

## QUEEN'S BADGE PRESENTATION 2021



**The Queen's Badge Presentation Ceremony** held at St. Peter's Parish Church, Hindley on Sunday 3rd October 2021 was a presentation with a difference! In addition to the eight "Virtually" qualified candidates of 2021, ten candidates from the 2020 cohort attended to be congratulated by Her Majesty's Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester Mrs Sharman Birtles JP DL.

The Devotions were conducted by The Rev. Will Gibbons (Chaplain 2nd Wigan St. Mark's Newtown) and a vote of thanks was given by Max Barlow 16th Liverpool (Bethal Evangelical).

A congregation of some 80 parents attended and participated in an excellent buffet after the ceremony. The assistance of the 8th Wigan Company throughout was greatly appreciated.





## FROM THE ARCHIVES - LIFE AT THE TOP

In 1986 The Brigade organised a National Competition entitled "Life at the Top" when members were challenged to spend a day with a prominent person such as a Newspaper Editor, a Football League Manager or a Head Teacher etc. they were expected to write up the experience and secure local publicity. The experiences of two North West entrants make for interesting reading 25 years on.

**Simon Wood** 24th Oldham (South Chadderton Methodist) Simon chose to work with the Chef at The Bower Hotel, Hollinwood pursuing a career as a Chef. He won the 2015 Master Chef Competition and is now The Chef Patron of Wood Restaurant Group and author of a Cook Book, he regularly appears on TV.

**Stephen Fidler** a member of 3rd Wallasey (St Andrew's URC) spent a day with the Rt. Hon Lynda Chalker MP for Wallasey and Minister of State for Transport.

After Education at Cambridge University, he entered the Civil Service and is currently Director of Local Transport in the Ministry of Transport. He was awarded the OBE in the 2018 honours list.

## VISITORS FROM THE BB TOUR BAND

The District Training and Activity Centre was the base once again for a BB Tour Band this was a combined group made up of BB/GB members from the following Companies 1st Minster and 7th Malvern GB, the following BB Companies 1st Malvern, 2nd Sawston, 1st Harlington, 1st Wooton, 4th Peterborough and the 5th Croydon Pipes.

The Bands accompanied by an invited Brass Band which included our own Trinity Stedfast Brass led the Manchester Battalion to a Service in the Cathedral on Sunday 24th October, the 5th Manchester joined also for two days at the centre.

On the Tuesday evening they gave a Band demonstration on the Comedy Strip on Blackpool promenade and this was witnessed by large crowds of half term visitors to the Illuminations. Unfortunately the performance in the Light Parade on the Wednesday was cancelled due to rain and strong winds.

The aim of the tour was to restart BB Bands after Covid 19 which was achieved. The standard was very high and the Bands were a credit to The Boys' Brigade.

*The photograph below shows all the bands assembling at Castleford Bowl prior to the parade*



## 107<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 107th Annual General Meeting was held at Leyland Methodist Church on Saturday 2nd October 2021. There were present some 18 Officers from 7 Companies representing 7 Battalions.

Prior to the formal business of the Annual General Meeting The Rev Nicola Langton-Miller, Chaplain of Liverpool Battalion conducted a seminar on presenting the Christian Faith within the context of the BB Meeting. Nicola introduced a host of imaginative publications which can be used by leaders.

At the commencement of the meeting the President presented a framed embroidery of the District Crest to Bill Clary in recognition of 60 years service in the District. The 108th Annual Meeting will be held at the District Training Centre on 1st October 2022.





## DISTRICT PICNIC - WELCOME BACK

A great deal of uncertainty surrounded the District Executive's decision to invest £1500 plus in a Welcome Back Picnic at the Centre on Saturday 16th September 2021. Well all things did work together for good. The clerk of the weather behaved with a dry Fylde day, just over 100 members attended from 7 Companies representing 5 Battalions. A goodly supply of Burgers and Soft Drinks were consumed.

Special visitors on the day were Mr and Mrs Ian Macarther of Manchester Stedfast Association who presented a cheque for £200 towards Centre funds



## DISTRICT CAMP

The following Companies took part in the Camp organised during the weekend 24th/26th September 2021 46th Liverpool (St Michael in the Hamlet Parish) 5th Manchester (Parrswood URC).



## PRAYER TOPICS

David and Sheila Holmes

Jim and Audrey Lloyd

John and Joan Chappell

Rob Henderson

Brian Taylor

Eric Chilton





## DISTRICT CALENDAR 2021/2

9th Jan	District Executive	Treales
15th Jan	Masterteam	Treales
12th/13th Feb	YLT	Treales *
25th/27th Feb	QB Completion Course	Treales
5th Mar	District Executive	Treales
15th May	QB Presentation	TBA
2nd/5th Jun	Unite Camp	Felden
11th Jun	District Executive	Treales
18th Jun	District Fun Day	Treales
4th Sep	Brigade Conference	Belfast
23rd/25th Sep	District Weekend Camp	Treales
* Subject to demand		

## OBITUARY

**WALTER BRISK (AGE 93)** - Walter's death brought to an end a BB dynasty, the son of Reginald T. Brisk Captain of the 10th Liverpool (St Simon and St Jude, Anfield) and most energetic Battalion Vice-President. He represented the Lancashire and Cheshire District on the Brigade Executive 1949-1953.

Following his Fathers good example Walter became Leader-in-Charge of the 10th Life Boy Team. A career in teaching took him to Berkshire where he became founder Captain of the 1st Thatcham (United Reformed Church) in 1959. He served on the Brigade Junior Section Activities Committee 1964 - 1978 and was a Vice-President of the Eastern District.

Returning to Lancashire as Captain of the 2nd Rochdale (Bamford Chapel) He wrote regular a column in the Brigade Gazette under the pseudonym "Cranbourne".

He was a past President of Oldham Battalion.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Glenda, His two sons and their families.

## MASONIC GIFT

The West Lancashire Freemasons Charity have generously provided a 15 Seater Minibus to the 35th Liverpool Company (All Saints Parish Church, Childwall)



## SKILLS FOR THE QUEEN'S BADGE



A Skills for the Queen's Badge Course was held at the District Training Centre during the weekend 16th/17th October 2021. Members from the following Companies took part in the above Course, 14th Bolton, 3rd Burnley, 1st Dearham, 1st Denton, 10th Liverpool, 16th Liverpool, 1st Roby, 10th Southport and 3rd Trafford. Course Leaders were: David Owens, Bill McKay, Neil Meadow and Tom Yates.

## LEGAL SERVICE

Members of the Liverpool Battalion were honoured to be invited by The High Sheriff of Merseyside to form a Guard of Honour at Liverpool Cathedral on the occasion of the service to mark the commencement of the Legal Year. Companies participating were the 7th, 35th and 46th Companies and the 1st Rainford along with members of the Liverpool Stedfast Association.



## ALL DIFFERENT

Members of the 1st Bromborough (Methodist) created Diversity Elephants as part of their Badge Work.

