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News from the Archives

Welcome to the first of the new digital newsletter of the Boys Brigade Archives.

The Members Association paper newsletter has come to an end after 27 years, the last 10 years under the editorship of John Pritchard, and we must thank all previous editors for the tremendous work undertaken in sending these out.

The Boy's Brigade Archive Trust has for a few year had an active social media and communications team, and this digital newsletter will feature a lot of the content which has been featured on social media over the past few weeks, together with some news and information of particular interest to Archive members.

The aim of the social media and communication team has been to direct people towards The Boys' Brigade Virtual Museum and this newsletter will also do this. We are now putting all the articles and content which would have been previously found in a print newsletter on the virtual museum, and you are encouraged to click on the links to access this material. The virtual museum provides us with opportunities previously not available with a printed newsletter, most notably the ability to include Audio, and Video, as well as more images of a much higher quality. For those of you who have not yet visited the virtual museum we hope you do so soon, by following the links on the right of this page. Everything in the blue band to the right has clickable links embedded behind the images and text, so please visit the virtual museum, and also follow us on Facebook and twitter. You do not need to have a twitter or Facebook account to view the content of these pages. As you scroll through twitter it may ask you to 'log in', if this happens, you will see a cross in the top left hand corner of the pop up. You can use this to close the pop up and continue enjoying the content of the page. If you need any help please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

We will also be keeping you up-to-date with badges and BB memorabilia available on the Archive Shop. Details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

The Members Association Facebook group is a closed Facebook group, and you will need a Facebook account to join this. We encourage members to join this group as it is a forum for additional information and gives members the opportunity to post, and interact with other members through Facebook messaging. The clickable Members Association link on the right will take you to the members Facebook page.

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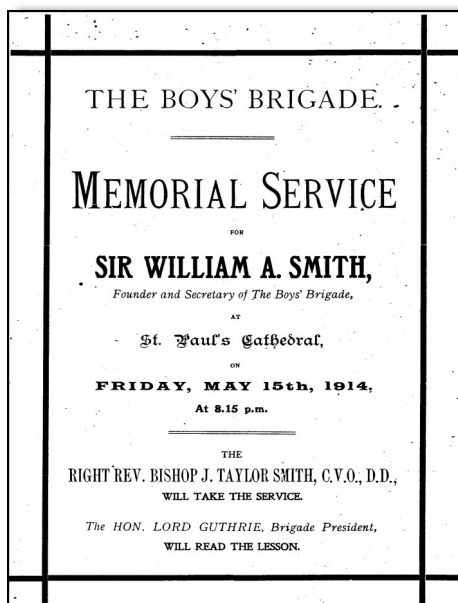


Recent post from our Social Media



For the past 6 months we have been adding recipients of the BB Cross for Heroism to the Virtual Museum. We have started adding links to a selection of the recipients on Social Media, and will continue to do so this year. Some of these are included as links in the blue band on the right of this page. Click on the links to learn more about these stories. Anyone who can add additional information to any of these stories is encouraged to contact us.

15th May 2023—On this date in 1914 a memorial service for Sir William Alexander Smith - Founder of The Boys' Brigade - was held in St. Paul's Cathedral. Read Muriel Gibbs' biography of Sir William on our Virtual Museum



Yorkshire Evening Post sharing some great pictures from the Festival of Britain, including one of the 13th Leeds Boys' Brigade on the 'Festival Run'. Find more about this historic occasion on our virtual museum



Photographs from the South East Hampshire Battalion camp at Weston near Swanage, 1972. Relive the memories of camping with The Boys' Brigade on our virtual museum



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[Shaw A-1943](#)

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Our Archivist Asks

We have started posting questions on Social media, asking for help from our followers, and we are posing the same questions to our newsletter readers. If you can help answer any of these questions, or have additional information to add to the virtual museum, please get in touch.



"Do you have stories to share from Centenary Year? I'd particularly like to hear about Battalion or Company events. Audio clips would be good too!"

Liverpool Battalion Football XI cloth badge, 1967 We want to add a brief history of the Liverpool Battalion to our virtual museum. Can anyone help?



Archive Shop

The Archive Shop supports the work of The Boys' Brigade Archive Trust and consists mainly of 'new old stock' items. These are generally items which have been discontinued from BB Supplies or are no longer required by Battalions and Companies. There are also a number of replica items produced by the Archive trust, as well as the Archive Trust publications. We are always looking out for new stock to add to our shop, and we are happy to accept donations of BB material to add to our shop.

Newly added stock can be found in the 'NEW' section of the online shop. We have recently added the stock from the London Stedfast Association which closed in 2019.



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