

## FUTURE LEADERS in the TRAINING



The following leaders successfully completed the Boys' Brigade Youth Leader Training course held at the District Training and Activity Centre over the weekend 23/24 January 2016.

**Andrew Isherwood** - 9th Widnes  
(St Ambrose Parish Church)

**Brody Revell** - 12th Wigan  
(St John the Evangelist Parish Church)

**Dawn Mallitt** - 24th Oldham  
(South Chadderton Methodist Church)

**Duncan Cockshott** - 8th Trafford  
(Hayeswater Methodist Church)

**Elena Barton** - 10th Southport  
(Marshside Methodist Church)

**Emilia Aspinall** - 10th Southport  
(Marshside Methodist Church)

**Graham Harbon** - 9th Southport  
(Ainsdale Methodist Church)

**Jacob O'Connor** - 1st Ormskirk  
(Emmanuel Methodist/URC)

**Jake Agar** - 1st Morecambe & Heysham  
(Stanley Road Baptist Church)

**James Henderson** - 24th Oldham  
(South Chadderton Methodist Church)

**Jane Bell** - 9th Widnes  
(St Ambrose Parish Church)

**Jessica Dawn Lewis** - 24th Oldham  
(South Chadderton Methodist Church)

**Jonathan Seddon** - 2nd Wigan  
(St Marks Parish Church, Newtown)

**Joshua Pendlesbury** - 8th Wigan St Peters  
(Parish Church, Hindley)

**Katherine Louise Anchor** - 24th Oldham  
(South Chadderton Methodist Church)

**Luke Drumond** - 8th Trafford  
(Hayeswater Methodist Church)

**Matthew Burrows** - 2nd Wigan  
(St Marks Parish Church, Newtown)

**Matthew Brimage** - 1st Ormskirk Emmanuel  
(Methodist/United Reformed Church)

**Morgan Hill** - 1st Middlewich  
(Queens Street URC)

**Nathan Browne** - 1st Ormskirk  
(Emmanuel Methodist/URC)

**Nick Goaley** - 12th Wigan  
(St John the Evangelist Parish Church)

**Paul Peters** - 1st Morecambe and Heysham  
(Stanley Road Baptist Church)

**Phillip McFadden** - 16th Liverpool  
(Bethel Church)

**Rachel Jane Goodall** - 49th Liverpool  
(St Christopher Norris Green & St Mary West Derby)

**Sam Owen** - 10th Southport  
(Marshside Methodist Church)

**Simon Parkinson** - 1st Preston  
(St David's Free Church of England)

**Stephanie Peters** - 1st Morecambe & Heysham  
(Stanley Road Baptist Church)

**Tracy Harding-Jolley** - 9th Widnes  
(St Ambrose Parish Church)

**Victoria Simpson** - 1st Bretherton  
(Bretherton Congregational)

**Zara Townley** - 1st Bretherton  
(Bretherton Congregational)

Subject to the approval of their churches they may now be registered as lieutenants.

The course staff was led by Dr RCW Henderson MBE and included Mr Steve Dickinson CEO of the Global Fellowship and David & Sheila Holmes 10th Liverpool, David Owens 2nd Wigan, Bill McKay 2nd Moreton and Bob Langdon representing the BB canoe and Mountaineering Clubs.

### CALLED TO SERVE

Recently it was my privilege to meet with some 26 leaders at the District Youth Leader Training course. They came from 15 Companies representing 10 of our 12 Battalions, their many different backgrounds and BB experiences made for some interesting discussions. All without exception were preparing to serve in their individual companies in a responsible way. Their motivation included "I want to put back some of what I gained as a member of The Boys' Brigade" and "to offer service to young people".

Others as responsible parents, felt the need to provide worthwhile and meaningful activities in their community that only a structured activity like the BB can provide. Others had been recruited within their congregations offer service to young people through the BB. Meeting with them reminded me of the words of one of my earliest BB mentors "The Boys' Brigade is not a hobby, there's too much at stake in formation of young lives". I pray they will feel truly called to serve. May God bless each one as they take up their calling.

In Christ  
*Alan McLoughlin*  
District President

# COMPANY SPOTLIGHT- THE OLD AND THE NEW

## 8th WIGAN COMPANY (circa 1916)

In 1916 a young Sunday School teacher, Tom Gregory spent a weekend with his brother a curate at St Cyprians Parish Church, Edge Lane, Liverpool. During which time he attended the display of the legendary 43rd Liverpool Company in the Sun Hall Kensington (which could accommodate 5000!!) greatly



impressed he returned home to St Peters Parish, Hindley feeling the BB would brighten the lives of Boys in the Milltown and there after the 1st Hindley was formed although young Tom was too young to be Captain! This was also the foundation of the BB in the Wigan area.

For many years the Company had their own Headquarters, an old

army hut on the boundary of the Church Cricket ground, present day they are tenants of the new multi-purpose pavilion on the other boundary. Now 33 strong across three sections they continue to offer a varied programme including D of E Award.



## 1st BREHERTON (circa 2015)

In 2014 two young mums in the village of Bretherton felt the Church Sunday School at Ebenezer Congregational Church would benefit with a week night organisation for girls and boys. So Zara, who had a family background of BB/GB in Coleraine and Vicky set about starting a unit with the support of the Bretherton Endowed C of E School beginning with Anchors and have just developed a Junior Section at of 26 across the two sections. They are well supported by the Pastor and his wife who travel weekly to be valued members of the staff.

## Liverpool Thrills & Skills



**Anchors Cinema Night**

Over 100 Anchors from Liverpool Battalion came together for a night at a cinema in February to watch Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip. The visit to Woolton Picture House was part of the Battalion's new, reinvigorated activities programme that has seen investment and dynamism from the Battalion, yielding outstanding success and engagement.

## Building Your Skills

10 young men from 4 Companies representing 2 Battalions in the North West attended a Building Your Skills Course in Liverpool on Saturday February 13th.



# District Ten Pin Bowling Competition

Ten teams took part in the District Ten Pin Bowling Competition held at the Hollywood Bowl Edge Lane, Liverpool on Saturday 30th January 2016.

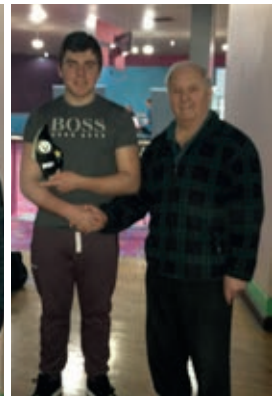
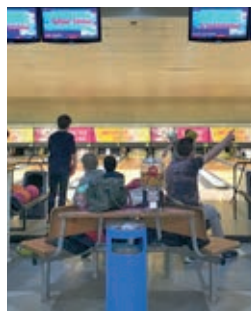
## RESULTS

FIRST ROUND		Points
1st	7th Southport "A"	834
2nd	16th Liverpool	833
2nd	1st Oswaldtwistle "A"	833
4th	48th Liverpool	663
5th	1st Denton	624
6th	1st Oswaldtwistle "B"	556
7th	9th Southport	542
8th	1st Morecambe "A"	538
9th	9th Southport "B"	439
10th	1st Morecambe "B"	346

## Top four play off

1st	7th Southport "A"	885
2nd	16th Liverpool	883
3rd	1st Oswaldtwistle "A"	789
4th	48th Liverpool	741

Best overall score in the first round was by Jack Brown 16th Liverpool with 505 points achieved by 9 clean strikes. Second place Luke Meechan 1st Oswaldtwistle with 355 points and third place Stephen North 7th Southport. Congratulations to all who took part in what was a closely contested enjoyable day.



# Queens Badge Completion Course



Some 25 candidates from 11 Companies representing 9 Battalions took part in the Queens Badge Completion Course held at the District Activity Centre during the weekend 19/21 February 2016.

The staff comprised Mick Southern, David Holmes, Sheila Holmes, Bill McKay, Ian Parrish, Liam Hardman, Rachel Knowles and Andrew Sixsmith.

The Speaker at the formal dinner was Mr. George Beardwood



# DISTRICT CALENDAR

## March

5 District Executive Treales  
12 JS Competitions Day Treales

## April

16 Archery Competition Treales  
22-24 District Camp Weekend Treales

## May

14 CS Five-A-Side Football Treales  
15 Queens Badge Presentation Bootle  
21 Brigade Training Officers Course Treales

## June

10 District Executive Treales  
18 FESTIVAL OF FUN Treales

## September

2-4 Brigade Conference Belfast  
23-25 District Camp Treales

## October

8 102nd District AGM  
TBC Anchor Event Treales

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

## Instructors Refreshed

The following officers undertook a refresher course at the Activity Centre on in order that they may continue to offer instruction in Archery and indoor climbing activities in our centre.

### Archery:

David Patmore 48th Liverpool

### Archery and climbing:

David Barnes 9th Southport

Martin Grace 48th Liverpool

Robert Smith 48th Liverpool

Alan Cartwright 48th Liverpool

David Holmes 10th Liverpool

The instruction was given by Ben Chapman of BURRS Activity Centre, Bury.

## NEW COMPANY

The following Company has been enrolled into The Manchester Battalion:

### 2nd Clayton

World Harvester Christian Centre

# OBITUARIES

## EDMUND BAILEY MPS

(Age 92)

A founder member of the 1st Burnley Company (*Rose Grove Methodist*). In 1941 after military and university he joined the Company as an officer serving from 1954 to 1991. A great ideas man for displays and the annual pantomime. He was a vice President of East Lancashire Battalion.

## ROBERT (BOB) PILBOROUGH

(Age 77)

Bob was a founder officer in the 1st Church Company initially at Ernest Street Baptist Church subsequently transferred to Antley Methodist Church. He was a dedicated head teacher and supported the family, wife Joan, children Judith, David and Zoe in their respective leadership roles in BB and GB. To whom we extend our sympathy.

## Junior 5 a Side Football

The Competition was held at the District Activity Centre on 30 January 2016. 3 Teams from Bare and Preston took part.



## CENTURIIONS

The 8th Wigan Company (*St Peters Parish Church, Hindley*) are celebrating 100 years of service in the Parish this year and are inviting BB Companies to send them birthday cards!



The East Lancashire Battalion chose the Rosemere Cancer Foundation as their Christmas Charity raising £400 through collections taken at the Annual Carol Service held at Greenbrook Methodist Church (1st Burnley) and the proceeds of collections taken at public performances given by the Accrington and District BB Brass Band. The cheque was presented at a ceremony held at Ryddings Methodist Church (1st Oswaldtwistle).



## Prayer Topics

Duncan McKAY – Moreton

Sue & Dave MITCHELL – Moreton

Alan RIDEHALGH - Colne

Darren WRIGHT – Southport

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