



The Queen's Badge Presentation Ceremony for 2010 took place in Liverpool Road Methodist Church, Birkdale, Southport by kind invitation of the 7th Southport Company.

Some 35 young men from 16 Companies received their Badges and Certificates from Dame Lorna E. F. Fairburn DBE, Lord Lieutenant

of Merseyside who was accompanied by Mr Ronald Fairburn.

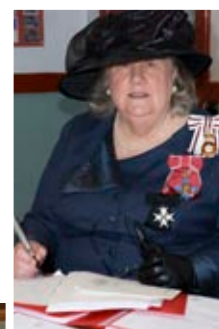
At the conclusion of the Ceremony 180 parents and friends were entertained to a buffet meal by invitation of the District Executive and presented by the Catering Team of Liverpool Road Church and 7th Southport Company.

Ryan Shone	1 Elworth
Christopher Burrows	1 Haslington
Joe Dixon	1 Haslington
Ryan Mellor	1 Haslington
Philip Wright	1 Haslington
Nick Brown	1 Middlewich
Matthew Prior	1 Burton In Kendal
Ian Duke	16 Liverpool
Andrew Farquharson	16 Liverpool
Allan Peel	16 Liverpool
Michael Swanson	16 Liverpool
Matthew Forster	31 Liverpool
Graham Smith	31 Liverpool
Christopher Tweedle	31 Liverpool
Ian Tweedle	31 Liverpool
Conal Traverse	1 Roby
Steven Reid	7 Altrincham
Thomas Seddon	7 Altrincham
Christopher Tait	7 Altrincham
Christopher Roberts	14 Bolton
Jack Murdy	1 Chapel-En-Le-Frith
Andrew Williams	1 Chapel-En-Le-Frith
Jeremy Pye	1 Rainford
Jonathan Lowe	1 Ashton In Makerfield

Benjamin Ashcroft	2 Wigan
Benjamin Brookes	5 Wigan
Harry Foster	5 Wigan
Lee Mobey	5 Wigan
Christopher Jones	12 Wigan
Christopher Morris	12 Wigan
Jordan Scully	12 Wigan
Christopher Anderson	1 Port Sunlight
Jake Dwyer	1 Port Sunlight
Joshua Martin	1 Port Sunlight
Thomas Pilling	1 Port Sunlight



The Rev T. P. Hall led the Queensmen's promise



125 Years of Camping 2011

Across from the Isle of Bute at the Kyles of Bute on mainland Argyll is situated the small town of Tighnabruaich. It was here in Auchenlochan that the 1st Glasgow Company held its first camp in the summer of 1886.

The influences of a week together in camp or an organised holiday very often last into adult life. Richard Passmore in his book 'Thursday is Missing' reflects on his experiences of camp with the 43rd Liverpool Company (St Cyprians Parish) as follows – "One Officer Charlie devoted 10 days of his annual holiday to supervise the cook house. His wife and family had to make do with the rest. Charlie spoke only rarely at Bible Class though he was always there. It dawned on me that here was an example of a man who gave himself utterly for what he believed in. His example inspired me more than all the preaching I ever heard yet I would never dare tell him so; he would be heartily embarrassed, I think of him still often and always with gratitude".

Camping and residentials in 2011 will take many different forms and will unlikely be of ten days duration! It might be for the younger members that modern innovation 'The Sleepover'. It is possible that such experiences may well be rewarded by a commemorative badge in 2011 – but as for Richard Passmore it could be a life changing experience.

As we constantly struggle to express our Christian lifestyle in words let us remember, it just might be that our actions speak louder than words.

In His Service
Alan McLoughlin
District President

*'Thursday is missing' published by
Thomas Harmsworth. ISBN 0950601276

WIGAN to MEXICO



Long drop loos, showers out of a bucket and building homes under the Mexican sun – these are not tasks you would expect a young man from Wigan volunteering to do in the Easter break.



But this is what Queensman Ben Ashcroft of the 2nd Wigan Company (St Mark's Parish Church) undertook along with seven other young people from St Mark's who joined up with 140 other young people from URBAN SAINTS who left the UK on Good Friday for an 11 day visit to Tijuana, Mexico.

Spending time under canvas enabled the group to experience life as it is for the families they sought to help. Ben said it was for him a life changing experience to participate in such a venture which enabled them to hand the keys and present a solid and secure home to a young couple who that very week had given birth to their first child.

Ben was obliged to raise some £2,500 to fund his trip and expresses gratitude for a £100 grant from the Districts 'Dr Royds Fund'.

Continuing to Improve



At a cost of £22,000 the kitchen in Centenary Hall has been re-furbished and modernised. The cost met through generous donations provides users of Centenary Hall with a excellent area for meal preparation and dish washing.

CHESS GUESTS



The District Training & Activity Centre was the venue chosen by the England Region to host the National Chess Competition on Saturday 10 April.

Teams from Bracknell, Edinburgh and Nottingham took part.

The Mayor and Mayoress of the Fylde presented the awards and also undertook a tour of the Centre.

The event concluded with a Reception and Dinner in Centenary Hall at which the Brigade Secretary Mr Steve Dickinson spoke.



Winners the 7th Edinburgh (Colinton Parish Church of Scotland) receive the trophy.

Junior Section Competitions Day

Held on the 24 April at District Training and Activity Centre attracted approx 120 boys/girls and 40 officers /parents from 16 Companies representing 9 Battalions within the District this being an increase in numbers from previous years.

Everyone enjoyed an eventful and hectic day taking part in :-

Dragon Race (15 teams)

Winners 1st Bare 'A' Team,
Runners-up 1st Skerton 'A' Team
Third 59th Manchester,
Fourth 1st Leyland.

Crystal Challenge (31 Teams)

Winners 1st North Wales 51 credits

Equal points for next positions resulted after a final play off taking place
Runners-up 53rd Manchester 47 credits
Third 1st Leyland 47 credits

5-a-side Football 8 teams 5 Battalions

Winners Manchester Battalion
(53rd Manchester)

Runners-up East Lancs Battalion
(1st Oswaldtwistle)

Third place 1st North Wales 'A' Team

Fourth place Southport Battalion
(10th Southport)



Bible Quiz 2010

Teams from the following Companies participated in the DISTRICT BIBLE QUIZ during the period 7 - 21st March:

1st Elworth (Mount Pleasant Methodist)

1st Middlewich (Queen Street URC)

1st Southport (St Philip and St Paul Parish with Wesley Methodist)

The Junior Sections studied 'Daniel' and the Company Sections studied 'Paul's Conversion and Missionary journey'.



RESULT

Junior Section 1st Elworth

Team: Greg Savvides, Daniel Cooper, Sam Wilding and James Egerton.



Company Section: 1st Middlewich

Team: Neil Richmond, Andrew Peak, Morgan Hill and Cameron Dewhurst.

Medallions were presented to the winners and certificates awarded to all who participated.



NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

MASTERTEAM

The 35th Liverpool (All Hallows Parish) travelled to Kings Church, Motherwell and were placed second in the final organised by Motherwell, Bellshill and District Battalion.



TABLE TENNIS

The 1st Burton-in-Kendal (St James Parish) holders on the National Table Tennis Trophy took part in the final which was hosted by the Republic of Ireland Region in Dublin on Saturday 15 May 2010. They were placed second this year losing by 1 point to 1st Grangemouth.



5-a-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION



There were 7 teams who took part in the Company 5-a-side competition on Saturday, 13th March 2010 in the Sports Hall at DTC from 5 Companies who entered. Unfortunately due to commitments to National Competitions and late withdrawals we were unable to hold the Senior Competition.

However the day was enjoyed by all who took part and there was keen but sporting involvement in the competition. The 1st North Wales (Caergwrle) won the Company Championship with 16th Liverpool A being runners up. Thanks to all who took part including the 3 young men from Liverpool who controlled the Competition throughout the day.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

2010

June

- 5 District Executive
12 Canoeing Course Tawd Vale
19 FESTIVAL of FUN Treales

August

27/30 "Northern Saints" Thirsk

September

- 4 District Day at Camelot Camelot
18 Building Your Skills Treales

October

- 9 96th District AGM Manchester
15-17 QB Part One (Skills for BB Leadership) Treales

November

- 19-21 QB Completion Course Treales

The Boys' Brigade NORTH WEST DISTRICT

invites you to the

96th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

**Sat. 9 October 2010
at 2.00 p.m.**

at

Emmanuel Ecumenical Church
Langworthy Road, Salford M6 5HX
(by invitation of Manchester Battalion)

Guest Speaker:

Mr NICK HARDING

Author

'Boys, God and Church'

Come and enjoy the fellowship

HERE & THERE

A NEW COMPANY

Welcome into the District Fellowship the **49th Liverpool Company** which has been formed as part of a partnership between St Christopher's Parish Church, Norris Green and St Mary's Parish Church, West Derby.

CENTURIONS

Congratulations to the 4th Southport (St Simon's and St Jude's Parish Church) on the occasion of their centenary. It is a Company with a great history having produced several men for the ordained ministry and the mission field.

HALF CENTURY

Congratulation to the 1st Ashton-in-Makerfield (St Thomas Parish Church) on the achievement of 50 years service in their community.

In former years the Parish had two Companies the other at their mission church at Stubshaw Cross designated the '1st A'.

40 YEARS ON

The 1st Haslington Company (Bradley Road Methodist) celebrated their 40th Anniversary with an Awards Evening on Friday 28 May.

Amongst those attending were the Founder Captain Ray Smith (for many years Warden of the BB National Training Centre, Felden Lodge) and District Vice President Mr David Mills MBE a member of the initial staff team.

Junior & Anchor Sections

DISTRICT DAY AT

Camelot THEME PARK

The Magical Kingdom,
Chorley, Nr. Preston PR7 5LP

Sat. 4 September

Special Admission Charge
£8.50 per person

Prayer Topics

Please Pray for:

David GRIFFITHS – Wigan

Canon Jim HAMILTON – St Helens

David KENNETT – Oldham

Graham LOFTUS – Runcorn

Darren WRIGHT – Southport

OBITUARIES

RON GREGG

Aged 82

Ron died on the 4th January.

He was for some 25 years Captain of the 1st Liverpool Company (St Luke the Evangelist Parish Church, Walton) and held several Battalion positions and at the time of his death was a member of the Liverpool Battalion Past Members Association.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow Pat.

FRED MELLOR

Aged 84

Fred Mellor passed away a few days after returning home on Friday 7 May from a holiday in the Isle of Wight with his friends and colleagues in the Manchester Stedfast Association.

Fred spent his boyhood days in the 35th Manchester Company (Zion Congregational Institute) in Hulme, Manchester. He progressed to become an Officer in the Company until its closure due to redevelopment in the 1970's.

There then became a lull of BB work in his life until the Centenary Year of The Boys' Brigade. At the Centenary Party for the 'Old Boys' of the Battalion the Battalion President asked for a number of those present to meet him in the Battalion office to discuss the formation of a Stedfast Association in Manchester.

Fred's funeral service was held at the URC Church in Ramsbottom, near Bury on Monday 10 May attended by many BB and SA members.

Fred leaves his wife Maureen and two sons and instead of providing a buffet after the funeral service sent a cheque to the French Charity 'Medecins du monde' a charity one of their sons works for in Myanmar (Burma). Fred would certainly approve of this gesture.



BRIGADE COUNCIL

Armagh, Northern Ireland

3 – 5 September 2010

Photo Acknowledgements

Ben Ashcroft • A. McCaldon • Jo Egerton
John Gaffney • Debbie Grierson
Graeme Wheelhouse

Royal Stewards

The following Queensmen from the District are included in a party of 20 BB members chosen to undertake duties as Stewards at Her Majesty's Garden Party to be held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 20th July.

Jack Murdy,

1st Chapel-en-le-Frith (Town End Methodist)

Ryan Shone

1st Elworth (Mount Pleasant Methodist)

Philip Wright

1st Haslington (Bradley Road, Methodist)

Jake Dwyer

1st Port Sunlight (Christ Church URC)

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