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WELCOME



A new year, a fresh start...

A new year is often viewed as a fresh start, frequently with resolutions, made in good faith, to change something for the better.

For many years I have been trying to stop biting my nails, but alas, to no avail. I am sure that you are much more disciplined than I am in achieving your resolutions. Next year I plan to stop being nice – the staff don't think that will be so much of a challenge for me.

In response to your comments in the survey about the Gazette, welcome to the new year, new look Gazette. Not entirely a complete fresh start as you will recognise much, but more of a re-fresh. It was clear from what you said, that the Gazette is valued, but could be improved to provide you with more ideas and resources to support you in your work. We hope that we have responded well to your feedback, but do let us know.

I know that sometimes people have concerns when things change; we all find comfort in the familiar. However, few of us drive the same car we were happy with twenty years ago, use the same mobile phone that we first purchased and whatever the age of our doctor, we would expect that they were up to date with the latest knowledge.

I am sure that we try to keep our Companies fresh for those that join and for those that have been with us for many years. It's always useful to review what we do with all age groups in the Company and look at imaginative ways of receiving feedback. Although what we do as a movement might change, the reason why we do it remains constant; Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.

New years are always full of hope and challenge. The challenge is there before us for our Companies to grow bigger and better during the year. Bigger and better so that we might share Jesus with more young people. May this new year be filled with joy as we continue in many different ways to advance His Kingdom.

Steve Dickinson
Brigade Secretary



Presentation Of Queen's Badges

In the summer I had the privilege of presenting President's and Queen's badges to young men of 7th North Staffs Company. These young men were contributing enormously to their Company and community like so many others across the Brigade. Building on such example the Government is keen to involve more young people in helping others and has launched the Campaign for Youth Social Action (see more on Page 11)



BRIGADE PRESIDENT JOINS IN CELEBRATIONS IN SCOTLAND

Lord Griffiths led the midday service at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh on Friday 4th October and spent the evening with members of the 1st Glasgow Company.

Greetings from your President

As I look back over the year that's now flown by, I have a host of lovely memories.

In my role as President I've met members of the Royal Family and all kinds of important people in towns and cities across the land. I've sat in at least one Lord Mayor's parlour, met significant BB people from a number of countries around the world. In other words, being your President gets me into amazingly interesting company. And yet, that's not at all the reason I want to go on serving in this way. All the posh occasions that I've been part of can't bear comparison with times I've spent with ordinary members of the Brigade, witnessing their "normal" routines and enjoying their company.

I've spent time with young leaders on KGV1 courses in Carronvale and at Felden Lodge, I've spent an evening with the 1st Glasgow Company on the 130th anniversary of the founding of the Brigade in that very place by William Smith. And I've been able to meet a number of boys who, suffering from one serious ailment or disability or another, have overcome the odds in order to contribute materially and spiritually to their Companies. This is the real pleasure I draw from being the President of The Boys' Brigade. And it's to all those boys (and of course girls) and their officers in Companies and Battalions across the land that

I send this New Year Greeting. May it be full of surprises, may dreams come true, may hard work be rewarded. The Brigade contributes hugely to the moral fabric of British (and Irish) society. So my greeting comes with deep pride.

God bless you one and all.

Leslie Griffiths
Brigade President

17thNottinghamBB @17thNotmBB
Great evening at Battalion Junior Section Unihoc tonight, great team spirit shown by all taking part @bbinnottingham @theboysbrigade



GROWTH, QUALITY AND VOICE

The Brigade has recently adopted a new development plan which sets out the priorities for the next 5 years.

In this first article, Matthew Smith, Vice President and Chairman of the Brigade Executive shares his thoughts on the plan, what it's about and the role that each of us has to play.



Profile: Matt Smith

In asking Matt to write for the magazine we asked him a few questions about his BB journey;

Q Tell us a little about your BB journey so far...

A Well I joined back in 1982, at the age of 6 and grew up as a member of 21st Ipswich. I've had many fantastic opportunities through BB since then including attending the 1994 Royal Review and spending a year with FDF in Denmark and BB South Africa. Involvement in the International Team meant I kept in contact with the Brigade during my years at University and led to involvement in The Global Fellowship. I am currently the Captain of 5th London Company which is based at Wesley's Chapel in the heart of London.

Q What's life like for you outside of BB?

A Well I certainly keep myself busy, as a Barrister by profession, as a trustee of the YMCA (City of London), as a University Governor and also through a keen interest in 19th Century Danish philosophy. Oh and not forgetting my love for watching cricket – although the current English team performance leaves something to be desired.

Q What's been the highlight of your BB journey (so far)?

A As a Captain, it would have to be our recent growth at the 5th London and seeing 20 young people in church at our recent church parade.

Q What's your hope for the future (in BB terms)?

A I would like us to be more ambitious, not be scared and give new ideas a go!



One of my fondest childhood memories is returning home from the Junior Section on a Friday night in the mid-1980s with my tuck shop purchases and ready to watch the second half of the A-Team before bed. I would wait keenly for the moment at the conclusion of every episode in order that I could say, in unison with Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith, "I love it when a plan comes together."

And now we, like the A-Team, have a plan. In our case, it's unlikely to involve knocking out an unwilling aeroplane passenger or the last-minute reconstruction of a black van inside a warehouse. But we do have a plan. And it has three big themes: Growth, Quality, Voice.

What do we mean by these?



GROWTH

We mean more Companies, and more young people and leaders in membership



QUALITY

We mean doing better what we already do.



VOICE

We mean letting young people speak up.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WAYS BOTH TO START NEW WORK & TO GROW EXISTING COMPANIES."

Development Plan 2013-2018

Sometimes we can feel threatened by plans. They sound like things you do at work. We see difficulties in achieving them. We worry that we are setting ourselves up to fail. But there's no shame in aiming high. Our greatest challenge these days is not being ambitious enough.

TOP TIP

👍 Growth

Use the young people themselves! They are the biggest recruiter and the greatest 'press' coverage out there!

John Boon, 2nd Witham – Nov 2013

Having our numbers remaining steady since we first started the Company three years ago and after discussing with my team we took a deliberate decision, along with our Girls' Brigade to leaflet drop our local estate, this increased our numbers. These boys have gone back into school and chatted about their time at BB and our numbers increased again. We have coped with the increase but may need to look for new leaders in the New Year."

Laura Ewing
Captain, 1st Newtownards



"OUR ASPIRATION IS THAT EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON CAN ACCESS BB WHEREVER THEY LIVE."

Development Plan 2013-2018

Let's consider the question of "Growth"

What does that mean for those of us who spend many of our so-called leisure hours on matters BB?

We have, at present, an opportunity without precedent in our recent history. The Brigade in Ireland is holding its own. In Scotland, we are growing. 20 new Companies were started in England and Wales in the first half of last year. There are more unsolicited enquiries from churches than the staff can deal with. We might argue about the reasons for this sudden surge in popularity. And we might be sceptical about its likely longevity. But let us not be guilty of failing to make hay while the sun shines.

Have we advertised in the church? At the local college or university? Do we have a presence with local volunteering agencies? Do we involve the parents as much as we could?


And how do we get the most out of our volunteers? Do those of us who are Captains need to review our role? Should we be aiming to recruit younger leaders in circumstances where our job will be to inspire and encourage them, rather than to lead the programme ourselves? Are we prepared to let go in order to let our Companies grow?

None of this is easy. All of it involves risk. But I ask all leaders reading this piece to consider how they would like to grow their Companies by this time next year and to devise a plan to try to give effect to that ambition. If we don't succeed, we shall have lost nothing. If we achieve only a fraction of our dreams, the results could be breath-taking. But if we don't dare to dream, we cannot expect to grow. That much seems obvious. As one member of the A-Team might have said, "I pity the fool who can't understand that."


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 Download the Development Plan 2013-2018 at:
boys-brigade.org.uk/developmentplan.htm

 Find out more about the current Growing Bigger, Growing Better campaign at:
boys-brigade.org.uk/growingbigger

 **3rd Enfield BB @ 3rdenfieldbb**
In the last 3 weeks we've now had 10 new boys and all are loving it! An amazing growth in numbers at the 3rd [#growingbigger](https://twitter.com/growingbigger)

When did we last ask ourselves if we could recruit more members to our Company? In my first few weeks as Company Captain, I decided to try to run a "bring a friend" evening in our Junior Section. Two boys brought a friend. Five boys came on their own as always. And one boy came dressed as a pirate. To this day, I have been wholly unable to understand what he thought that he was doing. But no-one forgot that evening. And our subsequent bring-a-friend evenings have always delivered a few new young people, one or two of whom return.

TOP TIP  **Growth**
You told us that 'Bring a Friend Nights' are the most successful way to recruit!
Growing, Bigger, Growing Better online surveys - Dec 2013

Are we restricted by leadership? BB leaders are good, even brilliant, at keeping going. I defy any other voluntary organisation to produce voluntary leaders who have more determination than BB leaders. But the corollary of that trait is that we are not always as pro-active as we could be in recruiting new blood. We are very good at developing leadership skills in our young people – and there is nothing more exciting than seeing a young person come through the ranks and assume a leadership role. But can we do more? Can we look externally?

THE WAY I SEE IT



My wife and I recently visited some good friends for an evening.

I look forward to meeting up with friends who you can guarantee will provide an evening of laughter and meeting with Tim & Nancy was no exception.

We sat in their living room chatting about life when we heard a snap from the basement. Tim's eyes spoke of excitement and achievement as he hurried down to discover that he had caught another mouse in the trap that he had set!

Well, to be honest, it wasn't as successful as one might hope. This mouse clearly had a degree in acrobatics and experience in shoplifting. He tried snatching the cheese with his back feet instead of his mouth, but unfortunately, he still lost.

Nonetheless, Bertie has perseverance like no other mouse. He began to drag the trap along the

floor, pulling himself with his front legs as if he was a body building mouse champion.

I can almost imagine the conversation with his fellow mice on return...

'Alright lads...Look at these mouse muscles'
'Woah.....talking mouse!' the other replies.

Sadly the evening didn't get much better for Bertie, but it's not my place to write about what happened next. Let's just say it was a quick, clean disposal that could have been a lot worse.

So talking of body building mice, I came across a bible passage today that I've never read before. It has nothing to do with mice, but a lot to do with strength. It was **Psalm 105:4** - *'Seek God and his strength, Seek his presence continually.'*

Sometimes, when we lead groups week in, week out, we can find ourselves feeling like Bertie the mouse, simply dragging the trap we



TOM AT A BB EVENT

have found ourselves in. Yet, let us remember that we are being used by God to bring a message of life and hope to each of the young people that attend the group.

If you are in need of strength at this time or if you are dragging a painful trap – Then seek God and his strength. Seek his presence continually – And perhaps your story will then not end like Bertie the mouse – But God will get you through.

May we be leaders who are accepting of the fact that we do everything in God's strength. After all, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

Tom Elliott

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Promoting the BB through Video

A range of new promotional videos has been produced thanks to funding from the Department for Communities & Local Government through Youth United.

The first of these videos focussing on the Under 11's age groups was made available in November and versions for other age groups are being released as they are ready. You can download the videos from www.boys-brigade.org.uk/growingbigger or check out our YouTube channel which includes a range of other videos.

Watch the video on You Tube youtube.com/boysbrigadeuk

Your FAQ's Answered

Members of staff provide answers to those questions that we regularly get asked at Headquarters.

Q My password for the website is so hard to remember, can I change it?

A Jayne Thorne who works in the Membership Team at BB Headquarters provides this answer:

"Yes of course, you will need to login using the password provided the first time around, but once you have done that you can change your password to something easy to remember. To do this go to www.boys-brigade.org.uk and login, once you've successfully logged in click on the 'Membership' link at the top right of the page, once the page loads, scroll down to the bottom and click on the 'Change Login Details' link. After you've put your current password (old) in one more time you can then put a new password in (there are no restrictions, so this can be whatever you like!), you will have to re-input this a second time before clicking 'Save Password'. And you've now changed your

password which will hopefully make life easier. If you have any problems just give us a call on 01442 231 681 (option 4) and we'll be pleased to help talk you through it."

Q I am being asked to provide a copy of the Brigade's Insurance Cover, is this possible?

A Jonathan Eales, who is the Business Director and looks after insurance at BB Headquarters provides this answer:

"Yes this is no problem at all. It will be common when hiring a building or doing an activity through an external provider for you to be asked to provide verification of Public Liability cover. The Boys' Brigade provides Public Liability cover for its members up to the value of £10million and a copy can be obtained by contacting BB Headquarters."

@ If you have a question that you can't find the answer for then please email and we will do our best to help you:

gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

Download

What's new and what's changed recently:

Leader Registration Forms

Forms including the LREG1 and LREG2 have been updated to reflect changes to Disclosure Checks. Please make sure you are using the latest version (Sept 2013).

Annual Review 2012-2013

The Annual Review of the session 2012-2013 is now available.

President's / Queen's Badge Application Forms

As from 1st January 2014 there are changes to the prices for these awards and forms have been updated.

DoF Participation Place Order Form

As from 1st January 2014 there are changes to the prices for these awards and the order form has been updated.

The above can be downloaded from boys-brigade.org.uk



BB pledges support for 'Step up to Serve'

On 21st November 'Step up to Serve', a campaign to increase opportunities for young people to get involved in social action, was launched by HRH The Prince of Wales, supported by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, at Buckingham Palace.

Social Action is defined as practical action in the service of others and the campaign aims to double the proportion of young people involved to over 50% by 2020. The Boys' Brigade pledges its support for the Step up to Serve campaign and throughout its 130 year history has been keen to involve its members in social action. The Brigade's current age related programmes encourage young people to be actively involved in their communities.

A new look to the Website

Our designers alongside Brigade Staff are working hard on a refresh of the website. The new website will bring a fresh look and feel as well as new functionality. Watch out for the launch of the new site.

International Team Games

Last year nearly 200 Companies from around the globe took part in the Junior Section International Team Games. Your Company could be part of this great competition this session; the games for 2013/2014 are now available, just complete and send in your results by 1st April 2014.

Download the 2013/14 games from: boys-brigade.org.uk/international-team-games.htm

BB member Ryan Woods from Northampton represented the organisation as a Youth Ambassador at the launch. Ryan is very active in his local Company where, as well as participating in weekly sessions with his peer group, he also volunteers on an additional evening with the Junior Section. Ryan spent much of the summer of 2012 being one of the London Olympics' Games Makers volunteering in the Aquatic Centre. And, in addition to all of this, he is part of a group that is planning a project in Jamaica in summer 2014 supporting disadvantaged children.

Asked why he is so committed to supporting other people Ryan said, "The Olympics offered a fantastic opportunity to be part of something big and exciting. The atmosphere and the noise of the crowds will always stay with me. Working in BB gives me the chance to give something back and draw on the experience that I had when I was younger. I genuinely feel that I am making a difference and would encourage others to become involved."

In launching the campaign, the Prince of Wales emphasised the value of organisations such as The Boys' Brigade to society and challenged more adults to get involved to enable more young people to benefit.

Visit the Step Up To Serve Website at: stepuptoserve.org.uk



Minibus Permit Expiry

On the 6th April 2014 the old-style minibus permits (without an expiry date) will expire, and it is necessary that a new minibus permit be purchased (new style permits begin with SP0 and show an expiry date).

A reminder that all BB Companies/Battalions who operate (own, borrow or hire) a minibus require a Standard Bus Permit so voluntary groups can charge or accept a form of remuneration for providing transport for their own members, without having to comply with the full PSV operator licensing or PCV driver licensing requirements.

Download a new minibus permit application form from: www.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms/minibuspermit.pdf

Your invitation to the Brigade Conference

This year, Brigade Council is having a facelift and the Brigade's Annual Meeting will be part of a special conference in Glasgow on the 6th September 2014.

We are really keen to have as many leaders attending, so please consider putting the date in your diary now! As always, the meeting will be open to all leaders in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and young leaders are particularly welcome. If you have never been to Council before, why not come along? It is a great day of BB fellowship and an ideal opportunity to share ideas with fellow leaders.

We are hoping that all Battalions will be represented and are asking each one to nominate and support two leaders to attend. Many Battalions have the funds available to help with transport costs and you may be able to get local grants for delegates. The registration fee, including lunch and refreshments, is £30 per person.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel Glasgow and will feature a full programme of workshops and worship as well as the AGM. Details of the various sessions are still to be finalised but these will include Recruitment, Sharing Faith and Programme & Support. The Saturday Evening will see a special conference dinner, with a Burns Supper theme, so this is your chance to enjoy some real Scottish hospitality! Sunday morning worship will take place at St Columba Church of Scotland.

The Glasgow Hilton is a first class conference venue and also has excellent leisure facilities. It is within easy walking distance of the city centre and has good transport links, whether you are arriving by car, train or air.



A special preferential bed and breakfast rate of £105 per night has been arranged for a twin room (£95 single). Accommodation bookings should be made direct with the hotel (014 204 5555) quoting the code PR22FD. There is also a wide choice of alternative accommodation in the surrounding area. More information about the hotel can be found at www.hiltonglasgow.co.uk

Bookings for the conference will open on the 6th January 2014, so please make sure you reserve your place as soon as possible. If you would like any more information about the event, please contact Rhona Drummond at Scottish HQ on 01324 562008 or e-mail brigade.conference14@boys-brigade.org.uk

As you plan your visit, you may find the following websites useful:
www.peoplemakeglasgow.com
www.visitscotland.com

Welcome to our New Companies

It's fantastic that we can report that the following Companies have recently enrolled:

COMPANY	CAPTAIN	CHURCH
20 th Birmingham	Rebecca Shepherd	St. Barnabas C of E Primary School, Birmingham
1 st Burslem	Philip Turner	St. John's Community Church, Stoke on Trent
1 st Clayton	Funmilayo Onalaja	House of Prayer, Manchester
1 st Fenton	Michelle Hutchinson	Christ Church Fenton, Stoke on Trent
4 th Haringey	Samuel Orié	Fountain Gate Chapel, Tottenham
1 st Hemlington	Adam Scholes	St. Timothy's and Parish Church, Middlesbrough
2 nd Lewisham	David Olunole	RCCG Faith Chapel London
1 st Manchester	Christianah Olatoye	Calvary Church, Manchester
1 st Penkhull	Wendy Lewis	The Willows Primary School, Stoke on Trent
1 st Tuxford	Luke Thomas	St. Nicholas Church, Tuxford
1 st Wick	Robert Ferguson	Wick St. Fergus Church, Caithness

BB at RBL Festival of Remembrance

The Boys' Brigade played a significant part in the national commemoration at the Remembrance Weekend in London.

In recognition of the Centenary of the King's Badge, the Royal British Legion kindly allowed the Brigade to provide the Carpet Guard to welcome the Chelsea Pensioners to the arena at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Twelve young men from England, Northern Ireland and Scotland assembled at Felden on the Friday morning to be taken in to London for an afternoon rehearsal followed by further practising late into the night back at Felden. A very early start saw the group back at the Albert Hall by 8.30am for a full rehearsal followed by an afternoon performance and evening performance in front of Her Majesty The Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

The young men performed their duties to a high standard and were a credit to their Companies and The Boys' Brigade.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 10th November, members of 3rd Carrickfergus, 8th Carrickfergus, 2nd Dorchester, 1st Glastry and 7th Northampton Companies represented The Boys' Brigade National Service of Remembrance in London.



Obituaries

We record below the names of BB members who have died recently. We thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and Church and their witness in the community.

Alexander (Alex) Andrews

Martin Douglas Bowering

James S Craig

Roy Getty

The Reverend Stephen A Mather

A full obituary appears on the BB website at boys-brigade.org.uk/obituaries



Zack Campbell, 4th Sutton Coldfield said:

It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to show that the sacrifices servicemen and women made are meaningful and important to today's society, and I am proud, not to mention fortunate to have had a small part to play thanks to The Boys' Brigade."

Top Team Challenge

It's a great competition for Company Section and Seniors, accessible to all Companies, with no travelling required, minimal equipment needed, on a date convenient to you.

The Top Team Challenge consists of a number of physical and logical challenges, a team of 4 take part against the clock to complete the mini challenges and results are sent off to BBHQ to compete for the title of National Top Team Challenge Winner!

Order your pack online and complete the challenge by 1st May 2014.
boys-brigade.org.uk/top-team.htm



3 Young Leaders, 876 Miles and £5K for Cancer Charity

FACT That's almost 55 Miles a day!

Well done to three members of 2nd Newtownabbey who completed the 876 mile cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End this summer in aid of Action Cancer.

It took Ryan and Adam Urquhart together with Michael Wilson from the Company, and two friends Ryan McClure and Matthew Colligan, 16 days to complete the journey and they hope to have raised £5000 for the charity. Ryan and Michael have returned to the Company after turning 18 and are training as Leaders in the Junior Section.

Michael who has been a member of the Company since the age of 5 shared something of his experience of the incredible journey they undertook; "I loved the cycle; the support, the companionship, the open road and the humbling experience. It was amazing to be taken out of my comfort zone, out of a world full of easily obtainable comfort and technology, and to be plunged into the deep end of a liberating world of necessity and adventure. It was absolutely fantastic, I loved it, there were ups and downs throughout, we had moments of pain and moments of joy and we had moments of doubt and moments of faith".



Halifax pulls together to support Search & Rescue Team

£1,234 was raised by members of the **Halifax Battalion** in support of the Battalion's nominated annual appeal in aid of the Calder Valley Search & Rescue Team. Some took the opportunity to see first-hand what the team do by visiting their operating base in Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire where they got to see a casualty extraction from the hillside. The money was raised through a number of events and activities including a coin collection, world record attempt, quiz night and members taking part in the Leeds Abbey Dash (a 10k run).

 Follow the Halifax Battalion on Twitter @halifaxbb




Portadown youngsters take to the field

Members of the 5th Portadown Company took up the unique opportunity to represent BBNI at the recent encounter between Northern Ireland and Portugal played at Windsor Park. The 10 members of the Company took up positions as ball boys around the stadium.

100 reasons for celebrating!

30 Anchors and Juniors in the 45th Glasgow enjoyed a superb time at a games day as part of the Company's centenary celebrations; loads of fun-packed activities including crafts, worship, assault course, games, cake decorating and bouncy castle. Roll on the next 100 years!



 **Rach Knowles @Knowlesey95**
I'm meeting The Queen in 2 weeks whilst representing @theboysbrigade. Just another day in the life of me #actcool #staycalm #overlyexcited



A Marathon Collection in Wolverhampton

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of three young people in the 10th Wolverhampton Company, a cheque for £1,030 was presented to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The money was raised by sponsorship for the Wolverhampton Marathon, which was organised by the young men working for the Queen's Badge. They collected entrance fees, arranged for t-shirts and collecting boxes as well as collecting the money in. A great job.

BB Leader recognised by University

Adam White, a 3rd year history undergraduate at Reading University, has been awarded the University of Reading Student Community Award for 2013. Adam, whose home Company is 1st Torquay, was nominated by officers in the 2nd Reading where he has been helping while studying at the University. This award recognises the efforts of students who give up their time to help others within the community.

Top Navy Officer returns to Company

1st Loughborough was honoured to welcome Admiral Sir Trevor Soar KCB OBE as their Guest of Honour at their awards evening. Sir Trevor, former Commander-in-Chief Fleet of the Royal Navy was a member of the Company in the mid 1960's and was pleased to be able to come back and visit the Company.

Explosive Expedition

Members of the 24th Belfast Company discovered an unexploded shell on their recent expedition in the Mourne Mountains. Recognising the potential danger, they contacted the PSNI (Police Service Northern Ireland) to report the find. As it was getting dark the location had to be marked and coordinates given to provide directions for the authorities. The shell, believed to be fired by the US Navy who used the Mournes for target practice during WW2, was found to be still armed and was 'exploded' by Bomb Disposal officers the following day.



Joining forces to improve Community Space

Members of **35th Liverpool** joined forces with local voluntary group 'Childwall in Bloom', to help improve local green space. Members of the Company organised a Community Planting event and planted Crocuses. Giving their support local City Councillors and MP Luciana Berger also got involved in the action.

Follow the **35th** on Twitter
@35th_Liverpool



Cheslyn Hay BB @CheslynHayBB
£439.52 raised yesterday at our bag pack in Asda. What a great effort by all who worked so hard during the day. @theboysbrigade



Hair today, Gone tomorrow

To raise funds for a new Church Centre, Peter Kefford, Captain of **35th Liverpool** had his moustache shaved off (for the first time in over 40 years) during a church parade. He raised a fantastic £2,328.50 which to date means the Company has raised over £7,000 for the new development.



Joshua Snape @Jnsnape
Great but exhausting weekend with @theboysbrigade 5th London, activity weekend then sleepover at the Chapel. #busyweekend

SNAPSHOTS



3RD FALKIRK MEMBERS REACH THE SUMMIT



PAISLEY & DISTRICT QUEEN'S BADGE



WEST LOTHIAN CELEBRATES 130 YEARS!



1ST TEWKESBURY 130 CELEBRATIONS



7TH ARBROATH ANCHORS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS



Lossiemouth celebrates 130 Years

Members of the **4th Lossiemouth** Company celebrated the 130th Anniversary of The Boys' Brigade with a service. Cllr Stewart Cree of Moray Council presented the boys with their membership card and a 130th anniversary medal.



24 hours to celebrate 130

The Stirling & District Battalion held its Junior Section residential at Carronvale House over the weekend of 4th October. Members and staff from **1st Tillicoultry, 4th Stirling, 8th Stirling & 28th Stirling** Companies enjoyed 24 hours of fun and games in celebration of the 130th Anniversary.



Fraser Boyd, 25th Stirling
We took 27 Junior Section boys to the Emirates Arena today, thanks to the free coaching and tickets for the Scottish Open Grand Prize finals from Badminton Scotland. One of our boys won a racquet signed by all the finalists and Prince Edward presented it to him! What a great surprise!



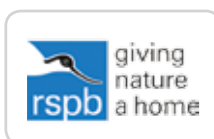
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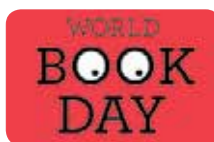
20 JAN - 14 FEB Big Schools Birdwatch

Get involved in the annual survey, with ideas and resources available to help you.
Check out rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch/



24 FEB - 9 MAR Fairtrade Fortnight

A chance to get involved and shout about all things Fairtrade! Why not give the opportunity to taste some fairtrade chocolate, or make something using fairtrade ingredients?
Check out fairtrade.org.uk



6 MAR World Book Day

Get involved in this annual day, you could ask children to bring in and do a show and tell with their favourite book, make a short story/picture book, or read an extract from an old favourite.
Check out worldbookday.com



30 MAR Mothering Sunday

Celebrate Mothering Sunday; make Mums or loved ones a card, or how about a coupon book of promises and favours!

Get Creative: See Through Windows



Shared by
Christine Allan, 2nd Alton

Equipment

- ★ A4 piece of card (for each child)
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Sticky-back plastic
- ★ Various items to put on to the window

Prepare first!

For each child you will need to cut out a "frame" from the card (leave approx. 2cm edge). Prepare 2 x A4 sized pieces of sticky-back plastic. Prepare various items (foam shapes, glitter, tissue paper, etc.) to

put on the window, you could link these to a theme e.g. Bible Story.

Instructions

1. Peel off the sticky-back plastic, lay it sticky side up on the table.
2. Place the cut-out frame on the plastic. Then let the children illustrate the story/theme by placing the various items made available on the plastic.
3. Once complete place the second piece of plastic sticky side down on to the frame to seal.

Get Active: I Went Fishing One Day



Sit the group in a circle and go round the circle and give each child a name from the following: Cod, Plaice, Salmon, Trout. Once every child has a type of fish the leader walks around the outside of the circle telling a story.

"I went fishing one day and I caught some (say one of the types of fish)"

and all those children come out and follow behind the leader. The leader then continues the story,

"It was a calm sea, but it started to get a bit rougher (start walking faster) and rougher (running) and the tide turns (turn around and go the other way around the circle) and (finally) sharks about! (all children go back to their places as quickly as possible)."

You can also call out more than one type of fish and be creative by adding other elements to the story. Play the game several times and ensure you include everyone.

Get Creative: Frog Cakes



Shared by
Annette Heddle, 2nd Witham

Equipment

- ★ Pre-made fairy cakes (or follow recipe for baking in Anchors Programme Pack 1, Creativity)
- ★ Green ready-made icing
- ★ Icing Sugar
- ★ Mini Marshmallows
- ★ Black icing pen
- ★ Cola laces
- ★ Cutter (approx. size of fairy cakes)

Prepare first!

Roll out green icing and cut up into pieces for each child, with enough to cover the cake and make the

eyes. Have pots of icing sugar and marshmallows ready.

Instructions

1. Divide green icing up and use cutter to get a circle big enough to cover the whole cake.
2. Cover the fairy cake with icing (made from icing sugar) and then place green icing on top.
3. With the left over green icing make 2 balls and push a marshmallow into each ball and then put balls onto the cake using the sugar icing to make eyes.
4. Put a black icing dot on each eyeball and either use cola laces or the black icing for the mouth.

Getting Into The Bible: Veggie Tales



Shared by
Vicki Brownlee, 5th Hull

Have you met Bob the tomato or Larry the Cucumber?

For many years Bob, Larry and the VeggieTales gang have been helping children to discover God through animated video. If you haven't seen them why not have a look at the website and see what all the fuss is about. The videos are ideal for those working with under 11's with a biblical message running through each episode. The children will love watching them and talking about what happened afterwards, so be sure to ask

them some questions. There's a whole range of resources to go with the videos including dance mats, jigsaws and even a VeggieTales bible!

For more about VeggieTales visit:
www.veggietales.com

Theme Ideas



Why not turn your section into a pirate crew for the night with these themed ideas.

- 01 X Marks the Spot**
It's pin the tail on the donkey with a pirate twist. Create a treasure map (you could do this as a group), blindfold each child in turn, spin them around and ask them to place a sticker on the X. The closest is the winner.
- 02 Walk the Plank**
Using a blue tarpaulin for the sea and setup a plank/pole over the tarpaulin and challenge your pirates to walk the plank without falling off! You could get them to wear an eye patch. A great way to teach balance and coordination.
- 03 Get Creative**
On the pirate theme, hats, swords and flags would all make great craft activities which the children will love to use! You can always purchase ready to decorate items from www.bakerross.co.uk who have a range of pirate themed crafts
- 04 Captain says**
A twist on the well-known game 'Simon says'. Use commands such as Captain says 'Stand on one leg', 'scrub the decks' – drop to the floor and pretend to scrub the floor, climb the rigging' – pretend to climb up by running on the spot, 'Captain's coming' – Stand still and salute, 'Ship's Mate' – find a partner and hold on to them. Those that do it incorrectly are 'thrown overboard' (stand to the side) until there is one crew member left.
- 05 Pirate battle**
Make two pirate ships by marking them out on the floor or just divide the hall in two with a row of chairs. Split your section into two crews and arm them with plenty of cannonballs (use crumpled black paper) ready for the battle. The aim is to get as many cannonballs into the opposing pirate ship before the time runs out. Pirates can throw back any cannonballs that land on their ship.
- 06 Shark attack**
Place cardboard/newspaper pieces around the floor, these are islands. Children walk or run around the hall and when a leader shouts shark attack they quickly find safe ground by getting to an island. The last to jump onto an island is out. Remove islands as the game goes on. You could restrict the number of pirates allowed on any one island.
- 07 Treasure Hunt**
Hide chocolate gold/silver coins around your meeting place and give the children a set time to find as much treasure as they can.
- 08 Pirate Dress**
Encourage the children and especially the leaders to come dressed as pirates. It will add to the atmosphere and make it an evening to remember. Oh and don't forget to try and speak like a pirate too!

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7 - 23 FEB Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics take place in Sochi in Russia. Why not learn something about some of the sports being competed for and hold your own mini Winter Olympics?



4 MAR Shrove Tuesday

Get flipping those pancakes in preparation for the start of lent and the build up to Easter. How about making pancakes or encouraging the children to give something up for lent?



22 MAR World Water Day

Established by the United Nations to celebrate the importance of freshwater around the globe. Over 45% of the world's land surface is covered by river basins, and over 75% of all countries have their boundaries within shared river basins. **Check out www.unwater.org**



21 - 23 MAR Sport Relief

Could you get involved in this year's Sport Relief and raise money to change lives at home in the UK and abroad? **Check out www.sportrelief.com**

Get Active: Football Variety



Many of us have a hall that is too small to play 5 a side football, so have you considered:

Numbers football
Split groups into two teams, each numbered. Leader calls out a number and those numbers run out to try to score against their opponent. You can try two numbers at a time if space allows. To make it more interesting call out quiz questions to which the answer is a number e.g. opposite to 6 on a dice

Cone Ball
Give each child a cone which they have to defend whilst attempting to knock over others' cones using a ball

(lightweight or sponge ball). If the cone is knocked over by the ball, that defender leaves the game. You can make the game more interesting by adding a second ball.

All corners
Individuals/Pairs work together to defend their goal which is situated in a corner of the hall (4 goals), whilst attempting to score in any of the other 3 goals.

Get Creative: Modelling Fantastic



Shared by
Phil Norman, 10th Enfield

We recently purchased the modelling dough after seeing a demonstration at a shopping centre and thought this would be ideal for BB. I'm pleased to say it was a big hit with our lads".

Equipment

- ★ Modelling dough (use brands such as Giotto or Air Dough Magic (airdoughmagic.co.uk) for a clean and safe alternative to modelling clay which can get very messy!)
- ★ Plastic cutting knives (a small ruler can be a great alternative).

Prepare first!

It would be ideal for you to make up one or two examples so you know how long it takes (as this will vary based on complexity) and also how much dough you will need based on the numbers in your section.

Instructions

1. Well it's quite simple as instructions go, get the children being creative and

modelling whatever they want unless you want to introduce a theme or link to a bible story.

The idea behind using these specific types of modeling dough is that it is very light and easy to manipulate, it leaves no mess on hands or surfaces, it is easy for children to use and play with – and best of all, when you have finished you can leave it to dry and it will keep its shape and become a toy or ornament to be kept – this dried version can be drawn on, painted on and varnished. If you have a wide range of colours you will not need to do any painting as you should be able to use the coloured dough effectively. Have some additional craft items like wiggly eyes lolly sticks (these can be useful for strengthening the model) and pipe cleaners to hand which might be useful.

Get Creative: Get Flipping Those Pancakes



Equipment

- ★ Frying Pan(s)
- ★ Scales
- ★ Cooker/Stove
- ★ Whisk(s)
- ★ Spoon(s)
- ★ Ladel

Ingredients (12 pancakes)

- ★ 110g/4oz plain flour
- ★ Pinch of salt
- ★ 2 eggs
- ★ 200ml/7fl oz milk mixed with
- ★ 75ml/3fl oz water
- ★ 50g/2oz butter

Selection of toppings (Some ideas below)

- ★ Caster sugar
- ★ Lemons or lemon juice
- ★ Fruit (bannans/strawberries/etc)
- ★ Maple syrup
- ★ Chocolate
- ★ Ice cream

Prepare first!

Setup the kitchen, it really depends how much you are going to let the children do, from mix the batter to cook the pancakes as to what you need to do in preparation. Remember that if you are going to let children cook you will need close adult supervision at all times. Remember to check that none of the children have any allergies before they handle ingredients or eat anything.

Instructions

1. Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl.
2. Make a well in the centre of the flour and break the eggs into it.
3. Begin whisking the eggs.

4. Gradually add small quantities of the milk and water mixture, still whisking.
5. Whisk until all the liquid has been added and the batter has the consistency of thin cream.
6. Melt the butter in a pan.
7. Spoon 2 tbsp of it into the batter and whisk it in. Use the rest of the butter to grease the frying pan before you make each pancake.
8. Get the pan really hot, then turn the heat down to medium.
9. Ladle batter into the hot pan (amount depends on size of frying pan) all in one go.
10. Tip the pan around from side to side to get the base evenly coated with batter.
 - 1.1 After about a minute, and when the bottom is golden in colour, flip the pancake over. The other side will not need so long to cook.
 - 1.2. Slide the pancake out of the pan onto a plate.
 - 1.3. To serve, sprinkle each pancake with lemon juice, sugar and other toppings as desired.

Getting Into The Bible: Jigsaw Pieces Where Do I Fit?



Shared by
Vicki Brownlee, 5th Hull

The key message

'We are all unique, but equally important and everyone is part of one big family that fits together'.

Read Exodus 3:14

Unique characteristics yet created in God's image

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Everyone is part of one family, God's family.

Instructions

Each child is given a cut out jigsaw piece (from the template downloadable from www.boys-brigade.org.uk/downloads/jigsaw.pdf).

They are asked to write, colour, draw what makes them who they are. Once they have done this these pieces then fit together to make a shape, which could then be laminated for display.

Theme Ideas



Why not turn your meeting place into another country for the night with these themed ideas.

01 Learning the language

Could you pick out some common words (hello, thank you, please might be a good place to start) and learn how to say them?

02 On the Map

Get a large map or globe and take a look at where the country is, what continent is it on and which countries/oceans/seas surround it.

03 National Identity

What gives the country its national identity? Could you make a flag or decorate a cake/biscuit in national colours?

04 Local Life

Do a little research to see what's it's like to live in the country – weather / main industry / economic situation / recent events. You could show a tourism video which would help you see what the country is like, and this could be followed up with a quiz.

05 Play a National Sport

Could you learn to play or have a go at the country's national sport.

06 National Dish

What's the national dish (or a favourite food), could you try making it, tasting it or creating a game/challenge?

07 National Dress

Could the children and/or leaders come in national dress (where appropriate)? It will add to the atmosphere and make it an evening to remember.

Have you held a national theme night?

If so, let us know what activities you did and send us some pictures so we can share them with others.

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31 JAN Chinese New Year

Why not find out more about Chinese New Year? Share in the celebrations; see if there is a local event you could attend. Or you could look at embracing a Chinese theme, learn about the Chinese calendar, try out or cook some Chinese food.



7 FEB Ramp up the Red

Ramp up the Red is organised by the British Heart Foundation and takes place on Friday 7 February. It's about helping to fight heart disease, can you get involved? If your Company meets on a Friday could you hold a red themed night? Could your young people plan an event for others or do a sponsored event to raise money for BHF?

Check out www.rampupthered.org.uk for a fundraising pack.



21 - 23 MAR Sport Relief

Could you get involved in this year's Sport Relief and raise money to change lives at home in the UK and abroad? Your young people could get active and raise money at the same time as well as completing topics in both Recreation and Community zones of the Discover programme.

Check out www.sportrelief.com



29 MAR WWF Earth Hour

WWF's Earth Hour is a unique annual phenomenon that focuses the world's attention on our amazing planet, and how we need to protect it. At 8.30pm on the last Saturday in March hundreds of millions of people turn off their lights for one hour, on the same night, all across the world in a huge, symbolic show of support. Take a look at the WWF website for resources and ideas on how to involve your young people.

Check out <http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk>

Record Breaking: Egg Height Challenge



The Challenge

Can you provide your egg with enough protection which allow you to drop it from the highest distance without it breaking? You can find out the latest record details at www.guinnessworldrecords.com/eggflight (no attempts recorded as at 10/12/13).

Challenge Rules

1. The egg used must be commercially available and raw
2. Any or all of the following items can be used for the attempt:
 - ✓ Plastic parachute (max size 40 x 40 cm (1ft 4 in x 1ft 4 in))
 - ✓ 4 pieces of card (max size 10 cm x 10 cm (4 in x 4 in))
 - ✓ 2 pieces of corrugated card (max size 10 cm x 10 cm (4 in x 4 in))
 - ✓ 1 piece of foam (max size 10 cm x 10 cm (4 in x 4 in 0.1 in))
 - ✓ 10 drinking straws
 - ✓ 2 metres (6ft 6 in) of elastic string
 - ✓ 30 meters (1ft) clear tape
3. The egg can be dropped from any height and must not have any support apart from that which has been made from the above materials.
4. Should the egg crack or break, the attempt is deemed invalid.
5. After the attempt, the egg must be cracked open to demonstrate its raw state.

Recording your record breaking attempt

You will need to video your record break attempt if you want a chance to be a Guinness World Record Holder. You can submit new attempts via the Guinness World Records website and each week a team of specialist adjudicators review all of the latest high-scoring videos, a process called adjudication. If your video is ranked #1 on a challenge, and they judge it to have beaten the existing record while keeping to all of the rules set for that challenge, you could be a new Guinness World Record holder!

Send us your videos

Send us the videos of your 'Egg Height' record breaking attempts by uploading them on to YouTube and emailing us at gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk or by sending a CD to the Editorial Team. Based on all videos sent in by 1st March we will review the attempts and send the winner some 'Guinness World Records' goodies and a special BB certificate certifying them as the BB Record Holder, we will also share the winner and their video in the Spring 2014 issue.

You can purchase a special 'Guinness World Records Egg Challenge' kit (by manufacturer Paladone) from high street retailers and online which contains all you

Find out more at guinnessworldrecords.com

Get Active: Last Team Standing



How it works...

Divide the hall/space into two (use 5 or 6 marker cones), and split your young people up into two teams. Place a (light) ball on each of the cones. Then ask each team to touch the back wall (at their respective ends). On the word 'Go!' the players can grab the balls and attempt to eliminate players on the opposing team.

The idea of the game is to hit the opposing players with the ball (head shots do not count) without it hitting the floor. The opposing player can dodge the ball

(i.e. not come into contact with a direct shot) or can catch it to stay in the game themselves, if they catch it then the player who threw the ball goes out.

On catching the ball they bring back a team mate (if they have any team mates that have already gone out). The game continues until one of the teams is eliminated.

Players are not allowed to cross the divide; balls coming off the wall do not count, you may only throw the ball (i.e. must not kick it).

Shared by [Chris Norman](#), 10th Enfield

"Certainly the most popular game in our Company, it gets everyone going!"

Getting Into The Bible: Have you thought of using YouTube?



If you're looking for a video to demonstrate a Bible passage then it's as simple as typing the passage into the YouTube.

For example...

You will find some great animations of The Good Samaritan, Lost Son and others.

Have a look at "Derek Redmond 1992 Olympics" for a powerful illustration of a Father's love for his Son.



Check out these YouTube channels: 'WordLiveUK' and 'RodTheNey' at youtube.com

Get thinking: Discussions



Discussions are a great way to develop self-confidence, share ideas, listen to alternative views and challenge opinion. Discussions are also powerful ways of introducing faith based topics.

Getting Started...

Discussions usually require a stimulus of some sort. It could be:

- A newspaper article
- An excerpt from a TV programme
- A photograph

Mary's Meals, the Scottish Charity, that runs school feeding projects in countries where poverty and hunger prevent children from getting an education, has lots of useful material on its website.

Shared by Fraser Boyd, 25th Stirling

To access the free material, see marysmeals.org.uk/resources/schools-club-resources/

Get Active: Werewolf



How it works...

The game (also known as 'Mafia') is composed of two teams: werewolves and townspolk. The objective of the werewolves is to kill off all the villagers without themselves being killed. The objective of the townspolk is to figure out who the werewolves are and kill them.

Find out more

We cannot share the full set of rules and variations in this space, but you will find these easy to find on the web. Alternatively you can purchase the game 'Werewolves of Millers Hollow' from an online retailer.

Shared by Nigel Porter, 18th West Kent

"A great game that our young people enjoy playing"

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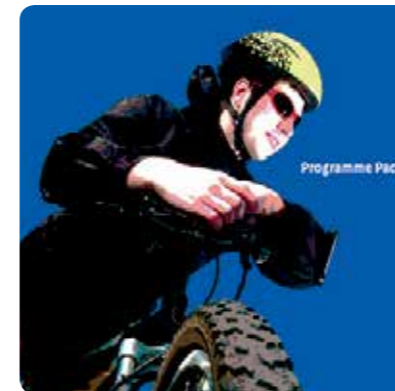
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Are you using CHALLENGE PLUS ?



Shared by David Sneddon, 1st Bothwell

This project has worked well in my own Company and also on a Battalion 'Challenge Plus' day that I ran recently"

Do your Seniors use the Challenge Plus Material?

Sometimes we're told that a Company hasn't enough Seniors to run a separate programme. But we know that this can result in a catch 22 situation, where no programme is operated so there's little to attract or retain the older teenagers.

The Challenge Plus material can work with different numbers of young people and one of the keys to its successful use, is the young people themselves determining what they want to be involved in.

The programme consists of challenges and projects.

Challenges are shorter activities that can be completed by the group or by an individual. Some challenges can be completed on the usual group meeting night whilst others may require a different night or venue.

Projects are longer activities that take more hours to complete spread over several weeks. Projects include taster sessions that can act as an introduction and be used to see if the project is of interest.

Sample Challenges:

Make and fly a 5ft paper aeroplane

Take part in a 'world record' attempt

Invite and take the BB Chaplain to a fast food restaurant

Find a Googlehack (a Googlehack is a google search query consisting of two words that returns a single result)

Raise £100 for a charity

Sample Project:

Crime: The overall aim of the Project is to consider the cause and effect of crime and how it is dealt with through the justice system. The main activity is to run a mock trial, having first visited a court. One of the taster sessions is entitled, "Mitigating Circumstances" and considers whether circumstances affect our view of crime. A range of possible sentences are available (various fines, various prison terms, community orders etc. written on large sheets of paper and spread around the room. A sentence is read out, e.g. "John has been found guilty of entering a house and stealing jewellery and cash valued at £200." The group members move to what they think is a suitable sentence. Hopefully they will be in different places so there is the opportunity to discuss differences of opinion. A further piece of information is then read out, e.g. "John stole the goods to fund a drug habit." Does this alter opinion and would anyone move to a different sentence? Obviously the purpose is

DofE Focus

We're proud that over 800 young people completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award through BB last session. If your Company does not currently get involved with the DofE then check out the feature on **Page 31** about 'Getting Started' on the award.

Did you know most common activities undertaken are...



Football

> Physical



The Boys' Brigade

> Volunteering



Playing an Instrument

> Skill



Have you thought about the following activities?



Newsletter & magazine production (Skill)

Design and produce a newsletter for your Company and circulate it to parents. Become a photo journalist by recording BB events and post them on your Company's Facebook page.



DofE Leadership (Volunteering, Gold Award)

Coach participants in video making and photography & uploading into eDofE, set up and support a team volunteering opportunity or mentor a Bronze DofE group.

For more information visit:
<http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk>



Geocaching

Geocaching is a great activity for getting out and about, it is all about using a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or a similarly enabled mobile device to find containers, called "geocaches" or "caches". Most caches are small waterproof containers that contain a minimum of a logbook. This is where the geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their individual geocaching alias. After signing the log it is vital to replace the cache in exactly the same place as it was found.

Larger caching containers such as plastic storage boxes or ammunition cans may also contain low value items for trading, i.e. small toys or useful nick-nacks.

Geocaching uses many of the skills associated with trigpointing, orienteering, treasure-hunting, letterboxing, and waymarking.



Extreme Ironing (Physical)

Extreme Ironing is an extreme sport and a performance art in which people take ironing boards to remote locations and iron items of clothing. According to the Extreme Ironing Bureau, extreme ironing is "the latest danger sport that combines the thrills of an extreme outdoor activity with the satisfaction of a well-pressed shirt. Photograph you self in remote location ironing and upload the images to eDofE as evidence.

Got a good story?

Has a young person in your Company done an activity that's a bit different? Could they share something of what they've done?

Send it to:
gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

Getting Into The Bible:

Seniors want to be challenged and have the opportunity to discuss the Christian Faith. There are many suitable materials out there and in each issue of RESOURCE we want to highlight sources that other leaders have found helpful in sharing faith.



The Source 4 Youth Ministry

Movies and music speak loudly to young people, with many spending large amounts of time watching and listening.

We can ignore that, or respond to the culture like Paul did in Acts 17 and use it to open doors. If you are looking for movie clip or music ideas that will kick off a discussion or illustrate a given point then take a look at their fantastic website.

For more information visit:
www.thesource4ym.com



NOOMA

A series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion.

Investigate the material at:
<http://nooma.com/>

Just for fun: Progressive Meal



Basically this is a night of eating and hanging out as a group. Going from location to location, eating different courses of a meal.

Perhaps some of the young people, or a church member could host a course (part of the meal). Walking from location to location as one group, leaders and young people is ideal, but depending on distance will need to be thought through (transport may be required). The "progressive" dinner does each course in order: one location for starters, one for the main course, one for dessert and perhaps a last for tea/coffee. Alternatively the "REGRESSIVE" dinner switches the order of the courses. You could link this into a devotional idea with a theme on a particular issue or story for discussion. Remember to keep all your good safeguarding practice in place with this activity, and it's probably not a good idea to use Leaders' homes for this.

The Answer's Out There

We often find that leaders face similar issues running their sections whether the group meets in Greenock or Greenisland, Hinckley or Hamilton. And we know that the answers are out there, but we are not always good at asking questions or sharing our experiences. We want your magazine to be a resource that can offer possible solutions from around the Brigade to common problems.

Do you have a question that you would like to ask other leaders?
Send your question to gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk and we will feature a question with a number of responses in future issues of the Gazette.

Your Help

Could you contribute a game, craft, devotional or theme night idea for the Spring 2014 issue?

Send it to:
gazette@boys-brigade.org.uk

Please include something about why this idea works well in your Company.



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Development Focus

As The Boys' Brigade continues to try new ways of working, John Myers, Development Worker in Leeds Battalion shares what he's been up to over the last few months.

Following months of discussions, ideas and prayer, the 1st Wetherby Company commenced at Wetherby Young Offender Institute on Monday 16th September. The new Company, developed in partnership between Leeds Battalion and the prison's Chaplaincy Unit, will work with young people aged between 16 and 18 who may be deemed as vulnerable or hard to reach. The vision for the Company was conceived because there was a growing concern about the risk of young men leaving the institute and re-offending within a short period of time, and the Army Cadets (which meet at the Institute) is constantly over-subscribed.

Our weekly activities have included debates and discussions on various subjects, fun activities and games, and a world record attempt at stretching the longest Curly Wurly!! We have recently been looking at the subject of ethics and values and whilst this has proved quite a challenging subject for some of our participants, they have said that they have enjoyed the discussions and debates. We are also looking at the opportunity of integrating The Duke of Edinburgh Award into our BB programme.

Over the last couple of months we have had lots of fun, and on occasions, difficult challenges. Most of all though, we have been able to develop friendship:

Find out more about development work
england.boys-brigade.org.uk/youthuniteddev.htm

Funding Opportunities

Does your Company need additional funds?

No doubt every Company has something on the wish list, or even a must have! Whether it is buying some new sports equipment, replacing some tents or expedition equipment, contributing to the purchase of a minibus or the running of a camp or holiday there are sources of funding that could help. Recently the England Region has put together a number of resources including a list of funding sources and a 'Fundraising Guide'. The Fundraising Guide contains lots of fundraising ideas along with tips and advice for obtaining funding.

Check these out online at
www.boys-brigade.org.uk/funding

WHAT'S ON - ENGLAND

29 MAR & 17 MAY

National BB/GB Music Festivals 2014

Find out more about the events being held at Chandlers Ford in Hampshire and Halesowen in West Midlands.

10 MAY

The Big Night Out

Take your young people along to TBNO in 2014, held at Lightwater Valley.
www.thebignightout.org.uk

17-18 MAY

The Waltham Walk

Get involved in the hike based challenge across the Essex countryside.
www.walthamwalk.org.uk

02-08 AUG

KGVI Youth Leadership Training

For those aged 17 to 21 that would like to move into leadership in the BB.
boys-brigade.org.uk/kgvi

07 JUN

MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Has your company got a band? Why not take part in the 2014 championships.
www.showcasemarchingbands.co.uk

For a full list of dates go to:
england.boys-brigade.org.uk



Celebrating 130 years

130 years is a milestone worth celebrating in any organisation - not least, The Boys' Brigade!

From one group in the north-west of Glasgow, The BB has now developed into a worldwide movement. During the beginning of October, BB young people from across Scotland played their part in celebrating this incredible achievement. At national level, there was a photo opportunity at The Scottish Parliament and a Reception in Merchants House which attracted high-profile media attention. Over the weekend of 5th/6th October, fifty young people and leaders donned their running shoes to take on the challenge of The Great Scottish Run as part of 'Team BB'. Meanwhile, there were numerous events at local level, from Sportathons and activity weekends, to hikes and football matches!

400 at Giant sleepover

Four hundred Junior section boys from 35 Companies descended on Glasgow's Science Centre for an evening of fun, activities and, maybe, a little sleep! Not only did they get a chance to see all of the hundreds of interactive exhibits, but youngsters were also treated to amazing Planetarium and Science shows. There were a few bleary-eyed people in the morning, not least some of the 120 BB leaders also in attendance! Jake, aged nine from 8th Paisley, said how much he enjoyed the event - "I thought it was so much fun. We learned a lot about many things, especially in the Planetarium where we got to find out more about our solar system!"



WHAT'S ON - SCOTLAND

20 JAN Burns' Supper

25-26 JAN Training Officers Course

15 MAR Cross Country Championships

26 APR Scottish Bands Contest

09-11 MAY Expedition Leadership Course

17-18 MAY Practical First Aid Course

For a full list of dates go to:
scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk



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Development Focus

We asked Paul O'Shea, Development Worker for Lanarkshire, a few questions about what he's been getting up to:

You've not long started your development role with the BB. What are your experiences so far?

The first few months have been challenging but also extremely enjoyable! As it's a new role, I've been focusing on building the positive relationships, with young people and Leaders in Companies and Battalions".

Any highlights so far?

The highlight of my short time in post came from the first event that I organised. As part of the 130th celebrations, a group of 100 were involved in the Airdrieonians game - a local football team. Two boys won a competition to be the mascots for the day, and got to meet the players, with the youngest lad telling us afterwards that it was the "bestest day of my life".

Have you picked up some good ideas?

One thing I've learned so far is that the young people will enjoy their time in the BB much more if Companies can increase communication and work together on some things. For example, some Companies may not have the expertise to go on a camp, but by working together with another local Company they can offer something new to their members".

You can get in contact with Paul at:
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FOCUS WALES



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Website Re-launch

The last few months has seen the launch of our new website for BB in Wales, as well as the region entering the world of social media. So get online and keep up to date with all that is happening in Wales.

Find out more at www.boysbrigadewales.org.uk

Adventure Walk

Junior Section members went on an "Adventure Walk" in Porthkerry Country Park, situated on the South Wales Coast. The event organised by Wales Region, involved a walk through the woods and a picnic which they enjoyed on the beach.

Development Focus

Gareth Hiller, Support & Enabling Officer for Wales, shares something of his activity over the last few months:

“The last few months have been challenging, but also full of opportunity. I have visited many Companies across the region and been impressed with what I have seen, especially the passion and commitment that our volunteers bring. It's great to hear that several Companies now have waiting lists with new children and young people joining regularly; the challenge is the need to bring in more volunteers. I have also been working hard in raising awareness of BB up in North Wales and working with Churches and organisations, and I am hopeful that there will be new groups launched in the New Year not just in North Wales but across the region”.

WALES: ☎ 02920 483555 ✍ The Boys' Brigade, 58 Richmond Road, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3AT

FOCUS R.o.I



National Quality Standards for Volunteer-led Youth Groups

The National Quality Standards for Volunteer-led Youth Groups have been developed for youth groups funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) via Vocational Education Committees (VECs). They apply to groups funded under the DCYA's Local Youth Club Grant Scheme and related schemes operating in Dublin and Waterford cities. While all these groups will be required to engage with the national quality standards, youth groups that are not in receipt of funding from the DCYA are also encouraged to use them. The Boys' Brigade in the Republic of Ireland will engage with all Companies to complete the annual plan and progress report during the first quarter of 2014.

The standards are simply a set of statements of what should be in place to assist in ensuring quality. These statements outline what level of service can be expected and how services will be provided so as to ensure that they are delivered to an agreed level of quality and that the level is consistent on a national basis.

The national quality standards aim to:

- ✓ Improve the quality of the programmes and activities provided;
- ✓ Improve the way programmes and activities are planned and delivered;
- ✓ Provide young people with the opportunity to have a say in the development and review of the group and its activities.

WHAT'S ON - R.o.I

07-09 MAR Company Activity Weekend

10 MAY Regional Conference

24-25 MAY Juniors Activity Weekend

For a full list of dates go to: boysbrigade.ie

R.O.IRELAND : ☎ +353 1 296 4622 ✍ Unit C1 Nutgrove Office Park, Nutgrove Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14

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1ST TEMPLEPATRICK COMPANY PRESENT CHEQUE TO LEPROSA



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Let's look at Leprosy

Junior Sections in Presbyterian Churches across the District have learnt about leprosy during the past year, discovering that it is not something found only in ancient times, but still causes suffering today. However, they have also learnt that it is no longer an incurable disease. If diagnosed and treated at an early stage, people can be helped to live a normal life.

In addition to learning about leprosy, the boys have been contributing money to help leprosy sufferers in India, where half of the world's leprosy patients are found. £7,500 has been contributed to support the Koraput Leprosy Centre in Orissa, India. £1,500 was also given to the Jivandwar Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre in Gujarat – this was founded by Irish Presbyterian missionaries and today is managed by the Church of North India. A further donation of £1,000 was made to the worldwide work of The Boys' Brigade, via the Global Fellowship.

125 Anniversary Items

Buttonhole badges and pens (two options) have been produced to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of The Boys' Brigade in Ireland and are available to order.

Order forms are available at www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm

WHAT'S ON - N.IRELAND

17-19 JAN Youth Leader Training

The next residential YLT course takes place at Rathmore House, Larne. For registration forms visit www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm.

25 JAN Anchor Boy Fun & Games

The winners of the Battalion heats will gather at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Belfast, to determine the District Champions.

22 FEB Junior Swimming Gala

The Annual Gala will take place in Larne Leisure Centre. Entry forms are available at www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm

17 APR Company Golf Competition

The competition takes place at Ballymena Golf Club, tee times from 12 noon onwards. Entry forms: www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm

For a full list of dates go to: ni.boys-brigade.org.uk

N. IRELAND : ☎ 01324 562 008 ✍ The Boys' Brigade, C2 Kibbegs Business Park, Ferguson Way, Antrim, BT41 4LZ

Anchor Boy Conference

The Annual Conference for Anchor Boy Leaders took place at Killead Presbyterian Church on 5th October 2013. Thirty five Leaders, drawn from across Northern Ireland District, spent time sharing ideas, being introduced to this session's competitions and challenges by members of 1st Killead Anchor Boys and learning more about 'Allergy NI' the charity that will be supported during the session.

On to the Hills we go!

What a great weekend and a total contrast to the torrential rain and storm conditions, witnessed at the training weekend back in April. 37 participants are now qualified to take young people onto the hills, having successfully completed the assessment weekend.

You Matter

A series of 'You Matter' Pastoral Care Leaflets are being developed by the Northern Ireland Christian Education & Church Relations Committee. The leaflets can be used to supplement the current CE Course in a Bible Class setting.

Leaflets are available by emailing nitraining@boysbrigade.org.uk

MY EXPERIENCE ✈️



1ST TROON PIPE BAND GOES GLOBAL!

My China Experience

The Band was invited by the Chinese Government to perform in front of 8,000 people at the Liuzhou International Water Festival (30th September and 1st October) in the Guianxi Province in the South of China.

Funding was made available by the Cultural Department in China for 17 band members and 4 staff to attend the festival

Alan Appleby (16), one of the band's drummers, reflects on the incredible opportunity enjoyed by members of the Ayrshire Company half way round the world.



Q A trip to China sounds an incredible experience. How did it all come about?

A We were told at one of our BB evenings that the band had been invited by the Chinese Government to play at the Liuzhou International Water Festival and it went from there.

Q What did you expect ahead of the trip?

A I didn't know what to expect as it is a totally different experience from any other band engagement we've ever done, which made it all the more exciting!

Q Did you get a chance to explore much whilst you were there?

A Yes, we were able to visit various places, such as the Olympic Stadium in Beijing. We also got the opportunity to climb part of the Great Wall, where some of us even played our pipes!

Q What was the reaction to the band's music?

A We were treated like Superstars when we marched down the street in the parade. We were the centre of attention everywhere we went and many people wanted to have shots of the drums and photos with us!

Q Was there any particular highlight?

A It would have to be playing at a concert in front of an audience of 8,000 people – the whole experience was out of this world!

Q Is this something you would like to be involved in again?

A Yes, absolutely! I would love to experience trips like this again with the band in the future and represent our Company again.



TOOLBOX 🛠️



WORKING TOWARDS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Getting Started

More and more BB companies are delivering the DofE alongside the President's and Queen's Badge. BB Director for Scotland, Bill Stevenson and DofE's Pete Moir explain how to get your young people involved in the award.

A Duke of Edinburgh's Award is so much more than a 'pat on the back' for completing a programme of activities. It is recognition of a young person's successful journey of self-discovery and development. Its balanced programme develops the whole person - mind, body and soul, in an environment of social interaction and team working. There are three progressive levels of DofE programmes which lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The first step to get started running the Award in your Company is to designate a BB leader to co-ordinate the award programme and then get registered as a DofE Centre on the online system called eDofE. This is an interactive online system that helps young people manage their programme and lets leaders monitor their progress. You will then need to purchase Participation Places (£18 for Bronze) for each young person.

There are four sections (five at Gold), these are Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition, and at Gold level young people also need to take part in a Residential Experience. Activities chosen can easily link in with our own BB Discover and Challenge Plus Programmes. For example, at Bronze level a 14 year old could complete one or more topics from the Discover Programme 'Skills' Zone over a three month period. Often leaders think the Expedition section will be the most difficult to organise, but the Brigade does offer training on expedition work and there is also the option to use external instructors to assist with this. Your Regional HQ or Battalion DofE Adviser/ Ambassador can provide you with information and support to get going with the award scheme.

The DofE offers a wide range of training opportunities throughout the UK including an 'Introduction to the DofE' course which will provide any leader with the skills and knowledge to run an effective DofE programme.

FACT Last session over 800 young people participated in the DofE Award

For more information or to register as a DofE Centre take a look at boys-brigade.org.uk/d-of-e.htm www.dofe.org

Did You Know?

- ★ Young people need to be aged 14 – 24 to get started
- ★ Participants can choose to start at any level, but most start at Bronze
- ★ The higher the level, the more time and effort required
- ★ With help from Company DofE Leaders, participants set their own programme of activities and objectives
- ★ It's not a competition or about being first – it's about self-development
- ★ On average, young people do each activity for an hour a week
- ★ Expedition doesn't need to be a hike – participants can choose other options, such as kayaking or mountain biking
- ★ Most importantly, participants will be rewarded for persistence, commitment and personal development



Sharing the BB Story

Development and PR Officer in Scotland, Niall Rolland, shares his thoughts on how we can highlight our work more effectively.

Every organisation, no matter how large or small, ultimately depends on its reputation for survival and success.

Many of the people we come into contact with in our work, such as journalists, Churches, local authorities and funders, can all have a powerful impact. They all have an opinion about the organisations they come into contact with - whether good or bad, right or wrong. These perceptions will drive their decisions about whether they want to work with, engage and support these organisations.

The Boys' Brigade is no different. Reputation can be our biggest asset – the thing that makes you stand out from the crowd and gives you the edge. PR can help manage reputation by communicating and building good relationships with journalists and the wider public – it can drive what people would term 'good publicity.'

Great work happens at Company, Battalion and at Regional level week-in, week-out. Young people's achievements, fundraising events, international projects and residential activities are only some of the examples. But how can we ensure that the countless positive stories about BB young people are receiving the attention they deserve?

As we hope to shout about BB work, we should remember that there is a great deal to be positive about, such as our networks of volunteers and extensive experience leading youth work.

You will sometimes have a really good story which might not get the coverage you hoped for but, it is important not to be disheartened. Other news and events might mean there is limited space in the publication.

More often, newspapers are relying on covering stories online rather than print. It is never a bad idea to enquire why your story did not get picked up, as you might just have missed a trick that will make the difference next time.

Remember that whilst the story might not be something new or different in the BB world, it does not mean it will not be of interest to the wider community. The Boys' Brigade has produced a guide to support you with PR, including templates and also advice about taking the best photos.

Some tips for getting coverage for your BB news story or event:

- ✓ Contact local newspaper, but also see what online news sites are available too .
- ✓ Keep a press release short and to the point.
- ✓ Make sure you include:
 - Key details (who, what, where, why and when etc.)
 - Quote(s) from BB leader/guest/young person
 - Notes to editors (important details about BB which aren't in the story)
 - Good quality photo and names (ensure that you have permission to use these)
- ✓ Contacting local journalists can sometimes be tricky. If you don't get a response to an email, try phoning the news desk (Best avoid 4pm on afternoon before publication, though!)
- ✓ Consider other ways to highlight your story, such as using the social media or platforms like YouTube or Vimeo to tell the story.
- ✓ Speak to your local newspaper about a regular 'BB column'?
- ✓ Consider what makes the story interesting – is there a human story? What could engage a non-BB audience?

 **Download the PR guide from**
boys-brigade.org.uk/prguide.pdf

Some tips on taking and sending photos

Good colour & lighting

When taking photos try and make sure there is enough light on the subject of the image. Some images can be enhanced using image manipulation software, but if the image is not able to be corrected please don't include it in documents. It is important that images are visually striking. Look for images that are full of colour.



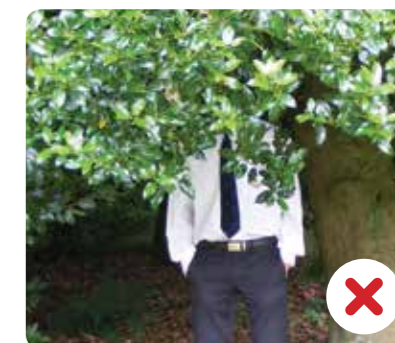
Cropping & framing

When taking a photo make sure that the subject of the image has plenty of space around it. Try not to see the image you are taking as the final cropped image, as the space can be useful when added to a page layout. If key parts of an image are missing it may be hard for people to identify the who, what and where.



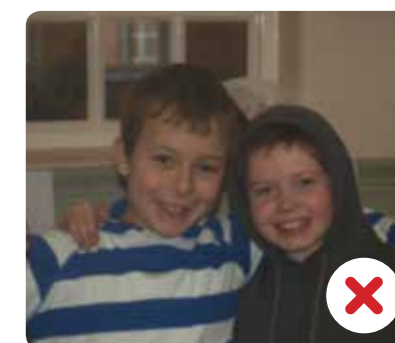
Personal connection

It is important to try and get across personal interaction in the photos we use. We don't want every photo to be staged - but eye contact always helps to show that we are working with real people.



Good picture quality

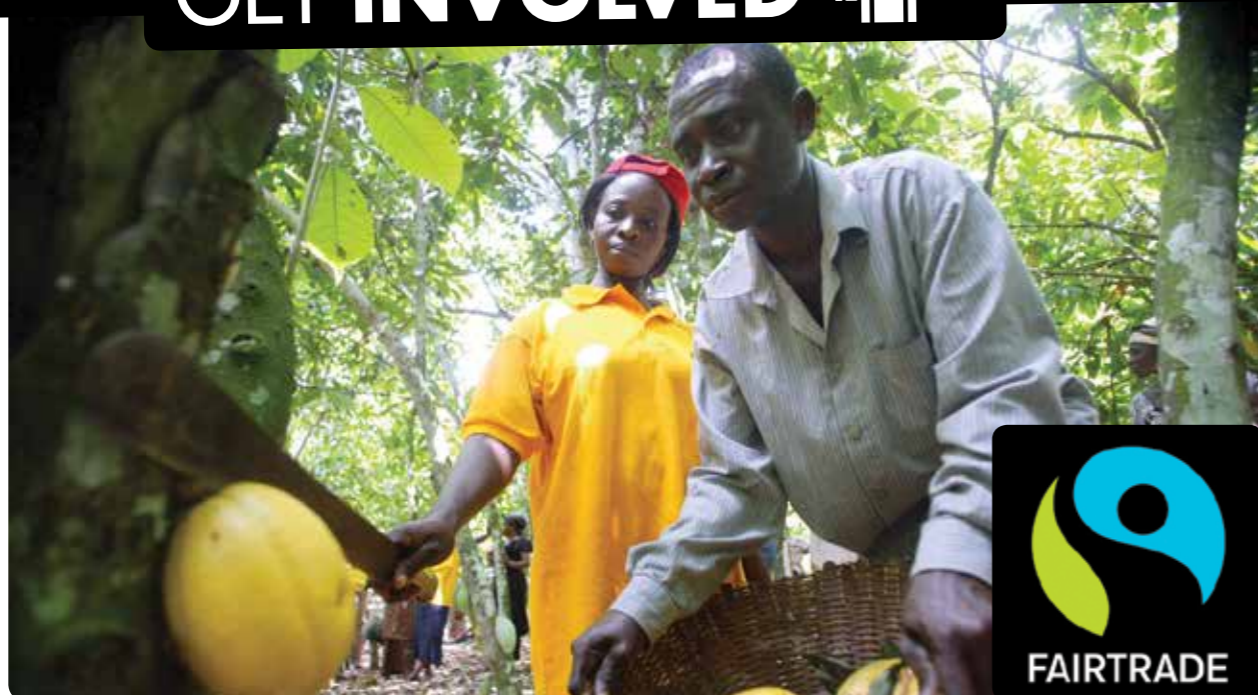
Unlike lighting and colour, poor quality pictures cannot be enhanced. Do not use images that are pixelated or blurred. The size of the image is also important. Images always lose quality if they are scaled or enlarged. Make sure any images you send are the original and are bigger than 10cm square in size. Images from websites are often too small and can be pixelated.



Send us your news stories

If you are sending to your local paper or other media outlet then copy us in as well. Send all news and stories to newsdesk@boys-brigade.org.uk. We will look to include your news through our media channels including on the website, in the magazine and on social media.

GET INVOLVED



Fairtrade : Now more important than ever

24th February marks the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight – two weeks of the year where we're all encouraged to think about, and buy, Fairtrade. Donna Simpson, from the Fairtrade Foundation, shares with us why, after 20 years of the FAIRTRADE mark, it is now more important than ever.

It's hard to believe, but this year the FAIRTRADE Mark will have been on UK shelves for two decades – 20 years since the Fairtrade Foundation certified its first bar of chocolate, jar of coffee and box of teabags. But, for those who don't know much about Fairtrade, is it still important, and is it even relevant to The Boys' Brigade? The answer is absolutely, yes.

The Fairtrade Foundation was established in 1992 with an aim to make trade fairer: to make sure the millions of smallholder farmers who produce our food get a fairer price for the work they do. To make sure they are not exploited, have better working conditions and earn a bit more – which is at least enough to put food on the table, give their children an education and shelter, and have the opportunity to access medical care – for many of those who produce the food we eat, this is still not the case.

By having the FAIRTRADE Mark on a product, the

farmers get a fair price, as well as a premium – a mandatory amount above the cost of production, which the producers themselves decide how to spend. The premium is often invested in farm improvements, education and healthcare projects: everything from new machinery to ensure a greater yield, to building boreholes for running water, health centres and schools for the community.

So why is all of this important to us in the UK? Well, did you know that 500 million smallholder farmers produce 70% of the world's food? And yet, those farmers currently make up half of the world's hungry people? Without these smallholder farmers we wouldn't have many of the products we love, like chocolate, bananas, tea and coffee. This Fairtrade Fortnight (24 February – 9 March), you can get your Company involved and help educate others about how Fairtrade helps these smallholder farmers, and the difference it makes to their lives.

Ideas for Fairtrade Fortnight

Could you use one of the following in your Company ...



Play the Banana Game

This is a great game to showcase why Fairtrade is needed, and what it means for banana farmers – taking you right the way through from growing bananas to how they end up in our fruit bowls ... www.risc.org.uk/files/growing-bananas.pdf



Banana Challenges

What could you do? Consider what crazy games you could do with bananas ... Create a giant banana split? (Last year during Fairtrade fortnight, Fairtrade supporters in Ammansford, Carmarthenshire created a 30-metre long banana split!) or see how quickly you can peel and eat a banana without using your hands?



Fairtrade Tuck

Make your tuck shop / canteen Fairtrade, by only selling Fairtrade products. Check out which sweets carry the Fairtrade mark and don't forget to ensure Fairtrade bananas get in there as well!



Taste Test

Why not dip Fairtrade bananas in two different types of chocolate – one Fairtrade, and one not. Can you guess which one's which? Fairtrade chocolate might taste the same as non-Fairtrade chocolate, but it means the farmers get a fair price for their cocoa. Chocolate tasting is an art – encourage your group to follow chocolate tasting guidelines like a professional to see if they can guess the flavour.



Fairtrade Bake-off

Why not challenge your BB members to a bake-off, using Fairtrade ingredients? Think about where your ingredients came from – is that what they looked like when they were grown?

What can you do?

Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 is all about bananas – the UK's favourite fruit and one which has been at the heart of Fairtrade since we first began certifying bananas in 2000. In the last 10 years, the shelf-price of loose bananas has almost halved, while the cost of producing bananas has doubled, trapping many of the farmers and workers who produce them in a cycle of poverty. In fact we now pay on average 11p for a loose tropical banana compared to 20p for a loose UK grown apple. Whilst Fairtrade provides a vital safety net for some banana farmers and workers, the majority still suffer. This cannot continue. We want to make all bananas fair, and by raising awareness of Fairtrade you can help achieve this too. Fairtrade Fortnight is a campaign to 'Abolish the Unfair Banana' and is the next part of our three year initiative to Make Food Fair.

Over 1.2 billion Fairtrade bananas now sold in the UK each year



Find out more about Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 including ideas and resources to download at www.stickwithfoncho.org.uk

Our Fairtrade Fortnight action guide is available for download now along with recipes, quizzes, films and ideas for leading devotions/ church services from www.fairtrade.org.uk/resources. You can also order free resources, including posters, stickers and leaflets.

BB takes Visa Issue to MP's

On 26 November 2013, The Boys' Brigade in UK and Republic of Ireland was invited to attend the All-Party Parliamentary Group known as "Connecting Communities." The invitation followed a number of letters written by members of The Boys' Brigade to their MPs as a result of the difficulties encountered by young people and other Brigade members wishing to come to the UK in August 2013.

Matthew Smith, Chair of the Brigade Executive, told the assembled Parliamentarians that plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Global Fellowship, the international fellowship of which The Boys' Brigade is a member, had been severely affected by the refusal of the UK Border Agency to issue visas to many Brigade members from Africa. Although every person who had applied to come to the event from outside of Africa had obtained a visa, more than 90% of those from Africa were refused entry to the UK. Those denied entry included the President or National Secretary of The Boys' Brigade in Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Young people who had been granted visas to enter the UK on previous occasions were turned down this time. If this development went unchallenged, there was a real risk that no truly international gathering of young people could take place in the UK in future.

Others present shared similar experiences. Anglican Bishops from Africa have been refused UK visas notwithstanding an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury. A long-standing local exchange between communities in Wiltshire and The Gambia suddenly found all but one of the Gambian young people denied a visa last year. The Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council now has fears for youth events planned to take place alongside the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

Chair of the Parliamentary Group, Lord Goodlad, agreed to submit a written question to the Home Office. Depending on the response, Brigade President, Lord Griffiths, has offered to seek to stage a debate on the floor of the House. Thank you to everyone who has helped us get the voice of young people heard on this important issue.



BB AUSTRALIA QUEEN'S BADGES

Members of The Boys' Brigade in New South Wales, Australia are presented with their Queen's Badges at a ceremony at Government House.



FDF DENMARK HOLDS DEBATE

Local leaders from around the country spent the weekend being confronted with fundamental questions about the youth organisation. They covered many areas including: education, volunteerism, church and society in relation to FDF.



ICONZ CAMP

Members of Iconz (BB New Zealand) at their Northern Regional Camp.



1ST MALANG FORMED

Boys' Brigade Indonesia inaugurates 1st Malang Company at Kalam Kudus School.



BB SINGAPORE VISITS BB BANGKOK

Members of the 54th Singapore Company visited the 4th Bangkok Company (Thailand). Highlights of the trip included home visitations and getting involved in community service projects. They also visited the 1st Bangkok Company and introduced a variety of new games.



GHANA BRIGADE'S FIRST CONFERENCE

Members of the Presbyterian Brigade's Association in Ghana held their first annual conference in Adabraka. The programme included workshops on sharing best practice, raising funds, assessing performance in the Company and a seminar on capacity building.



BB JAMAICA CELEBRATE

With a range of activities that included a prayer breakfast BB Jamaica celebrated their BB month. The theme was 'Boys' Brigade, Growing Stronger'. The month culminated with a Founder's weekend camp and church service.

News from Global Fellowship



Adric Constantinou-Etheredge was appointed as the Global Fellowship's permanent Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 November 2013. As the CEO, Adric is responsible for the day to day management of Global Fellowship and is very much the central hub for connecting various parts of the organisation.

Adric's background is in intercultural youth work, having been involved for many years with running training and events across Europe. Adric was a member of The Boys' Brigade in Cornwall and Bristol, before moving to Denmark where he joined a local FDF group leading young people aged 11-13 years.

Adric said "I am humbled and excited to be confirmed as the Chief Executive. Many amazing things have been achieved in this fantastic worldwide network of Boys' Brigade, FDF, PTK/NK, Junior Ministry etc. and I am chomping at the bit to release more of its potential! Exciting times!"

 Further information from Adric adric@globalfellowship.net

 Keep up to date with Adric on Facebook at: [GlobalFellowshipAdric](https://www.facebook.com/GlobalFellowshipAdric)

THE BIG QUESTION

We asked Global Fellowship: Can BB Companies connect with other Companies around the world?

Adric, CEO, Global Fellowship answers . . .

Of course! Global Fellowship would really encourage BB Companies in the UK & RoI to get in contact with other BB Companies and member organisations around the world. It's a great way of providing an international experience without necessarily having to leave your home town!

Partnering with a Company in another part of the world . . .

BB can play a large part of a young person's development of international understanding and co-operation through contacts with young people from other countries and cultures. This international contact helps young people to develop an awareness of life outside their own immediate sphere, and assists them in recognising and respecting the differences that exist between the nations and races of the world.

// Some companies in the United Kingdom & Republic of Ireland are already connected with a group abroad and exchange letters, photos and other material.

What factors should be considered when making contact?

Boys' Brigade can take many different forms in different countries, with everything from age groups, section names, uniforms, badges, games, prayers, regulations, typical activities, how often BB meets, leadership training and structure all being very different to what you are used to and what BB is to you and your Company.

It is important that both parties are clear and explicit when discussing the partnership, including what both parties are hoping to get out of the partnership and what you are willing to put into it (in time and energy).

Steps to take if you would like to partner with a Company or other member organisation group abroad:

- 1) Discuss the idea – With leaders and young people in the Company.
- 2) Decide on the commitment and frequency – Who and how often?
- 3) Consider what you want from the partnership and what you are going to do – How will it form part of your programme? What resources do you have available?

Some ideas to get you thinking...

Corresponding with a Company abroad (partner group) is not just about writing letters or emails! There are many different methods of communication and exchange that can be used to establish a varied and exciting partnership. For example, you could exchange: Company newsletters, postcards, posters, scrapbooks, badges, photos, videos or may be even birthday cards. You could also think about other ideas such as an 'Exchange Night' where you hold a typical BB night from your partner group as they hold a typical BB night from your Company, undertake a badge from each others award scheme, exchange your favourite BB games, hold joint prayers on Skype, challenge your partner group to a competition, hold an international evening devoted to your partner group with films, videos, games and national dishes from your partner group's country. In some cases there might even be the possibility that young people from your Company could go on an International Camp or a visit.

 **Contact Global Fellowship**
adric@globalfellowship.net

More details, including guidelines on how to avoid unintended consequences, more ideas for activities and how to best help groups with significantly less resources are available through the Global Fellowship.



Calum Martin, 1st Portlethen shares his account of the Company's visit to Malawi.

In July 2013, 14 young people and leaders from 1st Portlethen Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade set off on a two week trip to Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries. The trip followed two years of preparations and fundraising, including sponsorship from local firms, bag packs and a car wash.

As well as climbing Mount Mulanje, visiting Lake Malawi (one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world) and seeing the fascinating wildlife, we encountered the most remarkable aspect of Malawi – its people. Malawi is known as the "warm heart of Africa", and rightly so. The people of Malawi, many trapped in situations of poverty, hunger and unemployment, are some of the friendliest and most joyous people you will ever meet.

We were met with great smiles everywhere we went. All of the many different people we encountered in Malawi welcomed us to be a part of their community; young children who had never seen a camera before, people who could not afford hospital treatment, and host families who volunteered to take each of us to their homes one night for a true experience of what it's like to live in Malawi.

Sadly, the warm personality of Malawi has not been enough to improve the extreme poverty of most of its people. Many of Malawi's hospitals do not have sufficient staff and equipment,

resulting in a lack of healthcare opportunities, while most people quite simply cannot afford the healthcare costs. Modern technology is something of a different world to the majority in Malawi. Agriculture is the biggest employment area and relies on old-fashioned inefficient methods. There is increasing youth unemployment throughout the country, resulting in poverty and malnourishment. However, living conditions in Malawi are slowly improving through the help of international aid and through visits of organisations like The Boys' and Girls' Brigade.

While we had an amazing time visiting Malawi, the real purpose of the trip was to open our eyes to the living conditions of the world's poor. What we take for granted here in the UK is something of a luxury to people elsewhere, and it needs to be changed. Next time you are in the supermarket, look out for Chombe Tea (Fairtrade), which comes direct from the tea fields we visited in Mulanje, or do whatever you can to support the people of Malawi and other poverty-stricken countries.

Thank you to everyone who supported our trip and made this fantastic opportunity possible. Special thanks go to Portlethen Community Council, Portlethen Parish Church, everyone who donated at our fundraising events and especially the people of Malawi who made our visit such a happy and memorable experience.

Calum Martin
1st Portlethen Company



YOUNG PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM

Extra Hurdle for Young Drivers?

Young people could have to wait even longer until they are allowed to drive


A recent **Department for Transport** commissioned report by Transport Research Laboratory has made several proposed changes to the rules governing learner and young drivers. The research is part of the UK Government's 'Making Roads Safer' Policy.


Outlining the report, its authors stated that, "the over-representation of young novice drivers in road collisions is a public health risk in Great Britain and worldwide. The key contributory factors to this problem are known and are cross-cultural; they are youth and inexperience."

Statistics show that younger drivers are much more likely to be involved in a road traffic accident, but are these ideas the right way to go? Maybe young people are about to start learning to drive, or have recently passed their test how do they feel about these proposals becoming a reality?




The report's recommendations:


 Minimum learner period of 12 months, starting at 17, with a further 12 month probationary period.


 Minimum 100 hours daylight and 20 hours night supervised practice supported by mandatory logbook. This can be completed by an ADI / parent / guardian or other supervising driver

 Removal of motorway restriction for learner drivers

 Possibly suggesting lowering of blood alcohol limit to 0.2 g/l for all drivers

 Green P plate legally required for 12 months after passing test

 No driving between 10pm and 5am unless with adult over 30 during first 12 months of licence

 Drivers under 30 in their first 12 months of having a licence cannot carry a passenger under 30 unless they are accompanied by another adult over 30


Some BB young people gave us their reactions to these proposals...

 **Charlie, 18**
Who is currently learning to drive, says:

"It would be crazy to bring in the rules on curfews and having a passenger who is at least 30 years old. I'm still learning to drive; one of the main reasons is so I can open up my job prospects when I finish my A-levels later this year. If I end up doing shift work at a supermarket, which let's face it could be what I end up doing, I could be working all hours. And I would want to be able to drive to and from work, whether it was 2pm in the afternoon or 1am in the morning. It's a stupid proposal, can't believe it's even been put forward!"

 **James, 20**
A new driver says:

"I'm not so sure that it'll make much of a difference to be honest. The saying "You don't learn to drive until you've passed your test" is true. It's not until you actually drive yourself that you begin to learn. What about the people who pass at 17 and are never involved in any accidents whilst being young? Why should they be punished? There are many flaws in the new proposals; No driving at night, unless you have an adult over 30 to accompany you. What difference does it make if you're 27, 28 or 29? ... I do however like the suggestion of removing motorway restrictions for learner drivers. I think that it should already be compulsory to learn to drive on a motorway, as it can be a pretty daunting experience if you drive them alone for the first time."

 **Oliver, 17**
Who passed his test in October, says:

"I don't think it's fair... why are we being targeted. It was already a long wait for me, having to wait until I was 17 to pass my test, why should I have to wait longer. I already pay a big insurance premium to have the privilege of driving and have one of the boxes which records how I drive. The box installed in my car affects how much my insurance is going to cost, this means that I do think about the way I drive.... I think I'm a good, careful and courteous driver. I'm certainly not in favour of any of these proposals."

 **The AA Motoring agency provided this response:**


"... the AA would welcome many of the other recommendations, in particular putting road safety on the national curriculum and allowing learner drivers on motorways. In essence, the report advocates implementing a full graduated driving licence system in the UK. This would mean someone learning to drive at 17 would have to successfully complete a 12-month minimum learning period before taking their test and a 12-month probationary licence period after their test before they gained a full licence. This would have a great impact on the lives on young people and their families. Under the recommendations, an 18-year-old who had passed their learner driver test and had a probationary licence would not be able to drive themselves home after a shift that finished after 10pm – as most evening shifts do."

In the Republic of Ireland, you need to be 17 to obtain a driving licence, but must wait at least six months between obtaining your provisional and sitting your test.



Discuss this with your group

Why not use this as a discussion starter with your young people and find out what they think.

 Share what your young people think, email us at: newsdesk@boys-brigade.org.uk

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APPROVED CAMPSITES

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Contact:



Auchengillan Outdoor Centre, Blanefield, Stirlingshire G63 9AU.

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Norfolk / Felden Lodge Campsites




2014/2015 BB canvas campsites (operated by 10th Enfield) fully equipped for up to 70 (smaller camps welcome) in West Runton (North Norfolk) and at BBUK HQ (Hertfordshire).

Contact:

 Chris Norman on 07703 571915
 chris@boys-brigade.org.uk

Honeyhill Camp (NW Kent Battalion) 12 acres Bearsted Maidstone. Open from Easter to October. Small and large camps welcome. Showers, toilets, building with large kitchen, sports facilities. Canvas for hire or bring your own.

Contact:




 07946 163176 Andy Foster
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West Midland District Camping Centre,

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Contact:

 01905 480 955 Jamie Copson
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Vectis Youth Camps. Two beautiful campsites on the Isle of Wight with permanent kitchens, showers and toilets. Each site is self contained and is in easy reach of safe beaches and all the attractions of the Island. All tenting and equipment included. Prices from £58 per person per week. We are now taking bookings for weekend camps. Ideal for organised camps of between 25 and 250 people.



Contact:

 07582 429929 Dettie Quirke
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Craggan, the Outdoor Centre of Edinburgh, Leith and District Battalion.

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Contact:

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Contact:




 01737 352732 Ted Walliss
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Broadleas, Haytor, Devon.

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Contact:

 01452 615072 Diana Dale
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Contact:




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CAMPING/HOLIDAY

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Contact:

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Contact:

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Contact:

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Contact:

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The BB in London is recruiting a new London Secretary to take over from the current volunteer who is standing down after seven years. The London Secretary role is a key one within the London District which includes being a trustee.

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If you would like more information or feel that this role could be for you, email:

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