



WINTER 2021

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

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

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YOU

are cordially invited to the
Brighton Hove and District
Stedfast association

Annual Reunion Service
on Sunday 10 April 2022
(please note the new date)

commencing at 2.15pm
At Southwick Methodist Church
Manor Hall Road, Southwick, West Sussex
BN42 4NA

The service is shared with the
Brighton Boys Brigade Battalion
and you will be most welcome to stay for refreshments
following the service

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The venue will have good ventilation in the Spring when outside doors can be opened to permit fresh air to circulate both during the church service and in the church hall where tea and refreshments will be served. Regrettably, the ventilation in January and in the winter months would be restricted. The preliminary safety assessment has recommended that the event be held on Sunday 10 April 2022 which will permit the Reunion to be held safely whilst observing all Covid-19 guidelines.

President's report

Dear Stedfast Members,

Once again at Remembrance we have come together as a nation to give thanks for the undying love of so many brave people in so many conflicts over the years. Men and Women who were united in the desire to give the World a chance to enjoy the peace that passes all understanding, who kept the Torch of Freedom alight in such dark days. This work never finishes and today in many countries including our own, evil is seeking to derail God's Plan for His world.



Advent is upon us and The Joy of Christmas will never be extinguished; the Birth of The Prince of Peace is our guarantee and our strength.

The Spirit that inspired Sir William Smith to found the B.B. will prevail against all adversity. Today our Battalion needs our prayerful concern as much as at any time in its long and glorious history. Make inquiries with any Company that you know and see if you can help the cause to prosper..

Not just in the United Kingdom but around the globe the B.B. and Kindred Organisations are pushing forward into new ways to achieve our Great Object and we know that the best is yet to be. The article about the G.B. set of stamps issued in 1982 to celebrate Youth Organisations set me thinking about the stamps from other countries featuring The Boys' Brigade and The Founder. I am looking forward to writing an article about some of these issues for the Spring Newsletter.

The Founder's Day Dinner this year was the best for a number of years, and we must all be very grateful to Les Russell for organising it so well. The meal was delicious and we can look forward to another next October..

We must all make a special effort to support the Annual Reunion next Spring on Sunday 10th April. Our Secretary has worked tirelessly to make all the many arrangements necessary for such an event, and we can all look forward to a very special time of B.B. fellowship.

Writing about B.B. Fellowship takes many of our thoughts back to sunny days at Glynde. One day for the Boys of today, 2022 Glynde will be a very special memory. Let's resolve to help in every possible way to assist and encourage the Battalion Staff entrusted with bringing next year's Camp to a glorious conclusion.

With Stedfast Good Wishes to all for a Joyous Christmas and a very peaceful New Year,

Peter Ford Stedfast Association President

Editorial

Welcome to our winter newsletter. At long last some things that we have had to cancel are now being revived. We have held our first committee meeting for many months and we also celebrated Founders Day on Monday 4th October at our usual venue, Preston Bowls Club. It was a most enjoyable evening with the raising of a toast to Our Founder Sir William A. Smith. Fuller details appear elsewhere as do the re-arranged Reunion and Annual General Meeting. The changes made are to follow Covid guide lines plus the safety of All attending.

This more particularly is the Christmas Period when we celebrate The Birth Of Our Lord and not only, if we are able, in Our Church but with Our Family. I must take the opportunity of Wishing All of You a most enjoyable Christmas especially I would hope that if you need, of disability, or other cause, the best that can be for you.

We learned at the committee meeting it had been decided by the Officers and helpers that the 10th (B'ton) Hove would after 122 years the Company was to close, and it has now been announced that the 25th (B'ton) Hove Company would also close. Both these and of course others that we have lost over the years will surely be missed by the Boys who will not have had the opportunity of gaining the experience of belonging to the Boys' Brigade.

Hopefully over the next few months many things will return to some form of normality, however we must all be on our guard and be very careful in making sure that we observe the rules for the time being.

Please be safe and hopefully keep well. God's Blessing to You All

Dick Kent (Editor)

IN MEMORIAM

We have to sadly report the following members who have been called to higher service as notified to us in 2021

Name	Company	Date of death
John Thomsett	5 th and 21 st Brighton	2021
John Marchant	6 th Brighton	
Brian Steinicke	13 th Brighton	December 2020
Celia Elliott	10 th Brighton (Hove)	December 2020
Ron Baldy	11 th Brighton	January 2021
Jill Long	1 st Southwick	February 2021
Peter Hudson	14 th Brighton	30 th August 2021
Barry Burtenshaw	26 th Brighton	21 st September 2021
Alan Hooper	28 th Brighton	29 th September 2021
Irene Patching	28 th Brighton	
Derek Harman	4 th Brighton (Hove)	22 nd October 2021
Cyril Francis	25 th Brighton	31 st October 2021
Eric Chilton	Manchester Stedfast Association	29 th November 2021

Chairman's Report

On 4th October 2021, 25 Ex-members and friends enjoyed a great evening of fellowship and great food at the Preston Bowls Club, Brighton to celebrate the founding of the Boys' Brigade and its founder, Sir William Alexander Smith. I started the evening by leading a toast to our patron, Her Majesty the Queen. At 8 o'clock the time that the 1st Glasgow Company was started in 1883, our Stedfast President Peter Ford lead us in a toast to our founder Sir William Alexander Smith. A great three course dinner was enjoyed by all. Our grateful thanks go to the Preston Bowls Club staff for serving up some lovely food. Also I would like to thank Les Russell Committee member for organising such a great and enjoyable evening.

If you have not been to a founder's day dinner then please put the date 4th October 2022 in your diary and make sure that you don't miss out next year.

It is with sadness that I have to announce that the oldest Company in the Battalion, 10th Brighton (Hove) Company (formally the 1st Hove (Sussex) Company, is to close after 122 years of B.B. service. During that time a lot of young men have passed through its ranks and come to love our Lord Jesus Christ. Some going on to become Officers within the Company. I was honoured to be Captain of the Company when it celebrated its 100 years and to help organise the celebrations which a lot of old boys, officers and staff attended in February 1999. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all Officers, Staff and Boys, especially the present Officers, Staff and Boys who over the years have made the 10th Brighton (Hove) Company such a great Company.

Our Reunion next year 2022 will be on Sunday 10th April, it is later than normal due to covid rules and we can have doors and windows open to ventilate the Church and the hall during tea and meeting. We felt that it would be too cold to have doors and windows open in January when we normally have the Reunion. Please make a note of the date. I look forward along with your committee to welcoming you to the Reunion in 2022.

I should like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Ray Eaves, Stedfast Committee Chair

Cyril Francis.

Cyril died on 31st October aged 94. He was a member at the then Portslade Congregational Church for many years and served as a lieutenant in the 25th Brighton (Portslade) Company in the Junior Section for a long time. I have no records of dates but he was in post when I joined the Company in January 1950. .

He was also Sunday School/Junior Church Superintendant for many years. His wife who died two years ago was a Sunday School teacher and Girls' Guildry officer.

Kind regards,

Brian Stone

Acts of Remembrance

As is our custom the Association laid Wreaths on Armistice Day to Pay Tribute to The Old Boys of The Brigade who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice in The Service of their Country.

Our President Peter Ford was able to represent us in Brighton and Eric Kent laid a Wreath at the Lancing Memorial as a Tribute to those in Hove and The Rest of Sussex.

At Lancing it was fortuitous that we were able to be there at the same time

as Andy McGregor currently the Chairman of Adur District Council, we knew him because he represented the Council at our last Service and AGM in January 2020, an occasion he said he enjoyed very much and was pleased to be in the photograph at the Wreath Laying.



Closure of the 10th Brighton (Hove) Boys' Brigade Company

A few of you will know that I am a former member of the 10th, and I spent many Happy Times As a Boy with the Company of many friends, BIBLE Class, Drill Nights, Gym, Sport, led by great Officers. I learned a lot, and that stood me in good stead for my adult life. There will be many Other Old Boys who gained the same experience – it would be nice to hear from any member who would like to share those memories to recall things we enjoyed.

Please write to me so that they can be shared with others in our Newsletter.
(rkent09@aol.co.com)

Thanks. **Dick**

Photo; 10th Band on Parade



Dear Friends,

It started in September! That was the time when our local Garden Centre began the annual process of transforming itself from a supplier of plants, gardening tools and garden furniture into a Christmas Emporium. At the time of writing, you would be hard pressed to find anything unrelated to Christmas in the Centre! The once big open space that was a home to plants, seeds and everything to do with gardens has now been colonised by Christmas decorations and gifts of every shape and size. There are enough artificial Christmas Trees to create a forest and, if all the Christmas lights get purchased and plugged in, the Rampion wind farm will be working overtime! Whilst I really enjoy Christmas, I must admit that I find starting to see Christmas in September depressing and now, in November, I find their huge display almost overwhelming. I feel for parents who will have had to be telling their small children for some time that Father Christmas isn't coming just yet!

No doubt you will have heard some of the major retailers encouraging us to have a real splurge at Christmas this year, because last year we couldn't. I suspect that although some of these retailers have been encouraging us to 'shop early' because there will be genuine shortages, others may have jumped on this bandwagon to get us spending. I had to smile at the sign outside a coffee shop near one of my churches declaring recently 'Scone shortages! Buy your scones here while you can!' The owner did have the grace to add 'Please' at the bottom of the sign! On the other hand, I hear on the news this morning that there will not, after all, be a shortage of turkeys this Christmas, which may or may not be good news for the turkeys!

One of the leading retailers was quoted as saying that the High Street needs to have a 'successful' Christmas this year, and that set me musing: what makes Christmas 'successful'? Can the success of Christmas really be measured by the boost it gives to the economy? Will your Christmas only be successful if your decorations, tree, lights and your Christmas dinner table approximates to the pictures of these things in glossy magazines? I do enjoy all the trimmings of Christmas, but at the same time I don't subscribe to the idea that unless your Christmas looks like something out of a magazine it is decidedly unsuccessful.

So how do we rate whether or not Christmas is a success? We would surely want to say that, fundamentally, the success of 'Christmas 2021' has to lie in its relationship to the very first Christmas of all. Putting it rather crudely, wasn't the 'success' of the first Christmas achieved when Mary said to the angel, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word'? Wasn't success achieved when Joseph received the message, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit' and he did so? And wasn't the ultimate success achieved when Mary 'gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling bands and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn'? As St. John put it so powerfully, 'The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us, full of grace and truth.' St. John went on to declare that 'We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.' Dare we say that the 'success' of the first Christmas was God coming amongst us in Jesus Christ, and that the 'success' of every subsequent Christmas is to be measured in how deeply we perceive the grace and truth of the Christ-Child and behold his glory here and now.

However you will be spending Christmas, whether with family and friends or quietly, I hope that you will find some time to go, as the traditional introduction to Carol Services so poignantly puts it, 'in heart and mind even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass and the Babe lying in a manger' and find again in him the truth of the good news that God sent his Son into the world that we might live through him.

Every blessing, **Ian Suttie**

Peter Hudson, 1934-2021

Peter was a dedicated and well-loved public servant and a true friend of the village. He moved to Henfield in 1971 and was active on Henfield Parish Council from 1979 to 2001, standing as Chairman from 1987-1992.



He was a proactive and hard-working Councillor, putting in place many improvements for the village and overseeing the formation of the Late-Night Shopping event. With the Parish Council he took on responsibility for the Remembrance Parade, at the pivotal time when the Royal British Legion closed in the village, and much of the present and very successful format is from his original template. He oversaw the formation of the new Henfield Leisure Centre during his Chairmanship and helped to create the Coat of Arms, Henfield was only the second village in the country to have its own.

In later years, many Henfield people will remember his booming and friendly voice over the tannoy at countless village fairs. He exuded charm and kindness, his interview techniques encouraged even the shyest children to chat about their prizewinning 'vegetable monster' and it was always a pleasure to listen to his witty anecdotes. When the title of 'Citizen of Henfield' was bestowed upon him in 2002 it was well deserved, he was only the second person in Henfield to receive this accolade.

Peter was born in 1934 and grew up during WWII, he remembered watching the Battle of Britain in the skies above him, his 10th birthday fell on D-Day 1944. Upon leaving school he became a trainee Draftsman, then put his career on hold for three years' service in the RAF medical branch. He was married to Jackie in 1964 and they had four children; John, Susan, Lucie and Katie, they also have 10 grandchildren.

Peter was active in the Brighton Lions Club for 25 years, where he was president in 1974. Amongst other Lions projects and in response to the great elderly loneliness issues in Brighton, he helped set up the Brighton Lions Community Centre. Each day the centre welcomed over 100 elderly Brighton residents to enjoy activities such as keep fit, dancing, painting, sculpture, bingo and billiards. He went on to win the Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship award for his studies of 'Loneliness amongst elderly people' in 1979 and met Her Majesty the Queen as part of the fellowship award. One of his favourite posts was as governor of a special needs school in Brighton, which he found incredibly fulfilling.

In Henfield he and Jackie were regular churchgoers at St Peter's, with Jackie teaching Sunday School for some time and Peter as Churchwarden for six years. He was also a Governor at St Peter's School for several years and longstanding trustee of the Dame Elizabeth Gresham Charity, which has served the village for 360 years!

In recognition of his service to the village, Peter was honoured by having Hudson Way on the Deer Park Estate named after him. In his final years he lived with Parkinson's and approached this challenge with all the good humour and resilience that is so reflective of his character.

Peter's funeral service was held at St Peters Church, Henfield on Wednesday 22nd September 2021

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

“Reunion 10 April 2022”

Please make every effort to be “on parade” for the Reunion on 10 April 2022 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 will be in the Spring 2022 Newsletter which will give you more details of the arrangements and telephone numbers to ring as required.

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

The up to date Covid-19 health and safety regulations will be available in the Spring 2022 newsletter which will include details of any specific matters that need to be addressed in advance of the Reunion so that we all have a safe and enjoyable afternoon.

Membership

A special thank you to the members who paid membership subscriptions and made donations in 2021 which enabled us to cover the annual costs of our Stedfast Association and also for the Stedfast Committee to make some donations on your behalf.

You will note that the Winter Newsletter includes a 2022 membership form. By all means, complete the form and send back to me by post if you wish to. We will include the membership form again in the Spring 2022 Newsletter so that you can bring the form with you to the reunion like many of you prefer to do.

Please keep your email addresses and postal addresses up to date on your membership forms since some of you changed your addresses during 2020/21. We are keen to reduce newsletter costs by sending fewer by post to save in printing, postage and envelopes so if you have an email address, please can you let me have it.

Sadly, we have so far been notified in 2021 that 13 members have passed to higher service (see further in the Newsletter). We were also notified in 2020 of 10 members that passed to higher service. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused so many families to lose loved ones and I expect you will remember in your own way those members that you knew that are no longer with us.

Our Stedfast membership having declined in numbers over the last two years, it is therefore essential that we all do our best to contact any BB colleague who you don't think is already on our database and pass the Winter Newsletter to them with our details. Please urge them to come to the Reunion. There will be many former BB members, former BB officers and BB friends in Sussex and in the Brighton, Hove and District area that don't know that we are having a Stedfast Association reunion on 10 April 2022.

We hope that you will continue to stay safe and well and will be able to meet with us to share our Reunion and to join in BB fellowship, to recall our BB memories and regain the comradeship we all have in the Stedfast Association and The Boys' Brigade since we last met in January 2020.

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2020 Accounts

The 2020 Stedfast Association certified accounts will be included again in the Spring 2022 newsletter as a reminder for you since these accounts will need to be considered by members at the AGM on 10 April 2022. The 2020 accounts were examined by our independent accountant, Christine Townsend FCA and approved on 28 June 2021.

2021 Stedfast Association accounts and Budget (compared to the certified accounts to 31 December 2020)

It is anticipated that the Stedfast Association accounts for the year to 31 December 2021 will show that most of the income received in the year is likely to be utilised for Association expenses, including donations to The Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion (towards camp costs), Southwick Methodist church, Preston Bowls Club and to The Royal British Legion for the wreaths at Remembrance services.

Please see our Stedfast Association income and expenditure budget to December 2021 as follows:-

	Paid up Members 70	<i>Paid up Members 115</i>
Subscriptions including donations to date	1,154	<i>1,533</i>
Reunion collections	N/A	<i>349</i>
Donations	175	<i>340</i>
Total income	1,329	<i>2,222</i>
Expenditure estimated		
BB-Glynde donation	(350)	<i>No camp in 2020</i>
Southwick Methodist Church	(200)	<i>(500)</i>
Federation subscription	(45)	<i>(45)</i>
Preston Bowls Club donation re Founder's dinner in Oct 2021	(25)	<i>N/A</i>
Website costs (estimate)	(200)	<i>(100)</i>
Remembrance wreaths	(50)	<i>(50)</i>
Newsletter costs-estimated	(300)	<i>(339)</i>
Insurance	(69)	<i>(69)</i>
Reunion costs	N/A	<i>(304)</i>
St John's Ambulance donation	(58)	<i>(58)</i>
BOBS donation	N/A	<i>(35)</i>
Total expenses	(1,197)	<i>(1,500)</i>
Estimated surplus	32	<i>722</i>
Bank balance B/F	2,774	<i>2,052</i>
Bank balance C/F	2,806	<i>2,774</i>

We expect to have similar funds for the start of 2022 as we did at the start of 2021 but hope that you will again show your generosity by paying your subs for 2022 so that the Stedfast Association will be able to continue indefinitely in supporting its members at the Reunion at our spiritual home at Southwick Methodist Church, to continue to support The Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion and to continue to produce the Stedfast newsletter in the Spring, Summer and Winter.

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Southwick Methodist Church continues to provide facilities for the committee meetings to take place during the year but most importantly the church has agreed to hold our annual Reunion service, tea and AGM on 10 April 2022.

Please remember the Stedfast Association members passed to higher service

It is with sadness that we have to report the members that have passed to higher service in 2021 in addition to the members that passed to higher service last year. I am sure these members and their families will be in your prayers as we thank them for their service to The Boys' Brigade and in the service to our Lord Jesus Christ. We will also remember them by Name and BB Co again at the Reunion.

Website

We wish to thank Carl Jukes and the Boys of the 10th Brighton (Hove) Boys' Brigade Company for all their efforts in building our website. Carl has now retired from these duties and it is also with regret we have to report that the 10th Brighton (Hove) Boys' Brigade Co has closed.

It wasn't possible to keep the website updated recently but our intention is to rectify this during 2022. We will try our best to have the website functioning before the Reunion so that you will be able to find out about Stedfast news and events for 2022. You will note that we have estimated an increase in the website costs, this is because we will have to buy new software for the website to continue next year.

Stedfast Association committee 2022

The Stedfast Association is "**in need**" of a new committee for the forthcoming year and therefore please offer any help you can. Even one task carried out by a committee member will lessen the work load of others. We will thank the committee members that are retiring at the reunion and look forward to welcoming new committee members at the AGM.

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

Yours Stedfastly

Alan Caperon, Treasurer and Secretary

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;

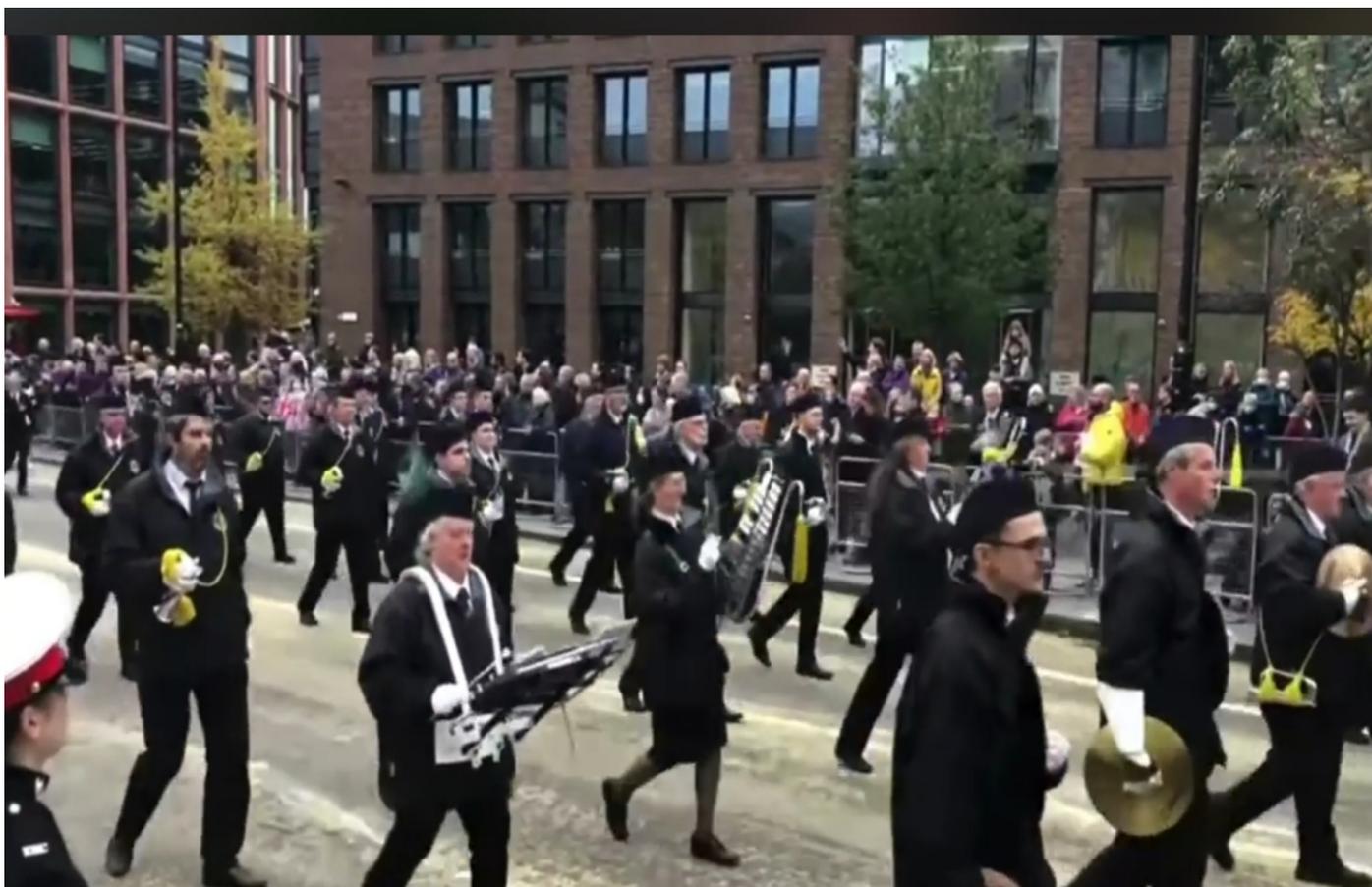
<http://brightonstedfast.org.uk/>

Lord Mayor's Show

I received this photo of the Stedfast Band at this years Lord Mayor's Show. Carol can clearly be seen playing her Bell Lyre, Sadly, I was unable to participate, owing mobility issues, so I stayed at home.

As well as Carol, others Brighton band members included Brian White, Barry McCann and Richard Newman. The BBC coverage left a lot to be desired and didn't feature the band, however, I understand that there are some items on You Tube.

Best Regards
Paul Simmons



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Founder's Day Dinner 2021

On October 4th at Preston Bowls Club 25 members and guests sat down to enjoy an excellent meal provided for us by Michael, the club chef.

Our Chairman started proceedings by proposing a toast to Our patron HM Queen Elizabeth II.

We then all sang the camp grace.

Seating was a little different this year. In the past we had all dined together on one long table. It was agreed that this year a degree of Social Distancing would be afforded by using more tables. We were arranged on 5 tables of 4 and one of 5. I was able to give Michael menu choices by table and service went forward well. It was remarked that the smaller groups meant that conversation flowed more readily.



At 8pm to mark the time when Sir William Alexander Smith opened the doors to the very first members of the BB in 1883 our President proposed a toast to our Founder.

We did not have our usual raffle. It has become a policy of the Bowls Club to avoid raffles to save handing of cash and prizes as a Covid precaution. Donations totalling £20 were made to the funds of Glynde Camp.

Was it a good evening?

Michael had a smile on his face as the empty plates were returned, The two ladies that served our food were delighted by the generous donations made to express the diners appreciation. One of the ladies, Helen, Michael's wife, who is an excellent pastry cook, was responsible for the delicious desserts that we enjoyed,

A member who attended the dinner for the first time sent an e-mail the following day. He said "Thank you for a wonderful evening. The venue, food, company and ambience were all excellent. "

When you get your new diary enter Tuesday Oct 4th 2022, 7 for 7.30pm in **BOLD**

Best Regards **Les Russell**

Band Report

Greetings dear readers. Since our last news letter, things with the band have started to return to normal. We have taken part in the Bexley Civic Parade, Worthing Carnival and had some practices with our National Band in readiness for the up and coming Lord Mayors Show, by the time you get to read this, it will have come and gone. There will be some of our band joining in with this prestigious event, sadly, owing to mobility issues, (a problematic knee), I won't be taking part, but Brian, Barry, Richard and Carol will be, so well done one and all.

A big thank you to Richard Newman for arranging, once again for organising a bus for passengers from Brighton/Southwick, stopping in the Croydon area and transporting the remainder of the Band from their meeting point to the bands assembly area, this will help protect them all, especially if the weather isn't kind. Our national band draws members from all over the England, Wales, Scotland and Guernsey. Owing to the lack of members from Brighton, we have been fortunate to join forces with our friends from London, who are in the same situation as we are, have both lost valued members who have had to retire for various reasons, but together, (although small in number), we are still able to function reasonably well. We have also been fortunate that some of our friends who are prepared to travel, which is always appreciated. So a big thanks must go to Will Farrant from East Anglia who came down especially to play with us at Worthing.

Remembrance season is almost on us, and although we will not be taking part in any local Civic Parades, I know Brian will be playing at Hove Cemeteries with our good friend Malcolm Kendall from London, I will be playing in my own Church on the Sunday as well as playing at Stanford School, Brighton with their Service of Remembrance on Thursday the 11th November, playing at 11am.

With our next reunion being re scheduled till the Spring, Please stay safe and well, so we can see you all then.

Blessings to one and all **Paul Simmons.**

Band events and the Lord Mayor's Show

On August Bank Holiday Brighton and some London members met to practise at W. Worthing Baptist Church and then to perform a display at Steyne Gardens Worthing in the Afternoon, which was well received. Since then local and national practises have been held at Sawston, Birmingham, and Earlsfield.

In September the Band led the Mayoral Church Parade in Bexleyheath and the band members came from ; Brighton and London, assisted by members of the 14th West Kent Boys Brigade Company. The main event for us, and what the practises focused on, was the Lord Mayor's Parade through the streets of the city of London on November 14th. It was a lovely mild day and the crowds packed the route cheering us on along with 100 s of others. Quite an event. Brighton band members are: Paul and Carol Simmons, Barry Mcaan, Richard Newman and you're truly, Brian White. Sadly, David Wood and David Norman have had to drop out for health reasons and they are badly missed. We look forward to the future of showing the B.B. flag.

Brian White

The Boys' Brigade Prayer

Bless, O God, The Boys' Brigade, and give to it greater power to advance Your kingdom throughout the world. Grant in mercy, that every member, past and present, may prove stedfast in their fight against evil, and true in their allegiance to You. Help us in times of temptation; make us strong where we are weak, give us courage in difficulty, faithfulness in duty and loyalty in friendship;

We give thanks for the boys who are in The Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion, from Anchor Boys to the Company Section. We pray that they will continue to enjoy being part of the BB, and that their experiences will help them to grow and mature as people and as followers of Jesus.

Help our leaders and Officers to continue their work. We give thanks for their commitment and pray for their continued energy and enthusiasm.

We Pray that the boys may feel inspired to become leaders themselves in due course, and for some former members to come forward and become leaders.

Boys and leaders also depend on the commitment of parents and families to ensure that the Brigade flourishes. Give thanks for those who are involved in supporting the BB, and that others will come forward to give their support.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for The Boys' Brigade, the Boys that it taught and the men that it made that have served the Stedfast Association. Especially we think of our Battalion which over the years has brought many young men to know, love and follow you and continue 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 cannot 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 and Stedfast Association through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



The Glasgow Stedfast Association

is pleased to host

The Federation of Stedfast Associations
United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland

AGM and Fellowship Weekend 13-15 May 2022

at the
Golden Jubilee Hotel,
Clydebank, Glasgow,
G81 4SA



Friday 13th

Welcome
Informal dinner 7pm
With entertainment

Saturday 14th

Tour / Visit
Federation AGM
Gala Dinner with
entertainment

Sunday 15th

Church Service at
Glasgow Cathedral
service at 11am
followed by light refreshments

Check in at the hotel is 3pm. Baggage can be left at reception beforehand.

Timings have yet to be finalised.

Free transport available throughout the weekend

For further information, please contact

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A selection of badges that the Boys from Anchors through to the Company section are able to gain through service and activities.

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
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Alan Caperon

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