



Stedfast News

The Newsletter for former Members, Serving Officers, Associates and Friends of The Boys' Brigade in Brighton Hove and District

The Object of The Stedfast Association

To further the Object of The Boys' Brigade and to foster the spirit of Comradeship between past and present Members of the Brigade and to render Service to Others

The Object of The Boys' Brigade

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the Promotion of Habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness

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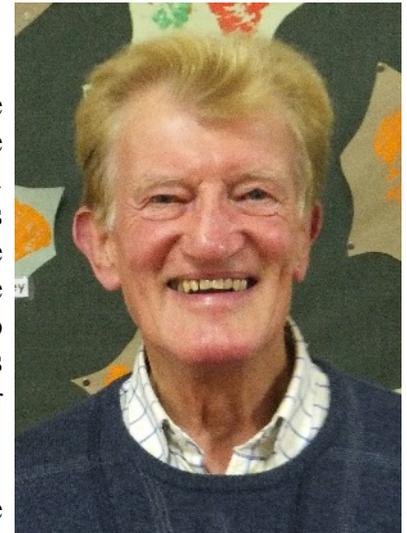
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Dear Stedfast Members

All things work together for good - for those who love God. Once again The Committee sadly had to postpone our Annual Reunion. They are fully aware of how much pleasure this event brings to so many Old Boys, but now we still have it to look forward to! Whether the decision is to retain the January tradition or to move to say April we shall each enjoy it just as much. The Oldest Member may be a bit older but then the Youngest Member will be too!



Have you done anything recently to help the B.B. of today? How about being a recruiting officer for your area? When you spot a likely recruit contact his parents to enthuse them and arrange a visit from their local Company. Even a new baby can still go on the Waiting List! A new recruit is always a great boost and a powerful means of furthering The Object.

The Worldwide Fellowship of The B.B. is increasing with leaps and bounds. This has been assisted in no small way by the International Fellowship of The Stedfast Association of which our good friend Paul Juby is the President. The greatly expanding opportunities in South East Asia and parts of Africa are just two of the areas in which the B.B. method of introducing Boys to Christ is being realised. Our lives have been enriched by our B.B. Membership and we have a responsibility to make similar opportunities available to new generations wherever they live.

Look on the Internet, search the names of Company Captains in some of the places which maybe are remote dots on the World map. Find out about The Company and prayerfully seek ways in which you could offer support. You will find yourself enriched again and hear The Master, "Well done good and faithful servant".

Nearer to home Glynde Camp is being prepared. A great deal of work has already been done by Darrell Ward, Adrian Attwater and others especially in establishing The Holkham Hut. The programme will contain many new activities but as always will be Spiritually based on The One who has and will continue to move mountains.

Peter Ford Stedfast Association President

EDITORIAL 2/13

The festivities now seem a long time ago and whilst the winter chill is still with us there are signs that Spring is just around the corner. The gardens are coming back to life and the first Spring flowers are in bloom, my favourite time of the year. The daffodils will soon appear giving the golden glow to the gardens and hedgerows. Sadly the cold winter spell caused the unfortunate postponement of our January reunion but our Secretary Alan has been able to rearrange the event (see below). I am sure that many of you will be able to attend and let's hope for a fine day. The postponement will probably open the debate on the timing of the reunion, we have been lucky over many years avoiding the worst of the winter weather but we have been unlucky recently with two postponements in the last 4 years.

The committee continue to meet with the Brigade Executive to work closer where we can to support the Battalion and endeavour to encourage the Boys currently serving to support the Stedfast Association when they are discharged. We will have Boys joining us at the Reunion for the first time parading the Battalion colour

We are still looking to recruit newer younger members to serve on the committee, these are needed to bring the interests of the younger members to the fore, those of us who are of the older generation may just be a little out of touch. Here's hoping. We are losing two long serving members of the committee this year. We are also looking for a Vice President now that Rev Julian Albrow has moved away.

Newsletter, you know that it can only continue if I receive articles of news from both Companies and Members. Perhaps some memories of times spent in the Brigade or other interesting items.

I hope to see many of you at the reunion, in the meantime may I wish you all an enjoyable year and stay healthy.

Dick Kent

POSTPONEMENT OF REUNION AND AGM

It was most regrettable that the weather was not kind to us this year and the committee decided, that as the weather were not good, and the snowfall varied through the county, to cancel. It was necessary to take into account not only the transport problems but also the age of many of our members who are not quite as agile or steady as days gone by. In other words 'Health and Safety' The Committee were very grateful and pleased to receive calls and emails acknowledging the reason for the postponement.

As you will now know it has been possible to re-arrange the reunion (see below) and all the arrangements remain the same, thanks to the work of our secretary.

ANNUAL REUNION & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Postponed Meeting will now take place on

SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2013

At

SOUTHWICK METHODIST CHURCH

2.30 pm

Tea & Cakes etc. will follow the service

Prior to the Annual General Meeting

Red carpet treatment

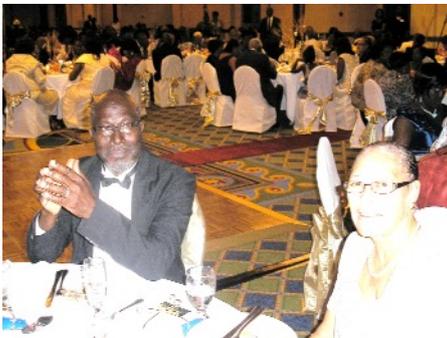
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In 1966 I was in the Dutch island of Sint Eustatius when Queen Juliana visited. She went to switch on the first public generator that supplied electricity on several mornings in the week and each evening until 10.00 pm. The Dutch frigate anchored about one mile offshore and the Queen came to within about two hundred yards of the beach in the ship's launch. After this she was lifted into 'Chopper's' fishing boat, and he counted the number of swells; apparently, after seven swells there is a lull in which he rowed like mad. Then Queen Juliana was lifted out onto the **red carpet**, borrowed from the Methodist Church! Red carpet treatment was reserved for royalty and presidents, but in the 21st century for celebrities in all walks of life.



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In the last edition of *Stedfast News* I mentioned that I was going to the American Virgin Islands as the guest preacher at a chapel centenary service. As part of the celebrations 525 people sat down for a banquet. VIPs waited in the foyer to be announced. My name was called first and I set out to zigzag my way to the top table. But I was pulled back because they had to wait for the hotel to find a **red carpet**. When it was unrolled, I was escorted by a young lady. I have had to wait until my 78th year to be treated like a celebrity and get 'red carpet' treatment in the church!

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The origin of the phrase '**red carpet treatment**' is said to date back to Aeschylus (525-456 BC). In a play Agamemnon was welcomed by his wife on a red path when he returned from Troy. Another theory is that it originated with Twentieth Century Limited in 1902 when they rolled out red carpets for their exclusive rail service between New York and Chicago. I read once that it dates back to the Roman Empire when a path through a crowd was beaten for the Emperor, drawing blood.

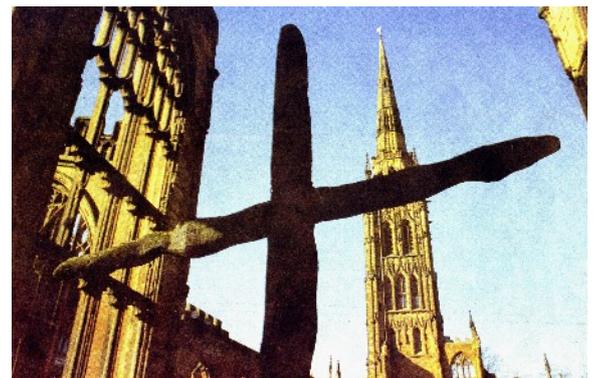
We understand that on 'Good' Friday, Christ staggered along a bloody path to the place of execution. Only in the light of the Resurrection do we see this as a Royal pathway that heralded Christ the King.

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The Salvation Army still has as its motto, **Blood and Fire**, The East London Mission became the Salvation Army in 1878, stating, 'The Christian Mission has met in Congress to acknowledge it has organised a Salvation Army to convey the Blood of Christ and the Fire of the Holy Spirit to every corner of the world.' On the other hand, in mainline churches, hymns that sing about blood are not fashionable in the 21st century. For example, the new Methodist Hymnal, *Singing the Faith*, excludes the Moravian Nicolaus von Zinzendorf's most famous hymn, 'Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.' In the affluent Western world we want a comfortable and sanitised religion.

As God's children we are part of his family in Christ's church. But let us remember in the Easter season that we are given 'red carpet treatment' as honoured guests in the body of Christ, only through his blood that was shed when he died for us and for our salvation.

The empty cross of resurrection arising from the ashes of death and destruction in Coventry Cathedral.



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Rev. John C. Neal.

STEDFAST CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was with great disappointment that the Annual Reunion had to be postponed with a new date on April 21st 2013. However that day was the worst snow that we have had all winter. So the committee were right to take the necessary action as conditions were treacherous.

The committee have met and I believe have made even more improvements to this very special event in our calendar. Can I remind you all that all Officers and Helpers are members of our Association and will be made very welcome. This year we are also welcoming Boys & Girls over 16 years to come and join us.

Our preacher is the Rev. Peter Shilling who may be well known to many members as he was a Minister at the Dome Mission for many years. Peter was born in London and after school became a cashier and accountant to a firm of solicitors. He then entered Richmond Theological College in 1969. He recently celebrated fifty years of preaching and forty years of ministry. Peter has been married to Janet for 46 years. They have ministered at Coventry Central Hall for six years and then entered what was to become a specialised Seaside Ministry serving Blackpool, Brighton, Scarborough and Llandudno. They have now been retired for seven years.

I will have a large collection of photo's and albums on display in the small hall which I am sure will interest young and old of the past history of our Great Battalion. There is a book of membership cards from 1899-1973 with just a few missing. If you have any membership cards or other memorabilia it would be great to add to the collection.

Can I remind you that we shall have interesting items for sale and to remember to bring your annual subs and to have money for the offertory and for the tea table. Our ladies and the ladies of the Church are preparing a lovely tea for you all after the service and before a very interesting AGM.

Feldon Lodge our B.B. Headquarters have a new scheme called "A NEW BED" Members are being asked to donate monies for this and the details can be found by downloading a form at www.feldonlodge.co.uk or to contact Colin Watts on 01442 288 557 for more information.

This year GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The celebration will take place at Feldon Lodge from Saturday 10th - Saturday 17th August 2013. They invite young leaders aged 18-30 for a workshop to discuss issues of mutual concern. If you are interested in representing B.B.U.K. Please contact me for more information. My email address is jndonoghue38@gmail.com or telephone 01323 501857 or write 37, Park Avenue, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 2XG.

God Bless, John Donoghue, Committee Chairman.

AN UPDATE ON OUR STEDFAST ASSOCIATION AND THE BATTALION FROM YOUR SECRETARY ALAN CAPERON

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Progress continues to be made with our "Website" and Carl Jukes on behalf of the Boys of the 10th Boys Brigade Company gave us a preview at our recent committee meeting and it is certainly taking shape. Carl will present the Website to you at the Reunion AGM. Hopefully, the Website will be up and running in May 2013. We will also show you "Facebook" and the friends that have so far visited the Stedfast Facebook page.

It is intended in future that all news on the Stedfast Association will be available on the website as well as the Newsletter so you will be able to access this either via your own computer or via a friend, family member or at the library. So in circumstances such as a postponement of the Reunion as we had in January, you will all have the ability to check the website to see that the Reunion is still being held if we have further inclement weather in future years.

OUR BATTALION

Since we had to postpone the Reunion, we have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the senior Boys and the Officers of the Battalion. We hope that we will see some new faces at the Reunion as well as our regulars as we are inviting BB Boys of 16 or over together with their Company Officers to attend the Stedfast Reunion at the Southwick Methodist Church on the 21 April 2013.

We are sure the Battalion will take the opportunity to provide us with feedback after the Reunion on the events on the day and perhaps with recommendations for future Reunions. You will remember that we have also invited BB companies to provide us with articles in respect of their own companies so that our members are aware of what is happening in the Brighton Battalion.

We will be providing the Newsletter to BB companies and of course in future the BB website will be linked with the Stedfast Association website so the boys will be able to see the articles that our members provide us to go onto our website in due course.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There was insufficient time to arrange for the Boys to attend the Remembrance parade last year since we had to await the prior approval of the Battalion Executive. Since we now have the approval, we will have plenty of time to make the arrangements for this November 2013.

The number of Stedfast members that attend the parade each year is reducing but on average depending on the weather up to a dozen members march plus of course the members that play in the Stedfast Band that leads the parade. We would like more members to support the Band and march with us so if you need transport, please speak to one of the committee or contact us by email so we can collect you and bring you home afterwards on the Sunday afternoon.

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OTHER MATTERS

Since we hope to be seeing you shortly at the Reunion, please let us have your ideas for the Website and for our closer involvement with the Battalion. Even if you are unable to join us, please make contact via post, email or telephone someone you know on the committee.

This is your Association and we would like to hear from you. We will be happy to put photos and articles that you provide to us on the Website.

CONCLUSION

We expect there will be more matters to report to you in the next Newsletter as well as the feedback from the April Reunion.

Yours sincerely and Stedfastly

*Alan Caperon
Secretary for the President and Committee*

Membership Secretary`s Report

Thank you to all those members who have already sent their completed membership forms and subscriptions though the post after we unfortunately had to cancel the Reunion and AGM in January due to the bad weather. For those of you who haven't yet paid, Alan Caperon and myself will be on hand to receive them on 21st April, the new date.

Although you may have already given us a form with your personal details last year I would be grateful if you could fill out a new one to enable the records to be kept as up to date as possible.

E-mail addresses are useful for any last minute changes which may have to be circulated.. even if you do not wish to receive the newsletter that way. Some of the e mail addresses provided on the membership forms have been difficult to decipher .. would you please write them clearly in the format required for e-mails or if you wish to prevent any "typo errors" you may send an e mail direct to me at:-

ken@townner.org.uk

The Stedfast Association - Brighton is an organisation for past members of The Boys' Brigade Brighton Hove & District Battalion. If you have been a boy or member of staff in any company past or present within our Battalion you are automatically a member. Past Members of The Boys' Brigade from all over the world are welcome to join our Association by registering with our membership secretary

We invite you to register your membership with our membership secretary:
Ken Towner, 3 The Dene, Spencer Avenue, Hove BN3 8BY (01273 414688).

If you also send a subscription of £10.00 you will receive our regular newsletter keeping you up to date with all our events and news. (cheque's payable to the Stedfast Association)

Committee member profile - Steve Roberts

I joined the 1st Shoreham-By-Sea Company in 1978 with, I have to admit, much trepidation as I had never been to any clubs or Associations before. I went along with my next door neighbour, a chap called Neil Berry, and all my fears and worries disappeared as soon as I walked through the door of Shoreham Baptist Church. I was made to feel very welcome by the Captain, Bryan Pickard, all the Officers and all the boys and this has been the ethos of the Boys Brigade ever since it was the start of the best 8 years of my life. The only unfortunate thing was, that it was ONLY 8 years.

We had Company Camp each year, the most memorable time for me being the year we went to the Peak District. For other reasons, the camp at Eastergate sticks in my mind when the field was so flooded and became so swamp like that we had to up sticks and move into the local Village Hall. I think a few of the lads preferred this, but to me it was not the same.

We had our "Venture Weekends" most years which involved things such as making your own fires, orienteering etc., every thing a teenage boy could want (in those days anyway). I was a regular at Glynde Camp every year, culminating in the year I was sharing with the lads from Telescombe Cliffs as there was not enough interest from Shoreham. We won the 5-a-side competition, with my winning goal, but don't ask me how. We were big underdogs (I think we played the 4th), but we had our day!! The Legend that was, and still is, Glynde Camp was always the highlight of the year.

The list of great memories could go on (June Jaunt, Battalion Competitions etc) but I think you get the picture. The crowning moment I guess was the Centenary Camp at Scone Palace, which is still high on my list of all time best experiences.

During my years with the Boys Brigade, quite early on actually, I learnt about God and the Bible. I did Religious Studies at school, but the Bible Classes that we had on a Sunday Morning at Shoreham Community Centre taught me a lot more in a more enjoyable, friendly environment. I have to hand it to the Officers who took Bible Class, it was a great way to spend a Sunday morning and set me in good stead for my future. I found my faith growing more in depth, and more important to me, and I started attending Church on Sunday Evenings and that only reinforced my beliefs, so much so that I was baptized at Shoreham Baptist Church by the Reverend Bryan Pickard, who was my first Boys Brigade Captain.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, I had to give up BB in 1988 which, looking back, was probably my biggest regret. Although the places I lived and worked over the next few years had a Company, or most of them, the nature of my job did not allow me to attend. The 8 years I had in the 1st Shoreham flew by, and I enjoyed it immensely. After moving around with employment and family, I finally settled back in Shoreham about 5 years ago, but alas the 1st Shoreham Company had long gone.

The older I get, the more I tend to think about about those years. I still have my faith, and a whole lot of memories I wouldn't swap for the world. Through being in the Stedfast Association it feels like I am still part of the "family" and, although I have been up to now a non-active member, I think I will start to get more involved and give something back, as the BB has made me the man I am today and I will always appreciate that.

Yours Stedfastly,

Steve Roberts (Formerly, 1st Shoreham-By-Sea Company)

We have received this from the Mayors office and we thought that it was worth putting in our newsletter



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100th ANNIVERSARY - WORLD WAR 1**THE 2014 'FLANDERS' BAND TOUR**

'Remembering and Celebrating' the many thousands of **Boys' Brigade** members, who served their country in WW1, and who paid the ultimate sacrifice!



While the 16th Battalion HLI is strongly associated with Glasgow Battalion of The Boys' Brigade, it must be remembered that many other branches of the Armed Services drew strength from BB. Ex-members. In Glasgow many former B.B. members joined the Cameronians {Scottish Rifles}, which had a direct connection with the B.B. Founder, in that the Lanark Rifles Volunteers had by this time become part of the Regiment. Up and down the country former B.B. members joined Local 'Pals Regiments'; over 100 'Old boys' of the London Battalion joined 'D' Company, the 13th Battalion the Rifle Brigade, a Battalion that also suffered heavy casualties on the Somme. It is estimated that over 100,000 members and former members of The Boys' Brigade rallied in Britain's Call to Arms and joined the Armed Forces during the first year of the 1914-18 War.



The **Boys' Brigade (BB)** 'Centenary' celebration at The Royal Albert Hall in 1983 witnessed the launch of the **London Stedfast Association**. This organisation is for former BB members and their families, current serving Officers & staff etc.

Since 1983 many Stedfast branches have started up in the UK & overseas.

The **Bugles & Drums of The Stedfast Association** originated in 2000. They are pleased to announce that in 2014, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of WW1, they plan to play and parade in a number of locations in the '**Flanders and Somme**' regions of Belgium to not only remember, but celebrate the lives of the thousands of '**BB**' member's who signed up to serve their country, many of whom never returned.

Further details relating to the tour can be found on the bands' website at www.stedfastassociationbugleband.btck.co.uk & is regularly updated. The site gives information about the band and videos etc of its exploits. You can contact the band via the website contact page or by telephoning Paul Hern (Band National Coordinator) on 01684 562426

(All 2014 tour information subject to confirmation and alteration)

29th AUGUST - 2nd SEPTEMBER 2014

BUGLES & DRUMS OF THE STEDFAST ASSOCIATION

'Stedfast association'

an association for former members of the boys' brigade (bb)

Looking Back - 1

Dear Sir or Madam,

My father Charles Henry James Smart, was Captain of the 1st Southwick Company, at least during 1934-35. As I was born after the war, (he was by then 41) we did not discuss it as I grew up. I was recently sent a picture (see below). All I need to know is if there are records to search, or, when the Company was founded, etc.

Thanking you in anticipation

Trevor Smart



Looking Back - 2

5th October 2012

Dear Mr Donoghue,

Allow me to introduce myself;

I lived in Brighton from 1923 to 1940. I was a Member of 16th Brighton B.B. - Stanford Avenue from 1934 to 1940. I joined the Royal Navy in 1940 and was de-mobbed in May 1946. I became a Civil Servant on Tyneside and lived there for 17 and a half years.

In November 1963 I was transferred to Ashford. I retired from the Service in March, 1983.

Having been a Senior Officer when I retired I am lucky enough to have a substantial CS pension!! I had a good friend who had also been a B/B. Member, he had been in an Essex Co. He was a Member of the London Stedfast Assoc. and I joined that Assoc and am still a Member.

Subsequently I found out there was also a Brighton Stedfast Assoc. and applied for Membership a few years ago!

Last month I celebrated my 90th birthday!! I had a stroke about nine years ago and until July of this year lived alone — I now found that I needed care and so now live with my granddaughter who is a nurse and her husband who is a paramedic manager. I am indeed in 'Safe Hands' now and am being well care for - spoilt rotten really!! London wanted details of 'B.B. Camps' last year and I wrote to them about my experiences in Brighton. A copy of that 'report' I enclose.

It is worth noting that we had about 400 boys at the Camps in the 1930s. It was our holiday and we looked forward to being away from home with other boys. We were well and truly organised throughout the week at Glynde... Everyone there enjoyed the week. As you will see from the 'Report'(reproduced on next page), I was on the Advance Party twice and the 1939 Rear Party that stayed behind to clear the Camp!

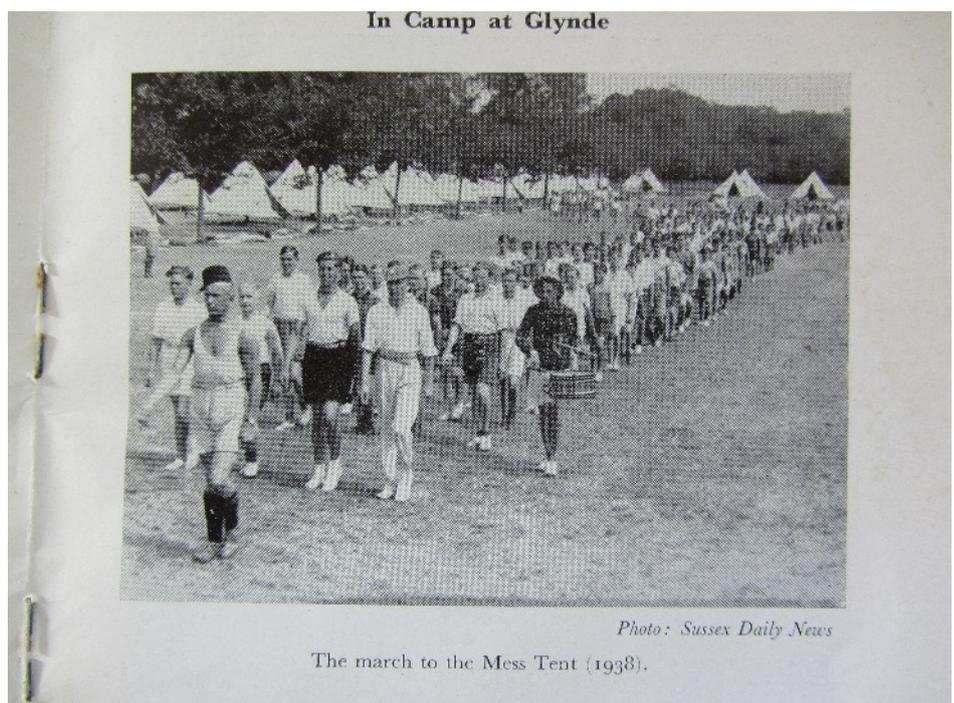
Mr Hitchings was a 'devoted' B.B. Officer and he worked tirelessly for the Camp to be a success! I cannot praise his efforts too highly..

I sent Frank Dale photos of the Camps and he promised to pass these on for me - I hope you have received them!!

The Stedfast News is worth reading and I look forward to receiving it!

Best Wishes to all in Brighton Stedfast Association. `

Sincerely, Peter Laker



CAMP MEMORIES

Battalion whilst I was a member of 16th Brighton Company. The Company met at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church in Brighton. A Mr. Jackson was Captain and Mr. Tufnell was Lieutenant. They were great influences on many young members and we could not have had better leaders to guide us in life!! From the dates of my experiences you can deduce that I am somewhat an oldie — in fact soon to be 89 years of age but still able to remember with much pleasure our BB days! Sad to say we do not have a BB Company now in Ashford, Kent. May I thank you for the excellent **ONLOOKER** you produce I enjoy reading it I do assure you.

BRIGHTON BATTALION SUMMER CAMP (Period 1936-1939)

The Battalion hold their annual camp at Glynde near Lewes, Sussex and it is held on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. I had the honour of being in the advance party on two occasions and the rear party on one. The duty of the advance party was to erect some 40 bell tents for the boys and 4 bell tents for Staff Sergeants use. We also erected some 40 or more tents for the Officers and there were various other items that we got ready for the Battalion arriving on the Saturday but contractors erected several large marquees on site for us. The Battalion paraded in Brighton and then marched led by the Bugle Band to London Road Railway Station and here we boarded a "special train" that took us to Glynde. On arrival there the Battalion formed up and marched through the village to the camp site. The villagers all came out of their cottages to greet us! It was the highlight of the year for many of them. I recall that there was a Company from Rugby that joined us each year and, of course, they were made most welcome. The 400 boys attending camp were divided into 4 groups:- Arabs, Buffalos, Cowboys and Diggers and each group had 10 tents allocated to them.

There was a large marquee for the Mess - we could all eat together - Officers and Boys. There were two cooks assigned from each table to go to the cook-house to get the food for the meal. Afterwards the crockery and utensils were washed and stacked ready for the next meal. The "first table" needed was also responsible for cleaning the whole of that line

of "rubbish" etc. The Boys then occupied the next table on the next day, so everyone got their fair share of duties.

After breakfast- always porridge and bread and butter with jam, we had a hymn, a reading and then prayers usually taken by Mr. Hitchen, the main organiser of the camp. Afterwards the remainder of boys collected any other rubbish on the camp site, throwing rubbish around on site was naturally frowned upon. During the morning and after lunch there were inter-group games, I remember football, cricket and stoolball being among these. Then one afternoon an athletic meeting and one morning before breakfast two cross country runs for the under 13s and over 13s. I ran in these and came second on 3 occasions!!!!

I also competed at the athletics meeting. There was in the village a swimming pool and so we could go there for a swim - we were marched there and back I remember that the pool was never warm for it took its water from the River Glynde that flowed nearby. On the Bank Holiday Monday the parents and friends came from Brighton on yet another special train to Glynde. This hopefully meant more pocket money to spend in the tuck shop! Each morning at breakfast the holders of the best scores and points in various competitions were announced with much cheers and boos, of course! On the last morning there was a competition to see who could take down their tent the quickest and stow it in the bag provided. The rear party remained on site for 2 or 3 days loading the Ironies that came to take away the tents and other items used at camp. We made sure that the ground was left in good order so that the owner could have no complaint as to the state of the field where camp was held.

The cost of attending camp was 10s,- 50p in present money. The Tuck Shop always did a roaring trade throughout the day but we saved up for this week throughout the year and our Captain kept the money for us and produced it when required. When I joined the Royal Navy in 1940 the experiences I had learned being a member of the BB and by attending annual camps proved to be invaluable and I was organised in many ways much to the consternation of others who joined up at the same time and I was not home sick!

From Peter J. Laker

(originally printed in the ONLOOKER October 2011)

Battalion Forthcoming Events

Below are details of forthcoming events for the Battalion and hopefully some of you may be able to support the events.

March 2013

20 Wednesday Company Drill Competition (HQ 1st Southwick)

April 2013

9 Tuesday Executive (Battalion HQ)
 15 Monday Camp Council (Battalion HQ)
 26/28 Fri-Sun Junior Section Holiday

May 2013

7 Tuesday Finance Committee (TBA)
 11 Saturday Junior 5-a-side Football (TBA)
 14 Tuesday Company 5-a-side Football
 (Oathill Com College H/Heath)

June 2013

3 Monday Company Athletic Sports
 (Withdean Stadium Brighton)
 4 Tuesday Executive (Battalion HQ)
 10 Monday Camp Council (Battalion HQ)
 14 Or 21 Friday Junior Sports Day (TBA)
 18 Tuesday Company Harriers Competition (Glynde)

July 2013

2 Tuesday Executive (Battalion HQ)
 11 Wednesday Battalion Council A G M (HQ 25th Brighton)
 15 Monday Sussex 2013 Boys Camp Meeting (TBA)
 26 Friday Camp Sussex 2013 commences (Glynde)

August 2013

2 Friday Camp Sussex 2013 concludes (Glynde)
 31 Saturday Battalion Financial Year End

Invitation Battalion H.Q. Portslade

It has been suggested that members may wish to visit the H.Q. at Portslade. The Brigade President Derek Hinton would be willing to be host. Please let the Secretary know if you are interested.

Supporting Young People

You may know that the Battalion is a registered charity number 1071122. This enables help to be given to local companies in various ways and help is needed to support them financially. The matter will be mentioned at the reunion. Please speak to John Piggott

In Memoriam

It is with sadness and regret that we have to report the names of those members who have been called home since our last newsletter.

Michael Sharman (73) 22nd Brighton & 1st Lindfield
Neville John Ray - New South Wales Secretary Stedfast Association 7th November 2012
John Hunter 25th Brighton 16th December 2012

We send sincere condolences to all their Families and Friends

Please remember in your prayers all of our members who suffer illness in any form.

The next Newsletter will be August 2013.

Please send all contributions to me (electronically if possible or typed)
before 15th July 2013.

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