NORTH BB WEST
BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

DIGEST

NEWS FROM THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN THE NORTH WEST

SUMMER 2021

VIRTUALLY QUEENSMEN

A virtual Queen's Badge Completion Session was held by zoom link on Saturday 6th March2021. Congratulations are extended to the undermentioned members who have successfully fulfilled the requirements for the award.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
NORTH WEST DISTRICT

QUEEN'S BADGE COMPLETION

Victor Kamara	*1st Chapel-en-le-Frith (Townend Methodist)*
Joe O'Sullivan	*5th Manchester (Christ Church URC)*
Issac Wikinson	*5th Manchester (Christ Church URC)*
Mark Watson	*55th Manchester (Eccles Congregational Church)*
Max Barlow	*16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical Church)*
Coban Blythe	*1st Dearham (St Mungo's Parish Church)*
Tolson Carruthers	*1st Dearham (St Mungo's Parish Church)*
Nathan Hadley	*1st Dearham (St Mungo's Parish Church)*

The course staff were:

Mick Southern (Course Leader). David Owens (Co-ordinator). Bill McKay, Neil Meadows, Revd. Nicola Langton-Miller, Tom Yates, Jess Best, Rachel Knowles and Phil Richardson.

DISTRICT QUIZ

Ten teams participated in the District Masterteam competition held on zoom.

Here are the Results:

COMPANY	ROUND 1 General Knowledge	ROUND 2 World Geography	ROUND 3 Bible Knowledge	ROUND 4 Marvel Universe	ROUND 5 BB Knowledge	ROUND 6 Pictures - Flags	ROUND 7 Sports	ROUND 8 Harry Potter	ROUND 9 Transport	ROUND 10 Pictures - Dingbats	TOTAL	POSITION
1ST DENTON	6	10	3	7	4	9	8	4	4	7	62	6
1ST MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM	4	7	4	9	4	9	7	7	4	7	62	6
1ST OSWALDTWISTLE	2	6	5	8	4	10	7	10	4	5	61	8
1ST RAINFORD	2	3	1	9	6	10	9	10	2	7	59	10
10TH SOUTHPORT	6	10	2	10	3	10	7	8	3	6	65	3
24TH OLDHAM A	9	9	9	10	8	10	8	10	7	3	83	1
24TH OLDHAM B	5	6	4	10	7	10	6	10	3	3	64	4
35TH LIVERPOOL A	5	8	4	10	4	10	9	10	6	5	71	2
35TH LIVERPOOL B	2	5	2	8	4	9	9	7	7	7	60	9
35TH LIVERPOOL C	5	8	4	8	3	10	6	10	3	7	64	4

Winning team: 24th Oldham "A" Edward Anchor, Jack Moss & Jacob West.

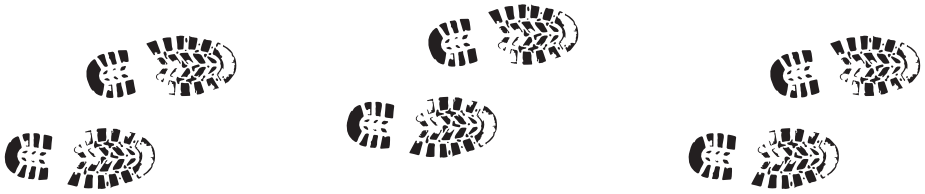
The event was well received by all concerned and it encouraged the organiser to consider arranging a similar Quiz when we meet face to face. Upwards of 60 persons were involved in the event, the question-masters included:
Dr. Rob Henderson, Ian Parrish, Jess Best, Hannah Griffiths, Phil Lancaster, Philip Metcalf, John Pollard, Sophie Warburton, Dave Lancaster, Carl Fairclough, Mick Southern and Margaret Battrick.

FROM THE ARCHIVE

WALKING FOR THE CENTRE - ACROSS THE BAY

On Saturday 29th June 1985 some 380 members of the District walked across The Sands of Morecambe Bay led by the Queen's Guide to the Sands Mr. Cedric Robinson in a sponsored walk entitled North West Dis-Trek.

The walk of 10k was undertaken at leisurely pace taking one and a half hours, some 30 companies participated raising the sum of £1,685.00.



WALKING FROM BROOMLEY GRANGE TO KIRKHAM

The President of East Lancashire Battalion Herbert Wilkinson MBE obtained two Flag Poles from a building project in Durham. The matter of transporting the poles 6 metres long made from fibreglass they were quite light But each pole had a heavy metal base. East Lancashire Battalion never ones to shirk a challenge at a Battalion Meeting held at the headquarters of the 1st Oswaldtwistle it was resolved to walk the poles back the 150 miles making this into a sponsored walk to raise funds to complete the purchase of the Centre and with specially prepared publicity material to promote the work of the BB along the way and the various towns they stayed in overnight during the 8 day walk.

The team comprised of Trevor RIdehalgh (1st Oswaldtwistle) Grahame Wharton (1st Colne). Boys JohnThompson (Colne) and Anthony RIdehalgh (Oswaldtwistle). Road Managers were Maureen RIdehalgh and Herbert Wilkinson.

It was fitting that it was the Silver Band of Accrington that met the walkers at the top of Carr Lane, Treales to march them into the Centre to be greeted by a large gathering of District folk gathered for the District Fun Day. The whole endeavour is documented into a 20 page illustrated diary compiled by Trevor Ridehalgh entitled Broomley to Kirkham Flagpole Walk - 27th May to 9th June 1989.

GO WILD

Members of the 1st Bromborough (Methodist) gathered leaves petals and twigs to create really Wild Heads as part of Go Wild Challenge.

Photograph Acknowledgements:- Mick Southern Brent Greenwood Jess Best Jean Chalton

VIRTUAL COURSE

SKILLS
FOR THE QUEEN'S BADGE

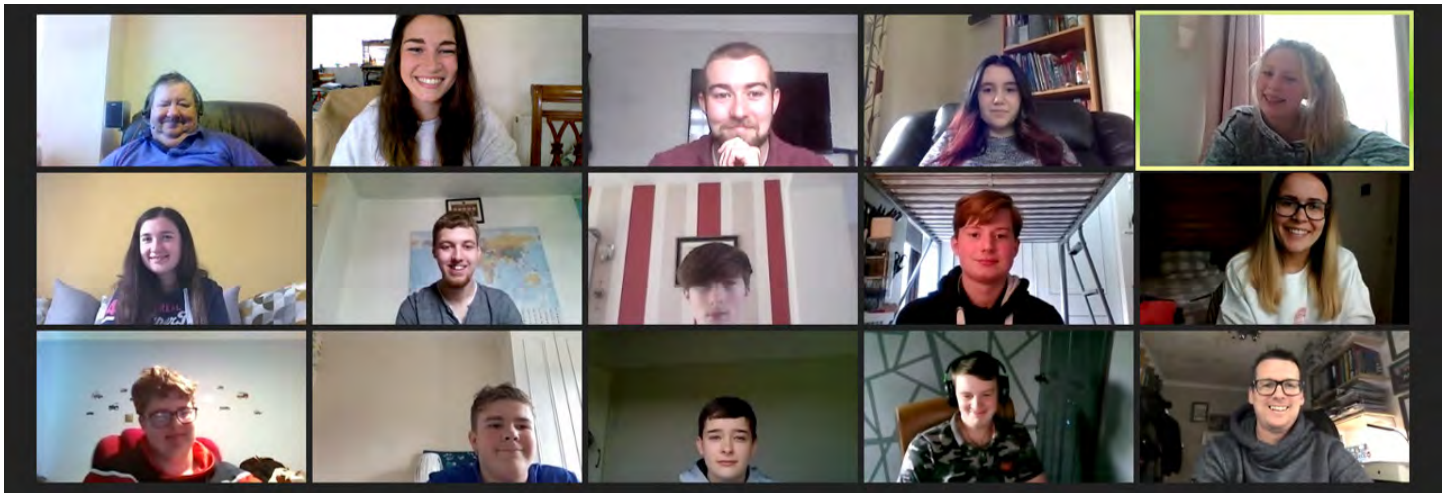
A visual course was held on 8th May 2021

10 members from 5 Companies, representing 3 Battalions took part in a very successful virtual "Skills for Queen's Badge" course.

STAFF:
Scott Barry-Godsell (Manchester) - Course Leader,
David Owens (Wigan), Jess Best (Rainford), Hannah Griffiths (Rainford),
Philip Richardson (Roby), Rev. Nicola Langton-Miller (Liverpool)

- MEMBERS PARTICIPATING -

Ella Calderbank	1st Rainford	Constance Berry	1st Rainford
Olivia Byrne	1st Rainford	Ryan Fairhurst	55th Manchester
Ryan Earl	1st Rainford	William Croston	1st Denton
Robert Wilkinson	1st Rainford	Luke Oram	10th Liverpool
Robert Walton	1st Rainford	Oliver Hagan	7th Southport



- AGM NOTICE -

The Boys' Brigade North West District
Charity No 520143

Notice is hereby given that the
107TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the District Council will be held at
the District Training and Activities Centre

ON SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2021

NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM GAMES

NATIONAL JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL TEAM GAMES
- FACE TO FACE -

Congratulations to 5th Manchester (Parrs Wood URC) placed 5th from 91 Junior Sections from countries across the BB World

OBITUARIES

Albert Pontefract (Age 86)
Albert gave a life time of service to the 8th Trafford Company (Cornerstone Methodist) including some 25 years as Captain and remaining a mentor and friend to the Company members until his life end.

Ray Bowker MBE (Aged 83)
Ray was involved with the 7th Altrincham Company (Timperley Methodist) for over 40 years. He gave a similar length of Service to Trafford Borough Council being elected Mayor in the Millennium Year and awarded the MBE in 2002 in recognition of hie outstanding public service. Condolences are expressed to his wife Hazel and the family circle.

David Mitchell
Along with his late wife Suzanne, David served for many years as Leader in the Junior Section of the 1st Moreton (Methodist) and in later years as a Reserve Officer. Giving valued service to the District Training Centre Management Committee. Condolences have been expressed to his children Lisa, Louise and James.

VIRTUAL COURSE

BUILDING YOUR SKILLS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BADGE

A VIRTUAL COURSE WAS HELD ON
15th May 2021

13 MEMBERS FROM 7 COMPANIES TOOK PART

Louisa Jackson	*1st Dearham (St. Mungo's)*
Olivia Christie	*1st Denton (Hope URC)*
Harrison Stopford	*1st Denton (Hope URC)*
Finley O'Neill	*1st Denton (Hope URC)*
James Fleetwood	*10th Liverpool (Christ Church Anfield)*
Tom Barlow	*16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical Church)*
Kieran Barnbrock	*16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical Church)*
Joshua Frost	*16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical Church)*
Luke Loannou	*16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical Church)*
Emannuel Olanipekum	*16th Liverpool (Bethel Evangelical Church)*
Alfie Cody	*53rd Liverpool (Parish Church of the Good Shepard)*
Alex Colmer	*1st Roby (St Bartholomew's Parish)*
Thomas Morris	*9th Southport (Ainsdale Methodist)*

STAFF

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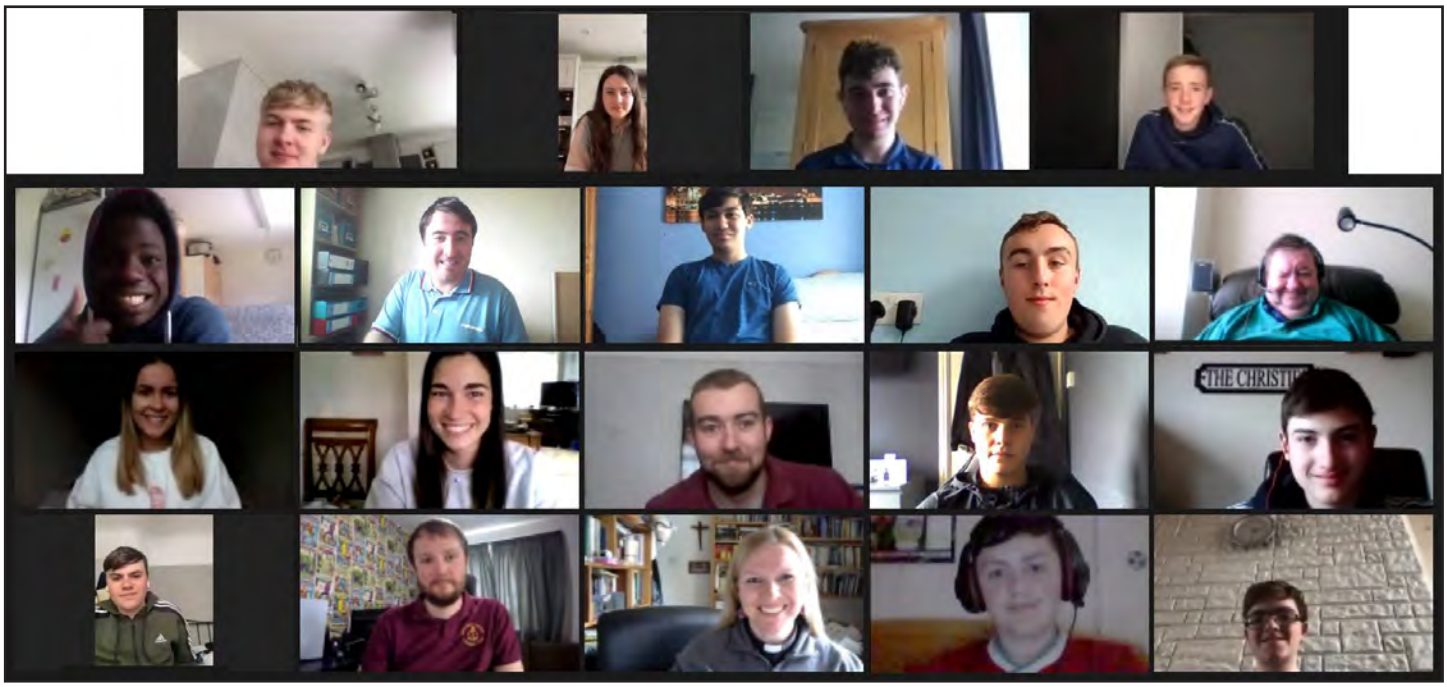

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The District President acknowledges with thanks a donation from:

Mr & Mrs J Lloyd Southport	**£250.00**
Exors of Jim McGuiness Southport	**£750.95**

TOTAL TO DATE £7,178.62

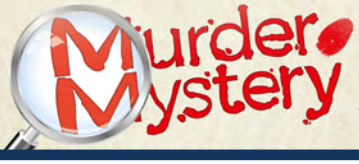
PRAYER TOPICS

JOHN CHAPPELL	BROADSTONE
DAVID AND SHEILA HOLMES	LIVERPOOL
JIM & AUDREY LLOYD	SOUTHPORT
JACK PUGH	WIGAN

MURDER MYSTERY HUNT

Time spent together during lockdown playing board games, quiz's and discussions proved very helpful preparing members of the 1st Ormskirk (Emmanuel MethodistURC) for the National BB Inter-activities Competition.

Congratulations to Tom, Harry, Lucas, Ryan and Max who were the best in 54 teams from throughout the UK with a record time of 13.3 minutes. Seven other teams from the District took part 8th Wigan (St Peters), 1st Oswaldtwistle (Rhydings Methodist) 1st Denton (Hope URC).



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