



Spring 2013

WORKSHOP FUN



There was an excellent response to our first ever Junior Section & Anchor Boy workshop. Some 30 leaders from 8 Companies representing 5 Battalions were registered for the event held at the District Training and Activity Centre on Saturday 1 December 2012.

The theme was "Help your self", with sessions based on Programme Activities, delivered in practical interactive sessions. There was a great atmosphere throughout the day and everyone expressed much appreciation to the course tutors Sharon Mackey and David Doggart from Northern Ireland District especially for the resource material takeaway at the end.

A Programme for Development

At a meeting held in the Kings Table Restaurant within St. Mark's Parish Church, Haydock on Monday 12 November 2012 the Director for England Mr Eric Hudson accompanied by the Brigade Secretary Mr Steve Dickinson gave details of a grant from the Department of Communities and Local Government that would provide for the appointment of two full time Development workers for a period of eighteen months in areas of the North West District pre-determined by social deprivation the "post codes" involved are in Burnley, Greater Manchester and Knowsley.



MEETING AT HAYDOCK

The two workers appointed are Miss Clare Daly and Mr Mitch Jones and they were formally introduced to representatives from the participating Battalion areas at a meeting held at the District Training Centre on the 17 January.



WORKERS VISIT TREALES

The District Executive at their meeting in January endorsed a wider District Development plan requesting that all Battalions review Development opportunities in their areas.

As we prayerfully support the workers in their specific task to develop the work in the most difficult areas of the North West may we too realise there are areas of spiritual need in the more affluent areas of the District.

Mindful as ever "We know that all things work together for good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose", Roman 8v28.

In Christ
Alan McLoughlin
District President

Festival of Fun - Saturday 15 June 2013

Queen's Badge Completion Course



The Queens Badge Completion Course was held during the weekend 22/24 February 2013 with some 16 candidates attending. The speaker at the formal dinner on the Saturday evening was District Vice President Mr David Mills MBE

Captain's on Course for Success



Some 13 Officers took part in a Captain's Course organised by Liverpool Battalion at St. Oswald's Parish Hall, Netherton on Saturday, 24 November 2012.

James Burns,	9th Widnes (St Ambrose Parish Church)
Ian Gornall,	1st Roby (St Bartholomew's Parish Church)
Steven Wilkinson,	7th Liverpool (West Derby Methodist Church)
Michael Southern,	35th Liverpool (Childwall Parish Church)
Anthony Frame,	65th Liverpool (All Souls, Springwood)
Neil Langton Miller,	48th Liverpool (Linacre Mission Methodist)
Jennifer Carbutt,	49th Liverpool (St. Christopher Parish Church)
Sean Marshall,	49th Liverpool (St. Christopher Parish Church)
Andrew Foulkes,	49th Liverpool (St. Christopher Parish Church)
Michael Worthington,	49th Liverpool (St. Christopher Parish)
David Forster,	31st Liverpool (Holy Trinity Church)
Derek Swanson,	16th Liverpool (Bethel Church)
Percs Van Zeist,	10th Wigan (St Nathaniel's Parish Church)

NOT FORGOTTEN



Members of Accrington Brass Band visiting Stanley Fisk, an associated member, who played the bass drum when he was younger, now 88 and virtually house bound we decided to take the band to him and play a selection of carols.

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING COURSE



Twenty-three Officers attended the Youth Leader Training Course held at the District Training & Activity Centre, Treales during the weekend of 16/17 February.

Catherine Duckworth	1st Ashton-in-Makerfield (St Thomas's Parish Church)
Jonathon Cartwright	1st Ashton-in-Makerfield (St Thomas's Parish Church)
James Michael Jones	1st Ashton-in-Makerfield (St Thomas's Parish Church)
Matthew Lewis	10th Liverpool (Christ Church Parish, Anfield)
Liam Hardman	10th Liverpool (Christ Church Parish, Anfield)
Charles McCoy	10th Liverpool (Christ Church Parish, Anfield)
Andrew Heathcote	12th Liverpool (St Mary's Parish Church, Wavertree)
Kayleigh Burton	12th Liverpool (St Mary's Parish Church, Wavertree)
Donna Lockley	12th Liverpool (St Mary's Parish Church, Wavertree)
Robert Smith	46th Liverpool (St Michael's Parish)
Michael White	46th Liverpool (St Michael's Parish)
Philip East	53rd Manchester (Emmanuel Methodist/Anglican Church)
Karen Camilleri	53rd Manchester (Emmanuel Methodist/Anglican Church)
Rachael Howard	1st Morecombe (Stanley Street Baptist)
Simon Lamb	24th Oldham (South Chadderton Methodist)
Lee Ratcliffe	24th Oldham (South Chadderton Methodist)
Helen Millichamp	1st Over Wyre (Bethal URC, Preesall)
Beverly Taylor	1st Over Wyre (Bethal URC, Preesall)
Deborah Myers	1st Rishton (Rishton Methodist)
Perks van Zeist	10th Wigan (St Nathaniel's Parish Church)
Andrew McPhie	12th Wigan (St John's Parish Church)
David Holmes	12th Wigan (St John's Parish Church)
Christopher Jones	12th Wigan (St John's Parish Church)

2010%12 TEN PERCENT IN TWENTY TWELVE

Several Companies used the Christmas Season to promote the work of the Brigade within their Communities.



Members of the 7th Southport (Liverpool Road Methodist, Birkdale) accompanied the church choir to the local Tesco Superstore to sing carols and distribute Brigade publicity.

The 1st Rishton (Methodist) – as ever the Accrington BB Brass Band played Carols outside the M&S store in Burnley and



Accrington during which collections were taken for the benefit of the stores nominated charities and the District Charity resulting in the sum of £250 being sent to Donna's Dream House in Blackpool at each venue the District Banner Stands were prominently displayed.

The following Companies have received certificates from National Headquarters recognising the achievement of 10% growth.

1st Altrincham (Oldfield Brow Congregational Church), **2nd Manchester** (Aspinal Methodist Church), **53rd Manchester** (Salford Methodist Community Church), **55th Manchester** (Weaste United Reformed Church), **59th Manchester** (Platt Lane Methodist Church), **1st Moreton** (Moreton Methodist Church), **1st Leyland** (Leyland Methodist Church), **1st Over Wyre** (Bethal URC, Presall) and **2nd Widnes** (St Mary's Parish Church, West Bank).



The 3rd Trafford Company (Sevenways Methodist) was one of 207 Community Groups registered to participate in a scheme promoted by Manchester Evening News, which invited its readers to save tokens that appeared in each days issue for a period of one month and donate them to one of the Charities. Result, the public collected 16,584 tokens for the 3rd that attracted cash prize of £400. This was the 11th highest amount and considering Adult and Children's Hospices and Animal Charities were on the list this is an exceptional result and reflects great credit on the 3rd Trafford.

WIRRAL HERO

Archive
Corner
No. 10

Corporal FRANK LESTER VC

Frank was a keen member of the 1st Hoylake Company and played the organ at the Tin Chapel Methodist.



Whilst serving with the 10th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers at Neuville in France he was killed by a snipers bullet on Saturday, 12 October 1918 a few weeks before the end of the First World War, the London Gazette records

"observing that a sniper was causing heavy casualties to a party in a house across the street Cpl. Lester exclaimed "I'll settle him", and risked certain death by dashing out to shoot the sniper at close quarters, in saving many lives he sacrificed his own".

LOCAL HERO



On Wednesday 13 January, Ken Grundy, an Officer with the 7th Southport (Liverpool Road Methodist), received a 'Person of the Year' Award from Ann Loughrey, Head of Scottish Power, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Boys' Brigade.

PORTRAIT OF A COMPANY

35th Liverpool Company



Church: part of All Saints Parish Church, Childwall

Founded: 1 October 1945

Motto: "Resurgem"

Mascot: "Billy"

Current strength: 104

Activities: Include Church Parade 2nd Sunday of the month, Annual Camp to Coniston, Company Band, Fundraising for a Charity each year.

If you would like to feature your Company please send a Group photograph

DISTRICT CALENDAR

2013

March

16 NWD Ten Pin Bowling Warrington
Working with Challenging Behaviour
Treales

April

6th BB National Chess
Competition Final Treales

7th Open Day & Thanksgiving
Service Treales

13 Archery Day Treales

27 JS Competitions Day Treales

May

11 Campcraft Treales

12 Queens Badge Presentation

June

8 Holiday Leadership Treales

15 Festival of Fun Treales

22 Canoeing Course Tawd Vale

29 District Executive Treales

Junior Section COMPETITIONS DAY

27 April 2013

NWD Training & Activity Centre

Photo Acknowledgements

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HALF CENTURY

Congratulations to the following Companies in Southport & District Battalion on completing 50 years service to their Church and Communities.

10th Southport

(Marshside Methodist Church)

1st Ormskirk

(Emmanuel Methodist/URC)

RECOGNISING SERVICE



Company Captains are reminded that the Long Service of Leaders is recognised by the Bronze Badge (for 15 years service), Silver Badge (for 20 years service) and Gold

Badge (for 30 years service). Notifications for such awards are made via Battalions.



OBITUARY

GRANT CLARK

(Age 72)

Prior to being relocated by his employer to South Manchester Grant was active in the BB in Livingston, Scotland.

He was a dedicated member of the District Display committee for many years and valued member of Bramhall URC.

CYRIL GILES

(Age 86)

Cyril joined the Life Boys of the 4th Wigan

(St. George's Parish) in 1938 continuing in service to become Captain in 1955 a position he held until 1970 when he became a Wigan Borough Councillor and was subsequently elected Deputy Mayor. He was appointed Hon. Vice President of the Battalion in 1989.

Condolences have been expressed to his wife Agnes, sons George, Stephen and their families.

DOROTHY LANG

(Age 91)

Dorothy was the daughter of a BB Captain and widow of Herbert.

Sometime Life Boys organiser for the District she served as a Brigade Training Officer and Life Boy Area Secretary in Oldham Battalion also as a leader in the 10th Oldham (Roundthorn Methodist). Dorothy and Herbert were well known in their generation for work with the Life Boys.

MICHAEL MARATOS

(Age 63)

Mike joined the 63rd Manchester Company, (Manley Park Methodist Church, Whalley Range)

in 1956. He transferred to 4th Manchester Company, (McFadyen Memorial Congregational Church, Chorlton), where he served through the ranks eventually becoming Captain until it closed. Mike continued to serve as a Lieutenant in the 44 Manchester (Chorlton Methodist) until in 1974 when along with his wife Jennifer he founded 4th Altrincham (Woodlands URC).

In 1998 he was appointed treasurer of the Manchester Battalion a position he held along with that of Company Captain until the time of his passing

Festival of Fun

Saturday 15 June 2013

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 – Inflatables 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

Activities Room – Art Exhibition All Age Groups
(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 - lancastriabb@talktalk.net

Prayer Topics

Please Pray for:

Hazel ARMSTRONG – Oswaldtwistle

Reg LOCKETT – Bolton

Andrew McKAY – Moreton

Ray SMITH – Sandbach

Sue & Dave MITCHELL – Moreton

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