

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING

The following leaders attended the District Youth Leader Training weekend held at the Training and Activity Centre from 11th/12th February 2017. Subject to the approval of their churches they may be promoted to Lieutenant and we wish them well in their continued service.

Adam France 8th Wigan
(St. Peters Parish Hindley)

Anthony Barclay 10th Southport
(Marshside Methodist)

Julie Baxter 10th Southport
(Marshside Methodist)

Richard Cowan 10th Southport
(Marshside Methodist)

James Allison 1st Ormskirk
(Emmanuel Methodist/URC)

Laura Mason 1st Kendal
(Holy Trinity Parish Church)

Jonathan Archibald 1st Kendal
(Holy Trinity Parish Church)

Sarah Perie 1st Kendal
(Holy Trinity Parish Church)

Matthew Lowe 1st Middlewich
(Queen St, URC)

Michael Kendrick 24th Oldham
(South Chadderton Methodist)

Peter Anchor 24th Oldham
(South Chadderton Methodist)

Lauren Osmond 1st Morecambe
& Heysham
(Stanley Road Baptist Church)

Kirsty Howard 1st Over Wyre
(Bethel URC Preesall)

Jack Evans 16th Liverpool
(Bethel Ind. Evangelical Church)

Philip Clayton 16th Liverpool
(Bethel Ind. Evangelical Church)

The course staff was led by Dr RCW Henderson MBE, tutors included D. Owens (Wigan), Bill and Kate McKay (Wirral), Andy Holland (North Cheshire) and Scott Barry-Godsell (Manchester).

**WORKING PARTY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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TRAINING OUR LEADERS

LEADING THE LEADERS

At the January Executive meeting, we committed ourselves to a programme of training which will include Youth Leader Training essential for all who wish to become accredited leaders in the Brigade, courses in Holiday Leadership, Camp Craft and First Aid, all of which will enable officers to contribute more effectively to the Company programme.

On the subject of leaders, I would quote to you the reflections of an experienced Captain: "One of the earliest lessons I learned was that you were not only leading the young people, you have to lead the leaders. Fool that I was I thought everyone was on the same page and all we had to do was get on with it. What I learned was the leaders are harder to lead than the young people. Leaders above all need encouragement, leaders need a specific role, leaders need the opportunity to recognise and develop their talents, and above all leaders need valuing".

After initial training and ever thereafter, leaders need nurturing through wider exposure to what we call BB Fellowship.

Therefore "let perseverance finish its work, so that you maybe mature and complete and not lacking anything".

Yours In Christ, Alan McLoughlin, (District President)

ARCHERY & CLIMBING INSTRUCTORS

The under mentioned officers successfully undertook a Training Course in order that they may deliver Training to people visiting the Centre.

Ian Millichamp	Warden Training Centre
Martin Townsend	53rd Manchester
Amy Wilson	53rd Manchester
Bill Janney	9th Southport
Mathew Wilcox	9th Southport
Mark Clarkson	9th Southport
Nathan Browne	1st Ormskirk
Ronnie Mathers	1st Ormskirk
Darren Ratcliffe	1st Denton



AROUND THE COMPANIES



THE LIVERPOOL BATTALION CAROL SERVICE was held at Linacre Methodist Mission this was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside and the Civic dignitaries including the chairman of the Liverpool Methodist District.



JUNIORS FROM THE 1ST BROMBOROUGH AND 1ST PORT SUNLIGHT COMPANIES visited their local Halfords store for a cycle maintenance workshop. They had a great time and received a goodie bag to take home.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



SENIORS FROM THE 16TH LIVERPOOL COMPANY (Bethel Evangelical Church Tuebrook) visit the warehouse to assist in the checking and packing boxes for delivery to children overseas.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Members of the 5th Manchester (Parrswood URC) assisted fundraising at their local ACACIA Primary School by staffing a candy floss machine.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON AND AFTER



THE 8TH WIGAN COMPANY CELEBRATED ITS CENTENARY in November. The Company has set itself 100 challenges, one of which is to receive 100 congratulatory greetings from BB Companies or Battalions in the UK or overseas. If any Company or Battalion can oblige, please send the greeting by email, letter or card. The contact information is 8thwigan@boys-brigade.org.uk or 8th Wigan Boys' Brigade, St. Peter's Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley, Wigan, WN2 2SB.

RADIO MERSEY CHRISTMAS APPEAL



LUCIANA BERGER MP attended the December Church Parade of the 35th Liverpool Company in All Saints Church Childwall to receive gifts of toys from the congregation for distribution to disadvantaged children at Christmas.

DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

THE DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA took place on Saturday 3rd December at Dunes Leisure Centre, Southport. 6 Companies took part:-
1st Leyland, 1st Denton, 1st Ormskirk, 7th Southport, 9th Southport and 10th Southport.

Results:

Junior section trophy		Senior Section Trophy	
1st place	7th Southport	1st place	1st Denton
2nd place	1st Ormskirk	2nd place	7th Southport
3rd place	1st Leyland	3rd place	1st Ormskirk

Company Section Trophy		Overall Trophy	
1st place	1st Denton	1st place	7th Southport
2nd place	1st Ormskirk	2nd place	1st Denton
3rd place	9th Southport	3rd place	1st Ormskirk



Daniel Beech from 1st Denton took 1st place in the 200m championship, and Nathan Browne from 1st Ormskirk took 1st place in the Officers race.

100 YEARS OF JUNIOR WORK

100 YEARS OF JUNIOR WORK - Juniors from the 35th Liverpool form 100 at the first meeting of 2017.



THE DISTRICT TEN PIN BOWLING COMPETITION was held at the Holywood Bowl, Edge Lane, Liverpool on Saturday 21st January 2017 and attracted enteries from 6 teams representing 5 Battalions.

Results

First round; (over three games)			Top 4 play off :- (over 2 games)		
1st	7th Southport	868 pts	1st	7th Southport	676 pts.
2nd	1st Oswaldtwistle	821 pts	2nd	1st Oswaldtwistle	515 pts
3rd	1st Denton	629 pts	3rd	1st Denton	452 pts
4th	1st Morecambe	529 pts	4th	1st Morecambe	370 pts
5th	9th Southport	493 pts			
6th	1st Leyland	474 pts			

Best individual overall score in the first round;-

1st	Daniel Wilcox	7th Southport	313 pts
2nd	Luke Meecham	1st Oswaldtwistle	300 pts
3rd	Sam Morgan	7th Southport	282 pts



JUNIOR SECTION 5ASIDE FOOTBALL

Teams from 1st Bare (Methodist), 1st Oswaldtwistle, 10th Southport (Marshside Methodist) and 19th Wigan (Vale Methodist) took part the 19th finishing worthy winners.



CAROLS FOR THE DISTRICT CHARITY

The Oliver King Foundation



The East Lancashire Battalion donated the sum of £121 from the offertory taken at their annual carol service held at Ryddings

Methodist Church, Oswaldtwistle. This was supplemented by a further £200 collected by the Rishton and Accrington BB Band during their Christmas programme which included Church services in Great Harwood, Clayton-le-moors, Rishton and Oswaldtwistle, visits to great Harwood Tesco and into Yorkshire for the Sowerley Bridge Street Market.

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2017

4th February	Archery Instructors Course	Treales
4th February	Indoor Climbing Instructors Course	Treales
11th February	Cross Country	Southport
11th/12th February	Youth Leader Training	Treales
24th/26th February	Queens Badge Completion	Treales
4th March	District Executive	Treales
4th March	Centre Working Party	Treales
11th March	"Get Active" Roadshow	Manchester *
18th March	Holiday Leadership	Treales
1st April	National Table Tennis Final	Liverpool *
13th May	C.S. Football Competition	Treales
14th May	Queens Badge Presentation	Oldham
20th May	Big Night Out	Ripon *
2nd/4th June	Unite Camp	Felden *
3rd June	District Executive	Treales
17th June	Festival of Fun	Treales
24th June	First Aid	Treales
30th June/1st July	J.S. "100" Sleepover	Treales
1st/3rd September	Brigade Conference	Manchester *
22-24th September	District Camp	Treales
* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS		



FREEDOM OF THE CITY

THE LIVERPOOL BATTALION

are to receive the Freedom of the City at a ceremony to be arranged later in the year. We all join in congratulating members past and present on this fine tribute and note the motto of The great city is "God has bestowed these blessings on us".



WORKING PARTY

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the District Activity Centre on

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH

from 10.00am Lunch provided please advise Bob Wright on email rlw8spt@hotmail.co.uk

by not later than 1st March if you can help.



OBITUARIES

RONALD MALCOLM KAY (AGE 72)

Ron served for some 52 years as Captain of the 1st Altrincham (Oldfield Brow Congregational Church) a truly dedicated officer who was also ordained as a Pastor in the church. Such a long period of service had involved Ron with company camps and football teams, always soldiering on through staff shortages to ensure the lads had a great experience.

In latter days, he has been supported by his two sons Andrew and Stephen who continue to serve as officers in the 1st. Rons wife predeceased him some years ago, he leaves his two sons and daughter Rachel to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

EDWARD WILSON (AGE 95)

Ted enrolled in The Life Boys in the 23rd Liverpool Company (Holy Trinity Parish Church Walton Breck) in 1929 continuing through the ranks until war service, after which he returned to become Leader in Charge of the 23rd Life Boy team and Area Secretary of the 60 strong Liverpool Battalion area. Further involvement as a training officer at national and local levels and Chairmanship of the District LB committee, made him something of a legendary figure in LB circles.

A Bank manager Ted made his financial skills readily available to Brigade Headquarters in London and in the Battalion and District offices. In his lengthy retirement Ted remained a very loyal supporter and Friend of the District Training Centre making his last visit to the centre in his 93rd year. A committed Anglican he was a member Holy Trinity until the end of his life. We extend our deepest sympathy to his son Noble and the extended family

ANDREW LYONS (AGE 65)

Andrews BB service began in 1959 in the ranks of the 16th Liverpool Company (Bethel Evangelical Church Tuebrook) Life Boy Team he proceed through the ranks to Lieutenant and for a short period acting Captain. The call from the Church to be Sunday School Superintendent caused him to relinquish formal membership of the staff but he really was becoming a Company Chaplain attending to devotions and was ever present at the Company camp. We extend our condolences to his wife June son Matthew daughter Jenny and the family circle in their sad loss.

PRAYER TOPICS

David Griffiths	Wigan	Harry Parrish	Burnley
Alan Ridehalgh	Colne	Alan Scholes	Oldham
Darren Wright	Southport		

SOME 17 YEARS AFTER HE LEAVING THE 1ST DEARHAM COMPANY (St Mungos Parish Church)

Greg Johnson returned to collect a cheque for £634 in support of the "Team Eve" childrens charity. The presentation was made by S/sgt Ben Nicholson who personally raised £321 by sponsored swim on Lake Windermere.



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