

# City of London Celebrates the 125th Anniversary

*The Boys' Brigade was naturally delighted when the City and Corporation of London kindly offered to host an Afternoon Reception at the Guildhall to celebrate the 125th Anniversary.*

**It was decided to hold a Review of 125 Queen's Badge and Founder's Badge holders representing The Boys' Brigade from throughout the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. This was to take place on the Guildhall Yard followed by Afternoon Tea in the Guildhall for those on parade and invited guests.**

Young men assembled at 14.00 for a quick rehearsal and a checking of uniforms. At this time each member received a specially commissioned badge which was worn on the breast

Commoner Mr John Barker who acted as host for the City and by the Brigade President.

Following General Salute, Sir Michael inspected the Parade and the Bands and then took his place on the dais to take the salute for the March Past. The chief guests then departed into the Guildhall after which the Brigade marched off and re-assembled indoors.

During the speeches the Chief Commoner told those assembled something of the history and organisation of the City, Sir Michael

commented on the parade and the influence of the Brigade in its 125 years and the President spoke to the young men of their value to the movement now and in the future. Messages of greeting were received from Her Majesty The Queen and from the Prime Minister. The Brigade Chaplain, The Rev Terry Hurst led Prayers of Thanksgiving for the witness of the Brigade throughout its history.

The most wonderful refreshments followed and all there were able to enjoy an informal hour within the historic setting. All those on parade were a credit to their Companies and were part of an occasion that will be remembered for a very long time.



pocket above the BB emblem. Whilst this was happening, guests started to arrive on the Guildhall Yard to be entertained by the band of the 4th Dunfermline Company. Surprisingly in such a poor summer, it was a glorious afternoon and there was concern that those on parade would suffer from the heat.

The Brigade marched on to the Guildhall Yard led by the band of the 3rd Bromley Company and stood at ease awaiting the arrival of the Chief Guest. The Reviewing Officer, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, Her Majesty's Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, accompanied by Lady Craig-Cooper was greeted on his arrival by the Chief





# AROUND THE UK...

A further look at some of the events and activities to celebrate the 125th anniversary around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. Further news at [www.bb125.org.uk](http://www.bb125.org.uk)



## Sponsored Jog across Tay Road Bridge

Members of the 5th Dundee Company walked and jogged across the Tay Road Bridge which is 1.5 miles long. Over £400 was raised and the boys got 60 minutes towards their 125 Community Badge.



## 8th Carrickfergus raise over £4000

Members of the 8th Carrickfergus Company, attached to Holy Trinity Church, Woodburn, Carrickfergus, has been in fund raising mode for the last six months. To date the Company has raised £2800 for the NI Hospice, £1000 for the Church Building Fund and £500 for the Palm in Palm project in Cameroon. This was possible through numerous events including the Anchor Boys Sponsored Noise, Juniors Fancy Dress Uni-Hoc competition, a Soup and Roll Lunch after Morning Church Service, a Cake Sale, a Variety Concert and the final event was a Car Treasure Hunt.

## Junior Section Big Day Out

Six hundred BB members of Northern Ireland District descended on Dundonald International Ice Bowl on Saturday 31st May for a day of fun and challenge. Boys took part in up to three activities – Pirate Golf, Indianaland and 10 Pin Bowling. Picnic lunches were enjoyed in glorious sunshine and Blue BB poloshirts were in evidence throughout the complex! Over 1100 activities took place over a period of six hours!



## East Lancashire raise £1250 for Local Hospice

Companies in East Lancashire have raised £1250 for the 125 Children's Hospice Appeal, with the money raised being donated to the local Brian House Hospice. The money was raised from boys from the 1st Rishton playing table tennis non-stop for 12.5 hours, members of the 1st Oswaldtwistle holding a fundraising event, as well as collections made at the Battalion Founders Day service and the Annual Carol Service.



## Beating the Retreat

Belfast Battalion at Hillsborough Castle.



## Wolverhampton Battalion

celebrated 125 at Baggeridge Country Park on 28th June, by holding a Praise Party and 'It's a Knockout for Christ'.

## Sponsored Sleep in a box

Members of the 1st Weston Super-Mare Company held a sponsored sleep in a box. The boys brought in various boxes & made up their beds for the night in the church hall. They all went for a walk along Weston sea front at about 10pm on Friday night then back to the church for a hot dog. They settled down for the night in their "boxes", and were then up early on Saturday morning for breakfast which was tea & toast. The money collected was split between The Hope Appeal & the local Children's Hospice. £135.63 to Charlton House, Wraxall, near Bristol.



### BBig 125th Anniversary Sponsored Walk

Members of Tyneside Battalion took part in a Sponsored Walk around Exhibition Park in Newcastle on Saturday 17th May 2008. The event was a great success with a good number taking part and £2335.72 being raised for the St. Oswald's Hospice.



### Leeds Battalion 125 Cycle Event

Which activity in the BB would allow BB members, from Company Section to President, to be part of the same team, using physical effort to overcome a challenge and all on the winning side? A bicycle is the answer. From ideas at a Battalion meeting the Canal Bike Ride was born, to cycle 125 miles along the canal tow path, from Liverpool to Leeds. Members of the 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 28th Leeds and 1st Farsley took part in the event.



### Fun Day in Leeds

There were plenty of activities for the Anchors and Juniors to enjoy and lunch was a huge success. The cyclists from the 125 Liverpool to Leeds cycle ride arrived during the afternoon and were congratulated by Battalion President, Simon Brocksom and Councillor for Bramley, Mrs Denise Atkinson. Later, Christian worship group Concordia performed and young people took part in the Praise Service which followed. The day was rounded off by the boys letting go of 125 red and blue balloons.



### Town Hall acknowledges BB's 125

Trafford Town Council has designed a floral display in the gardens of Trafford Town Hall to acknowledge the 125th Anniversary of The Boys' Brigade. The display is adjacent to Manchester United Football Club & Lancashire County Cricket Club, and so will be seen by thousands of fans as well as local residents.

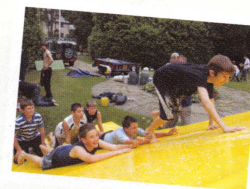


### Coffee & Cake Sale

Four boys from the 6th Northampton Company: Adam Kingsnorth, Jack Bates, Ryan Douglas and Alex Natt, decided to bake cakes and arrange two coffee mornings for the local community and also to raise funds for the 125 anniversary Palm in Palm Project. The members spent two BB evenings mixing and baking cakes in readiness for the following day's coffee morning. A total of £101.74 was raised.

### 'Life 2 the Max' 125 Celebration Day

Over 140 members of the Enfield Battalion attended a Fun Day held at Felden Lodge (BBUK HQ) on Saturday 12th July 2008. Activities including: It's a Knockout Team Challenge, Crafts, Scrap Heap Challenge, Bouncy Castle, Human Table Football, Treasure Hunt, Magician as well as visits by Hertfordshire Fire Service & Police Force entertained boys from 5 to 18 years of age. The Day finished with a celebration service and prize giving.



### 'Celebration day' at the Historic Dockyard Chatham

On 31st May 2008 around 3,500 members and friends of The Boys' Brigade and London Stedfast Association attended a Celebration Day held at the Historic Dockyard Chatham. As well as the many exhibits to see at the Dockyard, members of The Boys' Brigade in London and London Stedfast Association were involved in putting on arena displays throughout the day. A number of bands including the London Massed Bugle Band, London Stedfast Association Band, 5th Croydon Pipe Band, Babraham Amicus Bugle Band, Pacemakers, as well as a host of other bands took part. The West London Gym Team also provided performances throughout the day. At the end of the day during the Beating Retreat ceremony the bands came together to perform as one, with around 300 playing. Thanks go to the London Stedfast Association organising committee and the staff at Chatham Dockyard for making this event possible.

### Breaking News... 125th Celebratory Dinner

Sir Alex Ferguson was the chief guest at a dinner hosted by the Revd the Lord Griffiths



### Enfield Celebrates 125 Years at County Show

Members of the Enfield Battalion as well as a few from the London Bugle Band led the parade to open the Enfield County Show held in September. The Battalion had a stand at the show to promote the BB and recruit new members, and organised a '125' balloon release at the showground to celebrate the 125th Anniversary.

of Burry Port at the House of Lords to celebrate the 125th Anniversary. A full report will be in the next Gazette.