



Spring 2018

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

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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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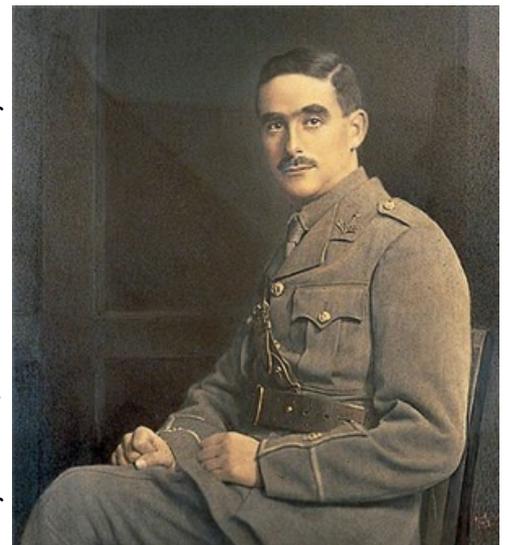
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Dear Stedfast Members,

No Battalion name has ever been so widely known to all Members of Brighton, Hove and District Battalion as that of Ernest Frederick Beal V.C. of the 13th Brighton Company (pictured).

Whether you have been awarded the Beal V.C. Watch, or aspired to receive one, or whether like thousands of others you have been inspired by his unimaginable bravery you will remember his name with pride.

It was therefore very fitting that the unveiling of The Victoria Cross Commemorative Stone by The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex at The War Memorial in The Old Steine, and the Commemorative Plaque by The Rt. Worshipful the Mayor of The City of Brighton and Hove should have been carried out with such pomp and ceremony.



The very large crowd present bore testimony to the pride with which Ernest Beal is held and the grateful thanks for those who sacrificed so much for the freedom which we enjoy today.

Our own Battalion Memorial is in the lives of the many men who have received the Beal V.C. Watch. Long may this continue.

I recently was given a pair of volumes entitled "Boys of the Brigade" by Robin Bolton. These are both full of amazing photographs and information about the early days of The Brigade Movement.

Locally there is a great need for an enthusiastic archivist who will put together the memorabilia of The Brigade and place this into an interesting format. Is this you? If so please make contact as soon as you can.

Ray Eaves and I had the privilege of asking the questions to the six teams who entered the Battalion Scripture Competition. The standard was very good and the winners were the 10th Brighton (Hove) Company.

The Thanksgiving Service for dear Dick Dench was wonderfully moving and we offer grateful thanks to The Family and Friends for making it possible. Well done to all who attended the 2018 Reunion. It was a very special day. With Joyous good wishes for Easter in the sure knowledge that The Lord will lead - if we let Him.

May God be with you,

Peter Ford *Stedfast Association President*

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter 2018. Whilst I have retired from the Committee I will continue to Edit the Newsletter, along with help from others. We endeavour to fill the pages with pictures, news and items of interest it is becoming more difficult to maintain the standards which we have hopefully kept over the years of publication. Please if you can send in material which may be of interest to our readers many readers do enjoy the opportunity to reminisce reading articles from previous years, or information on current events.

It was so good to be at the Reunion and AGM, this year was probably one of the best. Thank you to all who came. (All 101 of You).

I do hope that you have the best of times this year, stay healthy, if you can, and I look forward to seeing you at our next reunion.

Finally I must offer my congratulations to the Officers, Helpers and Boys of the 10th for the excellent Old time Music Hall which they produced in January. An event enjoyed by all who attended.

WELL DONE.

Dick

This photo was in Hove Cemetery (South) and these trees completed a row that runs through the Veterans Cemetery.

A plaque was unveiled by the High Sheriff, these last trees representing the three VC winners from Brighton one of whom was Ernest Beal VC. an Officer with the 13th Brighton.

Each tree that has been planted represent 100 men killed in the First World War, who came from our area.

Further events will take place over this the 100th Anniversary of the end of the war.



IN MEMORIAM

We have to sadly report the following members, who have been called to higher service since our last newsletter.

We send our deepest sympathy to their Family and Friends. May they Rest In Peace.

Geoff Franklin. (22/01/2018) Respected, Boy, NCO, Officer, Old Boy, 13th. Brighton.

Lillian Horne (Sunday 21/01/2018). A true B B .Lady, A fitting day to pass, (On reunion Sunday), so many teas at Dorset Gardens.!

Stuart Hill, and Jason Hill, members of the 4th Worthing Co. killed in the helicopter crash in States crash on 10th February,

THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO REMEMBER THE LIFE OF DICK DENCH

WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD.....It did for Dick, over 70 years, as a long serving Boy and Officer of the 10th Brighton (Hove) Company of the Brighton & Hove Battalion of the Boys' Brigade. Born in 1919 his long life came to an end when he was called home on the 3rd of December 2017. He was 98 years young.

Dick had a full life, always whatever he was doing centred around The Boys' Brigade.

After his school days spent at Portland Road and the Knoll Schools then he joined the AA and apart from Interruptions caused by the 2nd World War, he stayed with them for over 30 years, finishing as Manager of the Legal Office.

There were nearly 200 at the Service held at the United Reformed Church, Ventnor Villas Hove (which was Dick's second home!) to celebrate his life.

There were many fine tributes to him covering his full and active life, his early life, war service Family times, work, and his continuing involvement with the BB.

Dick will obviously be missed, not only by his Family and Friends, but many Old Boys of the 10th, many of whom were present at the Service.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

“which we *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast” (*Hebrews 6 v 19*)
(A recording of the Service is available on Utube)



Chaplains Page... ‘*She is Risen!*’

On September 22 1982, I conducted the funeral service of Margaret Carrington, a long-standing member of the Bedford Methodist Church in Guyana. The congregation had assembled and the family occupied the front pews. But there was no coffin as the undertakers could not find her body. The family said:

They have taken away our mother, and we don't know where they have put her.

I began the service by saying: **She is not here – she is risen!**

She is not here! The obvious fact.

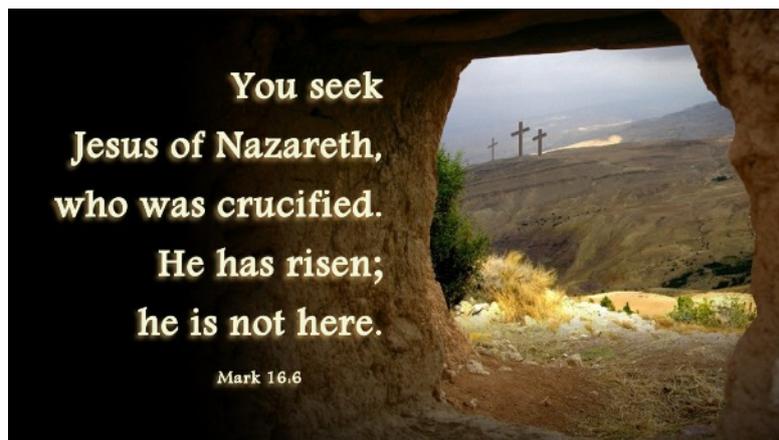
She is Risen! An affirmation of faith.

The message of belief in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting reverberates through the centuries; In John 20:13 Mary Magdalene said to two angels in the tomb

They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were told by a young man,

He is not here – he has been raised!



We began that funeral service for Margaret Carrington with the hymn, Will your anchor hold in the storms of life... in the floods of death ?

The printed Order of Service prophetically had these words:

This body is known to have an end –

but the dweller in the body is eternal, imperishable, infinite.

The Lord said, “There never was a time when I was not -

Nor will there ever be a time when all of us shall cease to be.”

The body of the eighty-five year old was missing because it had been entombed by mistake two days before at Beterverwagtin on the East Coast Demerara. After exhumation, it was privately re-interred - **earth to earth** - in the Anglican section of La Repentir cemetery in Georgetown. This funeral story reflects the Gospel accounts of the empty tomb and the words:

He is not here! a cry of panic; the missing body adding to the distress of mourning.

He is not here! tragedy turned into catastrophe; bewilderment added to the anger that accompanies any funeral.

The empty tomb impossible news in the confusion of grief.

In the absence of a body the Gospel is proclaimed: **She is risen!**

On Easter Sunday we declare “Christ is risen!” and the Church replies **“He is risen indeed!”**

Rev Dr John C. Neal

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

What a great afternoon was had by all who attended the annual reunion service and AGM, on Sunday 21st January 2018, at Southwick Methodist Church, HQ of the 1st Southwick Company. It was good to see so many old boys, officers and staff, who were able to join us. Our thanks go to Rev. Betsy Gray Hammond, chaplain to the 26th Brighton Company for her inspiring address, to Rev. Ian Suttie for leading our prayers, to Carl Jukes for playing the organ, to the new Battalion President Gary Pickett for the Bible reading, to the old boys of the 10th for carrying the Stedfast Colour and boys from the 3rd Burgess Hill Company (winners of the Battalion Drill Competition) for carrying the Battalion Colour.

Thank you to our Stedfast President Peter Ford, for officiating during the service. A big thank you to the ladies of Southwick Methodist Church, for putting on such a wonderful tea and to the 1st Southwick Company for assisting during the afternoon.

It was good to see the Mayor of Brighton & Hove, Mo Marsh and her Consort Mr Robert Brown, who were able to join us and stay for tea.

Thank you to the Stedfast Band, for playing before the service and for the buglers for playing the "Last Post & Reveille" during the remembrance part of the service.

Thank you all for making it such a great afternoon to remember. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

On Saturday 10th February 2018, it was good to see so many old boys and friends who were able to come along to Central United Reformed Church, HQ of the 10th Brighton (Hove) Company, for the "Service of Thanksgiving", to celebrate the life of Dick Dench, a true Christian and BB man. I consider myself very privileged to have known Dick not only through BB, but as a neighbour when I lived in Hove.

Our thoughts turn to Spring and Easter when we think of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May I wish you all a very happy Easter?

We have some committee members who have retired, please give thought to becoming a member of the committee, to help us support our local BB Battalion. If you are interested please contact myself or a member of the committee. Thank you.

Best Wishes for a very happy and healthy Spring and Summer.

Ray Eaves *Committee Chairman.*

B.B. Battalion President Gary Pickett - Address to the AGM

Good Afternoon,

I wish to thank you for this opportunity to speak to you all this afternoon on your reunion, I have to say I get very nervous when public speaking but its ok as you're not the public your my friends, my brothers and sisters in faith as well.

What can I say its been a very different year this year and not sure where to start.

Firstly, I think we should start with saying thank you to Derek Hinton who stepped down as the battalion president after many many years.

Then we say thank you to John Pigott who stepped down as our treasurer after many years, they both have served the battalion with great dedication and hard work over those years and we truly and full heartedly thank them for that.

We welcome Lynn Burtenshaw into the role as secretary after the role had been empty for 10 years.

We have not managed to fill the treasurers job yet so John has agreed to keep us ticking over until we fill the role.

After the AGM in July we had 6 positions to fill on our executive, I am glad to say we have filled a couple of those positions that had been empty for many years, so onto the Executive we welcomed Rev Ian Suttie as Battalion Chaplain, Maria Booker as Anchor chair and we are working on filling the other positions.

So I want to talk to you all about the positives we are having as a Battalion.

- Glynde camp 2017 was another great camp even though it was very wet on a few days but that did not dampen the fun of camp, we introduced a fun new feature at camp of a trampoline and also spent an afternoon on Mount Caburn, we had great worship in the mornings and in the evenings lead by Darrell Ward and during the prayers we had 9 young men come to faith.
- The 14th Brighton also had a company camp this year which from talking to the officers and lads they all had a great time.
- Junior section holiday was well supported again and everyone had a great time away.
- The Battalion celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the junior section by holding a Battalion church parade held here at 1st Southwick HQ.
- Both juniors and company sections had a wide variety of activities throughout the year.

Since our AGM what has happened?

- Well we have been working very hard on the feedback from our meeting with the Director of England and Wales.
- We have started on monthly mail outs giving information, reminders and anything else that needs communicating.
- I have been sending out bi-monthly emails to captains.
- A Christmas message was sent to every member of staff we have.

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- We have set out a vision for the next year to help companies know what we want to focus on.
- I have visited every company in the first 3 months on taking the role as president and every company being visited by a vice president before the end of the session.
- We launched a new battalion website with it being more up to date with more information about who we are.
- A new up to date directory has been sent out.
- Training being planned for all courses to update everyone's training.
- Maria Booker coming on board who is going to run Anchor events with her first being this March.
- Rev Ian Suttie has taken the role of Battalion Chaplain.
- Our Headquarters has been tidied and sorted so if any wanted to come look at Breezes dating back to 1924 we have a full inventory up until the 1970's, there is also old photo's and newspaper articles all that can be viewed.

So as you can see it has all been very positive with lots happening in a short amount of time, the executive is still looking for some more dynamic people to join us.

But the Battalion is surviving, it is becoming strong again and we will build it up to be bigger, better and stronger.

We have lots of ideas coming forward and plans starting to happen.

So I would like to say that the Battalion is not all doom and gloom there is light shinning ahead of us so watch this space.

Because God Is Good, All the time and he has a plan for Our Battalion and your Stedfast.

Battalion President, Gary Pickett

A letter received from David Norman;

Dear Alan,

I went to my uncle's funeral, with my son Daniel & Paul Simmons. Back in the days when my grandfather was captain of the 13th Brighton he had amongst his boys Stan Simmons (born 1922), Geoff Franklin (born 1923), & my father Les Norman (born 1924). All three served as officers in the company. I myself was a boy in the Lifeboys (from 1963/64) & Company (until 1975). Since 1992 I have served the 29th, 13th, 22nd & 26th. My son was in the 29th Junior Section & both 25th & 13th companies. My cousin, (Geoff's son) was in the 30th & served as an officer in the 1st Shoreham with Bryan Pickard.

I hadn't seen my cousin since 1981. My sister was also at the funeral with her husband, & I had not seen them since our mother's funeral in 2015 (mum was Geoff's younger sister). Now with both mum & dad, Aunt & uncle all passed on as Trevor (my cousin) said it was the end of an era.

Yours steadfast **David Norman** (26th Brighton)

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

Membership

I would like to thank the 108 members who have so far paid subscriptions this year which totals £1,414, including voluntary donations. If you have not yet paid unless you pay by standing order, please send your subs to me and complete the membership form with your current details and an email address if you have one. You will note from the accounts set out below that compared to this time last year we still have some way to go to achieve a similar level of subscriptions of 126 in 2018 and therefore please send these to me as soon as possible.

Accounts

The 2017 accounts were approved by John Dent, Chartered Accountant and then adopted by the members at the reunion AGM as follows:-

	2017 £	2016 £
Income		
Number of Paid Up Members	126	120
Subscriptions to date	1622	1540
Reunion collections	441	432
Donations	155	78
Total income	2218	2050
Expenditure estimated		
BB-Glynde donation	300	300
Southwick Church donation	500	504
Federation subscription	40	20
Band Costs	60	Nil
Other donations	20	20
Website costs	86	80
Remembrance wreaths	56	56
Newsletter costs	417	644
Insurance	64	64
Reunion costs	406	393
Sundries	18	Nil
Total expenses	1967	2081
2017 surplus (2016 Deficit)	251	(31)
Bank balance B/F	1646	1677
Bank balance C/F estimated	1897	1646

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You will note that the two main reasons for the surplus in 2017 compared to the deficit in 2016 were savings made in the newsletter costs where majority are now sent by email rather than post. I am also pleased to report that 126 members paid their subs last year which was in fact an increase on 2016.

Reunion-2018

I hope you all enjoyed the reunion where we had 101 attendees on parade on 21 January 2018 (members and guests, BB officers and Boys all in attendance).

The band played in the church again due to the poor weather and I would like to thank the members that brought the 8 BB company colours for the afternoon. It was again a wonderful sight to have these colours at the front of the church and I hope these colours can be displayed next year.

The church collection totalled £290.92 and the tea collection raised £137.20.

2018 donations

Depending on the amount of income in 2018 (see comments above), your committee will consider donations to Southwick Methodist church (our spiritual home) and for the Boys' at Glynde Camp. We have also received some additional requests to consider donations for the following:-

- The Stedfast Band for their costs to be on parade at the Worthing Carnival on August Bank Holiday Monday,
- Brighton BB Battalion (as referred to in the Battalion President's report)

If you wish to make a donation towards these events, please let me know.

I hope you have a very Happy Easter.

Yours Stedfastly

Alan Caperon, *Secretary and Treasurer*

FOUNDERS DINNER

The Founders dinner will be taking place on 4th October.

Full details, menu, time etc. will be published in the Summer newsletter.

To ensure your place at the dinner contact Les Russell on e-mail at; lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk or by text; 078833531069, or by phone; 01273 888032, or post ; 3 Pelham Terrace, Lewes Road Brighton BN2 4AF

Stedfast Association Brighton, Hove and District Branch Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of members held at Southwick Methodist Church, Manor Hall Road, Southwick on 21 January 2018. Annual Reunion Service at 2.30pm followed by tea and AGM.

Chairman Ray Eaves

Welcome and BB Camp grace

Ray welcomed the members and guests.

Ray thanked Peter Ford for officiating during the service, Rev Betsy Gray Hammond for her address, Rev Ian Suttie for saying the prayers, the colour parties (10th for carrying the Stedfast colours and 3rd Burgess Hill for carrying the Battalion colours), to Carl Jukes as organist and to Gary Pickett for the Bible reading. Ray also thanked our guests the Mayor of Brighton and Hove Mo Marsh and her Consult Mr Robert Brown. Ray also thanked the Stedfast band.

Ray thanked the 1st Southwick Company for assisting us for the afternoon and gave our thanks to the ladies who set out the tea and refreshments.

The members sang the BB camp grace together.

Greetings, announcements and apologies were read by Alan Caperon as follows:-

John Corin (30th), Les Russell (6th), Frank Wilson (4th and 18th), Ros Ayling, John Caperon (4th), Brian Griffin (3rd, 6th, 16th and 17th), Roy Watson (29th), Barry Elswood 23rd Portslade (Brighton), Brian Childs (13th), John Winter (13th), Ron Baldey (11th), David Simmons (9th), John Harris (16th), Terry Ward (1st Lindfield), Cllr Peter Metcalfe Adur District Council chairman, Alan Pratt (22nd), Ian Sayers (13th), Mike Dale (10th), Jason Funnell (13th), Bill Donoghue (3rd Eastbourne), Steve Walder (13th)

Alan informed the members that there were 101 attendees on parade.

Adoption of the 2017 reunion AGM minutes and matters arising

Alan Caperon asked the meeting to vote upon the Adoption of 2017 Reunion AGM minutes which were unanimously approved.

Presentation and Adoption of the 2017 accounts-Alan Caperon

Alan Caperon presented the Associations accounts which had been verified by John Dent, Chartered Accountant. The members unanimously approved the adoption of the accounts. Alan will put an extract of the accounts in the next Newsletter.

The Battalion President-Gary Pickett

Gary Pickett did the round-up of Battalion matters. His address is attached in full elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Nomination and Election of the Officers and Committee members for 2018/19

Ray Eaves gave his thanks on behalf of the members to Dick Kent who has retired from the committee.

The members elected the Officers and Committee members that were all nominated as follows:-

President; **Peter Ford**

Vice President; **Rev Ian Suttie**

Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer; **Alan Caperon**

Committee nominations all elected;

Ann Austen, Jim Attwater, Adrian Attwater, Ray Eaves, Terry Pomfrey, Les Russell and Paul Simmons.

Oldest and youngest old Boys present

Adrian Attwater ran through the stand ups and sit downs before he established the Oldest and Youngest members present who were; oldest, **Jim Attwater** (3rd E'B, 3/13th Btn & 15th B'tn) and youngest, Sgt **Jack Sherlock** (3rd Burgess Hill) who received gold and silver medals respectively.

Any other business

A member suggested to the committee that we seek the reunion is advertised on Radio Sussex.

Pam Stringer mentioned the Old Time Musical show at the Central United Reformed Church on 25th to 27th January. Pam also mentioned the service of remembrance for her father Dick Dench which is to be held on 10 February at 2pm at the Central United Reformed Church.

Gary Pickett mentioned Jack (Sherlock) and Harry Newman are going with him to Uganda on a mission trip and are seeking sponsors.

Terry Pomfrey agreed to do some archiving of BB photos that Gary Pickett will hand over.

The vesper was sung at the close of the AGM

There were 8 BB colours on parade.

Date of the next reunion; 20th January 2019

The church collection was later counted and totalled £290.92.

The tea table collection was later counted and totalled £137.20.

The meeting concluded at 5pm

Band report

Things have been rather quite since our AGM. However, we are now approaching our busy period ,with combined practices and events.

Some of our members are heading to Malta in May to play with the local BB equivalent organisation. Sadly, our National band haven't made into this November's Lord Mayors Show, but as it will be the same weekend as the centenary of the end of First World war, I'm sure there will be plenty of other things to do.

We have recently heard that the band may be returning to Edinburgh next year. More details and confirmation to follow, but before then, we will be working very hard at various practices and at various venues throughout the land ,especially with an outing on home ground for Worthing Carnival. Again, more details to follow.

So till our next report. Thanks for your continued support.

Paul Simmons.

Ernest . F. Beal V.C.

Today, Friday 16th March and I have just returned home after attending the Civic ceremony in memory of Ernest Beal, VC.

Today's events were in two parts, with the unveiling of a memorial plaque at the Brighton Cenotaph to which numerous local dignitaries attended including the Mayor, The High Sheriff of East Sussex , The Lord Lieutenant and various Military personnel and bandsman and of course our own Battalion officials and Stedfast representatives being present at both services.

This took place in the morning, after a light refreshment break the second part ,in the afternoon concluded with a procession to Ernest's birth place in Lewes Road, where a Blue Plaque was unveiled by the Mayor. This was followed by a light refreshment at the Fairlight School.

The amount of interested parties was considerable and very well attended. I was honoured to be present, especially being the winner of the 1970 Beal V.C watch, which I still wear with pride.

Regards to All **Paul Simmons**



See Photos on the following page

A personal account:

When I joined the BB 73 years ago I was very quickly made aware of the bravery of 2nd Lieutenant Ernest Beal. VC. On Friday 14th March 2018, I and other members of Stedfast were able to honour his memory.

At 11.0 am I arrived at Brighton War memorial and sat in a vacant chair and was quickly informed that it was reserved for The Gurkhas Regiment Band. I then found an unnamed seat among the reserved seats. I sat beside the city's last mayor and the city's CEO. The Lord Lieutenant in the presence of The Victoria Cross carried and protected by a Guard of Honour from the Yorkshire Regt and The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment unveiled a Memorial paving stone after a series of readings. The first of these was by the Boys' Brigade's Gary Pickett. Buses carried people to St. Martin's Church in Lewes Road for refreshments.



At 2pm together with children from St Martins and Fairlight Primary Schools The assembled crowd processed along the Lewes Road to the music of The Salvation Army Band, who were seated in the middle of Lewes Road, to Pevensey Road. At Pevensey Rd. there were three large Union Flags on the side wall of No. 148 Lewes Road. An open square was formed around them. Children on The East, Guard of Honour on West and dignitaries and congregation to the North. Being of small stature there was no real view for me. I looked for a sycamore tree but there was

nothing. I then sidled up to the Guard and asked if I could fall in on the end. The fearsome RSM's face broke into a smile and he gave the Guard a quiet order "Make Space." I was invited to fall in in the middle of them next to the Medal carrier. When the Blue Plaque was unveiled the Guard fell out and I was allowed to hold Ernest Beal's Victoria Cross for a minute or two. What an honour!, It made my medals look insignificant. I went home feeling ten feet tall. I had bathed in the honour of a great hero who made the ultimate sacrifice. **Les Russell.**



Battalion and Stedfast Events**April 2018**

3 Tue Executive 7.30pm (Battalion HQ)
 9 Mon Camp Council (Battalion HQ)
 20-22 J/S Holiday (Carrotty Wood)

May 2018

1 Tue Finance Committee
 12 Sat J/S 5-a-side Football (The Triangle Burgess Hill)

June 2018

5 Tue Executive 7.30pm (Battalion HQ)
 8 Fri J/S Sports (Braypool Brighton)
 11 Mon Camp Council (Battalion HQ)
 22 Fri J/S Sports (if 8th is wet) (Braypool)
 26 Tue Harriers (Glynde)
 30 Sat C/S Fun day (Blacklands Farm)

July 2018

3 Tue Executive 7.30pm (Battalion HQ)
 19 Thur Battalion Council A G M (Battalion HQ)
 27 Fri Glynde Camp 2018 commences (Cows Wood)

August 2018

3 Fri Glynde Camp 2018 concludes (Cows Wood)
 27 Worthing Carnival
 31 Mon Battalion Financial Year End

October 2018

4 Thurs Stedfast Founder's Day Dinner

November 2018

11 Sun Remembrance parade

Key; C/S=company section and
 J/S=junior section.

Scripture Competition 2018

The results of the 2018 scripture competition in reverse order were as follows;

6th place; 10th Brighton (A), 53 points. 5th place; 3rd Burgess Hill, 56 points. 4th place; 10th Brighton (B), 57 points. 3rd place; 14th Brighton, 60 points, 2nd place; 1st Southwick, 62 points. 1st place; 10th Brighton (C), 63 points.

Well done to all the teams which took part.



10th Brighton Old Time Music Hall

Thank you to all of you who supported our ninth Old Time Music Hall. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We were honoured to have the support of the Boys' Brigade President, Rev. Lord Leslie Griffith, who travelled down from London on Saturday night, especially for the show. Despite being nearly stranded at Three Bridges due to railway works, he made it just in time, thanks to Jukes' taxi service. Well, the show couldn't start without our musical director!

We are also delighted by your generosity and the knowledge that we can give £1000 to the work of The Alzheimer's Society.

(We hope to include more photos in our next newsletter)

Uganda Mission Trip

On Saturday 18th August 2018, Your Battalion President Gary Pickett, Ernest Beal V.C. winner Jack Sherlock and Harry Newman from the 1st Southwick are flying out to Uganda on a mission trip for 13 days.

We are looking for any support that the Stedfast Association and members are able to contribute to the trip.

We will be working within a hospital compound with a school and church within the compound. We will be doing a number of activities in our time which include working with kids with HIV, painting in the hospital and school, school clubs, food project with the elderly and also working with a Boys Brigade Company that meet locally.

The cost that each person on the trip needs to raise is £2000 which will cover everything but may not cover everything we would like to do.

If you are willing to donate anything to the mission trip we would be truly grateful.

Blessings, Gary Pickett, Jack Sherlock, Harry Newman.

If you are able to help in any way please contact Garry Pickett; gazzabb@hotmail.co.uk

Reunion and Annual General Meeting

Our Next Reunion
SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2019
at Southwick Methodist Church. Service starts 2.30pm
Meeting from 2.00pm for enrolment.

Note We plan to include photos from our 2018 reunion in the next newsletter.

If you are reading the Brighton Stedfast Association newsletter for the first time we hope that you have found it both interesting and informative. If you have any items that you think may be of interest to our members you can contact the Editor or secretary, (details inside this newsletter) or visit our web site; <http://brightonstedfast.org.uk/>

The next Newsletter will be Summer 2018

Please submit all contributions (electronically or typed if possible) before 30th June 2018

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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.

To register, contact our secretary:

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To help with the association costs, we would suggest a donation of £10

Associate members now welcome

(cheque's payable to the Stedfast Association)