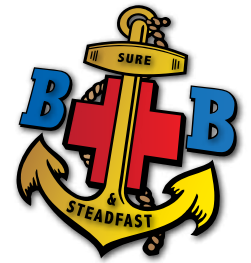




DIGEST



NEWS FROM THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN THE NORTH WEST

AUTUMN 2022

FAMILIES FUN IN THE SUN

After the depressing days of the Pandemic, Saturday 18th June 2022 at the District Activity Centre, proved that things were getting back to "normal", when 250+ members from 11 Companies representing all our Battalions took part in a family picnic and funday.



COMPANY SPOTLIGHT ~ 5TH MANCHESTER CELEBRATING 70 YEARS



The 5th Manchester Company was founded on the 15th June 1951 at what was then known as Parrswood Road Congregational Church (now URC) it inherited the designation 5th from the closed Company associated with Heyrod Street Lads Club.

The present day Company runs a wide ranging weekly programme across the sections comprising games, crafts, an efficient Company Drill Squad, the Drum and Bugle Band attains a very high standard being invited regularly to Civic and Community occasions in South Manchester, the Company Camp is a major feature of the programme. The annual Jumble Sale and Auction is a major fundraiser and attracts several hundred customers.



PRESIDENT PRESENTS

Geoff Smale President East Lancashire Battalion presented Awards to the 3rd Burnley (St Catherine's Parish Church)



PRESIDENTS BADGE

The following members have been awarded The President's Badge during the period 31st March 2021 to 4th July 2022.

14th Bolton (Trinity Methodist)
Breydon Stringer

10th Liverpool (Christ Church, Anfield)
James Fleetwood

35th Liverpool (All Saint's Parish, Childwall)
Christopher Belton, Thea Bates, Alexander Bratsanos,
Michael Davies, Rowan Farmer, Lloyd Griffiths, Joshua
Hodkinson, Joshua Lee, Zach McClelland, Ruben Pritchard,
James Rice.



1st Oswaldtwistle (Ryddings Methodist)
Toby Thorpe.

1st Rainford (All Saint's Parish Church)
Cameron Berry, Freya Byrne, Mary Nichols, Phoebe
Taylor.

3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)
Charles Ardley, Thomas Connolly, Will Philips



RECOGNISING 1800 YEARS OF SERVICE

On Sunday 12th June in All Saints Parish Church, Childwall. The Liverpool and District Battalion held a Leader Re-Dedication Ceremony and Presentation of Long Service Awards.

The Service of some 82 Leaders representing every Company in the Battalion was recognised with years varying from 5 years to 60 years!!! The service was conducted by the Battalion Chaplain the Rev'd. Nicola Langton-Millar assisted by the Rev'd. Andrew Colmer (35th), Rev'd Canon Bill Addy (Hon V.P.), The Rev'd Ian Hu (7th), Andrew Sproston (56th), Rev'd Keith Hitchman (46th), The Presentations were made by the District President and Natalie Whipday from Brigade HQ. At the conclusion of the Service the large congregation enjoyed refreshments in the Parish Hall.



MAYORAL VISIT

The Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral presented awards to members of the 1st Bromborough (Methodist Church)



BB UNITED

Members of the 10th Southport Company formed a guard of Honour when two of their Officers Nathan and Elena Browne were married at St Paul's and Wesley Church

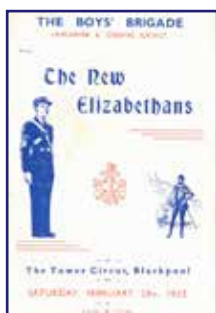


PRESIDENT'S BADGE MINIATURES

We have a small stock of Badges available on application to (office@bb.northwest.org.uk)
Miniatures at a cost of £5
These will be posted on at cost.
"First come first served"

ARCHIVE - BLACKPOOL DISPLAY

The first District Display was held in the Tower Circus, Blackpool Tower in February 1952 with one performance in the evening the title and theme the "New Elizabethans" recognised the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth II demand for tickets was such that all subsequent Displays had Afternoon and Evening Performances. A tradition that continued for 52 Years.



DISTRICT CALENDAR 2022/23

15th Sep *	Chaplains Forum	Zoom
1st Oct	108th Annual General Meeting	Treales
7/9th Oct *	Young Leaders Weekend	Dearne Valley
21/23rd Oct	Skills for Queen's Badge Leadership	Treales
7th Jan	District Executive	Treales
4th Mar	District Executive	Treales
21/23rd Apr	Queen's Badge Completion Course	Treales
3rd Jun	District Executive	Treales
17th Jun 23	FunDay	Treales
* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS		

OBITUARIES

REG SHORE (AGE 85)

Reg was one of the founder members of the 1st Haslington Company (Bradley Road, Methodist) in 1970. In 1974 he was appointed Company Captain a position he held until 1996, he also served during the same period as President of East Cheshire Battalion. He was an enthusiastic supporter for the building of the District Training Centre. Fortright in the expression of his Christian Faith, he was a Local Preacher in the South Cheshire Circuit.

We extend our condolence to his wife Sheila and the family circle.

RAYMOND NICHOLS MBE, JP (AGE 94)

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ray, the legendary Captain of the former 62nd Manchester (Stanley Street Methodist). Ray was very much involved in the inception of the D of E Award Scheme and at the time the 62nd had more Gold Award Winners than the rest of the Brigade produced in one year!

JOHN P. CHAPPELL MBE

Joan, Mark, Christopher and Jonathan wish to thank all their friends in the North West for the many expressions of sympathy they have received in memory of John.

COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following District Members whose entries in the Platinum Jubilee Colouring Competition were considered suitable to be included in a card which was sent to H.M. The Queen on behalf of The Boys' Brigade

Caleb - 1st Bromborough (Methodist)
Leah - 53rd Manchester (Emmanuel Ecumenical)
Leo - 8th Trafford (Cornerstone Methodist)
Ewan - 8th Wigan (St. Peter's Parish, Hindley)
Madison - 10th Southport (Mereside Methodist)

PRAYER TOPICS

Joan Chappell ~ David and Sheila Holmes
Jim and Audrey Lloyd ~ Brian Taylor

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