

NEW LEADERS

The undermentioned Leaders attended a Residential Youth Leader Training Course held at the District Training and Activity Centre during the weekend 8th/9th February 2025.

Wendy Curson 1st Burnley (Greenbrook Methodist Church)

Anne Marie Kimber 1st Burnley (Greenbrook Methodist Church)

John Dunderdale 1st Burnley (Greenbrook Methodist Church)

George Walsh 8th Trafford (Cornerstone Methodist Davyhulme)

Michael Riley 2nd Wigan (St Mark's Parish)

Jackie Wilkinson 1st Rainford (All Saint's Parish)

John Simons 1st Rainford (All Saint's Parish)

Calum Gibson 1st Rainford (All Saint's Parish)

Philip Lancaster 1st Rainford (All Saint's Parish)

Kevin Morrison 10th Liverpool (Parish of Christ Church Anfield)

Kim Starkey 1st Bryn (St Peter's Parish Church)

Alison Whitfield 1st Bryn (St Peter's Parish Church)

Staff team:

Natalie Whipday, Rachael Knowles, Scott Barry-Godsall,
Dr. R.C.W. Henderson MBE, Ian Parrish.



ALL THE KING'S MEN

The following members undertook a completion course at the District Training Centre during the weekend 28th Feb/2nd March 2025. The course staff were: Jessica Best, Ian Parrish, Mick Southern and Matthew Yates. The speaker at the Formal Dinner was Mr. Darren Rigby, a former Queensman.

MARNIE HOYLE 1st Rainford (All Saints)

JAREB OLIVER 16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical)

DAVID NEVILLE 3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)

CALLUM COWELL 3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)

MICHAEL HENDERSON 7th Liverpool (West Derby Methodist)

HAYDN TAYLOR-JONES 3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)

THOMAS STOCKTON 3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)

MARK TAYLOR 1st Morecombe and Heysham (Stanley Rd Baptist)

MASON DALLISON 1st Burnley (Greenbank Methodist Church)

JACK HENRY 3rd Trafford (Sevenways Methodist)





During the quiet season the Centre Management Committee have taken the opportunity to undertake a programme of Replacement of timber features in the Adventure Playground with recycled plastic. The District have received a donation of £400



NATIONAL SENIORS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

The 35th Liverpool (All Saints Childwall) having won the England Regional Competition progressed to the UK Final held at Lisburn, Co. Down on Saturday 22nd March 2025. The team and their supporters had an enjoyable weekend in the Province hosted by BBNI.



WORKING PARTY

Members and friends the 10th Southport) Marshside Methodist) put in a full shift of work at the Training Centre. Other offers of help are always welcome by arrangement with the Warden.





costing some £36,000 This has involved: Renewal of heating in Centenary Hall and Bedrooms . Converting Sports Hall lights to LED. Treales Parish Council towards a new AED machine. New commercial cooker for Centenary Hall, existing cooker moved to the camp kitchen.



ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

Members of East Lancashire Battalion held their Annual Carol Service at Rhyddings Methodist Church Oswaldtwistle. Puppeteers of 1st Oswaldtwistle and Trinity Stedfast Silver Band contributed to the service.



THE LONG GAME

Members of the 12th Wigan (St John the Evangelist Parish Church Hindley Green) created their own Table Tennis game at their Thomas Street headquarters



DISTRICT CALENDAR 2025

4th/6th April	National Young Leaders	Treales
14th April	Building Skills	OnLine
8th June	District Executive	Treales
21st June	Fun Day and Picnic	Treales
22nd June	King's Badge Presentation	Hindley
* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS		

**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 21ST JUNE 2025
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

David Barnes, David J Mills MBE
Brian and Irene Taylor

EXPERIENCING LIFE

YOU'VE FOUND A BEAR!



Young members of the 1st Bromborough (Methodist) met an important person on a trip to Chester.



OBITUARIES

OLWEN FOWLER (AGE 85)

The passing of Olwen brought to an end, the Fowler legacy in the 46th Liverpool (St Michael in the Hamlet Parish). Olwen was the widow of George, Captain of the 46th (1965-1990). She was in her time the Life Boy Leader in Charge and a National Training Officer. Her long service was recognised by her appointment as Honorary Vice-President of the Liverpool Battalion.

Condolences have been expressed to her sons Stephen and Timothy and the family circle.

MARTIN RITSON ORMOND (AGE 65)

Martin joined the BB in the 1st Bispham (All Hallows Parish) as a boy, proceeding through the ranks to become Officer in Charge of the Junior Section. At District level he undertook the role of Queen's Badge coordinator for the residential completion courses at the Training Centre. On taking early retirement he offered his service to the District as Financial Assistant as well as being Parish Manager at Christ Church Thornton Cleveleys. He undertook these duties in addition to being fully involved in the life of All Hallows, something he had done along with Denise throughout their married life. It was therefore not surprising that amongst the funeral congregation of 400 were 13 Clergymen to pay tribute to a true servant of the Lord.

Our deepest sympathy has been expressed to Denise, his sons David and James and the extended family.

KEITH HAYTON (AGE 82)

Keith a member from Boyhood of the 2nd Wigan (St Marks Parish Church) became an Officer in the 2nd and when a Company was formed at the daughter Church of St Barnabas on the new Marsh Green estate he transferred there, helping it become a very effective unit.

In later years along with his wife Nadine he was "Chief cashier" at the Battalion's Wigan Town Flag Day which began in the 1980's and continues. He was a Freemason member of Arrowhead Lodge of Freedom and Timekeeper for Wigan RLFC.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his sons Andrew and Philip and the family circle.