

Stedfast News



The Newsletter for former members, serving officers, associates and friends of The Boys' Brigade in Brighton Hove and District www.brightonstedfast.org.uk.

Spring 2026

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

Stedfast Committee

President; Peter Ford

Vice President ; Geoff Fitch

Chairman; - Geoff Fitch

Chaplain; Brian Pickard

Treasurer; Alan Caperon

Secretary; Alan Caperon

Membership Secretary; Vacant

Committee;
Sue Standen,
Dave Norman,

Newsletter Editor, Terry Pomfrey



The oldest and newest old boys at our 2026 reunion.
longest serving member present was Alistair Sharp, who attended 4th Alexandria life boys, 1st Alexandria Company section and later joined 10th Brighton (Hove) Company.

The youngest member was Ethan Skinner 2nd Burgess Hill company. They were presented with plaques to celebrate this.



Dear Stedfast members,

What a wonderful Reunion and what a wonderful tribute to all the hard work and preparation carried out by Alan Caperon. If you were unable to be present please give the Event the support that it deserves and make sure that you are free to attend next year. The address by Terry Mitchell, Old Boy and former Company Captain of The 29th and very keen Glynde Camper was an inspiration and not to be missed.

During these months when the preparations for Glynde 2026 are well under way we wish all the Staff and all the Young People attending every good wish that for them it will be the best Glynde ever.



I have started the formation of a collection of Glynde Camp photographs over the many years that it has been going strong. The collection will belong to Our Stedfast Association and will be available to show at The Reunion and during Camp week. I would very much like to have any knowledge as to the whereabouts of a former collection of Battalion Camp photographs in a large photograph album. All gifts of Glynde photographs towards the collection will be greatly appreciated. please let me know by email which is: peterford777@gmail.com. I have received a number of Glynde Group Photos from Geoff Fitch and hope that some will find their way into The Newsletter.

Lots of things seem to be wrong both Nationally and Internationally and this increases the value and importance of the work that is done week in and week out in B.B. Companies around the World. Pray that this work will increase and that all who are involved will go the extra mile.

With all good wishes,

Peter Ford, Brighton, Hove and District Stedfast Association President



EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

Spring is finally with us and the days are getting longer. Things should be getting better, but somehow I do not feel better.

I hear every day on the news about fractious politics of our country and of other nations, also of the many conflicts around our world. All of these things contributing to the ever increasing cost of living.

It is so easy to get depressed, but we have to stay positive and pray all the harder for a better world.

The Boys' Brigade is I am sure one of the best ways to improve our world for the boys and Girls to come.

Stedfastly Yours Terry

IN MEMORIAM

Graham Mitchell

Graham was an ex boy and officer of the 29th BB company. Graham had many connections with other BB companies through his bugle and drumming coaching.

Bob Brown

Bob joined the 14th Brighton Company BB at Florence Road Baptist Church when he was 12, having been invited by his friend, Alan Goodyer. The BB was ideal for Bob, as his Father had died, and he had within the BB, excellent male role models.

He continued to learn more about God through the Sunday Bible Class and became himself a very committed Christian.

Bob enjoyed the friendship, fellowship and many activities that the BB offered and eventually became an officer and then Captain for many years, until he had to move to Aldershot for his work.

Bob was very musical, and was very involved with the band. He taught Bugle, as well as Photography and First Aid, He also took boys on expeditions for their Duke Of Edinburgh Awards.

Bob was also involved with the boys in Band and First Aid Competitions, when they often did well, but the highlight of the year for officers and boys was the Summer Camp at Steyning, when he'd go with the Advance Party to dig latrines etc! Sunday mornings was always Bible Class, when he often gave talks.

The company section held their displays in the Corn Exchange and the Band sometimes played for Remembrance Sunday in Brighton.

The BB really did play a big part in his life. His faith was always an anchor, and he had a sure hope of (as it says in the last verse of the BB hymn);

"reaching the Heavenly Shore, when life's storms are past for evermore".

We thank God for the lasting influence of the BB. Sadly, there were no BB companies at our other churches, but when we returned to Sussex, Bob always attended and enjoyed the BB Old Boys Meetings.

May Graham and Bob Rest in Peace

We send Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to Their Family and Friends.

Chaplain's reflections

It's that time again, just after Easter and an email duly arrives from Alan Caperon as it's time for my Stedfast article. So panic panic what to write about this time? Then a thought came to me as I was reflecting on BB life, Its Display season when our companies would start to plan and practice for their annual Display.

At the 1st Shoreham it would take place either at the town hall or more often at our Baptist Church HQ. To be honest displays were quite a stressful time as we tried to coordinate the 3 sections with the Juniors stealing the show with their musical marching. The company band and drill(which could be of an interesting standard) were mostly runners-up!

However, I remember with pride as the lads were awarded with their badges and prizes by always some kind inspecting officer. It was with real delight one year I received a bible for perfect attendance which I had missed the previous year as I'd driven my friend's motorbike through a fence on the downs and ended up in hospital on parade night. The daft things we do at age 14years.

For me the best part about displays was that they herald the beginning of a New Season, the new summer session. At Shoreham we would start and finish the summer session with wide games, football and a sausage sizzle at Bramber Castle. It was season of rounders, cricket, fishing and swimming, or Club night at the hall if it had rained. It was a time that was leading to the highlight of this young man's life, Battalion Camp at Glynde. But that's another story. It was at Bramber cooking sausages with Edgar Hitchings our captain, that God started to call me to become a minister. Quite simply Edgar asked me a question " Bryan have you ever thought about becoming a minister " Little did he know this question would change this kid from a slum background in the future. A brand new season would begin for me and my family's life in the service of our Lord and Saviour, the Great Captain Jesus Christ.

Ecclesiastes 3v1 says " There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven"

Verse 11 tells us " He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has set eternity in the hearts of men"...

The work of the Boys' Brigade was and still is to help us to find and live in all He has planned for us, in whatever season we find ourselves.

With blessings and peace in our Great Captain and Saviour Jesus.

BRYAN

Chairman and Vice President

Another Stedfast Reunion has come and gone. There were fewer of us this year, 70, down from 91 last year which included a fairly large group of musicians and singers from the Salvation Army.

As I call the role I look out and see my BB family, some I served with, some I camped with, some I played football and cricket with and some I have only got to know through attending the reunion. When I joined Emanuel church in Eastbourne I met two new friends who both served as officers in our battalion.

The Boys' Brigade was started in the 19th century, survived the 20th century but I worry about how it will fare in the 21st. I think the same can be said of the Brighton Stedfast Association. Each year we seem to get fewer of us attending the reunion. We have also lost valuable members of the committee with nobody coming forward to take their place.

Most of us (Alan, Brian, David and I) have health concerns leaving Peter, Terry and Sue as our only fit members. The work we do is not arduous and we only meet a handful of times. Alan does the Lions' share of the work, acting as both Secretary and Treasurer. Sue takes the minutes and Terry does a great job on putting the newsletter together. I chair the meetings with Brian and Peter offering their vast number of years of experience in all areas.

The format of the Reunion doesn't change much as we all love to sing the Brigade hymns but in an effort to offer something new we invited the Rebourne group from the Salvation Army to have a 15 minute slot in 2024 and 2025. A poll of members forced us to rethink this and this year we were back to a more traditional format. We did however include a modern song which is popular with today's BB Boys and Girls. I didn't know 'My Lighthouse' but found it a pleasant addition.

I haven't seen Terry Mitchell for probably 50 years and didn't recognise him but after a BB handshake and a brotherly hug we were reacquainted and reminisced about Glynde Camp. We expected a good message from Terry and he didn't disappoint.

Councillor Andy McGregor from Adur District Council has been a regular at our gatherings in recent years and he asked if he could do a reading this year. Andy said he loved Proverbs and frequently quotes them at council meetings. Needless to say his reading of Proverbs 3:1-10 was excellent.

It was a joy for me to sit at the tea table with Theresa Fowler, the Deputy Mayor of Brighton & Hove. We had such a long chat, she didn't seem to want to leave and she said she looked forward to attending again next year as Mayor. Theresa is a vegan so was unable to eat any of the food. I promised that we would sort that out next year.

Although our numbers have diminished over the years, 70 is not a bad number. However, going forward our problem might be the numbers on the committee. As already stated, a number of us are suffering health problems so we need your prayers.

Finally, our Founders Day dinner on Sunday 4th October is in serious doubt this year as Preston Club, where we have held it for the past few years will not cater for such a small number. We are therefore looking for an alternative. If one cannot be found, there will be no Founders Day Dinner.

I would also like to thank Carl, our organist, and Phil Webb who organised the sound and screen shots, Pam for taking the photos and of course the kitchen team who worked so hard feeding us. I apologise if I have left anyone out.

Geoff Fitch

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS

“Reunion 22 March 2026”

Thank you to the 70 attendees including members and our guests that were “on parade” for the Reunion on Sunday afternoon 22 March 2026. This was another successful occasion enjoyed by all that attended. However, attendees were down on the previous reunion to which I have referred to in more detail in this report.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to our special guests for attending our reunion; the Deputy Mayor of Brighton and Hove Cllr Theresa Fowler, the Vice Chair of Adur District Council Cllr Carol O’Neal and Cllr Andy McGregor, who participated during the service undertaking the reading from Proverbs 3 verses 1 to 10 (for those that wish to review his reading). All our special guests remained for tea including Andy’s wife Sue.

We also extend our thanks to Terry Mitchell (ex Captain of the 29th BB Company) for his excellent address based on “THE OBJECT OF THE BOYS’ BRIGADE” I would also like to express our thanks to Rev Owen Carney for saying prayers during the service and for the hospitality of Southwick Methodist Church, especially Phil Webb who played a very big part in the arrangements for the reunion service and making sure that our reunion was successful. Whilst our chaplain Rev Bryan Pickard wasn’t able to attend, Bryan worked tirelessly behind the scenes with his arrangements for the order of service.

The reunion would not be possible without so many participants assisting and taking part during the afternoon. We thank the Brighton Battalion President Darrell Ward for reading the lesson from Matthew 11 verses 7 to 15 and then for his Battalion report presented to our members after the tea (please see reunion minutes). We thank the Battalion colour party and our Stedfast colour party Ann Jukes, Pam Stringer and Sue Standen (formerly of the 10th BB Co). We also thank Ethan Skinner of 2nd Burgess Hill, for reading the remembrance verses, our Stedfast buglers Paul Simmons and Paul Hotton and Carl Jukes for playing the organ during the reunion service.

The reunion tea and refreshments were enjoyed by all, and we thank Sue, Carol, Susan and Sarah who made tea and looked after us. Our friends from St John’s Ambulance were in attendance meaning we felt safe during the afternoon.

You will note within this newsletter some of the photos taken by Pam Stringer who we again thank for her expertise where all Pam’s photos taken at the reunion will now be displayed on our website at;
<http://brightonstedfast.org.uk>

I would like to add my own personal thanks to Peter Ford, our President, to Geoff Fitch, our Vice President and Chairman and to our Stedfast committee for their support given to me throughout the year.

As mentioned above, members attending the reunion were down in numbers on the 2025 reunion. Whilst I appreciate that all members will do their very best to attend the reunion, I appreciate that members’ families give you other commitments needing your support. The date of our next reunion is “14 March 2027” and therefore the Committee would appreciate you putting this date in your diaries and letting your families know so that they try to avoid other arrangements that day so that you can attend next year’s reunion.

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2025 Stedfast Association accounts for the year to 31 December 2025

The Stedfast Association accounts for the year to 31 December 2025 were sent by email to the membership prior to the reunion and presented at the AGM. These accounts were passed to the Independent Examiner for checking and were approved on 14 April 2026. The accounts are included in the newsletter.

Membership and 2026 Stedfast Association costs

52 members have so far paid subs in 2026 compared to 61 members paying subs in 2025 and 74 members in 2024. Regrettably, our membership numbers are reducing each year. If you were unable to attend the reunion and haven't already paid subs, please can you support the Stedfast Association by making a contribution towards our costs which include donations including supporting our Brighton BB Battalion for Glynde camp.

I estimate that our costs in 2026 including donations will amount to some £1,500. This includes the reunion costs incurred, newsletter costs, website costs, insurance, bank charges and finally donations, including the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal and to Southwick Methodist church.

Please send your cheques to me or better still pay your subs by direct payment into the Stedfast bank account. Lloyds Bank plc now charge our association when we bank cheques at the branch and therefore payments directly into our bank account do save in bank charges. Our bank details are as follows:-

Sort Code-30-90-89

Account 56240860

Name-The Stedfast Association Brighton

Website

Please visit our website at <http://brightonstedfast.org.uk> to see all the reunion photos for this year and previous years, where you can also read all our past newsletters and see articles about the history of our Stedfast Association.

Founder's dinner- Sunday 4 October 2026

Due to a reduction in numbers attending the Founder's dinner each year, we can no longer book the Preston Bowls Club since to do so requires a minimum number of guests of at least 20 attendees. We would still like to commemorate the founding of The Boys' Brigade by having a dinner which we can arrange at lunch time if this would be preferable to those attending. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. The venue will likely be in Brighton and Hove and but in order to book we will need an idea of numbers attending.

Reunion 2027- Sunday 14 March 2027

As stated above, please put the date of next year's Stedfast reunion in your diaries which will again be held at Southwick Methodist Church from 2.15pm.

Stedfast Association committee decisions, office bearers and appointments

Please see the AGM minutes included in this newsletter which includes the decisions made at the AGM of appointments for 2026/27.

We are pleased to report the reappointment of Peter Ford as President and Geoff Fitch as Vice President for another year. Reverend Bryan Pickard will continue as our Chaplain and I thank you for reappointing me as Secretary and Treasurer for 2026/27. We would like to thank Les Russell for his loyal service and for arranging the Founder's dinner for many years but who has now retired from the committee. Your committee will continue with Sue Standen, Terry Pomfrey and Dave Norman. Any volunteers wishing to be co-opted onto the committee, would be greatly appreciated.

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Conclusion

I hope you will all have a very happy Spring and Summer and I pray you all stay safe and well until we meet again either at the Founder's dinner on 4 October 2026 or at the reunion on 14 March 2027.

Yours Stedfastly

Alan Caperon, Secretary and Treasurer

Stedfast signed accounts for year to 31 Dec 2025

STEDFAST ASSOCIATION BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT BRANCH					
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025					
2024	2024	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 31 December 2025		2025	2025
Actual	Actual			Actual	Actual
	74		Members paid subs		61
			INCOME		
	1,234.00		Members paid subs	961.10	961.10
	394.24		Reunion collections		470.36
241.69			Reunion service collection	354.50	
152.55			Reunion tea collection	115.86	
	701.67		Donations to Stedfast Association		5.00
376.67			Federation of Stedfast Association-donation in 2024	0.00	
5.00			Sale of Stedfast badge	5.00	
320.00			Other donations-members in 2024	0.00	
	2,329.91		TOTAL INCOME	1,436.46	1,436.46
			EXPENDITURE		
	202.25		Newsletter costs		188.56
52.25			Stationery/stamps to date	68.56	
50.00			Printing -newsletters Spring 2025	40.00	
40.00			Printing -newsletters Summer 2025	40.00	
60.00			Printing -newsletter Winter 2025	40.00	
	559.10		Reunion 2025		529.93
12.00			Foil containers bought in 2024	0.00	
280.38			Reunion tea and refreshments costs	292.65	
140.00			Reunion- Encore group £100 and organist £40 (2024)	100.00	
126.72			Reunion-St John Ambulance	137.28	
	198.25		Other costs		331.77
100.66			Website subscription	129.46	
14.39			Email subscription	15.59	
6.00			Stedfast plaques	14.60	
0.00			Stedfast engraving	37.90	
0.00			Bank charges	57.02	
77.20			Insurance	77.20	
	666.69		Donations		1,089.50
90.00			Wreaths- Remembrance Sunday for British Legion	100.00	
300.00			Brighton Boys' Brigade camp-donation (less b/f from 2024 see below)	600.00	
0.00			Brighton Boys' Brigade-donation from member designated to be donated	(105.00)	
0.00			Brighton Boys' Brigade-donation	105.00	
241.69			Southwich Methodist Church-donation	354.50	
35.00			Preston Bowls Club-donation re Founder's dinner on 4 October 2025	35.00	
	1,626.29		TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,139.76
					(703.30)
			Funds brought forward re Donation to The Brighton Boys' Brigade		320.00
	703.62		DEFICIT IN YEAR (SURPLUS 2024)		(383.30)
	3,280.95		Surplus funds brought forward		3,664.57
	3,984.57		Surplus funds carried forward		3,281.27

STEDFAST ASSOCIATION BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT BRANCH ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

2024	2025	
	Actual	Actual
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025		
	Account	TOTAL
2,576.83	Cash at Bank	
(15.00)	Less members paid in advance	
1,422.21	Cash at Bank	
	Less members paid in advance	
0.53	Cash in hand	
3,984.57		2,651.83
	Community	608.86
		(30.00)
		50.58
		3,281.27

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the Stedfast Association-Brighton, Hove and District branch's books and records and confirm that the Accounts set out above are in accordance therewith for the year ended 31 December 2025

Garry Look-Chartered Accountant

Date

14/4/2026

STEDFAST ASSOCIATION BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT BRANCH Minutes of church service followed by the annual general meeting

Held at Southwick Methodist Church, Manor Hall Road, Southwick on Sunday 22nd March 2026. Annual Reunion Service at 2.30pm followed by tea and AGM.

President Peter Ford

Our President Peter Ford led the service, during which he welcomed and thanked, our guests for their attendance, Cllr Theresa Fowler, the Deputy Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Vice chair of Adur District Council, Carol O'Neal and Cllr Andy McGregor, also representing Adur District Council. Our President welcomed and thanked all of the Stedfast members for their attendance. Peter also thanked Terry Mitchell, former Captain of 29th BB company for his address, Rev Owen Carney of Southwick Methodist Church for leading the prayers, Battalion President Darrell Ward and Cllr Andy McGregor for their bible readings, and Ethan Skinner for reading the remembrance verses. Our gratitude was given to the first aiders from St Johns Ambulance for attending.

BB Camp grace

Terry Pomfrey led the members in singing the BB camp grace together.

Greetings and Thanks:

Geoff expressed thanks to Peter Ford for officiating during our service, and to everyone for attending. Our thanks were given to Southwick Methodist Church for letting the association use its facilities for our reunion and also for our committee meetings throughout the year, with a special mention for Phil Webb for all the work he puts in at the church including preparing the screens and the order of service sheets. Ann Jukes, Pam Stringer and Sue Standen 10th Btn who paraded the Stedfast colours, and The Boys' Brigade members who paraded the Battalion colour were given thanks. Thanks, were also expressed to Carl Jukes for playing the organ, and to the buglers Paul Simmons and Paul Hotton. Thanks were given to our Chaplain, Rev Bryan Pickard for helping to prepare the order of service and to Pam Stringer, our photographer for the afternoon. Sue, Susan, Carol and Sarah who helped to lay out and serve the tea were also given our thanks. The Stedfast committee, were thanked for the part they played during the afternoon, and throughout the year.

Apologies: which were read by Alan Caperon
as follows: -

Mike Shorter 24th/25th and 1st Lancing
Simon Davies 22nd Brighton
Peter Davies 22nd Brighton
Ray and Angela Eaves 22nd/10th Brighton
Barry Piper 25th Brighton
Chris Hinton 4th/31st Brighton 2nd Burgess Hill
Brian Griffin 3rd/6th/16th/17th Brighton
Mike Ormrod 10th Brighton
Derek Rance 13th Brighton
Peter Elliot 10th Brighton
Pat Carpenter 22nd Brighton
Rev Bryan Pickard Stedfast Chaplain

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Adoption of the 2025 reunion AGM minutes and matters arising

Our chairman asked the meeting to vote upon the Adoption of 2025 Reunion AGM minutes which were unanimously approved.

Presentation of the 2025 accounts-Alan Caperon

The accounts for the year to 31 December 2025, were presented by Alan having previously been sent to members by email. There were no questions and the accounts will now be passed on to an Independent Examiner in order for them to be checked. Once they are checked and hopefully approved, they will be included in the next available Stedfast newsletter.

Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion: The Battalion President- Darrell Ward

Darrell started his talk by thanking the members for inviting him to take part in the reunion. He said he found Terry's talk, during the service very interesting. He mentioned that if the object of the Boys Brigade was written today it should include 'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom' but would also have 'making memories' added. He continued that everyone in the room had shared memories, of their time in The Boys' Brigade, in particular camps, both Battalion and BB Company, and the rivalry between companies, his own first camp being at Glynde 1983.

Darrell continued that the Battalion is all about the future and is good at making memories for its members. Currently the Battalion has 150 young people with the largest BB company having 68 members. He has visited all the BB companies and is pleased to report all of them are doing well. Each BB company has its own challenges, whether it be with the BB company itself or the churches but they are all being faced head on. Members of the Battalion have been undergoing lots of activities and training. Darrell gave apologies for the camp CO Isaac Conroy, who was unable to attend, but stated that planning for this year's Glynde camp is underway.

Last years camp was very successful, with 52 attendees and 20 junior section members attending the 'Junior Day'. They had been able to secure a grant which was used to replace some of the old equipment. The book that Terry Mitchell had mentioned in his address is still used at Glynde to record the names of members who give themselves to God. Recently a group of 23 seniors took part in a successful weekend of team building, making new friendships, memories and all with no phones! In Darrell's words "*They are the future, we need to invest in them*" They are looking forward to June 2026 when there will be a Battalion Day, with a service and awards, there are several members currently working towards King's and President's badges. The Battalion is doing ok!

Darrell finished with a plea, not for funds or time but for us to pray, for the young people to make friends and memories, for the Battalion and for the churches.

The Battalion are focusing on a bible verse this year, a card with this verse was given to all members as they left the reunion.

'A new command I give you: love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another' John 13 verse 34

Nomination and Election of the Officers and Committee members for 2026/27

The members elected the Officers and Committee members, as follows:

President- Peter Ford

Vice President / Chairman-Geoffrey Fitch

Hon Secretary / Hon Treasurer- Alan Caperon

Chaplain- Rev Bryan Pickard

Committee members appointed:

Terry Pomfrey (Newsletter Editor), Sue Standen (Minutes Secretary) and Dave Norman.

An appeal for new committee members was made, but there were no volunteers.

[Les Russell had recently retired from the Committee and we thank him for his long service and for arranging Founder's dinner events for many years.]

Oldest and youngest old Boy's present- Terry Pomfrey

Terry ran through the hand's up list, during which it was discovered we had an attendee Les Russell who holds the King's badge (awarded the King's badge when King George VI was King until 6 February 1952) and Ethan Skinner (awarded the King's badge now that King Charles III is King).

It was established that the longest serving member present was Alistair Sharp, who attended 4th Alexandria Life Boys, 1st Alexandria Company section and later joined 10th Brighton (Hove) Company. Ethan Skinner 2nd Burgess Hill company was the youngest member. They were presented with plaques to celebrate this.

Any other business

The date for the next reunion was announced as Sunday 14th March 2027.

There were 5 colours on parade, including the Stedfast and Battalion colours.

The church collection was counted and totalled £283.82; this will be donated to Southwick Methodist Church.

The tea table collection was counted and totalled £108.40; this will go towards the cost of the refreshments.

There were 70 attendees at the reunion, including guests, BB members and officers from the Battalion and Stedfast members.

The AGM concluded at 5.15pm.

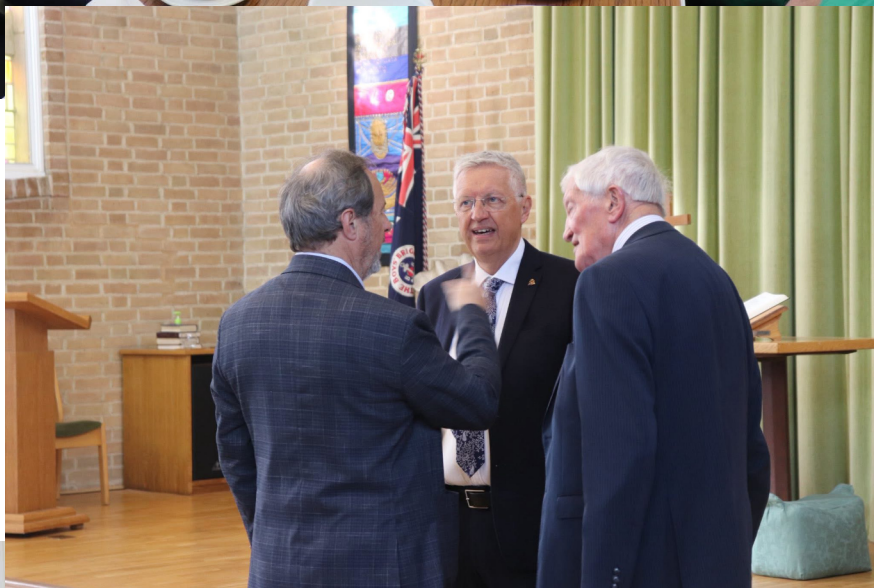
list of companies on parade at the Reunion spring 2026

Brighton Companies; 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 22nd, 26th, 29th, 30th, 31st also;
3rd Burgess Hill, 2nd & 4th Eastbourne, 1st Lancing, 1st Lindfield, 1st Southwick, 1st Telscombe Cliffs,
Worthing, London District, Midlands and Scotland.

Stedfastly, Geoff Fitch









Stedfast Prayer

Lord God,
We pray for our members who are in ill health that they are held in your care.

We pray for our members who have passed into higher service - also for their relations and friends who are mourning their passing.

We pray for the boys Girls and officers of the Boys' Brigade who are still promoting your kingdom among boys and girls.

We pray also for a world that is working for peace and understanding among all races and religions.

We ask these things in and through your son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Battalion Diary of events 2026

JUNE

Monday 1st Camp Council at 1st Crawley 7.30pm~

Saturday 6th Anchor's, Junior's, Company and Senior's Battalion Day?

Tuesday 16th Battalion AGM at BB HQ, 7:30pm

JULY

Wednesday 22nd Setting up Marquees at Glynde from 6pm

Thursday 23rd Seniors Advance Party at Glynde starts at 9am

Saturday 25th Company Section Glynde Camp starts at 10am

Saturday 25th Juniors Day Trip at Glynde 10am til 8pm

Friday 31st Glynde Camp Ends 6pm

AUGUST

Saturday 31st Battalion Financial Year Ends

Thursday 4th June. Eight Members of the 26th Brighton are being Confirmed by the Bishop of Lewes at St.Andrews Church (BB HQ). Service starts @ 7:30pm.

Battalion report to the Stedfast AGM 2026

2025 ended with Christmas parties for both The Company section and then the Anchors and Juniors. These events were fairly well attended, and my thanks goes to all the staff who made them possible.

The new year saw the Winter Olympics event for the Company section which again, Ben put a lot of work into organising. The boys took part in activities such as naming flags, the ski run and snowball tossing!

In February, 23 young people and staff stayed at Parkwood Camp for a new event, The Seniors Weekend. During the weekend, we shared in worship, night games, team building activities, quizzes and training for the President's Badge and King's Badge.

Our next big event is the Inflatable Swimming evening in Horsham. This is for Year 4s and above. In June we are hosting the first Battalion Day for many years. This event will be open to all age groups and promises to be great fun with sports, crafts and a camp fire planned.

Preparation for Glynde Camp is also well under way and individual companies are beginning their outdoor activities.

Please continue to pray for the Battalion, for the young people and all the staff.

Every blessing,
Darrell Ward



2026 Reunion will be held at Southwick Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon 14th March 2027. from 2pm

The next Newsletter will be Summer 2026

Please submit all contributions as soon as possible, before the end of July 2026.
(electronically or typed if possible)

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Welfare

Please let me know if you are aware of any of our members who are unwell or in need of Support. We will try and help (Contact Alan Caperon)

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:

Alan Caperon 72 Poulterers Lane Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7SZ
alan.caperon@hotmail.co.uk

To help with the association costs, we would suggest a donation of £10
Associate members now welcome
(cheque's payable to the Stedfast Association)



Membership Form for 2026

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