



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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Dear Stedfast Members,

I am sure that all the Old Boys who have visited Glynde Camp this summer will have had an unforgettable experience - and that the food was unforgettable as well! Let's hope that next year another opportunity to visit will be available and if you missed out this year you can make up for it then.

The new Camp Site may not be quite so neat and tidy as the old one but it is just as attractive and the views are spectacular. Above all we remember that this is "God's House in the Trees" and this is where great work for The Kingdom is done. Please pray that the dedication of all the staff will be reflected in the lives of all The Boys who attend. So much prayer and hard work goes into arranging a Camp like Glynde and in October the Camp Council will be meeting to reflect on Camp and prepare for the next.

When camp is over many members of staff will be going on their well deserved Family Holidays and then it will be back to the preparations for the New Session. Let us expectantly pray for an increase in Members, an increase in Companies and above all for an increase in the effective work of the Holy Spirit. Please offer to help if you feel you can be used - every Company will benefit from dedicated Spirit led help from an Old Boy and especially if that Old Boy is you! Please take any opportunity to further the B.B. in your Church and to encourage new Companies.

We are very grateful to Les Russell and his Team for arranging our Founder's Day Dinner on Saturday 4th October. Let's make sure that the attendance this year will be even greater than last year, see page 9 for details.

Our prayers and best wishes go to John Donoghue and all involved in The B.B. events on The Continent. The planning has been very considerable and it will be an amazing time for all who attend.

It is good to see the growing list of Beal V.C. Watch recipients being prepared by Paul Simmons. This is a wonderful Roll of Honour of Members of The Battalion and it is important that every Member who is entitled to be on the list is there.

With Stedfast Greetings to everyone.

Peter Ford Stedfast Association President



Editorial

There are many things that are benefits from membership of the Boys' Brigade not least of which is the comradeship forged in the days in the Company that last a lifetime, also from this stems the unexpected, when meeting an apparent stranger, conversation turns to many things and sometimes to the common interest of being a member of the BB this has happened to me, and I am sure to many of you and further friendships are built.

Our annual reunion gives us the added chance of furthering our contacts with fellow Old Boys from the Battalion and it is indeed a very enjoyable occasion and privilege to have this opportunity, long may it last. We should not forget either, those who have now passed from this world, some of course in the service of our Country.

We remember especially this year the recognition of the passing of 100 years since the commencement of the World War 1, a most bloody and bitter war, and on June 6th this year we remember the 70th anniversary of the D. Day Landings. Many BB men were lost in various conflicts throughout the world and it would be good if this year in particular we could have a very good turnout on Remembrance Sunday at Hove to remember and pay our respects to those men.

We still have some gaps in the list of Beal VC watch winners; Firstly, can someone please confirm that **Sgt P. Tucker 10th**, won the watch in **1972**. Also **1987**. We have a **D.A.Worth** listed but as yet, no rank or Company. Finally, We need to identify the winners for the following years.

1988. 1989. 1990. 1991. 1992. 1993. 1994. 1995. 1999. 2002. 2003. 2005. 2006.

(Our thanks to Paul Simmons who is researching this information)

I wish the best to the Officers helpers and Boys for Glynde Camp, and pray they have another memorable time.

I send my best wishes to you all and trust that you will enjoy whatever you have planned, to those of you not in such good health or have other difficulties I wish you well, and send God's Blessing to you all.

Dick

OLD BOYS' PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for The Boys' Brigade, the Boys that it taught and the men that it made.

Especially we think of our Battalion here in Brighton which over the years has brought many young men to know, love and follow you and continues to do so with your blessing.

Father we pray for those Old Boys who aren't as healthy as they would like to be, some in hospital, some who are unwell at home, some who can't get out and about as they used to.

Father we ask you to bless each and every one, as you know what their individual needs are, if it be your will, lay your healing hand on them, so that their health may be restored to them.

Father, we pray for those who have been called to higher service, you know each of them as you welcomed them into your everlasting kingdom. Father, we ask that your blessing be with the families who are mourning them, be with them and comfort them.

Father, bless us all as we strive to support the work of our Battalion here in Brighton.

Amen.

Ray Eaves

D. DAY COMMEMORATION 6th JUNE 2014

The Stedfast Association was invited to attend the 70th Anniversary commemoration of the D. Day landings on the 6th June 1944 at the War Memorial at the Old Steine. Happily we were able to attend along with many other representative organisations. The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex Mr Peter Field, The Mayor of Brighton and Hove (Councillor Brian Fitch) other Civic Dignitaries, Religious Representatives and Citizens of Brighton and Hove were also in attendance.

A wreath was laid to the memory of those from the Battalion involved with the D. Day landings. It was a very hot day and there was a good attendance. The Service was short but reflected the occasion. The last Post was followed by two minutes silence and after Reveille there were prayers and two Hymns before the wreath laying.

The Parade finished with the Mayor reciting the Kohima Epitaph;

**When You Go Home,
tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow,
we gave our today**

God's Blessing to you all
Dick Kent



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'As the Referee sees it'

Did you join The Boys' Brigade for the band or to play football? In the 1950s I was secretary of the Northampton Battalion football leagues comprising of eighteen Companies in two divisions. Most BB matches were refereed by an Officer who had a rudimentary grasp of the Laws of the Game of Association Football, and in some cases a heavy bias towards his own Company.



Because I was one of Charles Atlas' 'seven stone weaklings' I was useless at playing, so I took up refereeing. Perhaps the highlight of my career was to referee an international game. This was at the 75th BB Camp in 1958 – England v. Ireland. England lost!

I trained for the ministry at Richmond College in Surrey where I refereed games against other London Theological Colleges. Kings College canvassed players from their wider campus, so we usually lost by at least six goals. Once a year we played Heythrop, then a Jesuit University in Oxfordshire. Most of these Roman Catholic players were Irish who took their football very seriously. Needless to say the result was more like 18-nil.

By the time you read this, the FIFA World Cup in Brazil will have culminated in joy for a few or depression for the majority of fans of their national team. By definition, a fan has an obsessive enthusiasm for a pastime or hobby. The word fan is related to fanaticism that means 'extreme or dangerous religious, political or sporting opinion.'

In many cases, violence at football matches has nothing to do with the sporting event. The match is just the excuse and opportunity to express frustration or anger. At my local football ground there is a man with a small son who shouts all sorts of obscenities at the referee, most of the time demonstrating ignorance of the laws of the game. The referee becomes the scapegoat for the transfer of repressed anger.

To redress this unbalanced view of refereeing, I have been toying with the idea of writing a column for the match-day programme entitled '*As the Referee sees it.*' From the time I became a referee I started to watch football from the half-way line and still look at a match objectively, even if I rejoice when my team win. I have been tempted to preach in my referee's shirt with county badge and to referee in my clerical black shirt and dog collar so that the players could see a 'Referee.'

Charles Atlas advertised Lessons in Manliness and promised to turn weaknesses into strengths. When tempted to take up this seven-day miracle I was advised that once you stopped the 'dynamic tension' your muscles turned to fat. In contrast, we are thankful that The Boys' Brigade has shown us what true manliness is – Christian manliness – and that we have become 'strong in the strength that he supplies through his eternal Son.' We strive for something more than a world cup, as the BB hymn says, 'We will fight for laurels that will never fade.'

Despite the disappointing failure of Brighton and Hove Albion in the play-offs, may I wish you every pleasure in your leisure pursuits whether they are in sport or other areas. Remember, there are higher loyalties and greater prizes as we march for the Holy City. 'Forgetting the things that are past we run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize which, is God's call through Jesus Christ to the life above... We are citizens of heaven.' [Philippians 3:14,20]

Rev Dr John C. Neal

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT GLASGOW STEDFAST ASSOCIATION

2014 FEDERATION ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND MAY 2014

The programme for the weekend was based at the Lorne Hotel, Sauchiehall Street in the centre of Glasgow. The President of Glasgow Association welcomed us with a dinner followed by Kings Park Brass. A great start to a very full weekend.

On Saturday Morning after breakfast we assembled for a walking tour of the area where The Boys' Brigade all began in 1883. After a comfort break we had buses to take us to the Founders Grave where we had a Service of Remembrance (see page 7).

The Annual Council Meetings took place in the afternoon. Then in the evening the Gala Dinner (haggis included) was rounded off with live entertainment.

Our Chairman John Neil OBE introduced Jamie MacDougall a famous Tenor and Bill Simpson a very accomplished magician.

Sunday Morning Worship was at Kelvinbridge Parish Church home of the 1st Glasgow Company. I have included a photo of the Company Captain and some of his Senior Boys. Also the company Magazine. Our Editor Terry will choose items to feature in this edition and further editions of our Stedfast News.

The Bugles and Drums of the Stedfast Association paraded at the Eastbourne Carnival on 31st May. More photos and reports on page 13 and 14.

Also The Battalion Athletics on the 2nd June and the Swimming Gala on 7th June are reported on page 16 and 17.

Please if you would like to be involved with any of these events in the future let me know and you will be made very welcome.

All good wishes and every blessing,
John Donoghue, Chairman.



Profile - Derek Hinton

I was appointed President of The Brighton, Hove and District Battalion of The Boys' Brigade at the AGM in July 1995.

That is of course only part of a long journey which actually started in September 1947, when I joined the 4th Brighton (Hove) Company at The Baptist Church in Stoneham Road, age 11 years. I had spent four years in the 3rd Hove Cubs, having joined a year earlier than I was suppose to do, then moved up to the Scouts for just two weeks before deciding Scouts was not for me and made the best move I possibly could in joining The Boys' Brigade.

I went through the ranks, participating in everything the company had to offer. Always enjoyable were the football matches against the 10th; Draughts, Cricket and many other sporting activities against the other 30 Companies in our Battalion – bet that has brought back a few memories.

I was called up on 14th January 1955 to do my stint of National Service, and after a period of training, was posted to Kuala Lumpur.

Within weeks I joined the 1st Kuala Lumpur as a Lieutenant, with the blessing of my Commanding Officer who not only gave me as much time off to be involved in The Boys' Brigade, but also supplied me with a Jeep and driver whenever I required transport. I had many great times in the 1st Kuala Lumpur, and one special one when I was invited to represent The Boys' Brigade to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. I had spent the whole of 1956 in Malaya, and subsequently missed my one and only Glynde camp.



The 1st Kuala Lumpur today, was founded in 1954, just three years before Malaysia earned her independence from British rule.

On returning to the U.K. and discharged from the Army as a Corporal, I returned to Civvy Street on the 20th January 1957.

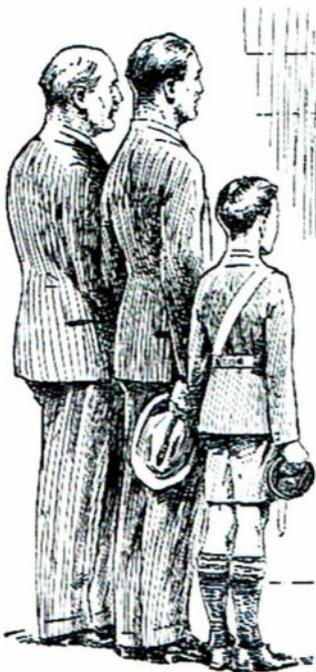
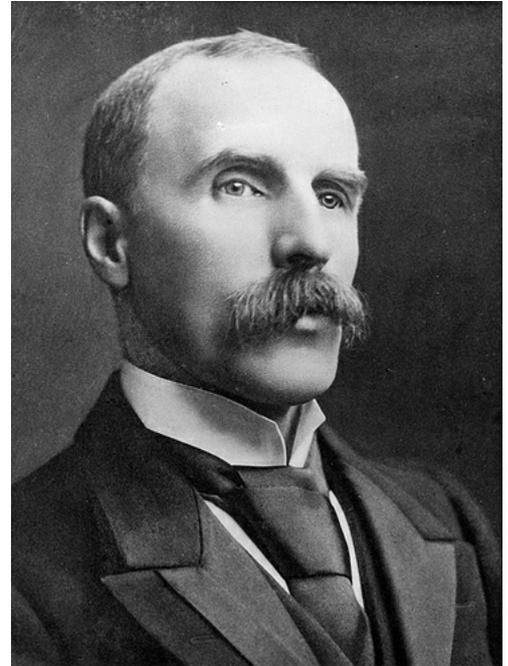
Derek Hinton *Battalion President*

CENTENARY OF SIR WILLIAM SMITH'S DEATH

While attending a Brigade Executive Meeting in London, on 8th May 1914, Sir William was taken ill and admitted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Two days later, without regaining consciousness, he died of a cerebral haemorrhage; that fateful date was Sunday, 10th May 1914.

Five days later, in London, a Service of Remembrance was held in St. Paul's Cathedral. The next day, in Glasgow, Sir William's Funeral Service was held in College and Kelvingrove U.F. Church. The following day, Sunday 17th May, a Memorial Service was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, the huge Grand Hall was packed with Officers and Boys sombre at their great loss.

Today, as we pay homage to Sir William Smith and his vision, launched in faith in 1883, it is impossible to quantify the immeasurable good, and the influence that has been imparted to countless Boys across the world through membership of The Boys' Brigade. With that thought in mind we turn our attention back half a century, to 1954, to share the thoughts of one person who knew the Founder well.



"As I look back over the long vista of the years since 1883, the outstanding personality of my long life is, without doubt, Sir William Smith.

As young Boys we respected him and regarded him with that awe which one generally associated in these days with one who held the Queen's commission. As the years of B.B. service rolled by however, the awe changed to respect, and the respect changed into love, for we recognised in this man a man to whom we could turn in trouble and not be disappointed, a man who was yet a "laddie" and could understand a "laddie's" faults and shortcomings. He was our sheet anchor at all times and was the very embodiment of the

" motto of the organisation he founded - SURE AND STEDFAST.

Now, on this special anniversary of his birth (in 1854) I would counsel all present members of our beloved organisation to take as their example in their work, his perseverance, his courage in the face of difficulty, his kindness in time of trouble and his love of his fellow man at all times. Let us remember all his hard work and all

his sacrifice, and let us determine each to do what we can to the uttermost to follow his example and, with God's help, we shall in our times light a beacon of faith, hope and love which will lighten our own land and countless lands across the sea."

James Thomson, Original Member, 1st Glasgow Company

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SECRETARY REPORT

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

I hope that you have now all visited the website but if not, please note the link as follows:-

www.brightonstedfast.org.uk and to contact us send your email to committee@brightonstedfast.org.uk

There was a hiccup with the first emailing of the Spring Newsletter but hopefully you have now received it second time. If not, we want to hear from you so it can be sent to you.

STEDFAST MATTERS

1. STEDFAST ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Membership is holding steady with subscriptions having been received from 120 members compared to 116 in 2013. Subs so far this year total £1,570 which is better than in 2013 and the committee would like to thank you for your generosity.

Did any of your friends serve in the ranks as boys or the person you know has since worked with The Boys' Brigade? Are you able to put these people in touch with us in our quest to find new active members who may wish to attend the Reunion and participate in the Stedfast Association. Perhaps you can also make enquiries at your church and ask the same question of the congregation which might identify someone that you have known through church but did not know that they too were involved with the BB and indeed you now have something in common with that person. Please let us know?

“Our Association needs new Members.”

2. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT THE STEDFAST ASSOCIATION?

Please support the Band at its engagements!

Please let us know what you think about the newsletter and let us have any articles/photos to include in future editions?

Are you able to join us on Saturday 4 October 2014 for the Founder's dinner? (See next page)

Are you able to parade on Remembrance Sunday on 9 November 2014?

Are you able to bring a BB friend with you to the Annual Reunion on 18 January 2015 which would increase our numbers?

Regards,

Alan Caperon *Secretary and Acting Treasurer*

**Founder's dinner
Saturday 4 October 2014**

MENU

Starters

Prawn cocktail

Homemade Soup of the day

King prawns in breadcrumbs served with sweet chili sauce

Liver pate served with warm toast

Main Course

Homemade steak pie

Chicken breast in white wine and mushroom sauce

Grilled Sirloin steak with pepper sauce (optional)

Lamb Kleftico Slow roasted lamb in herbs and wine

Grilled sea bass fillet with lemon and olive oil drizzle

All served with Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes

Desserts

Fruit Trifle

Apple pie with ice cream,

Toffee and pecan roulade,

Cheese and biscuits

Cost £17.50

To confirm you 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,
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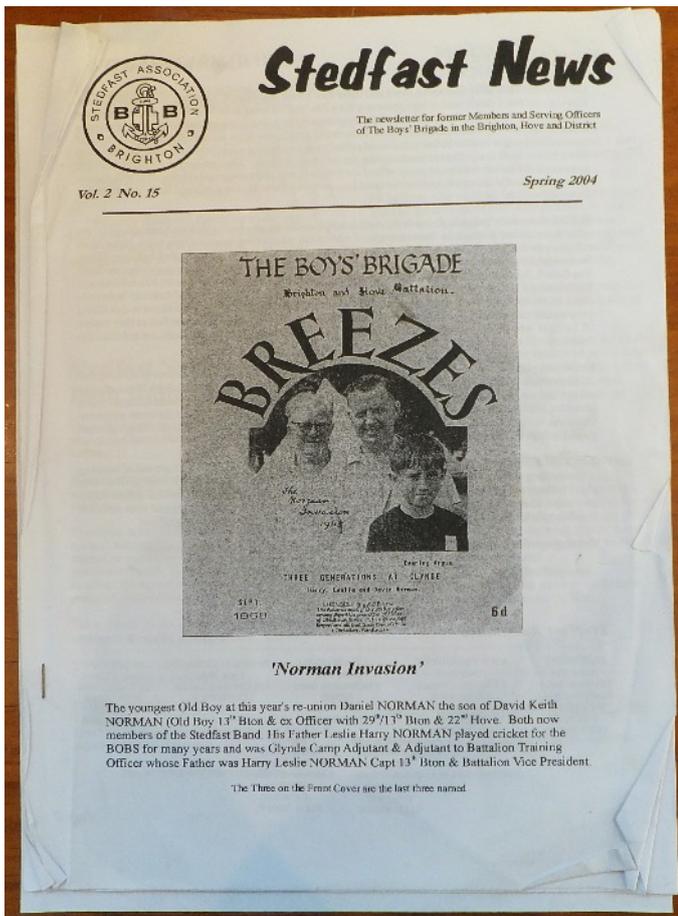
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Looking back



The cover of the spring edition of our newsletter dated Spring 2004, which in turn shows a cover from BREEZES dated September 1968. The caption and text reads;

'Norman Invasion'

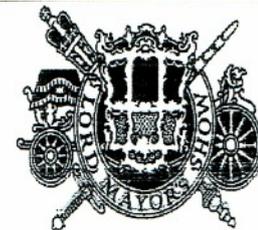
The youngest Old Boy at this year's re-union Daniel NORMAN the son of David Keith NORMAN (Old Boy 13th Brighton & ex Officer with 29th, 13th Brighton & 22nd Hove). Both now members of the Stedfast Band. His Father Leslie Harry NORMAN played cricket for the BOBS for many years and was Glynde Camp Adjutant & Adjutant to Battalion Training Officer whose Father was Harry Leslie NORMAN Capt 13th Brighton & Battalion Vice President.

The Three on the Front Cover are the last three named.

If you have something you think might interest us send it to us and we will ensure it is returned.



'CONGRATULATIONS' BUGLES & DRUMS OF THE STEDFAST ASSOCIATION (BADOTSA)



BADOTSA have been selected to make their third appearance in the annual City of London, Lord Mayor's Show Parade 2014; having previously participated in 2006 & 2009 (Not bad going especially as the origins of the band only go back to 2000).

These annual parades are nearly 800 years old and are watched by thousands of spectators on both the outward and return routes (parade route is 3.5 miles approx in total) and by millions at home, as the outward parade is transmitted live on BBC1 TV.

This years parade is being held on SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2014; so why not have a day out in London, go support the band in the parade and then perhaps head down to the River Thames (usually between Waterloo and Blackfriars' bridges) and watch the river firework display.

Approximate Times (subject to change): -

Outward Parade 10:45 - Return Parade 13:00 - Fireworks 17:00

In due course you will be able to find further information on the following web site: -

www.stedfastassociationbugleband.btck.co.uk

KING'S BADGE

An article in the Winter 2013 Edition of Stedfast News made reference to the Centenary of the inauguration of the King's Badge by King George V in 1913. It is probable that John Stenhouse and myself were the last boys in the Battalion to be awarded the King's Badge. We were both presented with the King's Badge by the Deputy Mayor of Hove at the Annual display of the 6th Brighton Company at Hove Town Hall in April 1951.

King George VI died in February 1952 and thereafter the award was renamed the Queen's Badge following Queen Elizabeth II ascension to the Throne.

At the display I also had the honour of becoming the first boy in the Battalion to be awarded the Athletes Badge. One of the guests at the Display was the Company Chaplain, Rev F Pratt- Green who later became renowned for his prolific hymn writing for which he was awarded the MBE. My eldest son Paul whose photograph appeared in the 2013 Summer Edition of Stedfast News also gained the Queen's Badge and my younger son Mark gained the President's Badge before we moved to Bexhill.

Colin J Currie. OBE



The King's Badge and the Athlete's Badge,

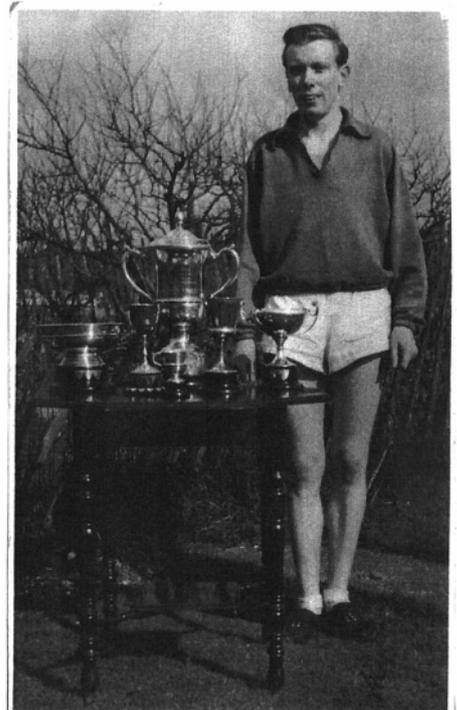


Colin at the 2014 reunion proudly displaying his King's Badge

An extract from a local newspaper of the time;

The King's Badge, the most coveted of all boys brigade badges was presented to two lance corporals of the 6th Brighton Boys Brigade at their annual display at the Hove Town Hall on Friday.

They were presented by the Deputy Mayoress of Hove (Mrs H.C. Andrews) to Lance Corporal John Stenhouse, who received it with the Squad Medal Bar, and to Lance Corporal Colin Currie, who received with it the company's Ambulance cup.



Currie was also presented with the Athlete's Badge, and had the honour of being the first boy in Brighton and Hove to earn it.

CORONATION DAY

On reading the Spring Edition (2014) of 'Stedfast News' a memory chord was struck, when I spotted that the next Newsletter will have an article regarding the Brighton celebrations on Coronation Day in 1953.

I was a young Lieutenant, an Officer of the 6th Brighton Company, privileged to take part in the 'Trooping of the Colour' performed on Marine Drive. The Silver Band of the Company played on that occasion.

I remember attending Battalion Rehearsals held in St. Luke's Terrace School Playground, under the instruction of Gordon Gilroy, who I think was responsible for the idea and concept.

On the day we were fully conversant as to what we were expected to do, the boys' were well disciplined, splendidly turned out in their uniforms, and they proudly proceeded to their respective positions ready to begin. The crowds who flocked to witness this magnificent, unique event, were enormous, filling the Marine Parade, middle walk way and Marine Drive viewing points along the way: witnesses thoroughly appreciated the occasion; a definite feather in the Cap for The Boys' Brigade, and the Brighton and Hove Battalion.

If my memory serves me correctly, also taking part on that occasion were the 3rd Crawley Company Drum and Fife Band, who added to the pageantry.

Sixty years or more ago, becomes a distant memory, and I am grateful that you rekindled for me the memory of that occasion.

John Lawrence



6th BRIGHTON COMPANY SILVER BAND 1953



Brighton Stedfast Band

Oh what a lovely Day!

Saturday 31st May turned into a scorcher. So the 29 member strong band played in shirt sleeve order at the annual Eastbourne carnival. Band members from as far-a-field as Newport, Ipswich, Malvern, Reading, Cheshire and London joined the Sussex group.

The going was tough as the route was about 3 miles long, so it was just as well we were suitably fed and watered with a barbecue in the garden of the "*New Felden Hotel*" also known as John Donoghue's residence. I call it a hotel, as John was in his element as he provided overnight accommodation for some of our band members who had travelled from far a field.

A short memorial service was held for Graham Batho (Duracell), a stalwart member of the Band and a poem in his memory written by David Norman was read out see page 14 .

The entire band assembled for lunch at John's prior to the carnival. Lunch consisted of a superbly cooked piece of pork and crackling courtesy of our C/o Paul Hern. The Tent and the rest of the food was expertly provided by some of John's neighbours. The band and supporters were then transported by Coach to the start free of charge by Lynn's Travels of Eastbourne. They also provided transport for our return journey, so many thanks to them for a most comfortable two way journey.

The band consisted of 29 players with ratio of 1 drummer to 3 buglers and my wife, Carol on the Bell lyre. The band was very well received by the spectators which helped us to sound good.



On returning to John's house very welcome cups of tea and more food were offered. It was very pleasant to sit and exchange anecdotes of this and other band events.

Many thanks to John and his "team" for their hospitality. Finally, a big thanks to John for making us all welcome at his home and big thanks to all our friends for travelling, in some cases, several hundred miles to support the Stedfast movement. So a good day was had by all.

Paul Simmons





The BADOTSA

or Bugle & Drums of the Stedfast Association,

At Felden rehearsing for their trip to Flanders at the end of August.

Graham Batho

You don't meet a Duracell every day,
Especially one whose ever ready to play;
Leading with steady rhythm on his drum,
Stedfast and Sure, a bandsman's chum;
A real master with the snare,
Ever ready with knowledge to share.

BADOTSA will miss him from their battery of sound,
His spirit remains in our memories,
though on higher ground;
Perhaps the angels with their massed melodic harp,
Needed his skill to keep their timing sharp;
Many of his calibre sadly passed from the life we know,
Their spirits march with us, their band continues to grow.

Sure and Stedfast in every possible way,
We will remember him whenever we play;
Though he has passed from us his memory stays,
Wherever we meet, all in our different ways:
Though no longer in sight, hidden in memories shade;
His proud bearing and quiet humour will never fade.

His straightness of delivery with whimsical stories,
Will fondly be remembered along with his other glories;
Those stories whether true or untrue, delivered without give-away face;
Every member of the band will in their hearts keep for him a place:
For a musician colleague and friend, who always knew the score;
Now at peace, well-earned rest is beating a rhythm on heaven's door.

David Norman



IN MEMORIAM

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

Harry Martin Ex 9th ... Died April 2014

Graham Batho Ex 51st London

He was a member of the National Stedfast Band and a regular of supporter of the "Brighton section".(See page14)

Ken Brown Ex 5th Brighton aged 92

Keith Austen Ex 30th ... Died 11th May 2014

Barry Griffin Ex 16th ... Died 17th May 2014(See Below)

Roger Simmons Ex 26th Moulsecoomb ... Died 30 June 2014
(See Below)

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

Apology; *Colin Noble.. Was Ex 25th not the 5th as stated in our spring newsletter*

Barry Michael Griffin.

Member of the 16th Brighton at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church from 1956 to 1962, holder of the Queen's badge.

Barry was a long standing member of the Old Boys Committee and later the Stedfast Association until he had to give up four years ago through ill health.

Roger Simmons

1949- 2014

Roger was one of the founder members of the 26th Brighton Company in January 1961 at St Andrew Parish Church Moulsecoomb Brighton under the new Captain Bob Campbell.

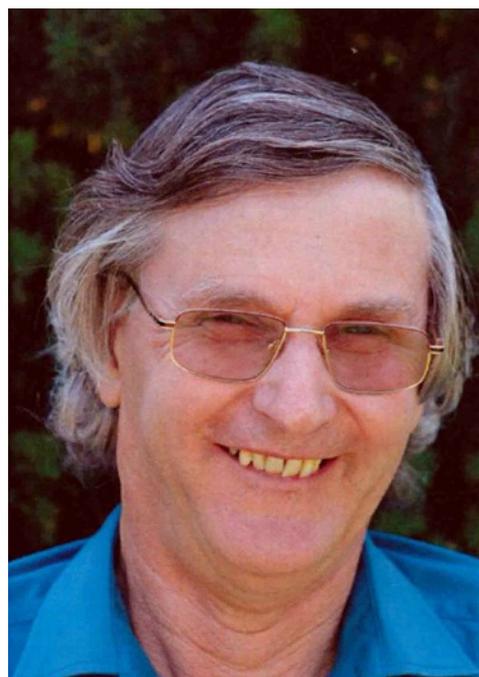
He served in all ranks in the company section, through the senior section and eventually becoming the company Captain for a number of years.

During his service he gained the Queen's badge and was also awarded the prestigious Brighton Battalion Ernest Beal VC Watch in 1967. Roger maintained his connection with St Andrew's Church and was appointed as one of its church wardens, he was also elected to be a vice president of the Brighton Battalion.

During the early years he become the instigator and organiser of the annual June Jaunt which he developed from his own experience gained on the Cleveland Walk in Yorkshire years before.

Through his knowledge and empathy with young people he become the Brighton City Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme co ordinator with many recipients of the gold award presented at Buckingham Palace.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him .



Battalion Events



1st Lindfield, Annual Awards Evening.

Two of 1st Lindfield's Sergeants, Wesley Heyward, right and Tom Hewitt, left, were presented with the Queens Badge.

Wesley was also the winner of this year's Ernest Beal VC watch. Hayden Alexander, centre, was awarded the Roberts Trophy for the best uniform.

All awards were presented by Rev. Adam Pymble, from the local Parish Church



Brighton, Hove and District Battalion Swimming Gala.

Was held at Steyning Leisure Centre on Saturday 7th June 2014.

The overall winners were the 2nd. Burgess Hill Company

10th Brighton Hove Company Awards Evening

There was a warm friendly atmosphere in the Ventnor Hall on Monday 12th May, the BB Awards Evening as Boys, Staff, parents, family and supporters gathered to learn of and celebrate the achievements of the members of the company throughout the year.

The following short reports were given for each section and each boy received the badges and certificates they had gained.

ANCHOR SECTION

This year of our Old Time Music Hall the Anchors made quite an impression, with their ears hanging low and their bookshop spooks! The boys have still been able to fit in making Christmas cards, Mother's day cards, Easter cards and various other crafts.

Every year we normally like to present the **Dilys Croucher Memorial Cup** to the Anchor Boy who, in our opinion has put in the most effort in all activities and has developed well over the year.

This year we are presenting it to Alister Russell.

Pam Stringer

JUNIORS

All the boys have done well this year and worked hard for their badges. They all took part in the Old time Music Hall, performing a poem about not doing homework and singing "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

Best Boy: Amen Zerabruk

Carl Jukes

COMPANY SECTION

We have had a very strong Company Section this year with a regular number of 13 boys attending most weeks.

Our programme has been varied, including: circuit training, Bible study, water conservation, lots of fun and games and, of course, drill. The boys have also tested their skill at cooking pancakes and even doing the washing up afterwards.

A large part of the session was set aside for rehearsals for the Old Time Music Hall and the boys did a brilliant job. I speak for all the Staff when I say we are extremely proud of their efforts and hard work.

We took part in the Badminton Competition, Swimming and Athletics competition.

Promotions: Lance Corporals Harry Varlow, Myles Foley and Peter Cook - each to the rank of Corporal.

A NEW AWARD!

We decided this year to present an award in memory of the late, great Andy Stringer, who was the creator of our Old Time Music Hall and whose idea it was to show off the talents of all the boys in the company.

It can be won by any Company Section boy or any member of Staff who has given over and above towards the show.

This year was awarded to my brother, John Brewster.

Mark Brewster



The Boys of the 10th Brighton Hove Company, who were this years winners of the Battalion Athletics Shield

Reunion and Annual General Meeting

Our Next Reunion
 SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2015
 at Southwick Methodist Church.
 Service starts 2.30pm
 Band playing from 2.00pm



We hope to see as many of you as possible for our Annual Get Together. We welcome serving Senior Boys and Company Captains.

They will be very welcome and we look forward to seeing them.

We would welcome your suggestions for the Hymns you would like sung at the Reunion Service.

At the AGM we will be electing our officers,
 Any names to me, Dick Kent, (e-mail; RKent09@aol.com)
 You will need to obtain their permission first.

If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact any current committee member. A further update will appear in the Autumn edition of the Newsletter.

Remembrance Day Parade Sunday 9th November 2014

HOVE TOWN HALL
 Meet at 2.00 pm.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE ON PARADE.

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 membership secretary:
**Ken Towner, 14, Prince William Close, Findon Valley, Worthing,
 West Sussex. BN14 0AZ.**

*To help with the association costs, we would suggest a donation of £10
 . (cheques payable to the Stedfast Association)*