds to present Music copies of the Church for the extended church choir.

### 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

Geoff Smale • Andrew McCaldon • Jim Lloyd  
 Kay Owen • Brian Taylor • Ian Parrish  
 Rob Henderson • Norma Hawksworth

### THE DIGEST

is the quarterly newsletter of  
 The Boys' Brigade, North West District  
 Carr Lane, Treales, Kirkham PR4 3SS.

Tel: 01772 685000 Fax 01772 671257  
 Email: [office@bb-northwest.org.uk](mailto:office@bb-northwest.org.uk)  
 Web: [www.bb-northwest.org.uk](http://www.bb-northwest.org.uk)  
 Registered Charity No. 520143

DESIGN: Nicola Curtis  
[ncurtis.graphicdesigner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ncurtis.graphicdesigner@hotmail.co.uk)  
 PRINT: Brent Greenwood  
[riversideprinting@me.com](mailto:riversideprinting@me.com)