



The Boys' Brigade in the North West

Digest



Spring 2012

A CENTRE OF ACTIVITY

As always our District Training and Activity Centre is a focus of many events in the North West District.

During the first part of 2012 we have been very busy in addition to hosting several residential occupancies.



ANCHOR PARTY

Some 52 members from 7 Companies representing 6 Battalions enjoyed an exciting time at the Centre on Saturday 4 February 2012.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING



The Officers below attended the **District YLT Course** held at the Training Centre during the weekend 11/12 February 2012.

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| Michael Willis | 2nd Wigan |
| Kayleigh Boyd | 1st Port Sunlight |
| Joshua Martin | 1st Port Sunlight |
| Jake Dwyer | 1st Port Sunlight |
| Martin Grace | 46th Liverpool |
| Robert Smith | 46th Liverpool |
| Lee Mannering | 1st Church |
| Lynsey Shenton | 8th Trafford |
| Adrian Derren | 1st Morecombe |
| Olugbenga Sowande | 30th Manchester |
| Phylliss Reppion | 16th Liverpool |
| Michael White | 46th Liverpool |

Also in attendance were 7 Officers who were completing their training to become qualified as **Brigade Training Officers**.

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| David Normington | Lancastria Battalion |
| Jonathon Hooton, | 1st Ashton in Makerfield |
| Matt Deery, | 11th Leeds |
| David Holmes, | 10th Liverpool |
| Scott Barry-Godsell, | 3rd Trafford |
| Peter Oldham, | 7th Southport |
| Martin Coates, | 48th Liverpool |

BB Fellowship

Attendance at the funeral of a much respected BB member caused a young officer to comment to me how remarkable it was that when BB from different parts of the District gather they immediately gel into a warm fellowship.

In recent weeks we have, as a District, experienced considerable setbacks through different kinds of adversity to which I have witnessed a ground-swell of prayerful concerns and I know this has been greatly appreciated by those concerned and their families.

Scripture reminds us that we are members of one another and also "That all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to his purpose!"

In his name
Alan McLoughlin
District President

FESTIVAL of FUN - SATURDAY 23 JUNE 2012 see back page

AROUND THE DISTRICT



1st Rainford Company (*All Saints Parish Church*) formed in 1948 are rebuilding in more ways than one! After a period of stagnation in company numbers they formed a Girls Association in 2008 and strength is now approaching 70. Some five years ago it was decided to demolish the company headquarters and raise £30,000 to build a new facility on the church car park after extensive fund-raising it is anticipated they will be able to move in around June. Our photograph shows the company at their annual display.

HAPPINESS



After Ken Dodd OBE opened the Annual Knotty Ash Village Fayre he inspected the Liverpool Stedfast Band and took time out to tell present day BB members of his happy time in the former 66th Liverpool Company (*St John's Parish Church, Knotty Ash*)



The 1st Rishton (*Methodist*) played at the local residential centre for adults with learning difficulties based in Rishton. They only needed a few players so only those living locally went along. They had a really good night and sang very enthusiastically.

The BB on Display

The Port Sunlight Museum lies in the heart of the Garden Village and is very often the starting point for the many hundreds of visitors to the Village. The 1st Port Sunlight Company (*Christ Church URC*) has played any integral part in the life of the village for some 111 years it is very significant that the Museums curator has invited the company to contribute a display board he has dedicated a special showcase for BB material



On Friday 9 December 1st Rishton hosted the East Lancashire Battalion Annual Carol Service. The service was led by our newly appointed Battalion Chaplain the Rev. Alan Barnes

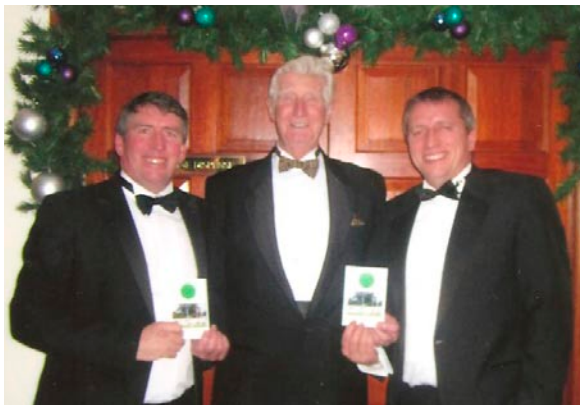
During the service a collection which raised just over £90.00 was taken. This has been donated towards a local charity "The Ellie Leathert Fund". Ellie is a pupil of St. Peters and St. Pauls CE school and her parents and friends are organising events in order to take Ellie to the United States for specialist treatment.

The band added £160.00 to this from money raised in Marks and Spencer on Saturday 10 December making a grand total of £250.00. The BB received good publicity from this in the school assembly.

CAROLS FOR ELLIE



Our Anchor



The recently published Broomley to Kirkham Flagpole Walk by Trevor Ridehalgh revealed that the anchor at the Training and Activity Centre was brought up from Teignmouth, South Devon by Andrew and David Smith the nephews of Joan Chappell at recent family event John Chappell presented the Smiths with copies of Trevor's book ...which due to demand has been reprinted if you would like a copy these can be obtained from the District office price £2.00.

NORTH WEST DISTRICT 10-PIN BOWLING



NEW WEBSITE



<http://manchester.boys-brigade.org.uk/>

MANCHESTER BATTALION

has launched their new website
Let them know what you think at
info@manchester.boys-brigade.org.uk

A total of 10 teams (28 boys and 1 girl) turned up at the LA Bowl, Warrington for the Annual 10 pin bowling competition on 28 January 2012.

The results were as follows:-

Medal winners were 7th Southport 'B' as Champions, 1st Denton runners up and 1st Leyland' in 3rd place. The 4th place Certificate winners were 1st Oswaldtwistle.

Dean Martin of 1st Oswaldtwistle won the individual award with most points over the qualifying rounds with Adam Dawson of 1st Leyland just one point behind.

In the Staff competition Mr Jim Smith of the 8th Trafford was the winner of the 6 people who entered.

The Last Post



Thomas Cowan of the 10th Liverpool (Parish of Christ Church, Anfield) played the Last Post and Reveille at service held at Liverpool Lime Street Station to Commemorate the lives of employees who died in the wars. The service was attended by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the Mayoress.



AROUND THE CENTRE



A further programme of refurbishment has taken place at the Training & Activity Centre involving the rendering of the walls on the house, rebuilding the wall leading through to the memorial walk, a new oil tank, a re-decoration of the board room and wardens flat. New boilers in Centenary Hall. The cost are being made possible by donations from our own membership, District friends and a charitable trust. Inmates of HMP Kirkham have provided regular working parties to carry out painting and groundwork. Gifts in kind has been received from Crown Paints and Gledhill group.



During August there are some unexpected vacancies at the Centre. District Companies wishing to take advantage of some special rates should contact the Wardens as soon as possible.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

2012

March

10 District Executive Treales
Cross Country Manchester
 Expedition Training Course Wigan
 24 5-a-side Football Treales

April

14 Working with Anchors & Juniors Manchester
 28 Olympics Day' for Anchors & Juniors Treales
 Discover Programme Manchester

May

5 Safeguarding Workshop Manchester
 20 Queens Badge Presentation Preston

June

1/4 Firm Foundations Feldon Lodge
 2 District Executive Treales
 3 Myerscough College
 9 Campcraft Treales
 23 FESTIVAL of FUN Treales

September

14-16 BRIGADE COUNCIL London
 28-30 Taster Weekend Treales

October

6 98th Annual General Meeting Rishton
 19-21 Queens Badge Part 1 Treales

Refurbishment Fund

The District President wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following further donation:

**The Parochial Church Council
 of St Nathaniel, Platt Bridge £125.00**
TOTAL TO DATE £17,684.60

Prayer Topics

Please Pray for:

Hazel ARMSTRONG – Oswaldtwistle

David & Sonia GRIFFITHS – Wigan

David KENNETT – Oldham

Graham IDDON – Southport

Andrew McKAY – Moreton

Sheila WHISKER – Wigan

Darren WRIGHT – Southport

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE QUARLESS

Aged: 90

George joined The Life Boys at the 17th Liverpool (St Michael in the City Parish Church) in the Upper Pitt Street "ChinaTown" area of Liverpool.

He had a life long connection with The Boys' Brigade at the Parish Church of St Michael in the City where he became a member of The Guild of Vergers and Churchwarden.

He gave a lifetime of service in leadership in the community where he lived and was a recipient of Maundy money from Her Majesty The Queen.

In more recent years he facilitated the meetings of the Liverpool Battalion Past Members association and served for a term as President of the Association.

SALLIE STRINGER

Aged: 97

Members will be saddened to learn of the passing of Sallie who for many years assisted as Chef for our District residential courses at Treales condolences have been expressed to the family and the District was represented at her funeral.

ANDREW KENNETH SEFTON

Aged: 46

Having joined the Life Boys of the 35th Liverpool Coy. (All Saints Parish, Childwall) in 1973, Andrew spent the rest of his life in service to the Brigade. After qualifying as a Lieutenant in the 35th Company, he was able to utilise his professional experience as a Learning Support Assistant, working with children with special educational needs.

At the time of his death, Andrew was Officer-in-Charge of the Junior and Anchor Sections of the 35th Company, a Brigade Training Officer and a valued member of the District Queens Badge Team. In addition, he was serving as President of the Liverpool Battalion and was as a member of the North West District Executive.

Andrew's energy for the BB was staggering and his dynamic and charismatic leadership enthused those around him. In recent years, Andrew was instrumental in the creation of four new companies in the Liverpool Battalion and he was committed to the development of the BB locally, within the District and nationwide. He was fun-loving and full of life, having a personal and profound impact on each and every young person in his care. Andrew was an exceptional person whose leadership, friendship and fellowship will be greatly missed by all. It was a fitting tribute that some 500 people attended his funeral service earlier this year.

Andrew's father, Stephen, and brothers, David and Philip, wish to express their sincere thanks to all North West District Officers who attended the funeral service, sent letters, cards and donations to Marie Curie.

DISTRICT CHARITY

The 3rd St. Helens (St Luke's Parish) raised £100 for the NSPCC by organising a "Tea and Toast" Morning in the Church Hall.

Festival of Fun

Saturday 23 June 2012

11.00 – 16.00 Admission £1.00

11.00 onwards Archery. All Age Groups. Main Field.

11.00 onwards Target Shooting – Main Field

11.00 onwards Hot Shots CS & SS Field & Sports Hall.
 (Target Golf, Archery, Shooting,
 Penalty Shoot Out, Basketball, Darts)

12.00 - 12.30 Hopper Race Anchors Main Field

13.00 - 14.00 Trim Trail. Juniors. Adventure Area.

13.00 - 13.30 Parachute Games. Anchors. Main Field

14.00 - 14.30 Wheelie Race. CS. Main Field.

14.30 - 15.00 Hopper Race Juniors Main Field

15.00 - 16.00 All Age Groups. Main Field.

Caterpillar Crawl, Ski Races,

Tug of War.

Hopper Race Company and Adults

EVENTS DURING THE DAY

Main Field – Bouncy Castle All Age Groups

Inflatable 30ft Bungee Run All Age Groups

'Up and Over' (Tumbling Mats) All Age Groups

Adventure Playground

Available under Supervision All Age Groups

Sports Hall – Climbing Wall JS, CS, SS

Lawn area – Face painting, Giant Garden Games,

Tuck Shop, Stalls & BBQ

Centenary Hall – Refreshments

Centenary Hall – Staff Room

Activities Room – Colouring Competition Anchors

Colouring Competition Juniors

Designing a Membership Card CS & SS

(entries to be done prior to the event and brought on the day).

HOTSHOTS ACTIVITIES

Applications on the enclosed entry form ONLY - No applications on the day
 contact David Normington (01524) 416470 - lancastrabb@talktalknet

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