



Summer 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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Dear Stedfast Members,

You will have gathered after reading this newsletter that The Association is actively looking to achieve more in the future and that to do this will mean more work by The Members and The Committee.

Please respond to these urgent requests for help and ensure that Stedfast not only continues but thrives.

The present very dry weather reminds us of Glynde Camp, a wonderful time in God's House in the Trees. This was a fine week of great fellowship.

Have you put The Founder's Day Dinner in your diary? If not you should and will be able to look forward to an evening of true B.B. Friendship and a superb meal.

Are you looking forward to The 2019 Reunion? No one has worked harder than Alan Caperon to ensure that a smooth running time is enjoyed by all. It is now right to share the work of carrying out the arrangements. This is a wonderful opportunity to offer to work together for the good of Stedfast and above all for The Kingdom. Please make contact with any Committee Member and see what your talents can be used for.

A young lad had five loaves and two fishes and these were used to feed 5000 very hungry people. Whatever your abilities, if given with Faith and generosity, they can be used to bring spiritual food not only to Members of The Association but to Members of The Battalion and to those who will join in the future.

They all need YOU - will YOU be found wanting or wanting to help?.

With Stedfast Greetings to all
Peter Ford Stedfast Association President



EDITORIAL

What a Summer! I do hope that you enjoyed the weather, although for some it proved a little difficult, now we have an interlude which is a welcome relief, stand by for more later.

I am sure that many of you, including myself, remembered the summer of 1976, young enough to make full use of the long summer days perhaps on the beach, playing cricket, or just sun bathing? Does anyone remember if Glynde Camp that year was a scorcher, I did not attend that year. Let me know.

The year, as always, seems to be flying by and I do hope that many of you are able to enjoy this unusual summer for those who have found the weather is not as enjoyable as you would like I trust you now feel better.

The committee are as usual making plans for forthcoming events, firstly the Founders day Supper, then the very important Annual Reunion, looking forward to seeing you all again at that event. We have the Remembrance Sunday also to attend, the Band primarily, details of arrangements at Hove are awaited.

As usual the committee would like to hear from anyone who is interested in serving on the committee, new blood always needed, as you have heard too often from me, please give it serious thought. As you know we have lost two or three from the committee this year and bodies are needed.

I send you every good wish for the remainder of the year and may you keep in good health, to those who unfortunately are not in the best of health I will remember you in my prayers, do not forget to let me know if there is any help we can give. Telephone 01273 492655.

God's Blessing to you all.

Dick Kent

OLD BOYS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Boys' Brigade, Especially we think of our Battalion here in Brighton which over the years has brought so many young men to know, love and follow you and continue to do so with your blessing.

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

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

Father bless our Stedfast Association and all its members, bless our Committee as we strive to do our best to support the work of our Battalion here in Brighton and the surrounding district.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Brighton & Hove WW1 Heritage Bus

The First World War heritage bus is a joint venture between Brighton & Hove Buses and Brighton & Hove City Council and aims to raise awareness of the impact and significance of the First World War on the city and its residents during 1914-1918.

The selection of images chosen represent a small view into life of the city during the war, and it is hoped that this will awaken an interest in attaining further knowledge and inspire you to do your own research be it personal, local, national or global, or visit one of the many events or exhibitions taking place.

Over the centenary years the heritage bus will be seen travelling across the city on many of the normal public routes.



Museum Exhibitions

Many museums around Sussex are commemorating this special time with exhibitions and trails, giving you and the family the opportunity to learn about the Great War.

Edmund Blunden Exhibition - '[A Harmless Young Shepherd in a Soldier's Coat](#)' takes place at the Redoubt Fortress celebrating the life and work of WW1 poet Edmund Blunden in a fascinating exhibition (open every day until 16 Nov).

Bexhill Museum has a World War One Heritage Lottery funded exhibition running until 7 December, named '[Bexhill Remembers](#)', along with a new accessible digital archive.

A chance to explore Bexhill's contribution to the Great War and discover what life was like within the resort during the war. With hands-on resources for families, children's interpretation, costumes, military artefacts there is plenty to discover.

Littlehampton Museum takes a personal look at those men from the town who fought for their country during the Great War in an exhibition '[Small Town, Great War](#)' (27 Sept-11 Nov).

Brighton Museum and Art Gallery also take a personal approach with wartime experiences from 13 individuals showcased in an exhibition named '[War Stories](#)' with personal letters, diaries, art and film memorabilia.

Chaplains Page... 'Crossing Divides!'

CROSSING DIVIDES



With a haversack and belt the BB made boys from different backgrounds uniform. The divides of status, social class, education and politics were crossed, and not least, the divide between unbelief and faith. Companies were microcosms of Christ's Kingdom where "you are all one in union with Christ Jesus..." (Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:11)

Boys' Brigade summer camps, including those at Glynde, cross the divides between different church denominations. I attended Northampton Battalion camps with Methodists, Congregationalists and Baptists. Chaplains of the various Companies took turns at camp and there was real fellowship in the Officers' late night brews. The aims and objectives of the **BB** transcended doctrinal differences.

The Boys' Brigade President is the Lord Griffiths of Burry Port. Although never serving as a boy in the Brigade the Rev Leslie Griffiths has served as Chaplain to **BB** Companies in a number of churches attending camp. His most recent Chaplaincy was to the 5th London Company.



I was at his valedictory service in 1970 when he was commissioned for missionary work in Haiti where there was Brigade work. Personally, I was returning to the CariBBean after being Chaplain to Companies in St Kitts and St Eustatius.

The Rev Leslie Griffiths recently visited Eastbourne where he is a Patron of the new ecumenical partnership between two Methodist and two United Reform churches. A single congregation has been formed as Emmanuel Church. New premises will be constructed, illustrated by this architect's impression.



Most people in Eastbourne have been members of various churches in the places where they were born or worked and can adapt more easily to new situations. But for those who have a life-time affiliation to any of the four amalgamated congregations, some for more than ninety years, being uprooted from the home of their spiritual nurture is extremely traumatic. There is a major challenge to cross divides, to establish new relationships, and create unity and fellowship.

May we in the Boys' Brigade continue to cross the divides between youth and age, the church and the community, and faith and unbelief.

Rev Dr John C. Neal

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our Reunion for this year may be a past memory of a great afternoon and time together reminiscing over old times in the BB. Plans are underway for our Reunion 2019, please put the date Sunday 20th January 2019 in your diary and make sure that you don't miss it.

Our thoughts have turned to summer and with the sun out and rising temperatures we have been getting out doors in the garden, holidays away and days out.

Our Battalion has held its annual camp at Glynde, which is always a great time of fun, friendship and fellowship together and the sun continued to shine for them. I am sure that many of us have happy memories of great times at Battalion Camps in the past.

Whatever you are doing this summer, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you to the Reunion in 2019.

If you would like to join us and make sure that the Stedfast Association continues then please contact myself: ray.eaves@hotmail.co.uk or a member of the Committee. Thank you.

May I wish you a very happy, healthy and enjoyable summer.

Ray Eaves *Committee Chairman.*

Worthing Carnival Monday 27th August 2018

On bank holiday Monday 27th August the BADOTSA national band of the Stedfast Association will be leading one of the South's most popular carnivals organised by Worthing Rotary Club.

Members of the Brighton area Stedfast Association are currently involved with the local organization of the band as members of the BADOTSA band will be coming to support our local carnival, many travelling from long distances to be with us. We are hoping that there will be in the region of 30 in the band, so we are looking to members of our local association to come along on the day with their families to share in the carnival atmosphere, the organisers have informed us that they are expecting in the region of 24 floats and walking groups.

The main parade will form up at the west end of Worthing seafront near Heene Road at 12-00 and move off at 12-30 with the Stedfast Band at the front leading the whole parade.

The parade is expected to last about 1 hour and finish at Steyne gardens to the east of the pier.

Following the parade the band will then perform on the main stage at the south end of the gardens at 2-00 for about 20 minutes.

We are hoping for a good day with proper bank holiday weather, so please make a note of the event and support the BADOTSA band for one of their main events.

Ken Towner



Brighton Hove & District Branch

of Former Members, Serving Officers, Friends and Supporters of The Boys' Brigade

President:
His Grace The Earl of
Elgin & Kincardine

Peter Ford-President

Local President: Dear Members

WE URGENTLY NEED A SECRETARY AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

QUESTION-HOW LONG CAN OUR ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO ARRANGE AND PROVIDE:-

- The Annual Stedfast Reunion on the third Sunday in January
- The Stedfast Newsletter being distributed in Spring, Summer and Winter
- The Founder's Day dinner being held on 4 October
- The website

We all thoroughly enjoy our Annual Reunion on the third Sunday in January where we have exceeded 100 attendees for many years at Southwick Methodist Church. Our members and friends share our memories of The Boys' Brigade at the Reunion, by reading our Newsletters during the year and by meeting to remember Sir William Alexander Smith at our Founder's Dinner.

Please note the "**urgent messages**" of our **President Peter Ford and Chairman Ray Eaves:-**

Peter Ford- "Dear Members,

***For many years our Secretary has been doing the work of three Committee Members!
For health and other reasons this MUST stop.
Please offer your support for the work of The Association by volunteering to assist.
This will not involve attendance at more than three Committee Meetings a year and the work can be very enjoyable and worthwhile.***

Please contact Alan, Ray or myself for more details.

Peter Ford- President."

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Ray Eaves- "Dear Members,

We need new members to join us on the Stedfast Committee, we are also looking for a new Secretary for 2019. If the Stedfast Association is to continue, PLEASE give very careful thought and prayer to joining us on the Committee in 2019. We only meet three times a year, but the meetings are very important to the arranging of Reunions and the running of the Stedfast Association in and around Brighton, Hove and District. PLEASE contact myself Ray Eaves; ray.eaves@hotmail.co.uk or Alan Caperon or Peter Ford. "

Thank you,

Ray Eaves- Stedfast Committee Chairman.

With your help Stedfast will be able to continue indefinitely! Please help in any way you can.

Alan Caperon

Secretary and Treasurer

Email alan.caperon@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone-01903 692481

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU



FOUNDERS DINNER MENU

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day and Roll

Prawn Cocktail

Liver Pate served with warm toast

King prawns in breadcrumbs served with sweet chilli sauce

Main Course

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 & olive oil drizzle

All main courses are served with Fresh Vegetables and potatoes

Desserts

Fruit Salad

Apple Pie and Ice cream

Toffee and Pecan Roulade

Cheese & Biscuits

Tea or coffee with mints



The founders dinner 4th October 7.30

To confirm your place at the dinner contact Les Russell on e-mail at;lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk or by text; 078833531069, or by phone; Mobile No. 07833531069, or post; Preston Bowls Club, 189 Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6SA.



TREASURER REPORT

I have shown below a Stedfast Association income and expenditure budget for 2018

Stedfast Budget for 2018 (comparison with the certified accounts to 31 December 2017)

	2018 £	2017 £
Income		
Number of Paid Up Members	125	126
Subscriptions to date	1626	1622
Reunion collections	428	441
Donations	251	155
Total income	2305	2218
Expenditure		
BB-Glynde donation	-400	-300
BB-Donations in memory of Colin Currie OBE	-70	
BB-KG VI officer training	-75	
BB-Boys' trip to Uganda 18 Aug	-150	
Southwick Church donation	-500	-500
Federation subscription	-40	-40
Preston Bowls Club Donation re Founders Dinner	-20	-20
Band - Worthing carnival 27 Aug	-100	-60
Website costs (estimated)	-80	-86
Remembrance wreaths (estimated)	-60	-56
Newsletter costs (estimated)	-400	-417
Insurance	-69	-64
Reunion costs	-383	-406
Sundries	0	-18
Total expenses	-2347	-1967
Estimated Deficit (2017 surplus)	-42	251
Bank balance B/F	1897	1646
Bank balance C/F estimated	1855	1897

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Membership

The Committee would like to thank the 125 members who have paid their subs so far which is in line with 2017. This has meant that we were able to make the following donations on your behalf:-

- Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion
 - for Glynde Camp
 - KGVI officer training
 - BB trip to Uganda
- A donation to the Southwick Methodist Church
- A donation to the band for their Worthing Carnival expenses on 27 August.

All monies received this year have therefore been utilised for Stedfast donations, events and running costs. We expect a small deficit subject to any more subs/donations that are received during the rest of the year.

Yours Stedfastly

Alan Caperon, Treasurer

Reunion Photos:

Here are pictures of the colour party 10th B'ton (Hove) and this years oldest and youngest old boy's.
Oldest; Jim Attwater (3rd E'bourne, 13th and 15th B'ton Cos. Awarded the Gold medal)
Youngest; Sgt Jack Sherlock (3rd B'hill. Awarded the silver medal)



SECRETARY'S SUMMER REPORT

You may not have realised that in addition to my roles as Treasurer and as Secretary, I felt that I had no alternative but to take on the responsibility of membership matters over the last 2 years when our Membership Secretary was unable to undertake that role. I also had a health scare in the last year which has taken its toll. I have had to juggle Stedfast duties and fit these in when I can since I am employed full time and have the usual family and church commitments.

I am very pleased and thankful that Ann Austen on our Stedfast Committee has agreed to assist in the responsibilities of membership matters and thus has been co-opted into the Membership Secretary role by your committee until our reunion and AGM in January 2019.

You will have heard about GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). You will be aware that the details we hold from you are retained on our confidential database. The database is accessed only by the committee that you elect at the AGM each year. We use this information to be able to advise you of Stedfast matters and for example to be able to make contact with you to send you the newsletter and to invite you to the reunion and Founder's dinner, it is not used for non Stedfast purposes.

Whilst we hope that you will wish to remain as a member or associate member of our association, your details will be removed from our database on request if you contact any members of the committee should you decide you wish to opt out of receiving future communications by post and email.

I hope you enjoy reading the Summer newsletter and you will also receive the Winter newsletter later this year with your invitation to the 2019 annual reunion. The Winter newsletter will as usual ask you to renew your membership and to complete the 2019 membership form. You will therefore have another opportunity to tell us under GDPR the data you wish us to retain for your continued membership of Stedfast in the future.

Yours Stedfastly Alan Caperon, Secretary

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute

On Sunday 11th November 2018, the United Kingdom and its friends over seas will mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

There are a number of opportunities to get involved, this is a chance for our members to take part and pay personal and community tributes to those millions that gave their lives for their country or returned home wounded during or after the dreadful darkness of more than four years of War 28/7/14 to 11/11/18.

Full details of how your BB Company can take part in this unique historical and important commemoration can be found in the battle's over guide which is available to download at;
brunopeek.cu.uk/Battles-over-Guide.pdf.

The Boys' Brigade along with young people from the Air Training Corps, Army Cadet Force, Sea Cadet Force, and the Light Infantry Buglers Association are being asked to play the Last Post at more than a thousand locations across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. Specifically, The Boys' Brigade is being asked to play at local Churches -at 6 55pm on Sunday 11th November followed by the ringing of the Church bells at 7.05pm (where your Church has bells and you can coordinate this with your Church).

The organisers are looking to publish a list of the locations at which the Buglers will play the last post (and ring the Church Bells).

Please email brunopeekr@mac.com with your Company Name, Church Name, Church Address and telephone number indicating if you will be taking part in playing the last post or ringing the Church bells.

We hope to encourage as many Companies as possible to participate.



Band report

Things are still ticking over, although we are low in number, we still strive to rise to the challenge.

There have been a number of national practices, which I have not been able to attend. There have been two events that our band took part in, both in the London area, the Girls' Brigade Parade in Kingston (10th June) and The Bexley Civic Parade (24th June).

We also have The Worthing Carnival (27th August), which we are all looking forward to.

As we are short in number, we desperately need new members, as we are now struggling. Sadly, without new members the Band may cease to exist, and that would be the end of our former President, Derek Ford's dream. This also seems to be the situation with our friends in London as we are all getting older and frailer. You don't need to be a musician, all you need is to be keen, as we will guide you in all you need to know, so if you are interested or can help in any way, why not come along on the first Friday of the month to Southwick Methodist Church (7 to 9 pm) and have a go.

Best wishes to all.

Paul Simmons.

Below the BADOTSA band forming up before the 2017 Lord Mayor's Show



HRH The Prince of Wales at 70

As part of the celebrations to mark HRH The Prince of Wales 70th Birthday, BB members from across the country attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to recognise and celebrate the work of his Patronage Charities. The BB members attending were part of a group of 100 young people representing the [Youth United Foundation](#), a charity which HRH is Patron.



As well as being attended by HRH The Prince of Wales, other members of the Royal Family were also present including TRH The Duke & Duchess of Sussex, on their first official engagement since their marriage in June.



This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for our young people, one that they will remember for many years to come.

With best wishes to HRH The Prince of Wales as he celebrates his 70th Birthday later this year.

Battalion and Stedfast Events

August 2018

27 Worthing Carnival
31 Mon Battalion Financial Year End

October 2018

4 Thurs Stedfast Founder's Day Dinner

November 2018

11 Sun Remembrance parade

Junior 100

It's been fantastic to see so much going on throughout what has been a great year of celebration. We hope that your Company managed to get involved in the celebrations in one way or another whether it was through the Juniors 100 Challenge, holding a BIG 100 birthday party or taking part in a special Juniors 100 event at a Company, Battalion, District or Regional level. We've heard stories of how the Juniors 100 Challenge has been a great addition to the weekly programme and we know it has certainly encouraged Companies to try something new.

Congratulations go to members of 133rd London Company who were the first section to complete the Juniors 100 Challenge. The boys and girls took on the Juniors 100 Challenge and completed all 100 challenges by the middle of November 2017.

As part of the challenge they completed challenges including 'taking part in a world record attempt', 'learning first aid skills', 'Raising £100 for a local charity' and 'Trying out a new sport'. For several challenges the company partnered up with 2nd Haringey Company.

If your section was not able to complete the Juniors 100 Challenge in 2017 why not continue with the challenges throughout 2018 details can be found at;
leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100

Ernest Beal V.C. Award

The Ernest Beal V.C. Award is awarded to a young person within the Brighton & Hove & District Battalion who shows great commitment to their Company, Church, Battalion and own personal growth. Each Year a young person is nominated by their company captain then they have to sit in front of an interview panel.

After all candidates have been interviewed the panel have the hard task of choosing the best candidate who would live up to Ernest's legacy.

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.

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 Autumn 2018

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

