



DIGEST

CELEBRATING
140
YEARS

NEWS FROM THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN THE NORTH WEST

WINTER 2023

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There were some 38 Officers and Friends of the District representing 13 Companies and 7 Battalions present at a formal Celebratory Luncheon held on Saturday 7th October 2023 in Centenary Hall, District Activity Centre to recognise the 140th Anniversary of the founding of The Boys' Brigade on 4th October 1883.

The Guest of Honour was The Right Rev'd. Geoffrey Seagrave Pearson. The Luncheon preceeded the 109th Annual Meeting of the District Council which dealt with the business of an AGM and this was followed by a time of BB fellowship.



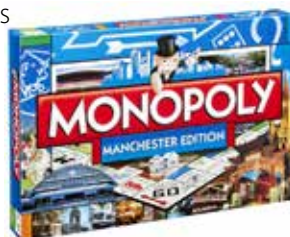
RAINFORD MONOPOLISE

As part of the 140th Anniversary Celebration, a Monopoly Challenge centred on Aberdeen, Glasgow, London and Manchester was organised on Saturday 30th September.

Manchester Hall, Bridge Street was the prestigious venue chosen as the base for the Manchester Challenge.

The following North West Companies participated:
2nd Denton, 3rd Trafford, 53rd Manchester, 59th Manchester, and 1st Rainford along with visitors from 3rd Harrogate, 1st Ossett, 5th Scarborough and 25th Stirling (Dunblane).

1st Rainford (AllSaintsParish) were judged best on the day.



LIVERPOOL BELL



This Bell was originally presented to the Brigade National Training Centre, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, circa 1950's in appreciation of Holiday Fellowship weeks spent there by a group from 29th Liverpool (Christ Church Norris Green).

On the closure of Felden Lodge in October 2023 the Bell was transferred to the District Training and Activity Centre by the Liverpool Stedfast Association and rededicated for Service by The Rev'd Bishop Geoffrey Segrave Pearson on the occasion of a Celebratory Luncheon held at the Centre on 7th October 2023 to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the founding of the 1st Glasgow Company on 4th October 1883.



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PRESIDENTS BADGE

The under mentioned members received the Presidents Badge during the session 2022-2023

3rd Burnley (St. Catherine's Parish Church)
Mason Dallison, Archie Luglam-Palmer, Emily Forrest.

16th Liverpool (Bethel Ind Evangelical Church)
Jared Oliver, James Wilstrom.

35th Liverpool (All Saint's Parish, Childwall)
Jamie Walsh, Michael Walsh, Charlie Williams, Joe Davies.

1st Morecambe & Heysham (Stanley Road Baptist Church)
Mark Taylor, Alfie Mitchell, Kyle Clarke.

1st Rainford (AllSaints Parish Church)
Marnie Hoyle.

5th Manchester (Cornerstone URC, Parrs Wood)
Liheng Lu Sun, Yuen Lin

53rd Manchester (Emmanuel Ecumenical, Salford)
Charlie Beaumont, Josie Leigh, Roslyn Copestake,
William Robinson, James Smith, Anna Smith, Charlie Griffin,
Kyra Blundell, Freya Cowburn-Di'Arienzo.

8th Trafford
(Cornerstone Methodist, Urmston)
Jack McCafferty.



FREEMAN OF MIDDLEWICH

David Cooke Founder Captain of the 1st Middlewich Company (Queen Street URC) has received the Freedom of the Town of Middlewich in recognition of 40 years service to young people.

A citation was read by Bob Tolmie, Battalion President, East Cheshire before a congregation of 200 people in St Michael's Parish Church.



SKILLS COURSE

12 members from 6 Companies representing 3 Battalions took part in the recent "Skills for Queen's Badge" at the District Training Centre.



QUEEN'S BADGE PRESENTATION AT LEYLAND

The presentation on Sunday 10th September 2023 at Leyland Methodist Church was rather unique, Queen's Badges presented by the King's representative! His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lancashire Mrs Amanda Parker JP who was making one of her first public engagements as the first female Lord Lieutenant in the history of the Lancashire Lieutenancy.

Once again we were very grateful to the 1st Leyland Company, the Minister and Stewards of Turpin Green Methodist Church for making their excellent facilities available to us.



BAND TOUR OF SCOTLAND

Some 85 BB and GB musicians gathered at the District Activity Centre for dinner, B&B and rehearsal before departing for a 5 day long BB Heritage Tour of Scotland, the party included members of the 5th Manchester Company (Cornerstone URC).

They attracted extensive publicity for the movement in it's homeland.



OUR MAN IN PERU

Edward Anchor 24th Oldham (Chadderton Methodist Church) remains in El Nazareno, Peru serving with the Church Mission Society.

Edward who received a bursary from Dr. Royds Fund sends regular newsletters which are forwarded to all companies by e-shot.



OBITUARIES

DAVID ROBERT HOLMES (AGE 77)

A lifelong member and subsequently Captain of the 10th Liverpool (Christ Church Parish Anfield with Holy Trinity Walton Breck). David along with his wife Sheila did much over many years to maintain a BB presence in the inner city.

He gave additional time to the activities of the Battalion and NW District, Davids service was formally recognised by an award from the Anfield Community. He will truly receive a welcome in that other community "Well done good and faithful servant".

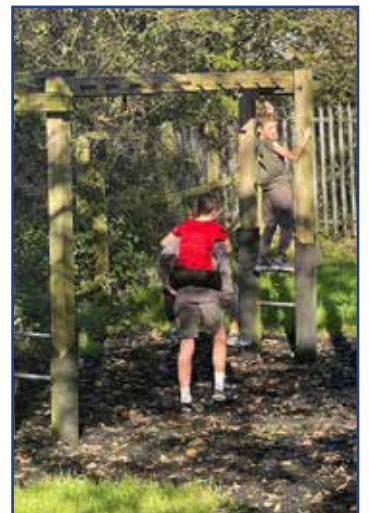
We express our deepest sympathy to Shiela, his daughters Jaqui and Pat and the family circle

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2023/24

13 th Jan	District Executive	Treales
3 rd - 4 th Feb	Youth Leaders Training	Treales
23 rd - 25 th Feb	Queens Badge Completion	Treales
2 nd Mar	District Executive	Treales
18 th May	Queens Badge Presentation	TBA
25 th - 27 th May	*Unite Camp	Dyffryn Arduwy
1 st Jun	District Executive	Treales
15 th Jun	Fun Day Picnic	Treales
* NATIONAL OR REGIONAL EVENTS		

OUR CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The 46th Liverpool Company (St Michael's in the Hamlet Parish) are regular visitors to the Centre and this year sought to try out recently ROSPA approved Adventure Playgroup and some indoor opportunities in Sports Hall.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Brigade in 1958. The District commissioned a tableaux in the famous Blackpool Illuminations.

This was the first venture by a Voluntary Organisation into the "Lights" due to the fact that the Manager was a BB Officer.

The sign was refreshed over many years at District Expense



PRAYER TOPICS

Lynne Jukes
Jim and Audrey Lloyd
Lynne Haworth
Brian Taylor

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