

QUEENSMEN 2019

JACK ELLERSHAW
1st Elworth

LUKE GIBSON
1st Leyland

CONNOR BARNBROOK
16th Liverpool

ISAAC MORGANS
16th Liverpool

WILL RICHARDSON
35th Liverpool

TOM CRESWELL
35th Liverpool

KYLE BOLTON
1st Oswaldtwistle

JOSHUA TAYLOR
1st Oswaldtwistle

LUKE MEECHAM
1st Oswaldtwistle

JOSEPH WILKIN
1st Oswaldtwistle

JACK TAYLOR
1st Rishton

OWEN CHARNOCK
2nd Wigan

HARRY McROBERTS
12th Wigan



QUEEN'S BADGE PRESENTATION 2019

The Queen's Badge Presentation Ceremony for 2019 took place on 12th May 2019 by kind permission of the 16th Liverpool Company at Bethel Independent Church, Green Lane, Liverpool. Some 13 members were presented with their Badges and Certificates by Mark F. W. Blundell Esq. Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mr. Rob Whiteway Pastor of Bethel Church conducted the devotions. At the conclusion of the Ceremony over 100 parents and friends were entertained to a finger buffet at the invitation of the District and kindly prepared by the ladies of Bethel Church.



MANCHESTER CELEBRATE 125 YEARS

BATTALION CAMP

On the weekend of 8th to 10th March 175 members of the Manchester and District Battalion attended an adventure activity camp at Kingswood near Sheffield to celebrate their 125th Anniversary. Weather conditions were challenging with snow, lightening and plenty of rain but that did not stop a fun filled time being had by all.

Activities included a zip line, climbing wall, obstacle courses, team challenges, archery, survival skills, movies, a fashion show and all concluding with shared worship. Juniors, Company and Seniors all took part and it was great to see young people from different companies forming new friendships which should stand the Battalion in good stead for years to come.



LOST DOG

In 1958 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Brigade, the District embarked on an ambitious project to raise sufficient money to train two guide dogs for blind persons in the area, each Company was encouraged to take part to raise the £500 to buy and train two Guide dogs. There was a fantastic response and it was possible to present a cheque for £1,250.00 to the Earl of Lanesborough, President of the Guide Dogs Association at the Blackpool Tower Display. Sufficient money was raised to train five dogs each to be called Be Be!! To mark this effort the Guide Dogs Association presented the District with a commemorative item a model dog: Sixty years on this item was offered on eBay.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Dean of Manchester The Very Rev'd Rogers Govender welcomed members of the Battalion to Manchester Cathedral on Sunday 28th April 2019 for a Service of Thanksgiving, the Service was led and talk given by The Rev'd Steve Bunting England and Wales Regional Chaplain.

Battalion Trophies including The Chalton VC Bible were presented by the Brigade President Lord Griffiths. The congregation included civic leaders and a large contingent of former members.



RAISE THE BAR CAMPAIGN

The Regional Roadshow to introduce the New under 11's Programme visited The District Training and Activity Centre on Saturday 28th April 2019 and attracted an attendance of some 45 Officers representing 14 Companies from 5 Battalions. Presentations were given by Mr Jonathan Eales Business Director from National HQ and Miss Natalie Whipday Director for England and Wales.



ROYAL GUESTS

The following Officers and their guests had the honour to be invited to one of Her Majesty the Queen's Garden Parties during the summer.

David Broad 1st Elworth (Methodist Church)
Ben Smith 5th Manchester (Christ Church URC Parrs Wood)
Philip Dennison 6th Liverpool (West Derby Methodist)
John Walker 1st Skerton (St. Chad's Parish Church)
We congratulate them on receiving this worthy recognition of their service to the BB and their communities.

ROYAL STEWARDS

The following Young Men have been selected to act as Stewards at one of H.M. Queen's Garden Parties this summer:

Luke Gibson 1st Leyland (Methodist Church)
Daniel Birchall 1st Skerton (St Chad's Parish Church)
Daniel Hodgson 1st Skerton (St Chad's Parish Church)
Callam O'Sullivan 5th Manchester (Christ Church URC, Parrs Wood)



BUILDING YOUR SKILLS

Ten members from the following Companies participated in a Building Your Skills Course held at the Training and Activity Centre on 16th March 2019.

1st Chapel-en-le-Frith (Townend Methodist), 1st Skerton (St Chad's Parish Church) and 9th Widnes (St Ambrose Parish).



COMMONWEALTH DAY SERVICE

Two members of the 53rd Manchester Company (Emmanuel LEP), Jack Franks and Charlie McClafferty, also in the party representing Northern Ireland was Ian Pinkerton 2nd Route Company (Kilranghts Presbyterian) currently assisting the 35th Liverpool Company were part of a party of seven members representing the Brigade in the UK at the Annual Commonwealth Day Service in Westminster Abbey on the 11th March 2019



LIVERPOOL ON PARADE



The Liverpool Battalion Annual Church Parade Service was held at the Parish Church of St. Christopher, Norris Green home of the 49th Company.



DISTRICT CALENDAR 2019

1st June	District Executive	Treales
15th June	Family Funday	Treales
6/8 Sept	Brigade Conference	Swansea
14th Sept	Queen's Badge Advisors	Treales
27/29th Sept	District Camp	Treales
5th Oct	105th Annual AGM	Wigan
9th Nov	Anchor Day	Treales
16th Nov	Brigade Training Officers update	Treales

THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTH WEST DISTRICT

**Notice is hereby given that the
105th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**
will be held at
St Peters Pavillion, Wigan Road, Hindley, Wigan WN2 3DN

On Saturday 5th October 2019, Commencing at 2.00pm
(By kind invitation of the Wigan and District Battalion)
Come and enjoy the fellowship

Notice of Amendment to District Constitution

The following will be proposed at the AGM in the name of the District Executive.
Dissolution Clause.

7.1 The members (i.e. Battalions and Companies) of the Charity may at any time before, and in expectation of, its dissolution resolve that any net assets of the Charity after all its debts and liabilities have been paid, or provision has been made for them, shall on or before the dissolution of the Charity be applied or transferred in any of the following ways:

7.1.1 Directly for the Objects; or

7.1.2 By transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects; or
7.1.3 To any charity for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects;

7.2 Subject to any such resolution of the members of the Charity, the Trustees of the Charity may at any time before and in expectation of its dissolution resolve that any net assets of the Charity after all its debts and liabilities have been paid, or provision made for them, shall on dissolution of the Charity be applied or transferred:

7.2.1 Directly for the Objects; or

7.2.2 By transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects; or
7.2.3 To any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects.

7.3 In no circumstances shall the net assets of the charity be paid to or distributed among the members of the Charity (except to a member that is itself a charity) and if no such resolution is passed by the members or the Trustees the net assets of the Charity shall be applied for charitable purposes as directed by the court or the Commission.

BB NATIONAL SENIOR 5 A SIDE

The 16th Liverpool took part in the final of the National 5-a-side Football Competition held in Derby along with the 2nd Tonbridge they represented England Region against teams representing Northern Ireland and Scotland.



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OBITUARIES

JOHN HOLCROFT (AGE 81)

John sometime Captain of the former 1st Scarisbrick Company (St. Mark's Parish Church) died on the 1st March 2019.

John, a committed Christian served as Church Warden at St. Mark's for many years. For many years he was Chairman of the Southport Battalion Junior Section Committee and was responsible for the Annual Junior Section 7-a-side football competition. He was a Battalion Honorary Vice-President who despite failing health never missed an Annual Meeting. We extend our sympathy to his wife Muriel and the family circle.

THOMAS MOORCROFT (AGE 84)

Tom joined the 4th Southport Company (St. Simons & St. Judes Parish) as a Boy. He subsequently became an Officer and then Captain of the 1st Ormskirk (Emmanuel Methodist/URC).

He was for sometime President of the Southport and District Battalion and at the time of his passing an active Hon. Vice-President of the Battalion, he was also a greatly valued Honorary Vice-President of The North West District.

A talented musician and Church Organist, he often played at District events, his ability on the piano accordion enlivened many Camp epilogues and provided many lasting memories for those who worshipped God under the stars.

Tom leaves a wife Denise, children Katherine and Andrew and step children Stephen and Gareth. To whom we extend deepest sympathy.

