

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.

Winter 2024

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 ; elect-Geoff Fitch

Chairman; Ray Eaves

Chaplain; Vacant

Treasurer; Alan Caperon

Secretary; Alan Caperon

Membership Secretary; Vacant

Committee;

Les Russell, Sue Standen,
Paul Simmons, Dave Norman,

Newsletter Editor, Terry Pomfrey



YOU

are cordially invited to the
Brighton Hove and District

Stedfast Association

Annual Reunion Service
on Sunday 17 March 2024

commencing from 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 followed by the annual general
meeting

For further details and
current information about Membership
contact our Secretary, Alan Caperon
alan.caperon@hotmail.co.uk

Dear Stedfast Members,

What are you going to achieve this year that you have never achieved before?

If we are ready to go the sky is the limit or, as Tim Peake found out, it is possible to go much further. Maybe you are led to go just a few yards to achieve something quite extraordinary and different that only you can do.



Most of The Disciples were not born when Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn, they worked and achieved a great deal before they heard the call of The Master and their lives were never the same again. Listen and obey and you will achieve something precious and new.

What a joy it is to learn of the way in which The Battalion is so keen to work more closely with Stedfast. Membership of The Boys' Brigade is for a lifetime not just for a few fleeting years of youth. Working more closely with The Battalion will enable us to increase our effectiveness in assisting our younger Brothers in a mutually helpful way.

Most of us are or have been, Members of local Companies and know the value that this is in our lives and that of many others. Let us take the opportunity to support and encourage one or more particular Companies.

As well as supporting The Battalion we must support each other and take every opportunity to do so. I would be very happy to prepare a list of our current Members, with their BB history and special interests. This could be circulated with The Newsletter. Obviously, only with the permission of the Member concerned.

Internationally, The Brigade continues to expand and it would be great if Companies world wide can be invited to send an article for a future edition of The Newsletter.

The sky is not the limit, nor the wonder of space. We rest in the limitless, unending, unchanging Love of Our Lord whose Birth we have just celebrated and who will bring us together as one at The Reunion in March.

Peter Ford
President
The Brighton, Hove and District Stedfast Association

EDITORIAL

Dear Stedfast members, this is the first editorial I have written for the news letter, and I must pay tribute to Dick Kent who for many years performed the role of magazine editor and faithful committee member for more years than I can recall.

The festivities of Christmas now seem a long time ago but the winter chill is still with us although there are signs that Spring is just around the corner. The gardens are coming back to life and the first bulbs are beginning to show through the wet and soggy ground. The daffodils will soon appear giving the golden glow to the gardens and hedgerows.

We welcome some new faces on our committee, but we are still looking to recruit new members to serve you our members, to broaden the interests of what we can offer to you and of the items we publish in our newsletter.

The newsletter needs articles of news from both Companies and Members. Perhaps some memories of times spent in the Brigade or other interesting items. Without your input it cannot reflect your boys brigade and Stedfast interests.

The committee meet regularly to plan the Reunion and AGM Sunday, and are actively seeking ways of forging closer links with the Battalion to try and encourage the Boys currently serving to support the Stedfast Association when they are discharged.

We hope to have BB members joining us at the Reunion parading the Battalion colour.

Also we are asking that you bring your company colours with you to the reunion so they can be on display during the service.

I am sure that you will make every effort to join us for our Reunion and Annual General meeting on 17th March 2024. In the meantime may I wish you all an enjoyable year and stay healthy.

Terry

IN MEMORIAM

MEMBERS PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE NOTIFIED TO US SINCE LAST REUNION

We have to sadly report the following members, who have been called to higher service. We send our deepest sympathy to their Family and Friends. May they Rest In Peace

Dick Kent 10th Brighton (Hove) BB Co

Peggy Hinton 4th Brighton (Hove) BB Co and 2nd Burgess Hill BB Co

Geoff Starks 16th Brighton BB Co

Revd Bryan Pickard

I have always liked the new year looking forward in hope and expectation of things to come. As I've got older my love of gardening has grown, and again my spirits are lifted with the sight of snowdrops and daffodils emerging from the cold ground. They are the first signs of better things to come as the garden springs forth into life again.

I'm also aware that for some like my old school friend Laurence, the New Year brings back sadness at past losses and failures. Perhaps that is why the Roman god from which January takes its name is depicted with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backwards.

As a seventeen year old after a B B seniors meeting in Hove, God used a B B friend to challenge me about my past failures. He said in his youthful zeal 'that my life was empty without Jesus'.

Well to be honest we argued ; I was a Boys Brigade member, an N C O and I was not as bad as some others. He kept saying it's no good just knowing about Jesus, you need to know Him personally and to accept Him as my Saviour. I knew he was right, but was not about to tell him, so I got into my little old Mini and drove very slowly and sent up a prayer- 'Lord just let me get home safely.' At home that night I knelt and prayed 'Lord Jesus I'm truly sorry for all my sins and my ignoring You, please forgive me and come into my life.' Lord Jesus you are my Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Well for this working class young man, my life was not just changed but totally renewed and transformed. I had begun a new life with Jesus. Life's trials and pressures can take our focus away from Jesus love and purpose for our lives I know too well. However I'm again reminded (looking back) and hopeful (looking forward) that 'He will hold us fast' always and bring us safe home. So again in 2024 let's commit ourselves afresh to Jesus and His Kingdom.

Blessings, Bryan.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I hope that you all had a good & peaceful Christmas and enjoyed the festivities as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We now look forward to the New Year with hopes of a peaceful new year, we look forward to the thoughts of better weather and holidays which for those of us that are able we will be able to spend some time away with friends and family.

Your Committee and I look forward to welcoming you to our 2024 Reunion on Sunday 17th March at Southwick Methodist Church, commencing at 2:30 p.m. Please make a note of this date so that you don't miss out on this very important date in the Stedfast calendar. This is a chance to meet up with old colleagues and friends, catch up and reminisce on times in the B.B. Why not bring a friend with you who was once in the B.B. So that they can enjoy the friendship and camaraderie which the Reunion brings, it also gives us a chance to remember those of our members who have been called to Higher Service since the last Reunion and to give thanks for their lives.

Finally, may I appeal to you to give thought and prayer to joining us on the Committee. We need fresh young members to join the Committee. We are getting older and our health is not as good as once was, (mine included). We are a friendly lot and would welcome new members with fresh new thoughts and ideas to take our Stedfast Association forward into the future.

I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2024.

Ray Eaves

Stedfast Committee Chairman.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE REMEMBERS

Sunday 12th November 2023

This week thousands of members of The Boys' Brigade have taken part in activities and events as we remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

A contingent of young people and leaders from 41st Edinburgh, 3rd Falkirk, 1st Loanhead, 31st Northampton and 1st Tewkesbury represented the Brigade at the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on Whitehall in London. Taking place on the morning of Remembrance Sunday, the event was broadcast live on the BBC and included a march past and the laying of wreaths.

In addition, Brigade members took part in Remembrance events in their local Churches, schools and communities. Events have included services, civic commemorations, taking part in collections for the Poppy Appeal, and lots more.

Children and young people have also been getting involved as part of their regular programme of activities, learning about Remembrance and why it is important as well as getting creative by making Remembrance-themed displays.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

“Reunion 17 March 2024”

We are pleased to report that the Mayor of Brighton and Hove and the Chairman of Adur Council have both accepted our invitation to the 2024 reunion and further details of the reunion are included in this Winter Newsletter.

Please make every effort to be “on parade” for the 2024 Reunion on 17 March 2024 from 2.15pm.

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

Membership

I would like to convey a message and a special thank you to the 75 members who paid membership subscriptions and to those members that included donations in 2023 which enabled us to cover the annual costs of our Stedfast Association and also for the Committee to make donations on your behalf (see further below).

You will note that the Winter Newsletter includes a 2024 membership form. By all means, complete the form and send back to me by post or email or bring with you to the Reunion. We will include the membership form again in the Spring 2024 Newsletter which we will send to members after the Reunion.

Please keep your email addresses and postal addresses up to date on your membership forms since some of you changed your addresses during 2023 and this has meant that some members have not received the Newsletters and Stedfast updates. 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.

I look forward to welcoming you to our 2024 Reunion when we can all join in BB fellowship, to recall our BB memories and rekindle the comradeship we all have in the Stedfast Association and The Boys' Brigade since we last met.

Stedfast Website

I hope you all were able to visit the website using the link we gave you in our previous newsletters as follows:-

<http://brightonstedfast.org.uk>

Please continue to visit the website so that we can update you periodically on any matters that need to be brought to your attention.

Stedfast Association committee 2024

The Stedfast Association is always **“in need”** of new committee members for the forthcoming year. Please offer to help if you can. Even one task carried out by a committee member will lessen the work load of others.

2022 Accounts

The 2022 Stedfast Association certified accounts were approved by Garry Lock, Chartered Accountant and included in the Summer newsletter. You will recall these accounts were previously presented to the AGM at the last Reunion.

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2023 Stedfast Association accounts (compared to the certified accounts to 31 December 2022)

Please see our Stedfast Association income and expenditure accounts to 31 December 2023 as follows:-

	Accounts 2023 to be independently certified £	Certified accounts 2022 £
Income	Paid up Members 75	Paid up Members 75
Subscriptions including donations to date	1,147	1,277
Reunion collections	381	243
Donations	22	-
Total income	1,550	1,520
Expenditure		
BB-Glynde camp donation	(300)	(250)
Southwick Methodist Church-donation	(381)	(243)
Federation subscription-subs	(20)	(45)
Preston Bowls Club and donation re Founder's dinner	(35)	(35)
Website costs	(115)	(101)
Remembrance wreaths donation	(70)	(50)
Newsletter costs, including postage and stationary during the year	(142)	(276)
Insurance	(73)	(69)
Reunion costs	(280)	(202)
St John's Ambulance donation	(127)	(92)
Stedfast plaques for reunion	(21)	(26)
Total expenses	(1,564)	(1,389)
(Deficit) Surplus	(14)	131
Bank balance B/F	3,294	3,163
Bank balance C/F	3,280	3,294

Donations made on your behalf

Southwick Methodist Church continues to provide facilities for the committee meetings during the year but most importantly the church welcomes us each year to hold our annual Reunion service, tea and AGM. We have therefore donated the collections that were made in 2023 to the church. The Committee also made a donation to our Battalion of £300 towards Glynde camp costs. A donation of £35 was made to Preston Bowls Club who host the Founder's dinner each year. We have made a donation to St John's Ambulance who attend our Reunion each year. We have also made a donation of £70 to the Royal British Legion for the wreaths laid at the Brighton and Southwick memorials.

And finally

Please let me know of our matters that you would like me to make known to our members at the AGM in relation to the Reunion and Stedfast

Yours Stedfastly

Alan Caperon, Secretary and Treasurer

REMEMBRANCE

Pictured right, Association President Peter Ford placing the association wreath on the Ernest Beal VC memorial plaque. This was done on the behalf of all our association members.

The other wreath there was placed by Ernest's nearest living relatives.



REMEMBRANCE continued (Les Russell)

I am the little lad on the right. I remember that occasion in 1947? I was promoted to front row cornet of the 6th Brighton Silver Band. We played as the battalion and other youths paraded on Remembrance Day for wreath laying. The tune we were playing was called 'Supreme Sacrifice'. The photograph was taken from very close to where the Memorial to Ernest Beal VC has now been placed.

Les Russell



Stedfast Prayer

Bless, O God, The Boys' Brigade, and give to it greater power to advance Christ's Kingdom amongst Boys. Grant in your mercy, that every member, past and present, may prove Stedfast and true in his allegiance to You. Help us in times of difficulty; make us strong when we are weak, give us courage and faithfulness in duty and loyalty in friendship.

We give thanks for the boys 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 followers of Jesus Christ. Help our leaders and Officers to continue their work. We give thanks for their commitment and pray for their continued energy and enthusiasm.

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

We think of our Brighton Battalion which over the years has brought many young men to know, love and follow Jesus Christ and continues to do so with your blessing.

We pray for our Stedfast members as we prepare for our annual reunion that they remain healthy and are able to join us in comradeship and fellowship. We also pray for those members that will be unable to join with us who maybe unwell and for those members that cannot get out and about as they used to. We ask that you bless each and every one of our members.

Bless us all as we strive to support the work of our Battalion and Stedfast Association in the year ahead.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Brighton Battalion Diary

JANUARY

Friday 26th Ernest Beal VC Award Entries due

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th Camp Council

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

Monday 3rd Camp Council

JULY

Friday 26th Glynde Camp Begins (Seniors Year 10+)

Saturday 27th Junior Section Day Trip at Glynde

Sunday 28th Glynde Camp Company Section Begins (Year 6-9)

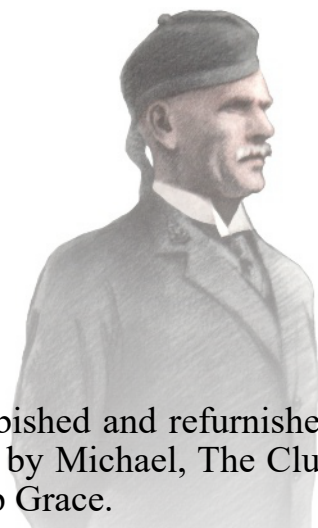
AUGUST 2024

Saturday 3rd Glynde Camp Concludes

Saturday 31st Battalion Financial Year Ends



FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2023



On Wednesday Oct 4th 23 members and guests sat down in the refurbished and refurnished Preston Bowl Club to an excellent 3 course, a la carte meal provided by Michael, The Club Chef. We started with a loyal toast to King Charles followed by Camp Grace.



At 8pm our President reminded us that , at that time. 140 years ago in Glasgow on October 4th 1883 William Alexander Smith opened the doors to the very first members of the BB .

It was also ten years since the the first time we held The Founder's Day Dinner at Preston Bowls club (2013), so it was be a double celebration.

We concluded with the singing of the Vesper.

Just a thought if you are putting down the Dinner in your new diary or calendar for 2024 it is a leap year and Oct 4th will be on a Friday.

Les Russell



**THE 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 26th March 2023. Annual Reunion Service at 2.30pm followed by tea and AGM.

President Peter Ford

Our Stedfast Association president thanked our guests the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Cllr Lizzie Dean and Cllr Andy Mc Gregor the Chairman of Adur District Council for attending. Peter also thanked the Stedfast members for their attendance, and to Jinny Smith for playing the piano during the service. Rhys James was thanked for saying the remembrance verses. The 26th Brighton BB company was thanked for attending and for acting as the Battalion colour party.

Chairman Ray Eaves

Welcome before tea and refreshment followed by the BB Camp grace

Ray welcomed the members and guests.

Ray thanked Peter Ford for officiating during the service, Reverend Frank Okai-Sam for the prayers, Rev Peter Elliott for giving the address, Gary Pickett for the Bible reading, Paul Simmons and Paul Hotton for playing the bugles during the service. Thanks, were expressed to John Pigott (carrying the Stedfast colours), Mark Jago and Mick Shorter for acting as the Stedfast Association colour party. Ray also expressed our thanks to the St Johns Ambulance, who provided first aiders for the afternoon.

Ray thanked the 1st Southwick Boys' Brigade members for assisting us with the afternoon. Ray gave our thanks to Janet Spoor who made the sandwiches and the cakes. Our gratitude goes to Carol Simmons and Susan Gale who carried out the kitchen duties and cleared up after the tea. Also to Pam Stringer for acting as our photographer for the afternoon as usual. Thanks also need to go to Phil Webb at Southwick Methodist Church who assisted in the reunion arrangements beforehand, and to Julie Scarratt and the IT team that participated during the afternoon and at the service. The Southwick Methodist church is also utilised during the year for committee meetings.

Thanks, were given to the Stedfast committee, for all their hard work and a special mention was given to Alan Caperon for everything he does on behalf of the association.

The members sang the BB camp grace together.

Greetings, announcements and apologies

Greetings, announcements and apologies were read by Alan Caperon.

Apologies were received from:

Ken Towner- 7th and 26th Brighton, Brian Griffin- 3rd/6th/16th/17th Brighton

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David Robertson- 10th Brighton Hove, Chris Hinton- 4th Brighton 2nd Burgess hill
Derek Hinton- 4th Brighton and former Battalion President
Malcolm Bar Hamilton-22nd Brighton (Hove) , Carl Jukes-10th Brighton (Hove)
Les Russell-6th Brighton, Sue Standen- Stedfast minutes secretary
Geoffrey Cocksedge-1st Lindfield, Peter Webb-30th Brighton
Peter Gear-10th Brighton (Hove) , Derek Rance-13th Brighton

Adoption of the 2022 reunion AGM minutes and matters arising

Alan Caperon asked the meeting to vote upon the Adoption of 2022 Reunion AGM minutes which were unanimously approved.

Presentation and adoption of the 2021 accounts-Alan Caperon

Alan Caperon referred to the Stedfast Association's accounts for 2021 which had been certified by Garry Lock, Chartered Accountant as printed in the Stedfast Newsletter. The members unanimously approved the adoption of the accounts.

Presentation of the 2022 accounts-Alan Caperon

The accounts for 2022 had been printed in the newsletter. There were no questions on the accounts which will be passed to the independent Examiner for certification. These accounts will be printed in the Summer newsletter with an update upon whether they are approved with or without any amendments.

The Battalion President-Gary Pickett

Gary Pickett gave a report about the battalion. Good afternoon to you all,
I wish to thank you for allowing me to stand before you and update you on the Battalion.

During 2022 the Brigade put out a Company census to every company to see what is important to them and what support they needed and all but one of our Companies filled in the census with a fairly positive response on most questions. Our biggest things we need to work on is supporting companies with the online brigade manager that the Brigade had launched some years ago.

But also looking at some of the other positives in the Battalion

- The 7 companies we had last year- we still have all of them which is great
- We presented the Ernest Beal VC award in 2022 to Rhys James
- Our Anchors and Juniors had a good programme of events last year
- Glynde 2022 took place as a full week as a whole camp but after the success of Glynde 2021 the seniors asked for some time together so we changed camp slightly so we had the seniors from the Friday night to the Sunday when the rest of camp joined us. We had a full programme of events and sports with a slight change of our normal style of cross country changed to a tough mudder instead which was great fun.

I want to thank you for listening to me today and thank you for your support and continued prayers for the Battalion.

Thank you
Gary Pickett
Battalion President

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Glynde Camp-Isaac Conroy

Isaac gave a report on the forthcoming 2023 Glynde camp and made a request that any donations made to camp this year could be unrestricted so that the camp committee can utilise the money in the best way possible. This utilisation would also include financial assistance to any person wishing to attend camp that isn't able to pay the full cost.

Nomination and Election of the Officers and Committee members for 2023/24

The members elected the Officers and Committee members that were all nominated as follows: -

President- Peter Ford
Chairman of the committee- Ray Eaves
Hon Secretary- Alan Caperon
Hon Treasurer- Alan Caperon
Vice President-position vacant

The nomination and role of a Vice President was discussed but no nomination had been received. Committee nominations all elected as follows:-

Ray Eaves, Paul Simmons, Terry Pomfrey, Les Russell and Sue Standen.

An appeal for new committee members was also made.

Oldest and youngest old Boy's present- Ray Eaves

Ray Eaves ran through the hand's up lists, before he established the oldest and youngest members present. Nigel Evans (19th Mid Surrey) and various other BB Cos as Captain (including 20th Mid Surrey, 1st Peaslake, 2nd Horley and 3rd Horley) was the oldest member on parade and Isaac Conroy was the youngest (2nd Burgess Hill and 26th Brighton BB Cos). Peter Ford presented them with plaques to celebrate this.

The vesper was sung at the close of the AGM

Any other business

The date of the 2024 reunion will be held on 17 March 2024

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

The church collection was later counted and totalled £242.40.

The tea table collection was later counted and totalled £138.46.

The attendance was 74 members and guests, plus the Boys from the 1st Southwick BB company.

There were attendees from BB Companies from the district of the Brighton and Hove Battalion, with representatives from London District and from the 1st Greenock in Scotland (there were also other BB cos represented from other counties).

The AGM concluded at 5pm.



The next Newsletter will be April 2024

Please submit all contributions as soon as possible, before the end of **March 2024**
(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 Ray Eaves or 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)



Membership Form for 2024

May we remind you that subscriptions are due, the present recommended subscription for members and associate members is £10-00 per year (more/less if you wish).

Subscription/Contribution enclosed £

Cheques payable to “ **Stedfast Association** “.. please

Or pay directly to the following bank account:-

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Please return this completed form together with your subscription to:-

The Secretary

Alan Caperon

72 Poulter's Lane

Worthing

West Sussex BN14 7SZ

Should you no longer wish to remain on our mailing list, would you also please inform the Secretary by email to alan.caperon@hotmail.co.uk



Brighton Hove & District Branch

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

January 2024

President:

His Grace The Earl of
Elgin & Kincardine

Local President:

Peter Ford

Dear Members, BB Company Officers, Friends and Supporters

**STEDFAST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION SERVICE ON 17 MARCH 2024 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 and 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 Bryan Pickard and he will lead us in prayer. Lynn Burtenshaw, the President of the Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion has been invited to carry out the bible reading during the service and give us her update on Battalion matters at the AGM. Carl Jukes has been invited to 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 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 served in. Please bring your colour stands if possible.

We invite you to visit our website at www.brightonstedfast.org.uk for confirmation of arrangements. Please make sure that you check the website for any last minute announcements. You are also welcome to contact me 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.

Yours sincerely and Stedfastly

Alan Caperon
Secretary

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Association*



BRIGHTON, HOVE & DISTRICT

Annual Service & Reunion

at

Southwick Methodist Church

on

Sunday, 17th March 2024

commencing at

2.30 p.m.

Followed by Tea

served in the Large Church Hall

& the A.G.M.

All are invited and very welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

RECEIPT OF COLOURS

Organist:
Carl Jukes

WELCOME BY THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Peter Ford

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.

1st Hymn

WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD

PRAYERS

ROLL CALL OF COMPANIES: Ray Eaves - Stedfast Chairman

FOLLOWED BY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

to give thanks for our members that have been called to higher service. after reading the names of those members that have died since our last reunion, please stand in silence for the last post and reveille

2nd Hymn

UNDERNEATH THE BANNER

SPECIAL GUESTS

SALVATION ARMY REBOURNE GROUP

3rd Offertory hymn

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

We will remain seated whilst the Offertory is taken.

Please stand as the Offertory is brought forward.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERTORY

ADDRESS AND BIBLE READING: Reverend Bryan Pickard

4th Hymn

I WANT TO SEE JESUS LIFTED HIGH

RETURN OF COLOURS

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

REUNION TEA AND AGENDA FOR the Annual General Meeting to be held at the tea tables at 4.15 p.m.



1. Welcome and thanks – Ray Eaves
2. BB Camp Grace (below)
3. Greetings, announcements and apologies-Alan Caperon
4. Adoption of 2023 Reunion AGM minutes - Alan Caperon
5. Adoption of 2022 accounts - Alan Caperon
6. Presentation of 2023 accounts - Alan Caperon
7. The Brighton Boys' Brigade Battalion-President Lynn Burtenshaw
8. Nomination and Election of Officers and Committee members

President - Peter Ford
Vice-President-Geoffrey Fitch
Hon. Secretary - Alan Caperon
Hon. Treasurer-Alan Caperon
Committee nominations

9. The Oldest and Youngest Members Present –Les Russell
10. AOB- date of next Reunion -6 April 2025- Vesper and Close of AGM

B.B. Camp Grace to be sung at the start of tea	The B.B. Vesper which we will sing at the close of the A.G.M.
O Lord of heaven and earth and sea, To Thee all praise and glory be. Accept our thanks we give to Thee, Who givest all. Amen.	Great God, who knowest all our need, Bless Thou our watch, and guard our sleep; Forgive our sins of thought and deed, And in Thy peace Thy servants keep. We thank Thee for the day that's done, We trust Thee for the days to be; Thy love we learn in Christ Thy Son, O may we all His glory see.

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