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Children learn what they live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.
I was recently looking for something at home and came across my old school report book. None of the modern computerised reports here, but a hardback book containing seven years of handwritten comments by teachers whose names bring back a variety of memories.

One of the words used was “satisfactory”, and I’ll leave you to consider which subjects this referred to. At the time I used of think of satisfactory as OK, but it’s really neither one thing nor the other. When I ran a school and the Inspectors arrived, lessons could be graded as satisfactory and some members of staff were quite pleased with that – and on reflection, I was relieved they’d got that. But one dictionary definition of satisfactory is adequate. What does it feel like to be told that you’re adequate?

I heard recently the results of a survey which found that young people believe and in a sense become, what they are told about themselves by the people they most admire. I met a young man in a Company who believed, in his words, that he was rubbish. He was rubbish at this and rubbish at that and he didn’t want to try things because he wouldn’t be able to do it and everybody else would be better. It transpired that he was frequently told he was rubbish – by his father and that was what he now believed.

One of the greatest joys of being a leader in the BB is to be able to encourage and “build up” the youngsters with whom we come into contact. We know in our own lives those who have given us encouragement and the confidence to do things we might otherwise never have tried. I am grateful to those who have had that influence on me, let us likewise seek to inspire those we are called to serve today.

And by the way – I was satisfactory at French, which I think will have come as a great shock to the lady serving in the Boulangerie in a small village in the Dordogne.

Steve Dickinson
More than 1,000 young people connected with God at Firm Foundations – despite bad weather conditions forcing the event to finish early.

The theme for Firm Foundations 2007, in its 18th year, was Connect and aimed to get festival goers to ‘Connect with God: Connect with People’ based on the Bible verse Ephesians 2:13.

Before the weather took hold, the crowds enjoyed an action-packed programme of activities, worship and performances by bands such as My Spoon and The Hope Revolution Tour featuring The Band With No Name, LZ7 and Blush UK.

A wide variety of other speakers and artists also performed including Andy Frost and Jo Wells from Share Jesus International, Dennis Pethers from Viz-A-Viz Ministries, Carl Belcher, Tony Anthony, Shell Perris, gospel illusionist Steve Price, Tough Talk and worship band Magnus.

Young people from BB/GB showed their passion for worship by leading worship in the Big Top each morning as part of b5 (Birmingham BB/GB) and KJC (BB’s national worship group).

Activities on offer at the festival included dance, art, football, Bible studies and seminars, a giant Connect Four competition, talent contest, films and a nightclub.

But festival goers had to battle with strong winds, heavy rain and plenty of mud during the event over the May bank holiday weekend (May 25-28). In order to keep everyone safe it was decided to evacuate the campsite on Sunday night and alternative
accommodation was found for all under-18s in the Sports Hall, Thurso Centre, and Felden Lodge itself. Officers and leaders could choose to remain in their tents or also relocate for the night. All activities planned for the Monday were also then cancelled so everyone could start clearing up early to go home.

However, the event was a big success and we were able to see the spirit of God connecting with many people throughout the weekend. For more photos from this year’s festival, or for more information about Firm Foundations visit the website at www.firm-foundations.org.uk. If you haven’t brought a group before, or are looking forward to next year already, book the date for 2008 now: 23rd to 26th May 2008.

FOOTNOTE:
Dear Friends
I would just like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their cooperation and support as the weather deteriorated and events unfolded on Sunday night. It was not an easy task to evacuate the camping field and despite the difficulties, the spirit of fellowship and collaboration was a credit to all concerned. It was really encouraging to see the teamwork and the overwhelming sense of family. God used the conditions to connect with many that night and we give thanks that all were safe.

Steve Dickinson
National Competitions

The Competitions

As we draw to a close on another successful year of competitions across all regions of the BB in the UK and Eire, we can look back on the events and remember the enjoyment and fellowship found in competitive sportsmanship throughout the session.

Join in!

Have you taken part in the National Competitions before?
Participating in a national activity can provide Companies with new opportunities to challenge the Company Section and Seniors as well as demonstrate that there is a Brigade outside of your Battalion or District.

The National Competitions provide further choice for sporting challenge and excellent fellowship. Entry forms for the new session are available from: Summer Captain’s mailing
www.boys-brigade.org.uk/leaders/actevents/natcomphold.htm

Results from the 2007 finals

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Thank you...

The Competitions are reliant upon the dedication, support and coaching provided by leaders, helpers and parents who train, support and drive the teams to the games. In addition, there are a number of Battalions and Districts that generously host the Competition Finals each year. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally a big thank you goes for the enthusiasm of the other coordinators Mr Jim Holmes (Ireland) and Mr Bob Baillie (Scotland).

Loz Gazely
National Competitions Coordinator (England & Wales)
Falkirk & District Battalion took a bold step to try to ensure their Annual Parade gave the company a much needed boost. Sponsored by the Church of Scotland, ‘TurnaBBOut’ was born.

Every Company in the Battalion turned out to Falkirk Town Hall on 9th March to hear the Christian Rock Band ‘The G1 Project’ and see themselves projected on the two big screens. 600 young men were treated to a night of music and entertainment with a Christian message put across in an uplifting way by the Rev Michael McCurry who fronted the evening. He was well known to the young people in his capacity as a Grade 1 Football Referee and was welcomed, as such, with good-natured traditional ‘boos’! They were soon cheering him as he entertained them with a professional Magic Show, leaving everyone mystified and a few officers wondering why they had volunteered to help!

The young people also listened intently to his address put across in his colloquial Glasgow style. He engaged 600 young men aged from 6 to 18 years and if it could be ‘canned’ the shelves would be laid siege by envious leaders and clergy!

As the young people would say, ‘it was ‘cool’. The Rock Band had them standing, clapping, playing ‘air-guitar’, and even dancing in the aisles! The referee; the minister; the magician...all in the form of Michael McCurry will long be remembered, if the flood of autograph seekers was anything to go by.

The message from Michael McCurry could not have been clearer that young lives can, and are being turned about all the time by the work done in organisations such as The Boys’ Brigade as indeed they have been now for 125 years.
The Meeting was held at Brigade Headquarters Felden Lodge. This is a summary of the main items covered.

Leadership positions
Following concerns raised from a number of sources the Brigade Executive reviewed its decision that Warrant Officers must complete Youth Leader Training Prior to appointment. The Executive agreed that persons appointed as Warrant Officers must complete YLT by the end of the first complete session after registration.

125th anniversary of The Boys’ Brigade
The Executive agreed that the Service at Glasgow Cathedral on 4th October 2008 would be for Seniors and Leaders. A group will progress this commoration. Plans are also in progress for an event for young people. The Executive also considered plans for our partnership with the Association of Children’s Hospices.

Hope 2008
Hope 2008 is billed as a year of united mission for every denomination, stream and ministry across the whole of the UK. The Executive endorsed the Brigade looking at ways in which it can be actively involved.

Finance
In reviewing the year 2006/07 which had been a difficult one, the Brigade Treasurer reported on the key objectives of eliminating operational deficits, managing the supplies operation, managing investments, maximising income and managing costs. The Brigade was exploring ways of external income generation. The budget for 2007/08 was presented and agreed. Capitation fees for 2007/08 were agreed. Company fees will rise by £5 to £85 and all other individual fees will rise by £1. There will be a maximum of £1,100 payable by Companies for boy and Company fees.

Constitutional Review
Following feedback received, the Constitutional Review Group recommended to the Executive that the Constitutional Motions submitted to Brigade Council in the name of the Executive be withdrawn for further consultation. The Executive agreed with this recommendation, withdrew its motions and looked at possible ways in which further consultation could take place and how Brigade Council might be used in this manner. An amendment had been received to the proposed Executive Motion. As the motion has been withdrawn the issues raised within the amendment will also form part of the wider consultation by the Executive.

Programme Review
The Executive received an update on the Discover programme, agreed badge designs, armband layout and transfer period from Get the Credit to Discover.

Membership
As at 30th April there were 56 Company Returns and 17 Battalion Returns outstanding. The Executive was updated on the position of disclosure checks in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Health & safety
The Executive agreed the annual health and safety statement and that the Brigade Secretary be the named person for health and safety.

Brigade Development Plan 2008 – 2013
The Executive following discussions agreed the draft development plan. Aims and targets were based around the areas of our culture, infrastructure and governance, people (staff and volunteers), faith, image/reputation/ credibility, youth and children’s work. It was seen as vital that the Brigade has as wide an ownership of these areas as possible and the Executive discussed ways in which the Development Plan could be shared and discussed at all levels.

Committee Reports
The Executive received reports from the Regional Committees.

NEW COMPANIES
The following new Companies have been enrolled since the last Gazette:

9th London
Captain, Gideon Olugbemi, C&S Church Movement (Ile Oluwa)

1st Daventry
Captain, Elizabeth Adams, Daventry United Reformed Church

VOTING AT BRIGADE COUNCIL
As there are no motions to Brigade Council this year, it is not necessary to issue voting forms.

CAPITATION FEES 2007/2008
Annual Registration fee payable by all companies £85
Company officers (other than at same address) £23
Battalion & District officer not on company roll £18
Young officers in full time education or training £17
Owners in receipt of state retirement pension £17
Associate members £25
Per boy £8.50

There will be a maximum fee of £1,100 per Company for boy and Company registration. Please note that a mistake was made in the Executive Summary sent to Battalion Secretaries in that the Company registration fee remained at £80 when in fact should be £85 as above.

CONTACT SPORTS – INSURANCE GUIDELINES
Following recent discussions with The Brigade Insurers Companies, Battalions and Districts should follow the guidelines as detailed in the Safety Handbook under 4.7 (c)

“Young People should not take part in contact sports against different age groups where there is wide disparity in physical size. It is recommended that separate competitions involving contact sports (eg. football, rugby, etc) be held for company section boys aged under 15 and those aged between 15 and 18 years of age. These age limits should be taken as their ages during the BB session. Young men who stay within the company until the session in which they reach their 19th birthday should not take part in contact sports competitions with younger boys”.

BASIC EXPEDITION LEADERSHIP (SPORTS LEADERS UK – LEVEL 2)
The Boys’ Brigade in Birmingham is organising a BEL course delivered over four weekends and three day-long sessions between October 2007 and February 2008. To complete the BEL, 30 hours working and leading groups will also be required. This is an ideal course for those wishing to instruct within the Expedition Section of The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award at Bronze and Silver levels in open countryside; work towards the Service Section of the Award if over 17 years of age; develop outdoor leadership skills and is a recognised National Governing Body qualification. The cost of the course is
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Sir Kenneth has a long association with The Boys’ Brigade and has served as a Boy and Officer. He was until 2006 the President of the Glasgow Battalion. I am sure the whole brigade will wish him every blessing as he takes up post.

Para andscotland
The Scottish Executive has changed the rules concerning parades. From April 2007, you will now have to seek permission from your local authority and not the police as at present. The period of notice has also changed from the minimum 7 days notice – you must now give 28 days notice. Companies in Scotland should be aware of these important changes when they want to parade on public roads in the future.

Brigade president
As you will read from the Brigade President’s letter, the Presidency will pass from the Very Rev’d Professor Alan Main TD to Professor Sir Kenneth Calman KCB at Brigade Council in Bradford in September. All invitations to the Brigade President should be addressed to Jan Williamson, Personal Assistant to the Brigade Secretary at Felden Lodge.

The Brigade is indebted to Alan’s leadership over the past two years. We are deeply grateful for his wise counsel, his words of encouragement, his good humour, his travels on our behalf and his boundless enthusiasm and commitment to our organisation. The whole Brigade family joins in wishing Alan and Anne God’s richest blessing for the future.

Constitutional review
We’re Still listening
Thank you for the comments and feedback received from individuals, Battalions, Districts and Regional Committees. The successes to date are:

- The general concept and framework that had been proposed has been universally accepted as an appropriate way forward for the Brigade.
- The consolidation of the regulations to make the Brigade easier to operate at all levels has been positively viewed as a useful tidying up procedure.
- The documentation was successfully reviewed by a barrister specialising in charity law.
- The Charity Commission has given permission from your local authority

Whilst listening to the feedback received through consultation two issues arose that the Brigade Executive feels require a clearer view from the Brigade at large.

These are:
- The concept of separating the Brigade Executive and the Trustee Board
- The issue of the size of majority required to change the membership categories.

The CRG, believing that it was necessary to resolve these issues prior to the constitution ultimately being considered by Brigade Council, proposed to the Executive that the constitutional motions be withdrawn pending further consultation. The Brigade Executive agreed to withdraw its motions. The issues will be debated at Brigade Council to seek opinion and the Executive is looking at other ways at taking soundings and seeking the express wishes of Companies, which may involve a postal opinion poll, web vote etc. It is important that the Brigade receives as wide as possible feedback so that proposals formulated reflect these feelings. The Brigade will be kept fully informed of developments through the Gazette. Comments at this stage should be directed to the Brigade Secretary.

Dear Colleague,

Brigade President

I am delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, KCB, MD, FRCS, FRSE (pictured here) to succeed me as Brigade President from September. Sir Kenneth is a multi-talented man who has reached the peak of his chosen profession and has a deep commitment to The Boys’ Brigade.

Sir Kenneth was Chief Medical Officer at the Scottish Office from 1989 – 1991. He was the Government’s Chief Medical Officer for the UK from 1991 – 1996. He was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath in 1996. From 1998 – 2007 he was Vice Chancellor and Warden of the University of Durham and has recently taken up post as Chancellor of the University of Glasgow.

Sir Kenneth has a long association with The Boys’ Brigade and has served as a Boy and Officer. He was until 2006 the President of the Glasgow Battalion. I am sure the whole brigade will wish him every blessing as he takes up post.

It has been for me a great and enjoyable privilege to have been the 11th President of The Boys’ Brigade, with old friendships renewed and new friendships made with colleagues far and wide. The support I have received from everyone in the discharge of my duties has been tremendous and I owe a particular word of thanks to the Brigade Secretary, the National Vice Presidents, the Chairman and Members of the Brigade Executive, and the team of Directors. As I hand on the torch of the Presidency to Sir Kenneth, I do so more than ever convinced that in The Boys’ Brigade as we approach our 125th anniversary next year we have a truly great Movement with a future as bright as the stories of its past.

God bless you all.

The Very Reverend Professor Alan Main TD
Brigade President
eye-lashes, so that when storms blew
in the desert, the sand would not get
into their eyes.

Having listened to all this, the little
camel then asked, “Mummy why then
are we in this zoo?” Now camels can
survive in zoos, but when these great
creatures are thus confined, they lose
much of the splendour which they
would have if they lived the way God
intended.

I could imagine a similar conversation
taking place between a boy and his
mother. “Mummy why did God give us
hands?” The mother replies, “God
gave us hands so that we can create
beautiful things and help each other,
so that we can open our hands and
share and welcome. Next the boy
asks, “Mummy why did God give us
tongues?” The Mummy explains that
God gave people tongues so that they
could share their thoughts and ideas,
so that they could encourage and
thank people, and speak kindly of
them. On hearing this the boy might
well say, “Mummy why then do people
use their hands to fight and hurt, to
grab as much as they can for
themselves? Why do they use their
tongues to say such unkind things
about others?”

These are questions worth pondering.
More people are hurt and run down by
idle gossip than by cars. It is also a
fact that too many of us live confined
within our self-made barriers. The
horizon of our concerns seldom
extends beyond ourselves.

Dr. James A. Simpson

I love the story of the baby camel
who said to his mother, “Mummy
why do camels have humps on their
back?” The Mummy explained that God
gave camels humps so that water could
be stored for long journeys across the
desert, so that they would not become
dehydrated. Next the little camel
asked why camels have such big feet.
Again his Mummy explained that God
gave camels big feet so that they could
walk more easily across sand. The little
boy’s third question was, “Mummy why
do camels have two sets of eye-lids and
such big eye-lashes?” Again his
Mummy explained that God had given
camels an extra set of eye-lids and big

A BB Welcome

I have recently returned from a two-week official visit to Ghana. I went at the
invitation of the Church of Scotland’s partners in Ghana, the Presbyterian Church
of Ghana, and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana. It was a fascinating
visit. The churches and communities of Ghana have so much to teach us about the
Gospel. There were so many highlights during the two weeks but one in
particular may be of interest.

We travelled by road from the capital city, Accra, to the town of Cape
Coast. As its name suggests, the town is indeed on the coast, and it was
from there that African slaves were sent across the Atlantic in
specially built slave ships. Before they were shipped from their
homeland these human beings were imprisoned in the cells
underneath the castle. One of the most infamous of these castles is
at Cape Coast, and, as 2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the
abolition of the Slave Trade Act, we had gone there to see the
‘point of no return’ for slaves.

However, we also stopped, briefly, at a Presbyterian church in
Cape Coast so that the congregation could welcome us to the
town. There was a surprise waiting for me as we turned a
bend in the road approaching the church. On parade,
waiting to be inspected by the Moderator, were the local
Companies of The Boys’ Brigade and the Girls’ Brigade.
They were immaculately turned out and a credit to their
organisations. But best of all, there was a BB brass band
waiting to play. I will never forget the moment when the
parade came to attention and the band began to play ‘Will your
anchor hold’, but with an African beat. I will always remember the day
the BB welcomed me to Ghana.

Rt Rev Alan D. McDonald
Moderator of the General Assembly,
Church of Scotland.
What a lovely day for it! The sun shone all day for the bands to perform inside and out at the Northwood Stadium, Stoke on Trent on 2nd June. The audience of supporters enjoyed many different styles of band music as the members gave of their best. There was the usual support for each other’s bands and the excellent organisation of the event resulted in an enjoyable day for everyone.

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Full results are available online at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/leaders/actevents/natband.htm
Eighteen bands gathered at the Concert Hall in Troon for what proved to be a wonderful day of Boys' Brigade Band performances.

The morning opened with novice mini-pipe bands then trumpet/bugle/flute novice bands. The standard demonstrated was extremely high much to the delight of a very enthusiastic audience of supporters. In the afternoon the championship classes were held in a packed hall.

The Brigade Secretary, chief guest, praised the bandsmen for their turnout and performance, recognising all the practice that brought them to such a high standard.

The final award of the day was made to Calum McLeod, 1st Fraserburgh, the best mallet (tuned percussion) player of the day.

On completion of the presentations all the bands marched through Troon with the salute being taken by the Brigade Secretary.

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**Senior's Challenge**

Looking for activities for your Senior boys? While you wait for the new programme pack to be issued next year, why not try out the Senior’s Challenge, organised by BB Scotland.

100 challenges to choose from – some for fun, some trying new activities, some learning new skills. Some can be completed in your church hall, others are extra activities outdoors. Twenty new challenges this year.

Seniors should complete 10 challenges for a bronze certificate. Twenty challenges gains a Silver certificate and at least 30 challenges merits a Gold certificate.
In the last weekend in April, after months of planning and preparation, the ethos of Firm Foundations in England and Crossover in Scotland arrived in Northern Ireland.

Programme. The Northern Ireland Curriculum Development Unit, Morality Online, Bible society for Northern Ireland, Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award delivered successful programmes. Christian Aid examined the effects of climate change, challenging us to improve our carbon footprint and invited all to make their mark on their footprint canvas.

Worship and Music. Ichthus, a group of young musicians reformed especially for TurningPoint showed their Christian passion by leading the worship in the main arena. Worship band BlueTree performed their own unique style of worship on Saturday evening.

The breadth of talent was showcased in The Backbeat Café where popular features such as ‘Millisle Idol’ and ‘You think you can Dance?’ entertained those daring to step inside for fear of their name coming up next.

A lasting memory of the weekend will be the response of 19 young people who came to a TurningPoint in their lives when they made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Guests. During the event we were privileged to have The Brigade Secretary who opened the new central kitchen and dining area at Ganaway, an excellent addition to the ever expanding facilities at the centre. We were also pleased to welcome Mr Roger Green and Mr Dan Griffiths from Birmingham Battalion along with Brigade Vice President Mr Perry Donaldson.

The Future? TurningPoint 2007 was successful due to the dedication and input of willing volunteers and we are most grateful to them. Plans are already being prepared for TurningPoint 2008. For more information please contact Paul McCarroll at Boys’ Brigade House, 14 May Street, Belfast, BT1 4NR or telephone 028 9032 4853, e mail belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk
Education for all
...a fundamental right
BB Scotland Kenya Project

To mark the 125th anniversary of The Boys’ Brigade, a few companies in Scotland decided to reach outward and organise an event to remember, which would be of real benefit to others. We, at 5th Livingston, 56th Edinburgh, 51st Bonnyrigg and 1st Loanhead companies, started thinking and planning in 2005. The Revd Elaine McKinnon in Glasgow had just returned from several years of mission work in the region of Kikuyu, Kenya and we were humbled and excited to learn of the efforts of the BB and GB companies at Kerarapoon Parish Church in their bid to establish a school. This was the project for us!

In November 2006 a group of four staff, Tom Griffin (5th Livingston), Iain Scoular (Chaplain, West Lothian Battalion), Chris Orman (56th Edinburgh) and myself made the trip to Kenya to meet with the church officials and the girls and boys of their Brigades and to see first hand the proposed site and plans for the school. After 14 hours of travelling we were warmly greeted at Nairobi Airport. For four packed days we met Elders at their homes and at the church, which included a visit to the orphanage (managed by the Church at Kerarapoon) for Brigade boys and girls. In true Massai tradition we were welcomed to the home of the local councillor who had prepared a veritable feast for us which included two barbequed goats. From all our meetings and discussions with the Elders we were impressed by the sheer determination and hard work put in by all of these people in the face of adverse conditions and minimal funds. It is a credit to all of them the hope and help they already give to the people of Ngong and their desire to provide for and better the lives of the young people of their parish. They also recognise The Girls’ and Boys’ Brigades as a cornerstone part of that provision.

On the Sunday we were treated to possibly the most outstanding church service we have ever had the privilege to attend. So many people packed into a church giving praise was an uplifting sight. The boys and girls of the Brigades filed in, each one immaculate in their uniform and singing loudly and proudly. After the service we talked with them and on learning where they lived it is to their credit and that of their parents just how well turned out each one was. Our boys will have to improve their excuses a thousand fold at Inspection on a company night from now on!

We should be aware of the many negative images that exist, but we should also be aware that it is a fight already being fought. All of the people we met, whom we now consider friends, were happy in a manner seldom seen in this country and have as much to show us about living a Christian life as we could ever show them. Something we do have which can help them to build a brighter future is financial aid. By cleaning shoes on the streets of Nairobi the boys and girls raised sufficient funds (with some help from the Church) to buy some of the surrounding land on which to build their school. Unfortunately, that is as far as the story went. This method of fundraising in a poor country would require a lifetime shoe cleaning effort. This is where we chose to step in. Education here at home for our members is a fundamental right, freely available to all. These children have shown a determination to get that right for themselves and with our help their dream could be a reality.

The nearby secondary school has a motto “It Can Be Done” and for our project we have adopted that motto adding “With Your Help, It Will Be Done”.

There is a great deal more to be told of our project and these wonderful people. Future news will come from the young men of our companies as this is their project and their link with the children of Kenya.

Stuart Dalgleish
5th Livingston Company.
Cameroon

Background

In the past few Gazettes, you will have read articles about the Boys’ Brigade movement in Cameroon. In June 2006, the Brigade Secretary, Rob Botting and I travelled to Cameroon in West Africa to meet with the organisers, officers and boys of BB:Cameroon. We learnt of their experiences, difficulties and successes as they advance Christ’s Kingdom amongst the boys in their country. BB:Cameroon are aware that in order for the Brigade movement to survive long term in their country they cannot fully depend on foreign aid and government grants. Thus, they have set themselves the goal to be self-sufficient by the year 2016.

From what we have learned from BB:Cameroon, at New Horizons in October 2006, the International Team took the first steps of planning a project to help address some of the difficulties facing BB:Cameroon and to help them achieve their self-sufficiency goal.

Project Aims

- To raise awareness within BB:UK of The Boys’ Brigade as an international family that extends beyond the boundaries of the UK; and
- To support and assist our sibling organisation BB:Cameroon to achieve their goal of self-sufficiency by the year 2016.

Programme Resource Pack 1

This is the first programme resource pack to be issued as part of our project. Inside this issue you will find resources for use with Anchor boys. These resources have been carefully written to mirror the format and style of the recent Anchors Programme Pack. The resources are flexible and incorporate activities in every aspect of the programme allowing you the freedom to “pick and mix” the activities as you require; they could be used as a full evening’s programme or spread out over a number of weeks.

Online Supporting Resources

You will find downloadable copies of these resources, any templates required for the resources and additional material on our website: www.palminpalm.org.uk

What’s Next?

Our next resource pack will be published in the October Gazette and will include full resources for Juniors and Company Section. However, if you can’t wait that long and want to get a head start they can be downloaded in full from our website.

In January 2008 we will launch Phase 2 of our project which will allow boys and officers to take action and show their support for our BB family in Cameroon and West Africa.

You can read more about our project, see photographs and videos from our visit to Cameroon, keep in touch with the International Team by just logging onto our website: www.palminpalm.org.uk.

You can also give your feedback on the resources, see what companies around the UK are doing to support the project, find out what is happening next with the project, and lots, lots more.

Thank you for your support and we hope that you will find these resources useful.

Stephen Cowden
Project Coordinator
ACTIVITY 1: Andrew’s Trip to Africa

Programme area: Body (fit for fun) (story games)
Activity Time: 10 minutes
Group Size: 20 – although with smaller groups words can be left out and with larger groups words can be given to two pairs of boys
Aim: To make boys aware of the identifying features of Africa
Equipment: None required

General Information:
- Divide boys into pairs
- Assign each pair of boys to a word which appears in bold within the story
- Sit boys down facing each other with their feet touching in a line down the room (like a ladder)
- As the story is told, when the “magic” words occur, the pair of boys who have the word stand up, jump over the legs of the boys towards the top of the ladder, run down the side to the bottom and then jump up over the legs of the boys back to their space
- The first boy to sit down again wins a point for his team

Words to give out:
- Andrew
- Bananas
- Africa
- Friends
- Airport
- BB
- Cameroon
- Dinner
- Vincent
- School

Andrew went on a trip to Africa. He left the airport at London and flew to Brussels and then to the airport in Cameroon. Cameroon is a country in Africa. Africa is a very hot country. When Andrew was in Cameroon, he met a boy called Vincent. He is 6 years old. Vincent gets up every morning at 5 o’clock and helps his mum with doing chores around the house. He goes to school every day. School starts at 7 o’clock in the morning and ends at lunch time. In the afternoon, Vincent sells bananas in the town centre. He stands on the side of the road and sells his bananas to people who drive past in their cars. Sometimes he sees his friends in the afternoon if they are selling things too. Some days Vincent goes to BB. He likes BB because he can see his friends, play games and learn about God. When it gets dark, he goes home and has his dinner. After his dinner, Vincent goes to bed.

Andrew and Vincent spent lots of time together during Andrew’s visit to Cameroon. But the time came for Andrew to leave Vincent and Cameroon. So Vincent took Andrew to say goodbye to all his friends at school, and all his friends at BB. As Andrew was about to leave for the airport, Vincent gave Andrew some bananas as he would miss dinner. Andrew thanked Vincent for the bananas and headed off to the airport to leave Africa. As Andrew was waiting for his plane to take him out of Cameroon, across Africa and back home to the UK, he thought about Vincent, his school friends, his BB friends and all the people who sell bananas in Cameroon. Andrew couldn’t wait to tell his friends about Africa and the wonderful time he had had with Vincent and his BB company in Cameroon. Andrew would never look at a banana again without remembering Vincent, Africa and all the banana sellers in Cameroon.

Tips:
An additional tool could be writing the bold words on cards and giving the pair of boys the card to remind them of their word

Safety Issues/Risk Assessment:
Ensure that the sitting boys keep their legs down to avoid tripping hazards

Corresponding Resources:
Word Cards
Discover Programme

For 11 to 15 year olds in Company Section

An exciting new resource pack for all leaders working with 11 to 15 year olds, helping you to meet the needs of young people.

The discover programme provides:

• fully resourced programme topics with tips and ideas for delivery
• flexibility of working in age groups or all ages together
• a balance of activities
• new resources for sharing and growing in faith
• new award scheme
• links with Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
What’s in the pack?
Your programme pack will contain:
• 3 sections including:
  • Information – this will guide you through how to use the pack, including programme planning, entitlements, rules and regulations and administration including record keeping.
  • Activity – including
    • Community
    • Recreation
    • Skills
    • Christian Faith
  • Extras (including themed evenings, and additional material)
  • Awards – How the scheme recognises young people’s achievements including how to gain the activity badges, the Compass Badge, Discovery Badge, and President’s Badge.
• CD containing templates as well as additional material.

Can I convert from the Get the Credit Scheme?
A table for converting badges to the new Discover Award Scheme will be included in the pack.

How can I find out more?
Training days will be held on 8th September 2007 at Felden (England & Wales), Rathmore (Northern Ireland) and Carronvale (Scotland). There will be information about the new awards with opportunities to try out some ideas and look at programming and how to work participatively with young people.

It is anticipated that Battalions and Districts will hold training events locally throughout the 2007-2008 session.

When will it be available?
Programmes Packs can be ordered through BBUK Headquarters using the form overleaf (telephone orders cannot be accepted). Packs will be despatched from 16th July 2007.
How do I use the programme?

There are 3 programme zones, each sub-divided and a balanced programme draws content from each of the zones. These give leaders ideas and opportunities for sharing their faith. They are as follows:

- **Community** – this zone gives the opportunity to learn about and make a difference to the world around us. This includes the sub-zones: local & national, international, nature & environment, Christian Faith.
- **Recreation Zone** – this zone gives the opportunity to be adventurous and develop confidence through an active and healthy lifestyle. This includes the sub-zones: outdoor & adventure, sports & games, health & lifestyle, Christian faith.
- **Skills** – this zone gives the opportunity to learn new skills and display creativity. This includes the sub-zones: interests, creativity, life skills, Christian faith.

There are two further zones entitled Christian faith and Extras which complement the three programme zones and provide additional materials for devotions, themed evenings and lots more.

Each of the zones is divided into sub-zones and topics from each of the sub-zones are required for the Award scheme.

What is a programme topic?

Each programme topic:

- will have objectives
- will provide at least 1 hour of activity.
- may be split into sub activities linked to topic objectives.
- will be resourced to include instructions, templates, equipment lists, tips & advice.
- may provide ideas on how to take each programme topic further, including: websites, books and other resources.

Some programme topics will go into greater depth with more than three sessions of activity. This will allow young people to develop their interests on a particular topic. Companies may also develop their own topic content to reflect the sector objectives.

What about the award scheme?

The Discover programme has an award scheme which provides young people with recognition for taking part in the programme. The award scheme explains how this is recognised and how badges are awarded. To gain major awards young people have to be involved in all programme zones.

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LAUNCH ORDER FORM

To order your copy of the new Discover Programme Pack please complete this form and return to BBUK Headquarters.
Once ordered packs will be despatched from 16th July 2007 onwards, please allow up to 14 days for delivery. [Please note: this pack is not currently available through BB Supplies].

I would like to order [ ] copies of the Discover Programme Pack at the special launch price of £32 + Postage & Packaging (normal programme pack price £35). Postage and Packaging should be added as below:

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Please RETURN to Discover Programme Orders, The Boys’ Brigade, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 0BL or FAX (if payment by Credit Card) to: 01442 235 391.

Please Note: It will not be possible to take orders by telephone.
ACTIVITY 2: Are we different?

Programme area: Community (Me and My World)
Activity Time: 15-20 minutes
Group Size: Any
Aim: To explore cultural similarities and differences between UK and Cameroon
Equipment: Photograph resource pack, copies of the template for each boy

General Information:
Explore the similarities and differences in daily life between boys in the UK and in Cameroon. Using the drawing template, boys should draw a picture to illustrate the following:
- This is my house
- This is how I get to school
- This is my school
- This is what I do after school
- This is my BB
- This is where my family shops

Use the pictures that the boys have drawn to explore the cultural similarities and differences between their everyday life and that of boys in Cameroon. You can use the photograph pack to explore the following:
- Style of house is very different (wooden structures/limited water and electricity supply)
- On the way to school, boys in Cameroon sometimes have to cross rivers and/or walk for over an hour to get to school
- Boys in Cameroon start their day around 5 o’clock
- School in Cameroon is from 7:00am to 12noon
- Many of the schools in Cameroon have limited playground space
- After school many children spend the afternoon selling fruit, sweets or bread in the streets, selling what they can to passing cars
- What are the similarities/differences in uniform (you can compare their uniform with that in the pictures)
- The local supermarket is quite different to Tesco/Sainsbury/etc

Tips:
Have enough copies of the photograph resource pack, so that each boy can see the photographs.

Activity Specific Resources:
- Drawing Template (downloadable from: www.palminpalm.org.uk)
- Photograph resource pack (downloadable from: www.palminpalm.org.uk)

Corresponding Resources:
- Drawing Template
- Photograph resource pack

ACTIVITY 3: Where in the world?

Programme area: Creativity (make and do)
Activity Time: 15 minutes
Group Size: Any
Aim: For the boys to know where in the world Cameroon is in relation to the UK
Equipment: Various Maps and flags (see templates)

General Information:
- Decorate the flags of UK and Cameroon using tissue paper/felts/crayons, or any other materials that can be used.
- Decorate the various maps to show where Cameroon and the UK are in relation to each other.
- If you want to extend the activity you could get the boys to stick the flags on to sticks so they can wave them.

Tips:
When decorating the maps, start with the map of the world, then the map of Africa and then the map of Cameroon to help the boys visualise where in relation to the world and continent they are.

Activity Specific Resources:
Photocopies of templates, colouring pens/pencils, tissue paper (any materials that can be used to decorate) (downloadable from: www.palminpalm.org.uk)

Corresponding Resources:
Maps: The World, Africa, map of Cameroon
Flag outlines of The Union Flag and Cameroon Flag

anchors programme
ACTIVITY 4: What would it be like without my... TV

Programme area: Mind (Think and Do)
Activity Time: 10-15 minutes
Group Size: N/A
Aim: To make the boys think about what it would be like to be without their favourite things and to think about the things that boys have in Cameroon
Equipment: None

General Information:
Use the following prompt questions to discuss what it would be like to live in Cameroon where they don’t have the luxury items that we have. Ask the boys...
- How do you feel at the end of a school day – tired, hungry, fed up?
- What is your most favourite thing that you like to do after school?
- If you didn’t have your football or Play Station (or whatever else they say) what would you do after school?
- In some countries, people don’t have these things and can’t rest and relax and play after school. Do you have any ideas about what they might have to do instead?
- Some children have to go out and work by selling things like bananas and bread and sweets and fire wood. Get the boys to list their 5 favourite things (i.e. TV, PlayStation, football etc)
- Then ask each boy to imagine what it would be like without those things.
- Ask the boys what they do after school and what they think it would be like to finish school and then go and sell items such as bananas and fire wood on the side of the road to help their family get money to buy things like food and it is only if they do this that they can go to school. Do you think that’s fair? Would you like to have to do that?
- Pray with the boys about being grateful for what we have and for those who are less fortunate

Tips:
Compare the boys’ lives here and the boys’ lives in Cameroon.

ACTIVITY 5: Links

Programme area: Spirit (God and Me)
Activity Time: 10 minutes
Group Size: Any
Aim: To demonstrate that regardless of how far away we live from people we are still linked with them and are all God’s children
Equipment: Ball of string

General Information:
- Get the boys to sit in a circle with one person holding the ball of string
- Get the boy to shout out another boy’s name and throw the ball of string to them whilst holding onto the end
- The boy with the ball of string now completes step 2
- Now talk about how all the boys are linked together by a physical means
- Get all the boys to drop the string, now talk about even though there isn’t a physical bit of string linking them all together they still have links connecting them to each other, ask the boys what some of these may be, e.g. same school, all at BB, same hair colour etc.
- Ask the boys how they think they could be linked to boys in Cameroon, e.g. all members of the BB worldwide, all attend school, all children of God, all part of the Church family, etc.
- Finish the session by having a short prayer for the work of the BB across the world and in particular the work of BB Cameroon

Safety Issues:
Ensure no-one gets tangled in the string

Activity Specific Resources:
Ball of string
Open Gold Venture
Dartmoor 2008

A Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Gold Venture will take place 16th – 22nd August 2008 and is open to members of the Boys’ and Girls’ Brigades and participants from other Award Groups. The venture will take place in the wild country area of Dartmoor.

This venture is offered as a Gold assessment or a full-scale practice. Qualified and experienced instructors undertake the assessment and supervision. There is no requirement for BB/GB Companies or Award Groups to supply supervisors for this venture.

The cost of the venture is £90.00. This amount covers the cost of administration, assessment and supervision, accommodation, and meals from evening meal on Saturday until the start of the venture, breakfast and lunch on Friday and campsite fees.

For further details and Registration Form, please contact Dave Mayo (Boys’ Brigade National Training Officer) Tel: 01543 271182, Mob: 07734 567750, Email:dave_mayo@btinternet.co

Photographic Competition

A reminder of the UK wide photographic competition entitled ‘The Boys Brigade in ACTION’. We want to see the BB through the eyes of our young people and this is an opportunity for young people in your company to get snapping away with their camera or digital camera!

**Competition Theme:** The Boys’ Brigade in ACTION. We are looking for photographs that represent the local company and its programme. But it is really up to the individual to decide.

**Closing Date:** All entries to the competition MUST be received by 31st August 2007.

**Age Groups:** There will be a winner and runner up in each age group (Anchors, Juniors, Company Section and Seniors). Full details on page 55 of April 2007 Gazette.

If you have a young person who you think could benefit from this course, then really do give them the chance to get involved. Having done Easter Course twice, I can say from experience that it is an opportunity not to be missed!

Next year’s Easter Course will take place in Denmark run by the FDF. To get involved contact david.martin@boys-brigade.org.uk

Rob Botting
1st Woodley Company

Easter Course

Easter Course is a week for young leaders, organised by the European Fellowship (an organisation that overseas Christian youth groups in Europe). Each year the course is hosted by a different organisation in their home country. Previous courses have been held in many locations from Translyvania to Northern Ireland, Hungary this year and Denmark next.

Easter Course is a fantastic opportunity for young people aged 17 – 25 to learn new games and activities, gain cross-cultural experience and learn the strength of differences. Participants learn about the other organisations in order to share their problems and solutions and all come back enthused to continue work with their local companies with new ideas and skills.

Each year the course explores a specific theme. This year was entitled “Human Dignity – Not for Sale! Exploring richness in difference”. Workshops were run to inform participants of the effect the media has on culture, national stereotypes, and how it feels to be a stranger in a new culture.

It is an opportunity to make friends from different organisations all over Europe. Through these contacts past participants have been able to ‘twin’ their companies with groups from abroad, adding a new dimension of possibilities for annual camp and weekly activities. Others have had opportunities to go on national camps, leadership courses and other events run by national groups.

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The Royal Maundy

The Boys’ Brigade Honorary President, Judge R Lockett, was selected to receive the Maundy money from Her Majesty, The Queen, in Manchester Cathedral. She distributed the Maundy money to 81 men and 81 women in recognition of their Christian service to the church and the community. They received a red purse containing the equivalent of £5.50 which is in place of food and provision of clothing and a white purse containing 81 pence in specially minted coins to signify the Queen’s age.

The BB go boating!

Last year the 4th Elgin Company had a good idea to occupy the older boys during the summer. The challenge was the ‘Moray Gig’. The gig, named Ben Trouvé, a 38ft three masted narrow boat based on an 18th century admiral’s gig, is a training vessel for the Atlantic Challenge. This offers a positive learning experience, teaches traditional seamanship, builds teamwork and encourages social interaction while increasing self confidence.

Company Award

During the annual prize giving and promotion evening of 1st Bishops Stortford Company, Phillip Parry was awarded with a special cup in recognition of his courage during illness in which he underwent 18 operations. The award was in memory of Berni Finbow who died earlier in the year, a former leader in the company.

Comic Relief Event

Seniors of 1st Newton Aycliffe Company planned a Fancy Dress night for parents and church members. They organised coffee, a book stall, cake stall and brick-a-brac with the younger CS boys manning the stalls. £89.32 was raised. Also, at a Young Leaders’ Training course at Broomley Grange the money from morning worship was donated to Comic Relief, so a total of £105.99 was sent to Comic Relief Fund.
Queens’ Badge Presentations

Aberdeen Battalion
Presentation to Queen’s Men of Aberdeen Battalion by Aberdeenshire Provost, Raymond Bissett at Aberdeen Council officers. Also pictures are David Laing (President) and Iain Hamilton (Training Convenor).

1st Deer Company
Three young men were presented with their awards by the Brigade President. Front row – Alan Rennie, Alistair Russell and James Brodie; Back row – Brigade President, The Revd Dr Alistair Donald and Captain Alasdair Brodie.

Young Citizen of the Year Award 2007

Chris Fletcher of 1st Morecambe & Heysham Company was crowned the High Sheriff of Lancashire’s Young Citizen of the Year. More than 70 young people were nominated for this year’s competition and Chris was nominated by Peter Taylor from the Galloways Society for the Blind. He said “Chris came into contact with the society following a relative was diagnosed as having sight loss. For over three years he has been a constant supporter of the charity’s work, taking over the maintenance of the sensory garden at the Morecambe centre. He also raised funds, distributed leaflets and helped with sales and fairs and the running of the Galloways talking newspaper. He deserves recognition for the work he does”. The High Sheriff, Mr Peter Robinson DL, added that Chris had made an outstanding contribution to the society and his community.

in brief...

Shine

“Shine” performed in March by BB Nottingham Battalion and Nottinghamshire District GB, attracted appreciative audiences at the Sandfield Centre.

Shoe appeal

Members of 45th Nottingham Company collected 154 pairs of shoes for The Blue Peter Shoe Appeal to help raise funds to aid children in Africa.

Royal visit

Members of 1st Bothwell Company provided a guard of honour and met HRH The Princess Royal at the official opening of the Bothwell Parish Church centre.

Meeting the Police

Members of 1st Stevenston Company studied crime prevention as badge work in all sections. Local Community Police Officer WPC Donna Harrison came to give the boys a demonstration on all aspects of police work.
PRESIDENT’S COMMENDATIONS

During the Queen’s Badge Presentation Ceremony in Belfast last year, the Brigade President presented his Commendation certificate to:

Luke Mason of the 11th West Bromwich Company was presented with the Brigade President’s Commendation by John Hoddinott. Luke had been in a clinic on the outskirts of London after a short illness for weight loss. Luke’s courage and determination to overcome his problems resulted in his return to Boys’ Brigade after 15 months away. Luke has been a member of the company since he was five years of age, and since coming back he has become a Millennium Volunteer and completed both 50 and 100 hours.

Ian Wilson, aged 10, a member of the 25th Glasgow Company, was presented with the President’s Commendation by Mr Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons and local MP. The award recognised the courage Ian has shown, despite his health difficulties, and his determination and commitment in becoming involved in all BB activities.

Ian was born with two, rather than four, chambers in his heart and has undergone several major heart operations – the first when he was only two days old. This, however, has not stopped him from getting involved in The Boys’ Brigade, swimming and football, alongside his schoolwork.

As well as giving Ian his certificate, Mr Martin presented him with a pen, cufflinks and autographed books from the House of Commons.

David Stark has been a member of 7th Coatbridge Company for 13 years and is now a Corporal in the Company Section. David has Downs Syndrome in addition to bravely fighting Leukaemia for many years. Despite prolonged treatment, which considerably reduced his energy levels, he now takes an enthusiastic part in most company activities. It was a proud occasion when he was presented with the President’s Badge and is currently working towards the Queen’s Badge. He has also taken part in the recent Battalion Company Drill Competition, when the company won the trophy. David’s attitude to his health problems is an inspiration to all and is a worthy recipient of the President’s Commendation.

David with Mark Hateley, Inspecting Officer and former football player with Glasgow Rangers.

BB MEMORABILIA AUCTION

BADGES, UNIFORM, MEMBERSHIP CARDS ETC.

FELDEN LODGE,

SAT 20TH OCTOBER 2007

VIEWING FROM 11.30AM, AUCTION STARTING AT 2.00PM

The auction will be held in the curved roof building, what was originally the Drill Hall and later the Sports Hall. Please do not go into the main building as other events are likely to be in progress.

Catalogues, including details of postal bidding are available from late May — send two 1st class stamps to: K.B. King, 14 Gomer Close, Codicote, Hitchin SG4 8XP

ARCHIVES STORAGE: CAN YOU HELP?

The Brigade is seeking shelving and containers which can be used for the storage of the Brigade archives. If anyone has access to this (cheap or free) please contact the Brigade Secretary.
ALISON EVANS
Alison has been a leader in the Anchor Boys of 1st Ballygrainey Company for three years. Alison enjoys keeping fit, going regularly to the gym, swimming and photography. Alison has Frederich’s Ataxia, which affects her co-ordination and balance and as a result she uses a wheelchair. Difficulties faced by Alison have been overcome by the company using the strengths of the leadership, with each leader taking responsibility for a specific programme area. Alison takes the boys for craft and storytelling. What she enjoys most is seeing how the boys develop during their time in the Anchor Boys and helping them to prepare for the Company Section. Alison says – “There have been several members of my company who have had disabilities. Every boy/leader is always encouraged to take part in all activities and everyone is treated equally and fairly with respect. When I was asked to become a leader, being in a wheelchair wasn’t relevant. I feel it has made the boys more aware of people with disabilities and I’m glad that I was asked to help out – I really enjoy it!”

MATTHEW COWAN
Matthew is a member of 4th Newtownards Anchor Boys and has been in The Boys’ Brigade for two years. His hobbies include swimming and football and he really enjoys playing all the games in his section. Matthew has Multiple Food Protein Allergies and is allergic to fish, nuts and wheat. Matthew has to take an Epipen with him at all times to safeguard him against going into anaphylactic shock. His Anchor Boy officers have been trained to administer his Epipen and his mum works closely with them to advise on issues such as party food and outings. Matthew loves coming to BB and his condition does not hinder him from participating in his section’s programme.

KENNETH DOWNES
Kenneth is currently a corporal in 4th Newtownards BB company. He has been a loyal member since joining the Anchor Boys aged four. He is a keen footballer and supports Glentoran Football Club, watching them play every week. He is also a keen trampoliner and enjoys walking his neighbour’s dog. Kenneth has Down’s Syndrome, which means it takes him quite a while to learn new skills. On company parade nights Kenneth participates fully in the programme including drill, mini hockey and badge work. He is currently working towards his Duke of Edinburgh’s Silver Award. Co-operation between the officers, parents and Kenneth himself has enabled him to be an active and valued member of his company and battalion.

SCOTT HILLAND
Scott has been a member of 8th Newtownards Junior Section for four and a half years. His hobbies include wrestling and football and he is assistant manager of the Junior Section football team. He really enjoys having fun with his BB friends and especially likes playing dodge ball and doing craft. Scott has Cerebral Palsy. His balance is affected and as a result Scott has to use a wheelchair. Although Figure Marching is not easy for him, as it is quite fast, he has a go until his arms get tired. Scott’s parents are delighted and very appreciative that the company and officers are committed to ensuring that Scott feels included and is able to fully participate in all activities.
Hi, my name’s Joe Hall and I’m sitting here at the British Forces Military Camp in Basra celebrating my 21st birthday. I have been serving in the Royal Air Force Regiment, 63 Squadron, as a Gunner for almost two years now. Officially, I am known as E8515153 Senior Air Craftsman Hall. My mates know me as 1ft 3” (I’m just about the shortest in the Squad at 5ft 7”). As a Gunner I serve on the Queen’s Colour Squadron, carrying out Ceremonial Duties including guarding Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London and Windsor Castle as well as operational duties such as my present tour of duty here in Basra.

My 21st birthday comprised of one hour off duty and blowing out the candles on an M&S fruit cake that my Mum, Dad and sister Becky had sent through the British Forces Post Office service. I had a bit of a laugh though – I didn’t know that the lads had clubbed together to get the cook to bake me a sponge cake. I made a fatal mistake and said “I don’t know what to do with two cakes” – within a couple of minutes I was wearing the sponge and very nice it tasted too.

I did grab a bit of free time later that day. Of all things I decided to have a think about my life so far. Sounds a bit heavy, but I know that it’s important to be switched on to what God wants you to do with your life. Well, the truth for me is that at 21 years old I have a achieved a lot and still have a lot more to aim for. I have been to many different countries with the RAF, including Italy, Spain, Canada and Germany. My long term plans are to study more, such as a Field Medic and to do advanced command position training as well as a Sports Sciences degree. Also, to continue to hold down an unbelievably demanding but totally brilliant job. I am confident that with continued improvement I will achieve promotion to the rank of Corporal. Soon after this I hope to be accepted into 2 Squadron Parachute Regiment. Between now and then I will face some sticky situations, but I know that with God’s love and guidance I will pull through.

So, why am I saying all this? Well, I know that some of you will from time to time have doubts about situations and try to be obedient to the answers you get. Remember the BB Object, it has stood the test of time and just about covers everything you need as building blocks to life. I can say, without a doubt, that I owe so much to The Boys’ Brigade.

I can just about remember wearing a bright red jumper when I was five and ready for my first, of what turned out to be many, Friday nights as a member of the 14th Sheffield Company. Anchors for me was a place that was safe. It was there that I met Steve, Danny, Jason and Liam. We are the best of pals to this day and I guess our friendship will last all our lives.
In Junior Section we went camping at Easter every year. We held outdoor services and we were taken on string walks, made dens, stayed up all night and generally caused havoc. It was brilliant. In Company Section, where Dad is an officer, I remember we voted to wear the new uniform. We were never still with parades, figure marching displays, drums, bugles, sport, camping, D of E. Eventually we calmed down. We carried out community activities and fund raising to support our activities. We were encouraged to talk honestly about how we saw life. Our views were important to us. We were listened to and always valued as important individual members of the Church Family of Handsworth Methodist. Bible study was good and it helped me start to gain a better understanding of who. At 19 years old I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, an office I hold dear to my heart. I love to go back on company nights when I am home to help out with the boys. I am blessed not only with the love and support I get from my family but the support I receive by letters, postcards, gifts and scripture from my Church Family. It really helps me keep my feet firmly on the ground. Some years ago I went to Firm Foundations for the first time. It rained all weekend, but I would not have missed it for the world. That weekend changed me for ever. Dad said I grew up over those four days. I can honestly say that The Boys' Brigade has given me a clear focus on life. I see the need for self discipline, team playing and the importance of looking out for the weaker man. I have had my fair share of leg pulling about my faith while I have been in the RAF.

The fantastic thing is that when spirits are low or if we face danger or are under pressure, my spirits are lifted when a squaddy asks me, me of all people, questions that they would possibly not share with anyone else. My years in the BB have really given me the confidence to deal with all sorts of situations and life changing events. They say that God works in a mysterious way. Well, he certainly did when he gave me the strength to do the job I now do in service to my Queen and Country and me just an ordinary lad from Yorkshire. I know that I will succeed in the path that God leads me on. After all, I know that GOD loves me and He will never let me down.
Global Fellowship
Chapters from the GF Story: For the full account click on to www.globalfellowship.net

SKS Bangladesh
The Shishu Kishore Sanga (Children’s Brigade Programme) of the Church of Bangladesh ministers to around 1000 children in the Kushtia Diocese under the leadership Rev Mazumder. They run a full and active programme with weekly meetings being held at 7.00 am on Friday morning.

Some of their special events include The Great Holy Wednesday Celebration held in February each year. The festival serves as a reminder of an event that took place some 111 years ago when many peasant “farmers attended a revival meeting, were anointed by the Holy Spirit and became Christians.” The children who attended chant hymns to invoke the Holy Spirit by waving the flickering light of candles and by burning incense. Rev Mazumder says “During the children’s performance the worship place seemed to be suffused with holiness and the worshippers were led in an attitude of meditation”.

SKS also participated in the National Literacy Day. The event began with children in their respective churches offering special prayers and worshipping God. Following this they visited every house in their village carrying banners with the slogan “The importance of education for all” and collected contributions.

On 7 October an annual picnic was arranged amongst a number of the parishes. The children participated in sports competitions, Bible studies and cultural activities. After the prize giving, they enjoyed delicious food dishes.

The BB Gambia
The organisation here might be small, consisting of only a couple of companies but Samuel Adeolu Ojo one of the captains reports an active programme that includes treasure hunts, table tennis, NCOs training, Bible quizzes, Red Cross training, careers talks, Christmas carol singing, Founder’s Day Parades and company camps.

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For more information (some even in English) www.nuortenkeskus.fi

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performances in London, there are plans to perform outside the city. London Stedfast Association Bugle Band appeared in the Lord Mayor’s Show and has applied for entry in the 2007 parade. New members are wanted for both Bands and anyone interested should contact the Co-ordinators for information. Further details and information can be found on http://hometown.aol.co.uk/lsabugleband/myhomepage/favband.html

Falkirk Stedfast has visited the Museum of Flight, a bakery in Larbert, a weekend in Dundee and a day at Musselburgh Racecourse. They have also taken part in a Battalion event and held annual concerts and services. Brighton & Hove Stedfast has organised bowling matches, motorcades to St Dunstans and Latchets, a day trip to Le Touquet, France, and a holiday in Italy. Like Falkirk, they have taken part in wider BB events and held services and meetings.

Felden Lodge. The programme to refurbish the facilities at Felden Lodge continues, with particular emphasis on the ‘Name a Chair’ scheme. Several Associations and individual members have supported this and the fund has reached its target. The programme will now move on to the redevelopment of the Thurso Centre to transform it into a quality self-catering unit for up to 30 guests. More information on these plans will be available in due course.

2008 International Convention of Stedfast Associations will soon take place. It will be hosted by the Northern Ireland Stedfast Association, in Belfast. It is proposed that there will be one day (or two half days) of business, with the remaining time spent in fellowship. More information will be available in due course.

Finally, Paul Juby has returned from his recent travels. He says his trips to Malaysia and Hong Kong were a great success, with many contacts being made and extension work both with the BB and Stedfast carried out. I was also fortunate to meet with BB and Stedfast colleagues when I visited Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore in February and saw at first hand the extensive development that is being carried out there.

Please let me know if you wish to contribute anything for future issues. Tel: (01633) 215753 or at phillip.stallard@wales.gsi.gov.uk

PHILLIP C STALLARD
Publicity Officer
Federation of Stedfast Associations, UK and Republic of Ireland

BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT APPOINTMENT

The Boys’ Brigade, Felden Lodge, wishes to appoint a CENTRE MANAGER, to manage the residential and conference facilities at Felden.

For further details, contact:
Jonathan Eales c/o The Boys’ Brigade
Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead HP3 0BL
Tel 01442 231681

CENTRE MANAGER

The Boys’ Brigade in Northamptonshire seeks to appoint a DEVELOPMENT OFFICER for a period of 3 years.

The post will involve face to face children’s and youth work, support for leaders and liaison with churches and other partner agencies to further develop the work of the Brigade in the county.

For an application pack and further information please contact:
Jonathan Eales c/o The Boys’ Brigade
Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead HP3 0BL
Tel 01442 231681
Training dates at regional centres

ENGLAND

2007

SEPTEMBER

8 Sept Company section programme launch
13 Oct Officers’ Training
2/4 Nov Brigade Leadership
3 Nov Captains’ Training
3 Nov Working with 4 Year Olds (half day course)
3/4 Nov YLT Part 1
2008

23 Feb Duke of Edinburgh Award, Convenors’ day
1/2 Mar YLT Part 2
1/2 Mar Brigade Leadership, sports and physical activities
8 Mar Working with Challenging Behaviour
8 Mar Holiday Leadership
12 Mar Campcraft
19/20 Mar Brigade Training Officer’s
10 May Advanced YLT

NORTHERN IRELAND

2007

14/16 Sept Expedition Assessment Weekend
15 Sept YLT Saturday 1 (Londonderry)
22 Sept YLT Saturday 2 (Londonderry)
29 Sept YLT Saturday 1 (Portadown)
6 Oct YLT Saturday 2 (Portadown)
12/14 Oct Youth Leader Training
19/21 Oct Queen’s Badge Leadership
12 Nov Drill Instructors’
16/18 Nov Youth Leader Training
23/25 Nov Queen’s Badge Leadership
7/8 Dec Vaulting & Gymnastics Course Part 1

2008

11/13 Feb Queen’s Badge Leadership
18/20 Feb Youth Leader Training
25/27 Feb Queen’s Badge Leadership
25/27 Feb Youth Leader Training (Ganaway)
8/10 Feb Queen’s Badge Leadership
22/24 Feb Queen’s Badge Completion
7/9 Mar Queen’s Badge Completion
14/16 Mar Queen’s Badge Completion
17/19 Apr Queen’s Badge Completion
18/20 Apr Expedition & Outdoor Leadership
25 Apr Vaulting & Gymnastics Part 2
19/21 Jun KGVI Leadership Training Parts 1 and 2

SCOTLAND

2007

8 Sept Company Section Programme
20/21 Oct Brigade Training Officers – Foundation
20/21 Oct Bands Workshop
3/4 Nov Brigade Leadership – Sports Leaders
3/4 Nov Brigade Leadership – Trailblazers
17/18 Nov Brigade Leadership – General Purpose
1/2 Dec Brigade Leadership – General Purpose
12/13 Jan Brigade Leadership – General Purpose
19/20 Jan Brigade Training Officers – Part 2
10/11 May Practical First Aid Certificate Course
10/11 May Gymnastics – Basic Floor & Vault Certificate
16/18 May Expedition Leadership – Training & Assessment
18/23 Jun Duke of Edinburgh Gold Assessment Expedition
26 Jul/2 Aug KGVI – Second Year (by invitation only)
2/9 Aug KGVI – New Entrants

WALES

2007

27/28 Oct Leadership 4 – venue not booked

2008

22 Sept Youth Leader Training (Dublin)
20 Oct Youth Leader Training (Buncloody)
3 Nov Youth Leader Training (Longford)
17 Nov Youth Leader Training (Killarney)
16/18 Nov Seniors’ Training Weekend (Ganaway, Northern Ireland)

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

2007

23 Feb Youth Leader Training (Dublin)

2008

Dates and venues as required:
Camp and Holiday Leadership
Captains and Offers-in-charge Training
Under 5’s Training

For further information please contact the appropriate regional headquarters:

ENGLAND  Contact Felden Lodge: enquiries@boys-brigade.org.uk
NORTHERN IRELAND Contact Rathmore: nhq@boys-brigade.org.uk
SCOTLAND  Contact Carronvale: scottishhq@boys-brigade.org.uk
WALES  Contact Cheryl Pasley: hhq@boys-brigade.org.uk
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND  Contact Philip Doley: boysbrigade@eircom.net

A full list of training courses across the regions including battalion and district level can be found online at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/leaders/training/
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Small ads

Small Advertisements Copy to BBHQ, Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 0BL. The Boys’ Brigade takes no responsibility for statements made in any advertisements here or elsewhere in the BB Gazette. Advertisements for October issue should be received not later than 1st August. The cost is 20p per word.

APPROVED CAMPsITES

The following sites have been officially approved, having met Guidelines laid down by the Brigade, and local Fire and Public Health Authorities.

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FELDEN LODGE CAMPsite 2007/8/9: BB canvas campsite (operated by 10th Enfield) fully equipped for up to 50 (smaller camps welcome) at the BBUK HQ in Hertfordshire (from June 2007). Contact Chris Norman on (t) 07705 571915 or (e) chris@boys-brigade.org.uk

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CAMP AT CHARMOUTH.

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MISCELLANEOUS

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED AT FELDEN

Following two successful work party events we are looking for anyone who can do high quality work, to help decorate or external work in the grounds on Monday 13th September to Friday 17th September. All skills, even making the tea are useful. Accommodation and meals can be provided from Sunday night. For further information please contact Paul Neave at paulneave@newmarketfelden.org.uk or telephone 01442 288558.
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Contact number: 
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