

## FUN IN THE SUN

In a Summer that did not provide too much sun, the District Picnic and Family Fun Day was held at the District Training and Activity Centre on 17th June 2023 on at least a dry day which was thoroughly enjoyed by some 200+ members from 14 Companies from 7 Battalions.



## OUR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

This summer has seen a return of pre pandemic usage of the centre, parties in some cases bringing smaller numbers but BB bookings from our own District and the wider Brigade remain in the the majority, which is encouraging in that, we are able to support Companies to provide meaningful activities. We continue to receive compliments as to the overall quality of what is provided, the recent RoSPA inspection of the Adventure Playground allowed to us open up the full facility in time for the season.



Adventure Playground: RoSPA approved



1st Loughborough (Trinity Methodist Church) Sample the Fairhaven Lake for Canoes and Paddle Boarding



1st Troon (Old Parish CoS) on the 'Big One'



2nd Widnes (St Marys Parish) making a return visit



International Evening: 8th Falkirk (Bainsford Parish CofS) and 43rd Belfast (Dundonald Presbyterian) shared a social evening with a Polish Boarding School

## CENTENARIAN

A group of District Friends were amongst the large gathering in St Mark's Parish Church, Haydock to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Eric Littler MBE a District Honorary Vice-President, Eric sometime Captain of the 2nd Haydock, and Producer of the District Display for several years and a major contributor to the development of the District Centre was able to share many happy memories.



## CELEBRATING 140 YEARS

To Celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Brigade, all Officers in the District are invited to attend a Celebratory Luncheon to be held in the Centenary Hall, District Activity Centre on Saturday 7th October 2023 at 12.00 for 12.30pm.

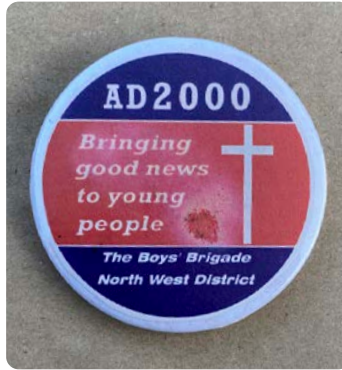
The Guest of Honour will be The Right Reverend Geoffrey S Pearson sometime Chaplain of 1st Roby and retired Bishop of Lancaster. Bishop Geoff spent all his ministry promoting work amongst Young People.

Details of the three course Luncheon are contained in the AGM Leaflet which is included with this mailing.

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

A selection of commemorative tin and cloth District badges - Mainly us!



## ANNUAL CAMP

To celebrate the 75th Annual Camp of the 12th Wigan Company (St. John, Hindley Green) at Whitby. The Company Chaplain Revd. Dot Gosling conducted a service of Holy Communion.



## BUILDING STRONGER PROJECT



In connection with the **Building Stronger project**, Headquarters have appointed Dave Martin as Development Officer for the North of England based in Preston he is anxious to make contact with Companies needing help and advice with a view to increasing Company strength particularly in the 11 to 18 year age group.

**Contact Dave:** ✉ [dave.martin@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:dave.martin@boys-brigade.org.uk)

## PRAYER TOPICS

Jack Pugh - Brian Taylor - Jim and Audrey Lloyd  
David and Sheila Holmes - David Owens - Lynne Jukes



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## DISTRICT CALENDAR 2023/24

10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	QB Presentation	Leyland
30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	140 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Monopoly Challenge	Manchester
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	109 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting	Treales
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Skills for BB Leadership	Treales
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	District Executive	Treales
10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Youth Leaders Training	Treales
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Queens Badge Completion	Treales
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	District Executive	Treales
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Queens Badge Presentation	TBA
25 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Unite Camp	TBA
1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	District Executive	Treales
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Fun Day Picnic	Treales
* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS		

## OBITUARIES

### RONALD KENWORTHY (AGE 86)

Ron was a member of the 29th Liverpool Company (Christ Church Parish, Norris Green) along with his brother Bob (District Vice-President) Ron attended the Founders Camp on the Playing Fields of Eton College in 1954. He was a prominent member of the Lions Organisation on the Wirral but maintained a continuous link with the Brigade as a Friend of the District and the Liverpool Stedfast Association.

Condolences have been expressed to his son Richard and Family.

### MICHAEL JOHN MASON MBE (AGE 78)

Mike sometime Captain of the 1st Kendal Company (St George's Parish Church) although the Company was not part of our District. Mike was a great supporter of the District Centre.

Our sympathy was extended to his son Chris and the family circle.

### JAMES WILLIAM WHISKER (AGE 80)

Jim was one of those rare individuals who joined the BB as an Officer, starting with the 8th Wigan Company (St Peter's Parish Church, Hindley) in 1970 later becoming Captain, a position he held up to the time of his passing. Professionally employed as a research scientist but with great sense fun, enabling the 8th to produce many comedy items for the District Blackpool Tower Display, Jim was very proud to see his grandson Layton obtain the Queen's Badge this year emulating Jim's son Iain who achieved the same award in 1995. Jim was predeceased by his wife Shiela a former Officer.

He leaves a son and daughter Gillian O/c 8th Junior Section to whom with their extended family we express our deepest sympathy.