

Brigade Council Summary 2012

Brigade Council met at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in London slightly later in September this year because of the Paralympics. This was the second year of holding a one day event although a Dinner was arranged on the Friday evening.

On the Saturday morning delegates contributed to the formulation of the next development plan at a session hosted by Mr Chris Row, Brigade Vice President along with the Brigade Secretary, whilst others were entertained by a walking tour of the city.

Brigade Council assembled at 1.00pm when opening worship was conducted by Reverend Mark VanCuylenburg, Minister of Fulham Baptist Church. It is customary to receive greetings from our Patron at the start of proceedings, but this year, of course, had a special significance when Alex Mann 28th West Kent, a member of the party received at Balmoral, brought in the baton that had just completed its epic journey throughout the British Isles. The Brigade President opened the lock and Council stood to receive Her Majesty's reply to the Loyal Greeting on the Occasion of Her Diamond Jubilee.

Mr Michael Elliott, on behalf of the England Region, welcomed members of Council and Lord Griffiths replied thanking those who had worked to put the event together. Council stood in silence to remember those who had died during the year. Mr Chris Row presented a review of the year and Mr Clifford Bygrave, Brigade Treasurer, presented the accounts for the financial year.

There then followed the statutory business of Council, the results of which are reported elsewhere. Following this there were presentations about the International Project Behind Tourism, and the planned recruitment drive a Ten Percent in 2012. Before Council concluded with worship, Mr Glen Miller, on behalf of the Northern Ireland Region invited Council to meet in Belfast in 2013 as part of the 125th anniversary celebrations of the Brigade in Ireland.

There was no formal programme in the evening and delegates either made their way home or enjoyed the entertainment of London.

On Sunday morning Worship was held at Wesley's Chapel, the home of the 5th London Company and of the Brigade President.

Thanks are expressed to all those who contributed to the arrangements for Council.