



Juniors 100

In 2017 we are celebrating the centenary of the Junior Section (Juniors), a significant anniversary in the life of our organisation and one that we hope members will celebrate locally and nationally.

This guide sets out the activities and events being run nationally and the resources available to help get your section involved in the celebrations.

A Year of Celebration

Our celebrations will take place across the calendar year, covering both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 sessions allowing ample opportunities for local and national activities and events to take place.

Juniors 100 Logo

A logo has been launched to use during the celebrations and can be downloaded from the Juniors 100 website at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/



In addition to this a series of cartoons featuring Junior Section members celebrating with balloons and a birthday cake are also available to download.

Find everything you are looking for...

Everything you need to know about getting involved in the Juniors 100 celebrations can be found on our website at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/



The History

Up until 1917 The Boys' Brigade had only catered for Boys aged 12 and over. However, in September 1917, Brigade Council (the governing body of The Boys' Brigade) setup **The Boy Reserves** to cater for Boys aged 9 to 12 years of age. For several years prior to this a number of Companies had started to take in recruits under twelve, the Boy Scouts had done so too from 1916 as Wolf Cubs, and for this reason there were calls to lower the age limit to accommodate these Boys within the Brigade.



Programme Idea

What was life like in Britain in 1917? What games did children play back then and how have things changed over the last 100 years? Check out the 'Life in 1917' resource on the Juniors 100 website for some programme ideas to use with your section.

The first section to be formed was the 1st Warley (in Essex, England) followed by the 1st Beverley, 30th Liverpool, 14th Manchester and 1st Swansea.

Fact

59 Sections were formed during the first session from 1917-1918, of those 25 are still running today.

The uniform adopted by the Boy Reserves was nautical consisting of a sailor's cap, navy blue jersey and shorts. The NCO's working with them also had nautical ranks as Petty Officers. In the early days of the Boy Reserves there was a noticeable increase in attendance at Sunday School in those churches which had adopted the section and the number of Companies operating a Boy Reserves quickly started to grow. By 1918 there were more than 1,500 members of The Boy Reserves across the UK, the section continued to grow through the 1920's.

Programme Idea

Do you know when your section was formed? Take a look back, can you find any photos or memorabilia you could use to share something of your sections history with your young people?

In 1926 The Boys' Brigade merged with The Boys' Life Brigade. The two younger sections of each organisation merged to become the **Life Boys**. With this amalgamation membership increased to more than 30,000 Boys in the early 1930's and then to more than 70,000 in the 1950's.



In 1966 the Life Boys became a full part of the Brigade as the **Junior Section**, a name which was intended to be temporary, until such time as a better one could be thought of and still holds today; although now many often refer to the Boys and Girls of the age group simply as **Juniors**.



Find out more about the history of this age group by downloading the Archive press publication '**Boys Reserves to Junior Section**' from the Juniors 100 website.

Getting involved in Juniors 100

Get your section involved in the Juniors 100 celebrations by taking part in some of the special activities and events we have put together including the 'Juniors 100 International Team Games', 'Juniors 100 Challenge' and 'The Big 100 Birthday Party'.

In addition to these watch out for details of activities and events being organised by your Battalion, District and Region.

International Team Games

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This annual international competition has become a popular event for many Junior Sections around the world, and for 2017 has a centenary twist. Minimal preparation and equipment is needed to be able to participate, and you can run the team games in your own meeting space.

The deadline for entries being received at BB Headquarters is **1st May 2017**.

You can download full details at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100



Juniors 100 Challenge

The Juniors 100 Challenge consists of 100 Challenges which Juniors are encouraged to complete during the calendar year, up to 31st December 2017 and including any that they may have already undertaken since 1st January 2017.



Some of the challenges are designed to be completed as an individual, whereas others involve the whole section working together – whichever the case we hope that as many young people as possible will have a go at each and every challenge during the course of the year.

The challenges encourage your section to get out and about, get learning, get creative, get active and get into the Bible whilst having lots of fun doing so. Hopefully the challenges will provide some new opportunities for your young people and form a part of your weekly programme for 2017.



Individual progress with each challenge can be recorded on OBM (under 'Badges' and 'Other Awards') and a downloadable certificate is available on the Juniors 100 website to award to participants as they complete the challenges.

Challenges

Here are a sample of some of the challenges:

- 🏆 Make the number 100 as a group and take a photo (if not enough of you to make the number use props/items to help)
- 🌳 Plant a tree in your local community
- 💷 Raise £100 for charity
- 📖 Learn about the history of the Junior Section – what was it like to be in BB in 1917?

If you are not using 'Badges' on OBM then you will need to complete the form available on the Juniors 100 website and submit this to BB Headquarters to confirm you have completed all 100 challenges.

As we become aware of sections completing the 'Juniors 100 Challenge' we will send out a certificate via the Company Captain. There will also be prizes for the first sections that complete all 100 challenges, these prizes will include FREE group visits to adventure activity centres and days out to local attractions.

We would like to encourage you to share what they are doing using the #juniors100 hashtag which we will be monitoring - sharing activity on social media is also one of the challenges.

You can download a full list of the challenges at leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100/



The BIG 100 Birthday Party



We want to encourage every section to hold a special birthday party in September 2017, the month that The Boys' Brigade first started working with this age group back in 1917.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate as a section, so start your planning early and involve your young people to find out what they would like to do. Consider opening the party up to parents/carers, church member and past members so everybody can come together and celebrate.



A resource containing programme ideas for your party including games, crafts, devotions and more can be downloaded from the Juniors 100 website.

Juniors 100 Balloons

Every Company has been sent out (via the Company Mailing which is sent to Company Captains) a pack of balloons featuring the Juniors 100 logo to use during the year. Additional balloons are available from BB Headquarters whilst stocks last.

Sharing Our Journey

During the year, through the Juniors 100 celebrations we are setting out to raise the profile of The Boys' Brigade and specifically the Junior Section (Juniors) age group through increased visibility and media awareness – and we need your help to do this.

We would like to challenge you to share what you are doing during the year and have put together some resources to help you do this. Sample press releases, photos, templates, cartoons and other digital resources are available to download from the Juniors 100 website.

Juniors 100 Selfie Frame

Every Company has been sent an A2 selfie frame (via the Company Mailing which is sent to Company Captains) which is a great resource to use to capture moments throughout the year.



We would encourage you to post on social media through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram – making use of the #juniors100 hashtag. For more details on setting up and managing social media accounts go to leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/facebookguidance.pdf

Juniors 100 Badge & Gifts



A special badge designed to mark the occasion of the centenary of the Junior Section is available from BB Supplies. The badge may be worn by Junior Section members on the right armband to the right of the service badge.

Other items available to purchase featuring the Juniors 100 logo include Football Rattle, Wristband, Karabiner Keyring Pen and Plastic Drawstring Bag.

View the product range and order online at shop.boys-brigade.org.uk