



Winter 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

## Stedfast Committee

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## Brighton Stedfast Association

## ANNUAL REUNION SERVICE and AGM

**YOU** are cordially  
**Invited to the**

## Brighton Stedfast Association ANNUAL REUNION SERVICE

**Sunday, 20th January 2019, from 2.00pm**

The Reunion Service commences at 2.30pm

At

### Southwick Methodist Church

Manor Hall Road, Southwick, Brighton BN42 4NA

The service is shared with the BB Brighton Battalion

**Leader - Peter Ford**

**President - Brighton Stedfast Association**

You are invited to stay for  
afternoon refreshments following the Service and  
to sit in on the Stedfast Association AGM

**There will be a number of  
company colours on display**

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## Dear Stedfast Members,

What a wonderful Summer we have had. So much to be grateful for and so many opportunities to enjoy our special interests and especially in encouraging the work of The B.B.

Now that the days are shorter and we look forward to celebrating Christmas, let us spend time to reflect on the B.B. Companies that we have been associated with. To give thanks for what they have meant to our lives, and to be determined to find ways in which we can support them and further the great work that they do week in and week out.



A number of our fellow Stedfast Members have recently passed into Higher Service and we give thanks for what they achieved and the help that we have received from them. We shall remember them at the 2019 Reunion and ensure that their names are not forgotten.

The Reunion is the one very special occasion when we are all united in fellowship and in seeing the best in each other. We all have gifts and we all have problems and The Reunion is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all the Blessings we have received, and to down the tools of destruction that can only lead to despair and distress, it is only in mutual trust and respect that the Great Work will Advance.

Can I suggest to all Stedfast Members that they wear their B.B. buttonhole badge or Stedfast badge whenever possible? I am constantly surprised and pleased to meet others who recognize the badge. It is very encouraging to learn the wonderful work that Old Boys are now doing and to hear their very high appreciation for what the Brigade has meant to them.

How wonderful to hear that Glynde 2018 was such a very successful Camp and that plans are already advanced for the 2019 Camp. The dedication of all concerned should not be taken for granted and is a beacon of hope that must not go out.

May God be with you

**Peter Ford** *Stedfast Association President*

## Company Colours at our Reunion

Last reunion there was an excellent display of Company colours. Please can we do the same again on the 20th January. If you have a company colour please bring it along with you and we will display it, (please bring a colour stand if possible).

## EDITORIAL

Greetings to you all. How time flies – we approach the end of another year, the Autumn tints give the gardens and countryside, splendid colours, one of God's gifts to us all.

It has been a busy summer for your committee and of course the Stedfast Band. News of their activities appear in Paul's report.

The Committee have been considering the future of the Association, looking beyond the next year and endeavouring to encourage new members on the committee to take over from those who have retired (after many years service) hopefully they will be successful.

Les Russell arranged a very successful and enjoyable Founders Day dinner. Over 20 were in attendance, why not think about joining us next year on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Les would be very pleased to organise again!

We have recently experienced a time of Remembrance, always an important time, but perhaps more so this year with the anniversary of the ending of WW1, 100 years ago. We had wreaths laid at Brighton and Hove Memorials and the Band leading the parade at Hove.

Christmas follows a very special time for many. I wish you all the compliments of the season and the Very Best for the New Year.

**Dick**

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## YOUR COMMITTEE

Many of you will recall that I have on many occasions in Our Newsletter appealed for volunteers to serve on the Committee, unfortunately this has not met with much success.

Today however, I am appealing for support and am asking you to think carefully about the future of Our Association. We are in the situation where the current committee needs new blood, one or two of the existing members are giving serious thought to retiring, for various reasons, age, Health etc., Unless we can encourage volunteers it is possible that the Association will, in the years to come have to consider, without a strong committee, closing.

Please do not let this happen, **your** support is needed now.

If you feel able to help, but need information first please ring me, the Chairman or Secretary or contact one of the committee. You can also come forward at the Reunion. Involvement, it is not too onerous, meetings are up to 4 times per year.

**PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.**

**Dick Kent** (01273 492655)

## IN MEMORIAM

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

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

**John Cunningham** - 1st and 2nd Southwick

**Alf Milner** - 8th and 11th Brighton

**Fred Trott** - 5th Brighton

I am writing to inform you that my father-in-law, Fred Trott, who was connected with the Boys' Brigade in Brighton for many years has died.

He was born in 1921 and joined the Life Boys when very young, moving up to Company Section, and later as an officer at Bristol Road Methodist Church (5th Brighton, we think). He formed the company at Woodingdean Methodist Church and became its Captain.

He always wore a BB pin in his lapel when he went to Church on Sunday (Dorset Gardens since Bristol Road closed). He got himself there by bus until his stroke last year. He was a member and then a supporter for about ninety years in total.

Best wishes,  
Philip Beastall.

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## Stedfast Prayer

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

Especially we think of all those members of the Boys' Brigade who 100 years ago went to fight for their country and paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for it.

We especially remember Ernest Beal an officer of our Battalion here in Brighton, who gave his life serving his country.

Bless 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.

Father we pray for those Old Boys and Stedfast members who aren't in the best of health, we ask you to bless each and every one of them, you know what their individual needs are, and if it be your will, that you will lay your healing hands on them, so that their health may be restored to them.

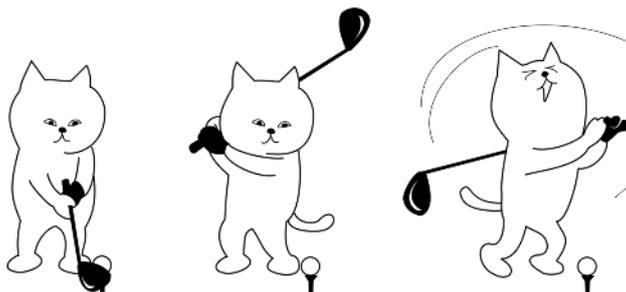
Father, we pray for those of our members who have been called to higher service, we ask that your blessing be with their families who are mourning them, be with them and comfort them.

Father, bless our Stedfast Association and all it's members, 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.**

## Chaplains Page... The Three 'C's



I had one golf lesson in Boston, Massachusetts, given by a retired colleague. He said that in golf there are three 'Cs' – Confidence, Concentration and Control. After this introductory lesson I never played golf but found the 3 'Cs' useful as headings for children's talks and sermons. I suggest that the three words can be applied to Brigade work as well as to life in general.

### Confidence

Up to 1966, the Caribbean island of Anguilla was neglected by St Kitts. It had half a mile of paved road and no public electricity or telephone system. It rebelled against a three-island Statehood proposal, and seventeen police were sent there to quieten the unrest. Young ladies from St Kitts and Nevis went to Anguilla for a Statehood Queen competition on February 4 1967 and I was invited to be one of judges. There was violent protest and rocks were thrown at the schoolroom. They say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but all I got was eyefuls of tear gas!

Anguilla declared independence and 'deported' the police back to St Kitts. As a result, Britain invaded with 135 paratroopers and 40 Scotland Yard police. There was a warm welcome from Anguillians and the exercise proved to be a public relations disaster. Shortly after, I was on a flight between Anguilla and Antigua and sitting next to a Police Inspector from London who had been sent to train a new Anguilla police force. I asked him, 'What can you do in six weeks?' He answered, 'One thing, build self confidence and self respect'. We can also have confidence in Christ, just like Paul who wrote 'I am still full of confidence, because I know whom I have trusted, and I am sure that he is able to keep safe until that day.....' (2 Timothy 1:12) One of the aims of the BB is to promote self respect.

### Concentration

Remember the school reports which said "must pay more attention"? One of the few detentions I had at Grammar School was when I was not concentrating, my mind being miles away. Using the illustration of the athlete looking ahead to the finishing line, Paul said I 'do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight towards the goal.' He concentrated on 'the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above.' (Phil 3: 12-14)

### Control

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:25 'Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline.' In June (2018) England played Rugby Football in South Africa and lost through lack of discipline, giving away twelve and thirteen penalties in the first two tests! This brings us back to the object of the BB, the habit of discipline, first imposed but leading to self-control. The gift of the Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control. (Gal 5:22) Perhaps we could get up in the morning with the words of the hymn 'Awake my soul and with the sun' and sing, 'Direct, control, suggest this day, all I design, or do, or say.' (*Hymns & Psalms* 632, *Rejoice and Sing* 378.)

Rev Dr John C. Neal

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On the evening of Thursday 4th October, twenty plus old boys and friends got together at The Preston Bowls Club in Brighton to celebrate the founding of The Boys' Brigade 135 years ago. I proposed a toast to our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen and our Stedfast President Mr Peter Ford proposed a toast to our Founder Sir William Alexander Smith. A delicious three course meal was served and enjoyed by all. The evening of friendship and comradeship was enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks go to all the catering staff at the Preston Bowls Club, Brighton and also to our Committee member Les Russell for organising such a great evening. If you missed out this year why not make an effort to join us on 4th October 2019.

Plans are under way for the Annual Reunion on Sunday 20th January 2019, please make every effort to book the date and be there. We need new members on the committee to help plan and run your Stedfast Association, so if you don't want 2019 to be the last Reunion, then please give thought to joining us, we only meet three or four times a year, so your thoughts and ideas will help us plan future Reunions etc.

With the nights drawing in our thoughts are turning towards Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may I on behalf of the committee wish you a very Happy, Joyful and Peaceful time over the festive season.

I look forward to seeing to all at the Reunion in January 2019.

Committee Chairman.

**Ray Eaves** *Committee Chairman.*

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## Founder's Day Dinner 2018

Following the great success of the Founder's Day Dinners of the past four years, Preston Bowls Club has again been provisionally booked for Friday 4th October 2019 7pm for 7.30pm, please put this date into your diary for 2019 as soon as possible.

As part of the evening we always hold a raffle to raise funds which go directly to The Glynde Camp Fund, and I am glad to say we raised £35. Please remember this date if you have any, non-perishable, unneeded gifts over the festive Season for next year's raffle.

The venue can seat up to 70 diners so there is room for more members next year.

E-mail Les Russell to book your place; [lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk)

**Les.**

## Band report

Following the high point of a great turnout of our band, combined with the London district band, playing at the Worthing Carnival (see separate report on page 10), we have to report that two of our band members have decided to stand down. We thank **Ken Towner** and **Richard Newman** for their dedicated support for more years that I can remember.

I would also like to thank **Paul Hearne**, who retired earlier this year for his and Monica's support. and they will be sorely missed. This now leaves Barry McCann, Dave Wood, ( Side Drummers) Carol Simmons, ( Bell Lyre) and Buglers, David Norman, Brian White and myself, Paul Simmons. Those of us remain in hope to continue with both our Regional and National Bands.

Despite this we were able to field a group of 18 musicians for the Remembrance Day parade (see separate report on page 13).

With the band membership at an all time low it is not viable for us to meet for practice every week, and the vision of our past President and band creator, **Derek Ford**, could be in serious doubt. I would like to thank, not only Ken and Richard, but all of you that have been a part of our happy little band over numerous years.

I make a direct appeal to all and any Stedfast member who has in the past played in a band or who is even remotely interested in playing, to contact me via my home phone 01273 725368 and I will make the arrangements with you.

The stark truth is that we need more band members or there will not be a band.

Thanks for all your support.

**Paul Simmons**

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## Battalion and Stedfast Events to March 2019

### JANUARY 2019

Friday 11th	J/S New Year Party Lazer World Crawley
Monday 14th	Finance Committee Battalion HQ
Wednesday 23rd	C/S Potted sports 2nd Burgess Hill
Sunday 20th	Stedfast Reunion service & AGM Southwick Methodist Church

### FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday 9th	Swimming (J/S & C/S) Steyning Leisure Centre
Monday 4th	Executive Battalion HQ Monday 18th Camp Council Battalion HQ

### MARCH 2019

Friday 15th	J/S Spring Competition 2nd Burgess Hill
Saturday 16th	Anchor Easter Party 1st Roffey
Wednesday 20th	C/S Scripture Competition Gloucester Place One Church.

C/S = Company Section    J/S = Junior Section

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

### **“Reunion 2019”**

**Please make every effort to be “on parade” for the Reunion on 20 January 2019 and please arrive by 2.15pm so you have time to sign the attendance registers, pay your subs and hand in your membership forms.** Your invitation letter is in this Winter Newsletter which gives you more details of the arrangements and telephone numbers to ring as required.

We have also invited this year the members of London Stedfast to attend our reunion especially those members that live locally and perhaps are unable to attend the London events. If you are in contact with someone locally from London Stedfast please bring them along to the reunion since they will be very welcome.

I know that all our members do their best to attend the Reunion but please contact your BB friends and bring them with you also. I look forward to welcoming you when you arrive.

### **Membership**

For the second year in succession 126 members paid membership subscriptions which again in total exceeded £1,600. Thank you!

We have many more email addresses which has meant that we now send fewer newsletters by post which has reduced the newsletter costs still further in the last year.

We still have a declining membership database due to many factors and therefore if you are still in contact with a BB colleague who you don't think is on our database, please pass to them the details for the Stedfast Association and urge them to contact us. There must be a considerable number of former BB members, former BB officers and BB friends in our area that perhaps don't know that we have a Stedfast Association and a reunion each year which may appeal to them and we just need them to make contact with us. We do hope that we can find more members in the future who can share our BB memories and who will be able to regain the comradeship we all have in the Stedfast Association.

Please remember to complete the 2019 membership form so that we have your up to date details for the year ahead.

### **Accounts**

The 2018 Stedfast accounts will be sent by email and post so you have time to study them before the AGM. The approved accounts, as examined by our independent accountant, will be available by early January 2019 and presented to members at the AGM for your approval.

The accounts will show that we have utilised all the income received in the year for Association expenses with surplus funds being donated in particular for Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion requests, to Southwick Methodist church, to our Stedfast band and for the Boys' at Glynde camp. We have also made some other donations and paid for the wreaths at Remembrance services.

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We will retain similar funds for the start of 2019 as we did last year but hope that you will again show your generosity by paying your subs for 2019 so that the Stedfast Association will be able to continue indefinitely in supporting its members at the reunion and during the year, together with supporting our spiritual home at Southwick Methodist Church, our Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion and the Stedfast band.

Southwick Methodist Church continues to provide facilities for the committee meetings to take place during the year but most importantly being able to hold our annual Reunion service, tea and AGM on the third Sunday in January every year.

### **Newsletter, Website etc and AGM**

Please let us have your comments at the AGM on the newsletter and website and please let us know of any other matters you wish to bring to our attention.

### **Secretary, Treasurer and Committee nominations for 2019**

My history with the Stedfast Association (formerly the Old Boys' Association) goes back nearly 50 years since I first played a euphonium in the 22nd Brighton (Hove) Silver band at the Dorset Gardens Methodist Church reunions from when I was 11 years old. I joined the Committee when Derek Hall was President and Peter Gear was Chairman so I have learnt from two of the best.

Due to ill health in 2017/2018, it was my intention not to seek re-election for 2019, however, my health is now improved and by removing other personal commitments from my diary and working less hours I now feel able to continue in these roles for 2019 if this is the wishes of the membership.

It was unwise for me to take on further Stedfast commitments over the last few years including the role of Membership Secretary which was "a step to far". However, I am pleased to report that Ann Austen has intimated her intention to offer herself for the nomination of Membership Secretary for 2019. I hope you will support Ann's nomination at the 2019 AGM.

The Stedfast Association will be "**in need**" of new committee members for the forthcoming year (as mentioned in the last newsletter) and therefore please offer any help you can. Even one task carried out by a committee member will lessen the work load of others. "TOTOF" comes to mind for us all on the Committee!

I hope you have a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Yours Stedfastly

**Alan Caperon,  
Secretary and Treasurer**

## Worthing Carnival

On August Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, members of the National Stedfast Band led the parade of 25 floats that took part in the Worthing Carnival organised by the Rotary Club. We marched along the seafront from Heene Road to Steyne Gardens where the band also put on a static display.

Members of the band came from as far afield as Ipswich, Malvern, London and Guernsey and we were very grateful for their support. We were extremely lucky with the weather which remained dry all day.

There was a very large turnout of spectators both along the seafront and in the gardens.

West Worthing Baptist Church very kindly let us use their church hall as a base and we were able to hire a vehicle from Worthing Guildcare to ferry band members and their instruments to the seafront and back from Steyne Gardens.

On returning to the church hall refreshments were provided courtesy of the Brighton, Hove and District Stedfast Association and band members enjoyed a social get - together before going home.

Many thanks to all the people who helped to make this a very enjoyable and successful day.

**Ken Towner**



## Kagando Mission Trip 2018

*Published in two instalments*

*At the last reunion the Battalion President Garry Picket told us of the Kagando mission trip. Below is the first instalment of his report.*

Our trip started on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018. We left the UK at 19:10, arriving in Entebbe at midday. We were greeted by two drivers from the guest house that we stayed at on our first night. The following morning, we set off at 8am for our seven and a half hour drive to Kagando.



*The Team Jack, Gary, Harry, Jonny*

Midway way through the journey one of the minibus tyres blew. Luckily our driver, Sabuni, was there to save the day and stop us rolling into the ditch and repair the tyre. After this hiccup, we were able to continue our journey. This gave me time to pray for Sabuni; the continued safety of our team, and also those praying for us.

We finally arrived at our home for the rest of our stay which was a little guest house on the hospital compound, with spectacular views

of the Rwenzori mountain. After settling in we headed to the hospital to meet Dr Rob and Jen: our British contacts in the hospital. We were given an orientation of the complex and shared some plans and ideas for the mission. We then explored the area and found ourselves at the primary school, where we would spend the majority of our stay. We spent the evening back at our accommodation getting to know some of the other groups that were staying at the guesthouse over dinner. Finally, we took some much-needed rest in preparation for the busy day we had planned for tomorrow.

Each day started with chapel at 8am. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays there was a sermon; on Thursdays there was worship; on Fridays there was prayer and on Sundays there was a full church service. After chapel on our first day, we were informed that there was an outbreak of Ebola in the Congo, only 30 miles away from the hospital. We saw posters displaying information about the symptoms and prevention measures to avoid further spreading. We found this to be a rather surreal and somewhat visceral experience. We heard that some of the foreign student doctors had decided to go back to their home countries due to the risk of infection. However, we decided to stay as we had faith that God would continue

On our first day at the school we played games and taught songs to the students. This was so successful that some of the teachers even decided to join in. Everyone appeared to enjoy this tremendously, and everyone was smiling and laughing together. One of the games we played was an egg and spoon race, in which we used a rubber egg which intrigued the children.

Upon arrival at the school we were shocked at the condition of the classrooms which had walls caked in dirt, and rice sacks re-purposed as teaching aids stuck to the wall. We repaired and painted some of the classrooms that needed some refurbishment. Firstly, we repaired the windows and doors, so the classroom could be secured; we also installed lighting and mounted clocks. We commissioned local artists to decorate the classrooms with things such as number lines, maths conversion charts and literacy displays. This made the classroom a more pleasant and functional learning environment for the children.



*The Class rooms before we started any work*



*Finished Class rooms*

We joined a support group for children with HIV, known as “Jaja’s group.” We learnt that most children who live with HIV have no parents and are often looked after by their “Jajas” (Grandmothers). The group provides the children with medical treatment, meals, social and spiritual support. We started our time together with worship followed by breakfast. We spent the rest of our morning playing with bouncy balls, bubbles, loom bands and Lego that we had brought from the UK. We also supported the children to

decorate t-shirts that we provided. We found ourselves having to design our own ‘counterfeit’ Manchester United football shirts, as it was a very popular design request among the children! After the morning of activities, we were shown the ‘Rainbow room’ in the hospital which aims to improve the children's hospital experience by providing access to toys and learning resources.

**Gary Pickett**

*Second instalment in the next newsletter*

## Remembrance Sunday Parade

Sunday 11th November 2018, the 100 years anniversary of the WW1 armistice. Eric Kent (*inset*) about to lay the Stedfast wreath. Left below, the Stedfast and Brighton Battalion wreaths laid at the Hove cenotaph.



The Stedfast band were on parade and played the last post and reveille. I did a video of the band which will be available on our website.

The 18 strong Stedfast band led the procession from the cenotaph to All Saints Church. Members of the Brighton BB Battalion were also on parade.

Regards  
Alan Caperon



## Minutes of 2018 Reunion and Annual General Meeting

Our Chairman Ray Eaves opened the meeting, welcoming all present.

He gave thanks to all those who had officiated during the Service. President Peter Ford, Our Speaker The Rev Betsy Hammond. The Rev Ian Suttie, the Colour Parties, Battalion and Stedfast. The Band, Carl Jukes our organist and the Battalion President Gary Pickett.

He gave special thanks to Our Guests The Mayor of Brighton and Hove Mo Marsh and her Consult Mr Robert Brown.

The members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Southwick Company and the Ladies from the Church were given Special thanks for their help with the teas.

The BB Camp Grace was sung together prior to tea.

Secretary Alan Caperon gave the announcements and apologies and announced there were 101 on parade. 11 BB Colours were on Parade (*please bring yours in January*).

The minutes of the last AGM were adopted as were the Accounts for the last year. The Battalion President gave a round-up of happenings in the Battalion over the last year.

Election of Officers for the Year 2018/2019.

President; Peter Ford, Vice President; Rev Ian Suttie, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer; Alan Caperon.

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

Adrian Attwater conducted the Oldest and Youngest Present:

The Oldest was Jim Attwater (3rd E'B. 3/13th Bton & 15th Bton)

The Youngest Sgt Jack Sherlock(3rd Burgess Hill) Gold and Silver Medals were given respectively.

Any Other Business.

It was suggested we try and advertise the Reunion on Local Radio. Pam Stringer gave details of the forthcoming Old Time Musical by 10th BB Company, and a reminder of a Remembrance Service for her Father Dick Dench, a long serving member of The 10th BB Co.

Gary Pickett mentioned that Jack Sherlock and Harry Sherlock were going with him to Uganda on a mission trip and was seeking sponsors. Terry agreed to do some archiving with BB Photos.

The Vesper was sung at the conclusion of the meeting

## Brighton Stedfast Association ANNUAL REUNION SERVICE

*Mayor of Brighton and Hove Mo Marsh and her  
Consult Mr Robert Brown with our President  
Peter Ford at the 2018 reunion.*



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At  
**Southwick Methodist Church** Manor Hall Road, Southwick, Brighton BN42 4NA

## Welfare

Please let me know if you are aware of any of our members who are unwell or in need of support. I will try and help  
(Contact me at; rkent09@aol.com)

## The next Newsletter will be Spring 2019

Please submit all contributions before 28th February 2019  
(electronically or typed if possible)

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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*



President:  
His Grace The Earl of  
**Elgin & Kincardine**  
Local President:  
**Peter Ford**

## Brighton Hove & District Branch

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

December 2018

Dear Members, BB Company Officers, Friends and Supporters

### **STEDFAST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION SERVICE ON 20 JANUARY 2019 from 2pm WITH THE BRIGHTON BOYS' BRIGADE BATTALION followed by tea and the AGM.**

It is with great pleasure that the President and Committee invite you to attend our annual Reunion service at Southwick Methodist Church, Manor Hall Road, Southwick. Our special guests will be the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Councillor Dee Simson and Councillor Joss Loader, the Chairman of Adur District Council whom we expect will both arrive from 2.15pm onwards. The Reunion Service will then commence at 2.30pm. Immediately after the service, afternoon refreshments will be served followed by the AGM.

Our President Peter Ford will lead the Reunion Service, our speaker will be Rev Fr John Eldridge SSC and Rev Ian Suttie from Southwick Methodist Church will lead us in prayer. We have invited Gary Pickett, the President of the Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion to carry out the bible reading during the service and to give us his update on Battalion matters at the AGM. Carl Jukes will be our organist. The Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion colours and the Stedfast colours will be on parade. A number of our committee will also be participating during the afternoon.

This invitation is open to the Battalion Companies Officers and to Senior Boys as in previous years. If members and guests wish to bring their partners and BB friends, they will also be very welcome as we all know how important their support is to our BB lives. We will once again be displaying BB company colours as we have done in previous years which will provide a wonderful reminder of the BB companies we have each served in. Please bring your colour stands if possible.

We invite you to visit our website at [www.brightonstedfast.org.uk](http://www.brightonstedfast.org.uk) for confirmation of arrangements. Please make sure that you check the website for any last minute announcements on the Reunion in case of any adverse weather conditions etc. You are also welcome to contact me (see telephone number below) for Reunion updates and please let me know should you be seeking transportation to Southwick Methodist Church. The Committee will do their best to find someone in your area who may be able to bring you to the Reunion.

Please join us in worship for an afternoon of celebration of The Boys' Brigade in Brighton Hove and District where senior boys, serving officers as well as Old Boys, former officers, Stedfast members and your partners and BB friends can share our love of the BB with our special guests.

Yours sincerely and Stedfastly

**Alan Caperon**  
**Secretary**

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