

## QUEENSMEN 2017

**BENJAMIN MYCOCK**  
1st Chapel-en-le-Frith

**BEN NICHOLSON**  
1st Dearham

**JORDAN ARCHER**  
10th Liverpool

**CONNOR BURKE**  
10th Liverpool

**MATTHEW TELFER**  
10th Liverpool

**ADAM FRANKS**  
53rd Manchester

**AFOLABI DARAMOLA**  
24th Oldham

**LEWIS GARFORTH**  
24th Oldham

**PHILLIP LANG**  
48th Liverpool

**ANDREW WILCOCK**  
48th Liverpool

**DANIEL BIRCHALL**  
1st Skerton

**JOSEPH HAGAN**  
7th Southport

**JEREMY JACKSON**  
7th Southport

**SAM MORGAN**  
7th Southport

**DANIEL WILCOX**  
7th Southport

**SAMUEL OWEN**  
10th Southport

**CAMERON MOORE**  
12th Wigan

**MATTHEW HIGHTON**  
14th Wigan

**AARON STARKEY**  
14th Wigan

**PHILIP RICHARDSON**  
1st Roby

**JENNY JACKMAN**  
4th Runcorn

**EMMA McCREADY**  
4th Runcorn

**BETH KEELEY**  
9th Widnes



## QUEEN'S BADGE PRESENTATION 2017

The Queen's Badge Presentation Ceremony for 2017 took place at South Chadderton Methodist Church on Sunday 14th May, by kind invitation of the 24th Oldham Company. Some 23 members were presented with their badges and certificates by the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester Warren J Smith KStJ JP. The Rev'd Darren Holland Chaplain of the 24th Oldham conducted the devotions. At the conclusion of the ceremony, 150 parents and friends were entertained to a buffet meal by kind invitation of The District Executive.



## AROUND THE COMPANIES

### **SUPER STARS COMPETITION**

East Lancashire Battalion organised a Super Stars Competition, companies taking part were 1st Oswaldtwistle., 1st Burnley, and 1st Rishton. 25 lads took part and 1st Oswaldtwistle were the winners.



### **HOLIDAY LEADERSHIP COURSE**

The following officers Kate and Peter Anchor (24th Oldham Company) along with Mark Clarkson and Matthew Wilcox (9th Southport Company) successfully completed the course held at the Activity Centre on Saturday 18th March 2017.

### **JUST A JUMBLE SALE!**

A traditional method of fundraising but the 5th Manchester (Parrs Wood United Reformed Church) do things in style. This year they maximised publicity by using the road works and the arrival of a new bridge to advantage, some 300 people attended. the Lord Mayor of Manchester opened the event and sportingly took part in the auction.



### **CAMP CRAFT COURSE**

The Camp Craft Course took place at the Activity Centre on Saturday 20th May 2017. The following leaders completed the course and qualified:

#### **24th Oldham Company**

Dawn Mallitt  
Katherine Anchor  
Peter Anchor  
James Henderson  
Mike Kendrick

#### **9th Southport Company**

Mark Clarkson  
David Barnes

#### **1st Preston Company**

Susan Parkinson  
Steven Parkinson  
Simon Parkinson

#### **1st Ormskirk Company**

James Allison



### **QUEENS BADGE COMPLETION COURSE**

Some 23 candidates from 13 Companies representing 8 Battalions, took part in the course held at the Activity Centre. The course staff included M.H Southern (leader), D.Owens (QB Co-ordinator), Bill & Kate McKay, A.Sixsmith, D.McKay, Shelia & David Holmes. The speaker at the formal dinner was the Revd Will Gibbons Chaplain 2nd Wigan.

### **JUNIOR SECTION COMPETITIONS DAY**

Three Companies 10th Liverpool (Christ Church Anfield), 24th Oldham (South Chadderton Methodist) and 1st Over Wyre (Bethel URC Preesall) participated in several activities during the day. Overall winners 1st Over Wyre.



## LIVERPOOL ENTERTAINS



The Liverpool Battalion hosted the national final of the BB Table Tennis Competition at Merchant Taylors School Crosby on Saturday 1st April 2017. Teams from Newport (I.O.W) Ballyclare, Coleraine, Monifieth, Grangemouth and Lanchester took part. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool welcomed the teams distinguished guests included The Earl of Derby DL Hon. Battalion President and Sir Ken Dodd a former member of the 66th Liverpool Company (St John's Parish Knotty Ash) who presented the Trophies.

## MANCHESTER ON PARADE



The Manchester Battalion chose a new venue for their Annual Church Parade St Phillips Parish Church in the centre of Salford and this proved to be an excellent choice. Some 200 members took part and marched past Civic Leaders led by a combined Drum & Bugle Band of 5th Manchester, 3rd, & 8th Trafford Companies.

## A GIDEON SHARE'S HIS FAITH

During their weekend stay at Stedfast Lodge, the 1st Over Wyre received a visit from Gideon John Cookson who presented everyone with a copy of The New Testament with the BB crest on the cover. John told the members how he came to faith through acting as an adult helper in the 1st Bispham (All Hallows Parish Church).



## DISTRICT CALENDAR 2017

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
7th October	103rd District AGM	Southport
13th October	Anchor Boy Party	Treales
25th October	Band Day	Treales
* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS		

## ROYAL GUESTS

The following Officers and their guests have been invited to attend Garden Parties given by H.M. Queen at Buckingham Palace during the summer.

The Rev'd Alan Barnes – East Lancashire  
Peter L Kefford – 35th Liverpool  
Paul Shepherdson – 24th Oldham  
Christine Whipday – 53rd Manchester  
We congratulate them on receiving this recognition of their service to the Brigade and their communities.

## THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTH WEST DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the  
**103<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Of the District Council will be held at:  
Liverpool Road Methodist Church,  
Birkdale, Southport

**On Saturday 7th October 2017**

Commencing at 2.00pm

(by kind invitation of the Southport & District Battalion)

*Come and enjoy the fellowship*

## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Four Companies took part in the District Cross Country (1st Ormskirk, 19th Wigan, 7th Southport & 9th Southport), on Saturday 11th February 2017 at Newlands in Southport.

### RESULTS:

#### Junior Section

1st - Joe Reesgara (19th Wigan)  
2nd - Oliver Laurie (1st Ormskirk)  
3rd - Ben Robson (19th Wigan)

#### Senior Section

1st - Joe Kakaras (7th Southport)  
2nd - Joseph Hagen (7th Southport)

#### Company Section

1st - Clark Lawless (9th Southport)  
2nd - Jacob Laurie (1st Ormskirk)  
3rd - Peter Morgan (19th Wigan)

#### Trophy winners

For a team of three boys - 1st place  
Junior Section Trophy - 19th Wigan

## PRAYER TOPICS

David Griffiths – Wigan  
Darren Wright – Southport

Harry Parrish – Burnley  
Vall Hall – Port Sunlight

## OBITUARIES

### ALAN GORDON RIDEHALGH (AGE 64)

Served as a boy through to officer in the 1st Oswaldtwistle (Rhyddings Methodist Church) he subsequently served with the 2nd Colne (Christ Church Parish Church). Alan was a committed Christian and enthusiastic member of The Boys' Brigade Mountaineering Club passions he shared with his wife Maggie to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

### ALFRED WEBSTER (AGE 88)

Alf was a legendary figure within Rainford Village as BB officer and Captain for some eighteen years of the 1st Rainford Company (All Saints Parish Church). He was the inspiration behind the formation of Company Silver Band which eventually converted to the present day Championship Class Rainford. A loyal member of the Parish Church serving terms as Church Warden and PCC Secretary. He was a committed supporter of the District Activity Centre through The Friends of the District. Alf was un married and it was a fitting tribute that his BB family were present at his funeral.

### LEN CLOAKE (AGE 71)

Len was a BB Boy in Manchester and as an adult became an Officer in the 1st Leigh (Lancs) Company (Westleigh Methodist) he was subsequently involved with 5th Wigan Company (St Catherine's Parish Church) and 12th Wigan Company (St John Evangelist Parish church) contributing over 50 years' service. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Sue and sons Richard and Andrew who are all Officers in the 12th Wigan.

### ALAN SCHOLES (AGE 85)

At the time of his passing, Alan was President of the Oldham Battalion a position he had held for some 20 years. His BB service began in the Life Boys of 19th Oldham Company (George Street Independent Methodist Church) eventually becoming Captain and Chaplain on the closure of the 19th, he transferred to the 2nd Oldham (Ashton Road Congregational Church) eventually becoming Captain and Chaplain. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Rosemary and the family circle.

### GEORGE CROSSMAN (AGE 76)

Initially George was an Officer in the 32nd Oldham Company (Zion Methodist Church) moving to the 24th Oldham (South Chadderton Methodist Church) when business pressures precluded full time leadership, he became a willing helper assisting particularly with transport to camps and events. George will be sadly missed by his many friends and wife Madge and the family circle.

### JOYCE MATHER (AGE 63)

Prior to her marriage to the Revd Stephen Mather, Joyce served as a leader in the 14th Wigan Company (St Mathews Parish Church) she also supported the work of the 15th Wigan (St Johns Parish Church Abram) and the 8th Wigan (St Peters Parish Church Hindley) when Stephen was vicar. After Stephens death, she was invited to succeed him as Battalion President a position she held at the time of her passing. Our sympathy is extended to her daughter Catherine and the family circle.

### ALAN SKELLY (AGE 90)

Alan joined the 49th Liverpool Company (St Christopher's Parish Church Norris Green) in 1938 progressing through the ranks becoming the Company Captain in 1958. He also ran the Church football team Professionally employed by the Liverpool Boys Association, first as Assistant Warden at the LBA Camp at Heswall and then as Warden of Old Swan Boys Club. He devoted all his life to the service of young people and was a devoted member of St Christopher's to his life's end and maintained his interest in BB as Vice President of the Liverpool Stedfast Association. He was unmarried we extend our sympathy to his nephews.

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