

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.

Summer 2025

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; Rev Bryan Pickard

Treasurer; Alan Caperon

Secretary; Alan Caperon

Membership Secretary; Vacant

Committee;

Les Russell, Sue Standen,
Dave Norman,

Newsletter Editor, Terry Pomfrey



Dear readers in this edition of the Stedfast newsletter you will find lots of photos from our reunion.

As you can see from the above photo the AGM was catered for amply by our treasurer Alan Caperon. Please put **Sunday 22 March 2026**, the date of our next reunion in your diary.

Dear Stedfast members,

I really hope that you have been enjoying and surrounding yourself with the exotic weather that we have been experiencing. After the rain, the sun, seems to sum it up very well. Strangely some people are never content, either it is too wet or too dry or too hot or too cold! Some are never happy and will complain about the sun and feeling the warmth, they will complain about the sun spot! Let us give thanks for everything.



It was a great joy and privilege to visit Glynde Camp again this year. Once again I was present for the final of the inter tent five-a-side football competition, as well as watching both the semi final matches. It was played with exemplary Spirit between the 2nd Burgess Hill and the 3rd Eastbourne Companies, both teams being from the Cowboys Camp Company. Eventually Burgess Hill won a very exciting match. Nowadays the Camp Staff are younger in age but just as dedicated as those of the past. More former Glynde campers are receiving invitations to visit and to enjoy a Glynde meal. It was an especial pleasure to meet up with John Donoghue and he was obviously in his element.

With 116 Annual Camps under its belt it is perhaps surprising that there is no dedicated collection of Camp photographs and memorabilia for The Camp. I am hoping that this will soon change and that Stedfast Members will be able to donate items to the collection.

Please support our Founder's Day Dinner on the fourth of October. This is always a happy and friendly evening and very much worthy of your support.

At The Battalion Annual General Meeting Lynn Burtenshaw retired as Battalion President and Darrell Ward was elected as the new Battalion President. Our thanks are due to Lynn for her work at a very difficult time and very best wishes to Darrell in all that he will seek to achieve for The Battalion.

With good wishes to all.

Peter Ford, Brighton, Hove and District Stedfast Association President

EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

Is it that the summers of our childhood were really all sunny days from May to September, or have we just erased the wet and stormy ones?

The endless sunshine and at the time of writing at least three heat waves of this summer are not of our imagining but I am afraid it has the sinister fingerprint of global warming.

Our ability to miss remember things and events in our past underlines the need for us to continue to mark and commemorate the horror of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, which lead to Japan's surrender and the end of the war.

I am all too aware that in writing this I am remembering these events as someone who was not born at the time and I have the filter of the intervening 80 years.

Today there are many lessons that we ignore at our peril, we must do all we can to avoid this sort of conflict happening again. The work of the Boys Brigade will, with the grace of God help to further this aim.

Stedfastly Yours Terry

Derek Hinton

The family would like to express their grateful thanks to all our BB family for their kind messages following Derek's passing.

A great many attended the funeral service at Burgess Hill Methodist Church, with some apologies received from those who were not able to join the occasion.

Dad did have a few passions in his life, but was focused on Brighton & Hove Albion and, significantly from a very young age, The Boys' Brigade. The service reflected his belief, with the tradition of hymns such as "Will your anchor hold" and "He will hold me fast". Fittingly, the congregation joined in, too, with the Boys' Brigade Vesper; dad was such an ardent Glynde camper that no blessing would be more appropriate than that.

Dad served just three BB companies, namely 1st Kuala Lumpur, 4th Brighton (Hove) and the 2nd Burgess Hill throughout his seventy years as a member of the BB, along with his role as Battalion President that he reluctantly relinquished in 2017 due to ill health.

Now, Derek is with his Saviour and Lord, joining his devoted wife Peggy in the loving glory, and no doubt still pursuing his BB life!

Chris Hinton

Peter Gear

Peter sadly passed away on Wednesday 30th April 2025, aged 92, peacefully at Royal Sussex County Hospital.

He was an officer in the 10th Brighton Boys' Brigade and a former Police Officer with the old Brighton Borough. Peter was for many years our oldest old boy on parade at our annual reunion and AGMs. Peter will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Terry Pomfrey

June Shorter

Wife of Mike Shorter, (1st Lancing), June Shorter passed away in Worthing Hospital last week. June had served as an officer in the Girl's Brigade in Portslade and both as an officer and captain in Upper Beeding, also as an officer in the Boy's Brigade in Lancing.

June also attended numerous BB camps including an international camp and our battalion camp at Glynde

Thanks for all you do for the Stedfast Association
Mike Shorter

by Revd. Bryan Pickard

As I write this article I'm about to go to Glynde Camp for the first time since 2019. That was the last time I had the joy of camping with the smell of the canvas and the fun and fellowship of our fantastic Brighton Battalion Camp. Its a place and an experience that I'm sure remains in the lives of all that have attended over the years. Camp may have changed sites now, have a different programme and better food! But Glynde Camp is still a place where young and old can meet with Christ who walks among the tents and trees, and who has, and does change lives for good.

I had a call from the C.O who invited me to Sunday dinner and asked 'by the way, could I stay on and lead evening prayers?'

How can anyone refuse such an offer, especially as it will be 60 years since my first camp in 1965. So at age 72 this old man will once again be able to share the good news of Jesus Christ, God's Son and Saviour to this new generation of B B members.

What a privilege.

However, gone is the five minute talk at the end of supper followed by a hymn and the vesper. For some time now prayers have been held in the Chapel tent with plenty of singing of modern choruses, games and video clips etc. It's a bit of a full on gig for this old boy! Yet with God's help all things are possible, even me not talking for too long!

All this has got me thinking and remembering other older officers that God has used in advancing His Kingdom in the B B.

I remember people like Chas Hitchings, Alfred Braden, Ted Benham and George Holkham who I got to know and respect in their older years.

Wise, godly men who had so much to give to me and so many others, especially at camp.

A lasting Bible class talk that I have used over the years was given by Alf Braden.

It went something like this...

'I believe in getting up early, opening the windows and breathing in God's good air.

I believe in exercising every day every day by running several miles.

I also believe in eating well, and I believe in reading the bible and praying every day.

Yes, I believe all this is good for a balanced life.

Yes I believe it, sadly I don't do it'.

If we take anything from the BB, may our belief in Christ be matched by our actions of love and service. And with His help all things are possible.

Let's continue to remember, pray for and support the work of the BB in today's world.

Blessings, Bryan.

Chairman and Vice President - Luck or Faith

I have always considered myself very lucky. Is it luck though? I have felt on numerous occasions that God is looking out for me.

I left school at 15 ½ having failed all of my exams but found a job. I moved from job to job in my late teens working on the assembly line at a vacuum cleaner manufacturer, as a gas fitter, blind maker and a transport clerk. Redundancy in this last job with a builders merchants enabled me to start on the path to what I became and what I am today.

I went to Creed at Holligbury, where Asda now sits and I worked on the assembly line. After a couple years I spotted an advert which took me to Reuters in Fleet Street and I was employed as a teleprinter mechanic, working on the machines I had built at Hollingbury.

I progressed through the technician grades at Reuters and became a Project Executive, where I planned and implemented telecommunications projects. In the early years, from 1969 when I joined them, it was an exciting place to work with big news stories breaking all the time.

As I was working in the heart of London it gave me the opportunity to visit some churches. Reuters building at 85 Fleet Street surrounds St. Brides Church (The Wedding Cake Church) on two sides. St. Pauls was a short walk up Ludgate Hill with my friend Doug we would spend our lunch times listening to the organ recitals. R T Kendal was also the minister at Westminster Chapel at this time and I would pop along The Strand on the bus and listen to his half hour lunchtime sermon.

The boy from Bevendean seemed to be doing very well and in 1977 I met my wife Pearl there. We will have been married 48 years come this October. In 1990 the company purchased a building in Docklands and was moving technical staff there. For those who didn't want to go, a lucrative voluntary redundancy package was on offer, which I accepted. As I had done a lot of health and safety courses I opted for a career change and sought employment locally.

I had to wait about six months for a job to come along and I got a job as an assistant safety officer. Following this, I moved on to become the Health and Safety Manager at Direct Line Insurance, based in Croydon. I was with them for 7 years and travelled extensively in the UK to their regional offices. I worked as a Consultant for a short while before moving on to the NHS in London where I had responsibility for staff for the first time. I suffered a heart attack whilst there (ironic isn't it) and after rehab was offered a job at Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton where I had an even larger team to look after.

I was approached to become a consultant again, working for a company based in Manchester. I had to service about 200 clients across Kent and Sussex. This worked well for a time but I decided to retire soon after my 61st birthday.

It would seem that in every phase of my life I was just where I needed to be. I did do an English Language and Literature GCE in my mid 20's and studied for my safety diploma whilst working as technician but I felt very lucky, or blessed. I found the Lord one day in a field at Glynde and I feel that he has guided my life. Was this luck or was it predestined? When I look back I cannot help but feel that I, that Boy from Bevendean could not have achieved these things alone. I had help because I have faith.

Geoff Fitch, Chairman and Vice President

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

“Reunion 6 April 2025”

Thank you to the 91 attendees including members and our guests that were “on parade” for the Reunion on Sunday afternoon 6 April 2025. This was another successful occasion enjoyed by all that attended.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to our special guests the Mayor of Brighton and Hove Cllr Mohammed Asaduzzaman, the Vice Chair of Adur District Council Cllr Jude Harvey and Cllr Andy McGregor and his wife who all stayed for both the reunion service and for tea and refreshments. We also extend our thanks to the Salvation Army Encorps Group for participating during our reunion service.

A special thanks to Reverend Bryan Pickard, our chaplain for leading us in prayer and to Reverend Ian Couchman for being our speaker and for his memorable address and message to our members. We also thank the Battalion President Lynn Burtenshaw for reading the lesson and for her report presented to our members after the tea, including our thanks to the 26th Brighton BB colour party. We also thank Ethan Skinner of 2nd Burgess Hill, winner of the Beal VC watch for reading the verses and to our Stedfast colour party Ann Austen, Pam Stringer and Sue Standen (formerly of the 10th BB Co and 1st Hove GB Co) for parading the Stedfast colours. We thank our Stedfast buglers Paul Simmons and Paul Hotton and finally we were so pleased that Carl Jukes played the organ for us this year.

The reunion tea and refreshments were enjoyed by all, and we thank Sue, Carol and Sarah who made tea and looked after us during the afternoon. The reunion would not be possible without the support of Southwick Methodist Church and especially Phil Webb who made sure that all the church facilities were available to us throughout the afternoon. 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 are now displayed on our website at <http://brightonstedfast.org.uk>

I would like to add my own personal thanks to Peter Ford, our President for leading the reunion service, to Geoff Fitch for leading the AGM and to the support of our committee throughout the year.

2024 Stedfast Association accounts

The Stedfast Association accounts for the year to 31 December 2024 were presented at the AGM as previously published in the newsletter. These accounts were approved by the members and subsequently certified by the Independent Examiner on 13 April 2025.

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Membership

So far in 2025, 61 members have paid subs compared to 74 members in 2024. However in order to maintain our association and to meet our running costs, if you have not paid your subs, 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, where you can also read all our past newsletters and see articles about the history of our association. Please note that the next event is the Founder's dinner on Saturday evening 4 October 2025 at Preston Bowls Club in Brighton.

Reunion 2025-6 April 2025







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Reflections of Alastair Sharp

Recently I was approached by Geoff Fitch who suggested that I review my involvement with the Boys Brigade and whether I had found it helpful in later life.

Running through my earlier years, I grew up in West Dunbartonshire near the southern banks of Loch Lomond. The nearest church had a Life Boy section and at the earliest opportunity me and some friends signed up and were fully involved with all activities. There were 2 company sections in town and we all signed up with 1st Alexandria which was part of the Lennox Battalion.

There were about 50 boys in the sections to generate friendly competition in a variety of activities including sports, hobbies, social activities and religion. The highlight each year was 2 weeks at camp usually in a church hall but once under canvas.

In 1954, as well as the company camp, there was an international camp, to commemorate the birth of our founder, held on the playing fields of Eaton. I was lucky enough to be one of the two boys representing our company. There were 2200 boys, arranged in 8 companies, they came from all over the world. Initially I was disappointed to be in a tent with only English and Scottish boys, but during the activities we all mixed freely, establishing friendships across nations. There were several boys from as far away as the Cook Islands in the South Pacific.

Following this camp, those who had travelled from afar were hosted by various battalions around the country and Lennox Battalion were hosts to New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, having the pleasure of showing the boys the many sights of our area and getting to know them well. My parents hosted a young man from New Zealand North Island who I corresponded with for many years.

However after a very eventful 1954, I was brought back to earth at the company camp in 1955. This time I was a staff sergeant, and on my allocated day to be duty orderly responsible for evening vespers there was a one night only major theatre event. Every member of staff was at the show, as was fairly common all boys had to be back at base for 10pm, vespers occurring at 10:30pm, the restrictions did not apply to officers.

With about 36 boys at camp, 6 of whom were nearly as old as I. The bible reading talk and the prayer did not represent a problem to me. However the hymn very definitely did. A town crier may have been within my scope but a singer—never! One of the younger boys sang in several choirs, so I talked to James who agreed to start the singing after I announced "Abide with me", but came the hour he froze. Had I started singing discipline would have been hard to maintain, so I started reading the hymn slowly and loudly to make the meaning clear and was relieved when several of the older boys joined in (they knew this was better than hearing me sing)!

On reflection I had many experiences in the Brigade which were a great help in facing the challenges of life and hopefully enabled me to follow fairly close to the path advocated by our Saviour.

Hope these reflections might be useful.

Kind regards Alastair Sharp.

STEDFAST ASSOCIATION BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Dec-23	Dec-23	ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024	2024	2024
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
	75	Members paid subs		74
INCOME				
	1,147.00	Total Subscriptions and members donations	1,234.00	1,234.00
Reunion collections				
242.40	380.86	Reunion service collection	241.69	394.24
138.46		Reunion tea collection	152.55	
	22.30	Donations to Stedfast Association		701.67
12.30		Donation-re King coronation badges	0	
		Federation of Stedfast Association-donation	376.67	
		Sale of Stedfast badge	5.00	
10.00		Other donations-members	320.00	
	1,550.16	TOTAL INCOME	2,329.91	2,329.91
EXPENDITURE				
	142.54	Newsletter costs		202.25
52.54		Stationery/stamps to date	4.25	
		Stationery/stamps to date	48.00	
30.00		Printing -newsletters Spring 2024	50.00	
60.00		Printing -newsletters Summer 2024	40.00	
		Printing -newsletter Winter 2024	60.00	
Reunion 2025				
		Foil containers	12.00	559.10
	406.72	Reunion 2024		
230.00		Reunion tea and refreshments costs	280.38	
50.00		Reunion- Encore group £100 and organist £40	140.00	
126.72		Reunion-St John Ambulance	126.72	
	208.93	Other costs		198.25
100.66		Website subscription	100.66	
14.39		Email subscription	14.39	
20.60		Stedfast plaques	6.00	
73.28		Insurance	77.20	
	805.86	Donations paid		666.69
20.00		Federation of Stedfast Association- Subscription	0.00	
70.00		Wreaths- Remembrance Sunday for British Legion	90.00	
300.00		Brighton Boys Brigade camp-donation	300.00	
380.86		Southwich Methodist Church-donation	241.69	
35.00		Preston Bowls Club-donation	35.00	
	1,564.05	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,626.29
	(13.89)	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		703.62
	3,294.84	Surplus funds brought forward		3,280.95
	3,280.95	Surplus funds carried forward		3,984.57

STEDFAST ASSOCIATION BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Dec-23	Dec-23	ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024	2024	2024
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024				TOTAL
		Account		
2,651.75	Cash at Bank	Classic	2,576.83	
	Less member paid in advance		-15.00	
650.20	Cash at Bank	Treasurer	1,422.21	
-21.00	Cheque			
	Cash transactions	cash held	0.53	
	3,280.95	Surplus funds carried forward		3,984.57

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the Stedfast Association-Brighton, Hove accounts and records and confirm that the Accounts set out at therewith for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Garry Lock-Chartered Accountant

Dated 13 April 2025

**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 6th April
2025. Annual Reunion Service at 2.30pm followed by tea and AGM.

President Peter Ford

President Peter Ford presided throughout the church service, during which he welcomed and thanked, our guests for their attendance, the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Councillor Mohammed Asaduzzaman, Vice chair of Adur District Council Jude Harvey and Cllr Andy Mc Gregor, also representing Adur District Council. Our President thanked all of the Stedfast members for their attendance and also thanked Rev Ian Couchman for being our speaker and Rev Bryan Pickard for the prayers. Lynn Burtenshaw, the Battalion President was thanked for carrying out the bible reading, Ethan Skinner for reading the remembrance verses and the Encorps group for taking part in the service. Our gratitude was given to the first aiders from St John Ambulance for attending.

Chairman Geoff Fitch

Welcome before the tea/refreshment and then the BB Camp grace

Geoff welcomed the members and guests. The members sang the BB camp grace together.

Greetings and Thanks:

Geoff expressed thanks, to everyone for attending, 91 attendees for the church service, a figure that exceeded last year's attendance. Our thanks were again given to Rev Ian Couchman for speaking during the service and to Southwick Methodist Church for letting the association use its facilities for our reunion and also for our committee meetings throughout the year. Phil Webb was thanked for all the work he puts in at the church including preparing the TV screens for the order of service which were also provided in service sheets. Geoff thanked Peter Ford for officiating during the service, the colour parties, Ann Austen, Pam Stringer and Sue Standen (10th Btn BB/ 1st Hove GB) for parading the Stedfast colours, and members of 26th Btn BB Co for carrying the Battalion colours. Thanks, were also expressed to Carl Jukes for playing the organ, to the buglers Paul Simmons and Paul Hotton, Lynn Burtenshaw for the reading, and to the Salvation Army group Encorps for taking part in our service. Geoff gave thanks to Rev Bryan Pickard for leading the prayers, and Ethan Skinner (2nd Burgess Hill BB) winner of the of Beal VC watch for saying the remembrance verses. Pam Stringer, our photographer for the afternoon was thanked. Sue, Carol and Sarah who helped to lay out and serve the tea were also given thanks.

Thanks, were given to the Stedfast committee, for planning and taking part in the afternoon.

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

David Robertson 10th Brighton (Hove)
Ray Tyler 10th Brighton (Hove)
Peter Gear 10th Brighton (Hove)
Chris Hinton 4th Brighton (Hove) and 2nd Burgess Hill
Derek Rance 13th Brighton
Les Russell 6th Brighton
Gary Pickett 1st Southwick
Michael Ormerod 10th Brighton (Hove)
Allan Lyford 30th Brighton
Barry Goacher 22nd Brighton (Hove)
Chris Hilliard 10th Brighton (Hove)
Brian Griffin 3rd, 6th, 16th, 17th Brighton

Announcements:

Alan gave the funeral arrangements for Derek Hinton's funeral on 7 April 2025, John Osbourne's funeral on 11 April 2025 and Alan Gebbles funeral on 15 April 2025.

Adoption of the 2024 reunion AGM minutes and matters arising

Alan Caperon asked the meeting to vote upon the Adoption of 2024 Reunion AGM minutes which were unanimously approved.

Presentation of the 2024 accounts-Alan Caperon

The Stedfast accounts for 2024 were included in the Stedfast newsletter. The accounts were presented. There were no questions and now the accounts will be passed onto the independent examiner in order for them to be verified. The certified accounts will then be included in the next newsletter.

Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion:

Glynde camp -Isaac Conroy (camp CO)

Isaac gave a report about a very successful 2024 Glynde camp. Thanks to the lovely weather this included, water bombs, water pistols, slip and slide and many other fun activities for the campers. All companies in the Battalion were represented, and it included a day visit by members of the Junior section. The worship theme for was 'Faith through science', during the camp, four young people dedicated their lives to God. Isaac was sad to report that Mo Slater, at the age of 84, will be now retiring from camp duties after many years of service. He ended with an appeal to members for monetary assistance, due to two charities that have previously supported the camp in the past, now no longer able to give support.

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The Battalion President- Lynn Burtenshaw

Lynn Burtenshaw started her address with the good news that the 1st Crawley BB company are reopening. The President reported on what had been a very full and interesting year within the Battalion with many activities including a party at Laser World and a camp craft training course, which 4 girls attended and they were made to feel very welcome, as a result of this they have all signed up to attend next year. The 26th Brighton BB Co have reported a steady growth this year, and the 2nd Burgess Hill BB Co remains the largest company in the Battalion. The Battalion archive has now been packed up and moved from Burgess Hill to its new home at St Andrews in Moulscombe, where Peter and Geoff will be helping sort it out. She expressed her sadness that despite their best efforts, the merger of 9th and 14th Brighton companies had not been successful. Lynn paid tribute to Derek Hinton who had been hugely supportive of her work, and she also spoke of Brian Hill whom she said it was an honour and a privilege to have worked with. Lynn ended her talk saying she is going to put her best foot forward to endeavour to make the Battalion great and something to be proud of.

Nomination and Election of the Officers and Committee members for 2025/26

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

President- Peter Ford

Vice President / Chairman- Geoff Fitch

Hon Secretary / Hon Treasurer- Alan Caperon

Chaplain- Rev Bryan Pickard

Committee members: Terry Pomfrey, Dave Norman, Les Russell and Sue Standen.

An appeal for new committee members was made.

Retiring committee members Ray Eaves and Paul Simmons were thanked.

Oldest and youngest old Boy's present- Terry Pomfrey

Terry ran through the hand's up list, before it was established that the oldest member in attendance was Nigel Evans, who joined (19th Mid Surrey) in 1941. Ethan Skinner (2nd Burgess Hill) was the youngest member. Peter Ford presented them with plaques to celebrate this.

Any other business

The date for the next reunion was announced as Sunday 22nd March 2026.

The vesper was sung at the close of the AGM

There were 6 colours on parade, including the Stedfast and Battalion colours.

The church collection was counted and totalled £354.50; this will be donated to Southwick Methodist Church.

The tea table collection was later counted and totalled £115.86

The attendance was 91, including members and guests, the Stedfast members and officers from the Battalion.

The AGM concluded at 5.03pm.

Founder's Day Dinner Saturday Oct 4th 2025

Dear Friends,

If, like me, you have marked your diary for the Founders Day Dinner, at Preston Bowls Club, now is the time to fill in the details.

The menu is as normal and is £35 per head payable on the night. I would be pleased to have your menu choices of you and your guests by September 22nd.

As the club is a private Members club all diners have to be registered as guests by law. In order to save time on the night I would appreciate it if you could let me have names and addresses of all diners.

There will be space for more diners and any new diners would be most welcome.

My contact details are:

lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk,

Phone 01273 757896, Mobile:
07833521069 or by post:

10 Beechwood, Curwen Place, London Rd.,
Brighton. BN1 6UJ.

I look forward to seeing you all on **Oct 4th,
7 for 7.30**

Yours Truly, Les Russell

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 and
olive oil drizzle

**All main courses are served with
Fresh Vegetables and potatoes**

Desserts

Fruit Salad
Apple Pie & Ice Cream
Toffee and Pecan Roulade
Cheese and Biscuits Tea
or coffee with mints.

Stedfast Prayer

Gracious God, you know our thoughts and prayers before we raise them to you. We pray for the world, that its leaders will work for a safe and sustainable future for all the world.

We pray that the suffering of those that are homeless or in need in our country will be comforted. We pray for the youth of the country, that they grow up safely and for The Boys' Brigade and its leaders who work with the youth.

We pray for our Stedfast members, that their ailments and concerns are relieved. For our members who have died and are now in your care, and that their families are comforted. We pray all these things in and through Jesus Christ your son, Amen.



**2026 Reunion will be held at Southwick Methodist Church
on Sunday afternoon 22 March 2026 from 2pm**

The next Newsletter will be Autumn/Winter 2025

Please submit all contributions as soon as possible, before the end of **October 2025**
(electronically or typed if possible)

To Terry Pomfrey 148 Mile Oak Road Portslade Brighton BN41 2PL.

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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 Poulters 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)