



DIGEST



NEWS FROM THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN THE NORTH WEST

SPRING 2023

TRAINING MATTERS IN THE NORTH WEST

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING During the weekend 4th/5th February 2023 the undermentioned Officers successfully completed their Youth Leader Training at a course held at the District Training and Activity Centre.

Liverpool Battalion

Connor Barnbrook (16th Bethel Evangelical).
Jayne Henderson (7th West Derby Methodist)

Manchester Battalion

Ian Reah 55th (Weaste United Reformed Church)
Matthew Hussen 55th (Weaste United Reformed Church)
Eion Ginty (3rd Trafford Sevenways Methodist)
Nick Saunders (3rd Trafford Sevenways Methodist)

Oldham Battalion

Edward Anchor 24th (South Chadderton Methodist)

Southport Battalion

Ms Darby Henderson 1st Ormskirk (Emmanuel Methodist/URC)

Wigan Battalion

Michael Sumner 12th (St John Evangelist Parish, Hindley Green)
Cameron Moore 12th (St John Evangelist Parish, Hindley Green)

The course co-ordinator was Dr. Rob Henderson MBE and the instructors were LDC members Scott Barry-Godsell, Mick Southern and Paddi McGowan



COMPANY MANAGEMENT TRAINING on Saturday 11th March 2023 Some 23 Officers from throughout Northern England attended the District Training Centre for HQ sponsored Company Management Course.



FIRST AID TRAINING Some 25 Officers from Liverpool and District Battalion attended a First Aid Course at Bethel Evangelical Church HQ of the 16th Company.



RAINFORD 75

During the weekend 11th/12th March 2023 the 1st Rainford Company(All Saints Parish Church) celebrated their 75th Anniversary on the Saturday morning with a coffee morning and the evening a Company Display which attracted an audience of over 200 parents and friends. On the Sunday the Liverpool and District Battalion chose to mark the occasion by holding their Annual church parade and service in All Saints, this was attended by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside the Mayor of St Helens, the Mayor of Knowsley and the Mayor of Sefton.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS - The resumption of National Competitions after covid brings to mind the many finals we have hosted at the centre. The generous hospitality we provided was greatly appreciated by those travelling from all parts of the UK and the local publicity provided a showcase for the BB in The North West.



SPOTLIGHT ON 1ST DENTON

The 1st Denton was formed in the year 1900 as a Company of The Boys' Life Brigade under the Captaincy of Mr Tom Thornhill (1900-1955) as part of Hope Congregational Church, it is the oldest continuing Company in the District and will be celebrating 123 years in July 2023

The Company has an unbroken tradition of imaginative BB work appropriate to each generation, excelling in Battalion and National Competitions particularly with the Band. The Company Camp has been a feature through the years.

The Company Centenary Booklet produced in the year 2000 is a fascinating read and a tribute to the consistent work and influence of the Company on Young People in Denton. Currently the Company operates with 3 sections under the captaincy of Darren Ratcliffe. A unique feature of the 1st is that 3 former Captains remain active members of the staff.

The Company have been regular users of the District Training and Activity Centre and recently enjoyed a weekend at Treales.



DISTRICT CALENDAR 2023

4th March	District Executive	Treales
11th March	*Company Management	Treales
25th March	Building Skills for President's Badge	Liverpool
21st/23rd April	Queen's Badge Completion	Treales
26th/29th May	*Unite Camp	Felden
3rd June	District Executive	Treales
17th June	Fun Day and Picnic	Treales
2nd/3rd Sept	*Brigade Conference	Glasgow
7th Oct	109th Annual Meeting	Treales
13th/15th Oct	District Camp	Treales

* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS

OBITUARIES

CHARLES GRAHAM BALDOCK (AGE 71)

Graham served as a Boy and Officer in the 1st Meols Company (St Andrew's URC) He was a Queen'sman 1968 He was a Friend of the District for over 40 years.

Condolences have been extended to his sister and brothers in their loss.

KENNETH THOMAS BRETT (AGE 80)

Kenny was a member of the 10th Liverpool Company (Christ Church Parish, Anfield). Since Boyhood serving as an Officer for some 53 years. He was also a great supporter of the 10th Old Boys Association.

BRIAN HEATON (AGE 70)

Brian was a legendary figure in the life of the Brigade in Southport working in the 6th Southport (St Paul's Parish), 1st Southport (St Philips with Wesley) and the 12th Southport (St Luke's Parish) but best known for his weekly BB column in the Southport Visiter newspaper which he maintained over many years. He was also the collector of Brigade memorabilia which includes a Railway Engine Nameplate "The Boys' Brigade" and car registration including "BB1883" he was a leading autonumberologist and author of several books on the subject. A committed Anglican, he was Treasurer of St Luke's Church.

We extend our sympathy to his life partner Janet and her family.

**ALL COMPANIES IN THE DISTRICT
ARE INVITED TO**

A PICNIC WITH MUCH MORE

AT THE

**DISTRICT TRAINING & ACTIVITY CENTRE
CARR LANE, TREALES, PR4 3SS**

ON SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023

11am - 4pm

**FREE LUNCH, BURGERS, PATISSERIES AND SOFT DRINKS
AVAILABLE FROM 12:00PM TO 1:00PM**

**INFLATABLES, HUMAN FOOTBALL
INTRODUCTION TO ARCHERY AND CLIMBING
BY BB INSTRUCTORS**

**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL
FOOD CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED TO THOSE WITH TICKETS**

PRAYER TOPICS

Audrey and Jim Lloyd

Brian Taylor

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Seven members and two leaders of the 7th Liverpool (West Derby Methodist) were honoured to be selected to be part of the BB contingent at the national Act of Remembrance in Whitehall, this involved marching past members of the Royal family and meeting up with the many veterans taking part. Through the support of a local funder they were assisted with transport and able to stay overnight at Felden Lodge making for the experience of a life time.



IN APPRECIATION



Following the closure of the 16th Perth Company (North Parish Church) the residual Trustees have donated the sum of £4000 to the Training Centre, in appreciation of the many happy times the Company experienced in summer camp at Treales.

In return we are marking this relationship by installing an Heraldic shield bearing the coat of arms of the City of Perth in Centenary Hall.

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