

Queen's Badge Presentation 2015



The Queen's Badge Presentation Ceremony was held in the Assembly Hall of the Ellis Conference Centre at Lancashire Constabulary Headquarters, Hutton, Preston on Sunday 10 May 2015 by kind invitation of The Chief Constable.

The Presentation was made by Lord Shuttleworth KCVO Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, accompanied by Lady Shuttleworth. The Chief Constable was represented by Mr. Ian Cosh, Director of Resources (a former member of 1st Whithorn Company). The Rev'd Phillip Gough, Chaplain 1st Leyland Company conducted the service.

After the Ceremony the 29 Queensmen and 150 guests enjoyed refreshments in the private dining room in the Lancaster building.



QUEENSMEN 2015

Joseph	Pilling	1st Bare (<i>Bare Methodist</i>)
Tristan	Rumney	1st Bare (<i>Bare Methodist</i>)
Harry	Kay-Smith	14th Bolton (<i>Trinity Church, Tonge Fold</i>)
Callum	Johnson	1st Dearham (<i>St. Mungo's Parish Church</i>)
Thomas	Gagan	35th Liverpool (<i>Childwall Parish Church</i>)
David	Kneale	35th Liverpool (<i>Childwall Parish Church</i>)
John	Naylor	35th Liverpool (<i>Childwall Parish Church</i>)
Andrew	Buckley	1st Middlewich (<i>Queen Street URC</i>)
Matthew	Sprostron	1st Middlewich (<i>Queen Street URC</i>)
Rowan	Cleet	1st Morecambe & Heysham (<i>Stanley St. Baptist</i>)
Jack	Spencer	1st Port Sunlight (<i>Christ Church URC</i>)
Jessica	Best	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Ffion	Brown	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Callum	Gibson	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
John	Lewis	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Angharad	Powell	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Natasha	Powell	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Olivia	Powell	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
George	Reid	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Natasha	Rigby	1st Rainford (<i>All Saints Parish Church</i>)
Luke	Drummond	8th Trafford (<i>Hayeswater Road Methodist Church</i>)
Mathew	Burrows	2nd Wigan (<i>St Mark's Parish Church, Newtown</i>)
Jonathan	Seddon	2nd Wigan (<i>St Mark's Parish Church, Newtown</i>)
Rohan	Stevenson	2nd Wigan (<i>St Mark's Parish Church, Newtown</i>)
Sam	Brookes	5th Wigan (<i>St Catherine's Parish Church</i>)
Joshua	Banks	8th Wigan (<i>St Peter's Parish Church, Hindley</i>)
James	Marshall	8th Wigan (<i>St Peter's Parish Church, Hindley</i>)
Philip	Morris	12th Wigan (<i>St John the Evangelist Parish Church</i>)
Danny	Saile	12th Wigan (<i>St John the Evangelist Parish Church</i>)

GREAT GALA DAY

A rather damp and overcast day did not spoil the fun for some 350 members from 20 Companies representing 10 Battalions.

The established activities of Archery, Pistol Shooting, Human Table Football, Target Golf, Climbing Wall, Indoor and Field games, Tuck Shop, Barbecue etc. were joined by a new attraction, the inflatable Assault course, and an Exhibition by sniffer dogs from HM Prison, Kirkham, the Hot Shots Competition was available for Company Section Boys.

Some Companies chose to bring a picnic lunch while others kept the kitchen and tuck shop very busy. This increasingly popular event is being recognised as a great day out and accordingly the hard working organisers are encouraged to continue to add additional items each year.



Before the Memories Fade

Recently, a former member of the 23rd Liverpool Company (*Holy Trinity Walton Breck*) contacted us for information regarding the Captain of his old Company, result, he journeyed to Liverpool from Buckinghamshire to meet with a contemporary now a member of Liverpool Stedfast Association and supporter of 35th Liverpool, outcome, the retired Air Vice-Marshal!!! Left a substantial cheque in favour of the Battalion.

Camp is more often the lasting memory of our former members. Sir Alex Ferguson writes in his autobiography of great days with 129th Glasgow and his Captain, Jim Borland to whom he has paid many tributes publicly. Reflecting on this subject I took from my bookshelf Richard Passmore's book "Thursday is missing" in which he recounts his experience of life in camp with the 43rd Liverpool (*St Cyprian's Parish Church*). He records his admiration of the camp QM Charley Keiffer as follows "For the first time in my life I considered deeply the motivation of another. I found out he was a Public Health Inspector whose annual holiday was 14 days, of which 10 were devoted to camp. Charley spoke only rarely at Bible Class although he was always there. His example inspired me more than all the preaching I ever heard - I think of him often and always with gratitude".

Times have indeed changed since the days of Passmore and Ferguson but our main priority remains the care and concern for our members, not the winning of awards or competitions. Reaching out to young people who would normally never hear of Christ's love for them.

"We thank thee o our Father before memories fade for all thy love around us and for The Boys' Brigade".

In Christ
Alan McLoughlin
District President

* Thursday is missing - Richard Passmore ISBN 0 9506012 76

Brigade National Band Championship



The 1st/2nd Moreton took part in the Brigades' National Band Championships at Stoke on Trent and came away with five trophies. The youngsters became the Brigades National Champions in the Traditional Open Class.

Zebrugge Remembered



The Band of the 1st/2nd Moreton BB/GU (*Moreton Methodist*) had the honour to take part in the Royal Marines Association Zebrugge Remembrance Day by leading a parade of standards around the Zebrugge Memorial at Seacombe ferry terminal. Bugler Kate McKay played The Last Post whilst Marines cast wreaths on to the river Mersey.

Masterteam Quiz Final

The District had the honour to host the Final of the BB National Masterteam Quiz at the District Training Centre on Sat. 11 April. Regional finalists from England, Northern Ireland and Scotland took part, some six teams in total.

A Civic welcome to the Fylde Borough was extended to the teams at a formal buffet lunch by the Mayor and Mayoress. Many expressions of appreciation have been received regarding the arrangements made.



THE TEAMS



THE QUESTIONMASTERS



THE CATERERS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

26th Sept to 4th Oct 2015

Companies are encouraged to participate in this national initiative by involving themselves in some activity to benefit their community. A good example of this is a project of the 1st Morecambe & Heysham Company (Stanley Road Baptist Church) who made a planter and provided a small garden at the front of their Church, supported by a grant from the Furness Building Society. The project not only brightened a very deprived area, it provided an opportunity for the Boys to improve their woodworking skills and learn a little about plant life.



LIVERPOOL BELL



In our Spring issue we asked readers for any information regarding the Bell at Felden Lodge. Mr. Ron Kenworthy, Friend of the District and former member of the 29th writes "Some thirty eight members (including their personal coach driver) of 29th Old Boys Parents and Friends Association spent a Holiday Fellowship week in dormitories of Felden; no en-suite then; from 13 to 20 August 1953. The Bell was made by Mr. Barrow, the father of a member of the 29th, in a Liverpool Brass Foundry.

Liverpool Weekend



The Federation of Stedfast Associations UK & ROI held their Annual General Meeting at the Liner Hotel, Liverpool during the weekend 15/17 May 2015. The hosts, Liverpool Stedfast Association arranged an excellent programme of events including a formal dinner and City Tours. On the Sunday they joined with the Liverpool Battalion

in worship on the occasion of the Annual Church Parade Service to the Linacre Methodist Mission. After the Service the members joined the Battalion in the march past. At the saluting base were The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, The Mayor of Sefton, The Honorary Brigade President and The Brigade Secretary.

Steve Dickinson Retirement

Prior to the Masterteam final the District President presented Steve with a commemorative coffee mug from Capernwray Hall, this was of special significance since it was at a Lancashire and Cheshire District Christian Leadership course that Steve made his decision for Christ.



Falconry

The Juniors of the 35th Liverpool (All Saints, Childwall) became honorary falconers for the evening when six birds of prey visited the group. As part of the visit, the boys had the opportunity to engage with the birds, learn a little about husbandry, and were treated to some flight displays. A European eagle owl (one of the biggest breeds of owl in the world) was part of the interactive experience, but the Harris Hawk - named Brian - proved most popular with the boys.



Walking for Mike

The Manchester Battalion have presented a cheque for £1100 to the Christie Hospital in memory of Mike Maratos former Captain of the 4th Altrincham (Woodlands URC) and Battalion Treasurer the money was raised by a sponsored walk and individual gift.

1st Dearham Awards Evening

West Cumbria's Archdeacon, the Venerable Doctor Richard Pratt congratulated proud award winners and their parents at 1st Dearham Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association Awards Evening.

Two hundred parents, friends and members of the Company filled St Mungo's Parish Church for a service and prize giving.

AWARDS: Back row, left to right, The Venerable Doctor Richard Pratt, Ben Nicholson, Oliver Brincombe, William Jackson, Chloe Cartmell, middle row, Nathan Hadley, Coban Blythe, front row, Jack Moody, Ellis Parker, Sam Spalding



1st Rishton Company Display

Our 27th Annual Inspection and Display was held on Wed. 20 May. Our Guest for the evening was Councillor Ken Moss. Several ex-members including the President of the Manchester Battalion and their families attended this special occasion.



The Display followed the tradition theme with items depicting the work carried out over the year presented by all the sections of the Company. The Anchor boys performed team games and a cup stacking competition, the Juniors entertained with a display of maze drill and an item based on Show Jumping, 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed rosettes kindly donated by Rosette Direct of Church were presented to the winners.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

September

4/5 **Brigade Council** **Wolverhampton**
 12 **Holiday Leadership** **Treales**
 13 **Centre Open Day** **Treales**
 18/20 **District Camp** **Treales**

October

3 **101st District AGM** **Middlewich**
 17/18 **Skills for QB Leadership Pt. 1** **Treales**

November

7 **Anchor Boy Party** **Treales**

January 2016

10 **District Executive** **Treales**
 23/24 **Youth Leader Training** **Treales**
 30 **Ten Pin Bowling** **Liverpool**

February

19/21 **Queens Badge Completion** **Treales**

March

5 **District Executive** **Treales**
 12 **Jr. Sec. Competitions Day** **Treales**
 "Building your skills" **Treales**

NB **Locally organised Training Courses**
can be found on the District and
Brigade website



Brigade Conference
WOLVERHAMPTON
University of Wolverhampton
Saturday 5th September
2:00pm

The Boys' Brigade – North West District
Notice is hereby given that the

101st Annual General Meeting

of the District Council will be held at
Middlewich United Reformed Church,
Queen Street, Middlewich, CW10 9AR

on Saturday 3rd October 2015
commencing at 2:00pm

(By kind invitation of
The East Cheshire Battalion)

Come and enjoy the fellowship

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Royal Garden Parties

The following members and their guests
had the honour to be invited to attend one
of Her Majesty the Queens Gardeb Parties at
Buckingham Palace during the summer in
recognition of their service to the Brigade and
communities.

James Burns
 9th Widnes (*St Ambrose Parish Church*)

Julie Taylor-Jones
 3rd Trafford (*Sevenways Methodist*)

David Patmore
 46th Liverpool (*St Michael in the Hamlet Parish*)

Lesley Vernon
 1st Chapel-en-Frith (*Town End Methodist*)

James Whisker
 8th Wigan (*St Peters Parish Church, Hindley*)

NEW COMPANIES

We welcome the following new Companies
into the District family.

1st St Helens

Ormskirk Street United Reformed Church

54th Manchester

Elmwood Church, Salford

CENTRE NEWS



We are grateful to the following donors
which help us to continue to improve the
facilities at the Training Centre.

Charitable Trustees	£2000
Wallasey United Reformed Church	£1938
Antony & Wendy Smith Bentham	£2333
In memory of Marian Stephens Widnes	£285
TOTAL	£6556

Gift in kind from Eric Wright Group
 Bamber Bridge Construction of tunnels
 in Sports Hall.

Prayer Topics

Jenny BARNES – Blackburn
Margaret BATTRICK - Oswaldtwistle
Sue & Dave MITCHELL – Moreton
Jeff ROBERTS – Oldham
Darren WRIGHT – Southport

OBITUARIES

RICHARD BROTHERTON

(age 57)

Richard served in the 1st Middlewich Company
(Queen Street URC) for some 19 years a most
reliable officer and servant of the Church he will
be greatly missed by his sister Ruth and family
and the wider community in Middlewich.

TOM CALDWELL

(age 88)

Tom was a member of the 8th Wigan
(St Peters Parish Church, Hindley) from boyhood
and served as Captain from 1984 until 1995.
He was a dedicated churchman and active
Rotarian. Tom represented the Brigade at a
Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate The
50th Anniversary of the Second World War. He
leaves a wife, Muriel and son Ian.

WILLIAM HARRISON

(age 78)

Bill joined The Brigade in the 2nd Wigan (St
Mark's Parish Church, Newtown) gaining the
Queen's Badge. He became an Officer in 14th
Wigan (St Matthew's Parish Church) serving as
Captain from 1980 to 2012. He held various
Battalion appointments and at the time of
his passing was Hon. Vice President of the
Battalion.

He leaves a wife, Mavis and three adult
 children to whom we extend our sympathy.

DONALD JACKSON

(age 85)

Don had a lifelong association with the
Brigade in Wigan initially with the 6th
Company (St Stephen's Parish Church) and
later for many years with the 5th Company (St
Catherine's Parish Church).

BB FAMILY



Jim and Audrey Lloyd, 7th Southport (*Birkdale*
Methodist) met with son Mark (Captain)
 and grandson Jacob of 14th North West
 Durham (Lanchester) on the occasion of the
 Masterteam final.

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