

Heritage

Newsletter of The Boys' Brigade Archives

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News from the Archives

In the past few weeks we have continued sharing and posting BB history on Social Media and hope that you have visited Twitter and Facebook to get your daily dose of BB heritage. For those who have not managed to, we have included some links in the following pages of the newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy reading about. We have also included a page for the members association members which includes the badge sales they have available.

On page 5 we include details about a number exciting events, and we hope to see as many of our supporters as possible.

Our Archivist has recently received a number of interesting packages in the post, including some material from the BB in Canada and also the United States of America. Some of this may be included in social media posts in the coming months. We were also pleased to receive a number of boxes of trophies as well as a magnificent framed poster. Whilst researching BB Gazettes for the Cross for Heroism project detailed later in this newsletter, we spotted

an advert in the BB Gazette dated February 1913 for this exact poster, and had planned to put out an appeal on social media to obtain one to add to the BB archives, but we were fortunate to receive this poster (below) from one of our supporters before we had a chance to put out the appeal.

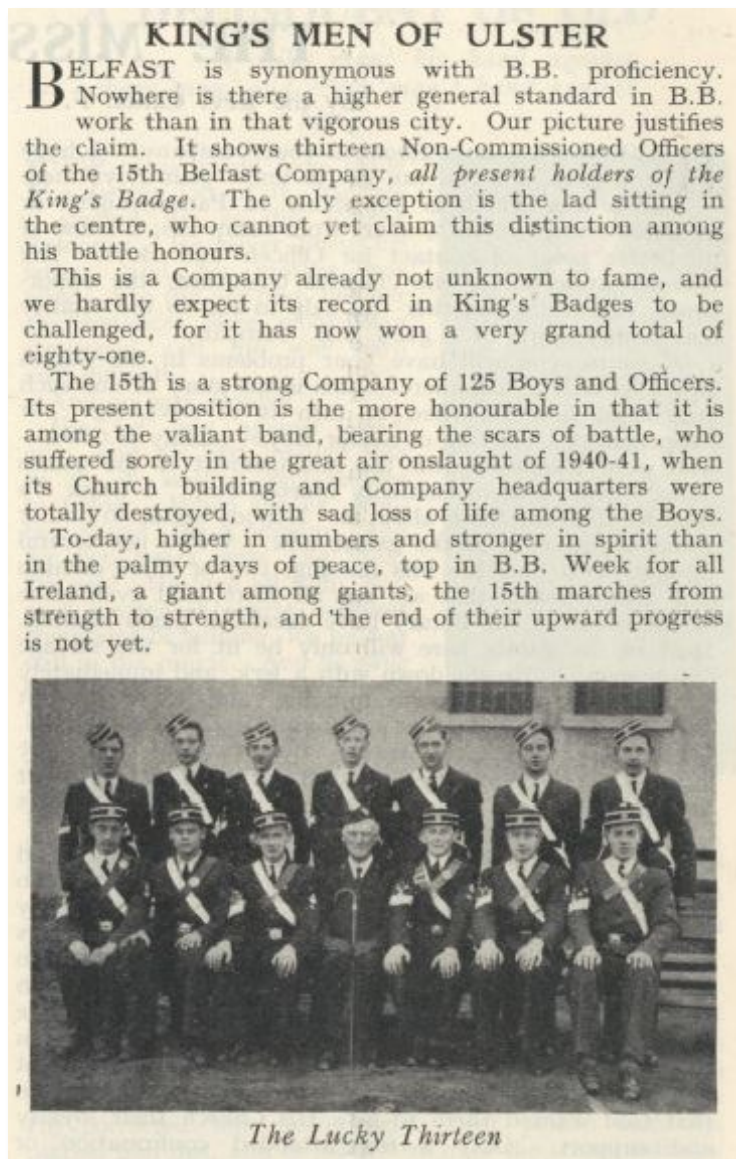


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Recent post from our Social Media

On the 29th June we posted - 13 NCOs of the 15th Belfast Company, all holders of The King's Badge. Extract from The Boys' Brigade Gazette, April 1945.



In January we set the ambition of adding all Cross for Heroism recipients to our virtual museum in 2023. We're delighted to share with you the complete list drawn from documents in our archive. The link will take you to all of these. For those that like to keep lists, you may find that there is one from Australia which has not made it onto previous lists, but which was discovered in an edition of the Australia BB Gazette.

We continued to highlight some of the other cross for heroism recipients, including that awarded in 1983 to Christopher Clifton of the 2nd Sheffield Company for a courageous rescue from drowning. We also asked - If anyone is in contact with Christopher we would love to hear from him



King's Badge

Heroism

Baldwin D-1976

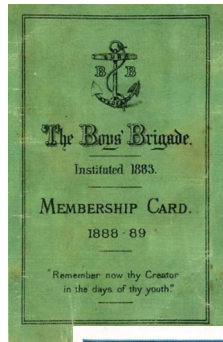
Clifton C-1983

Jennings M—1951

Hawley J—1966

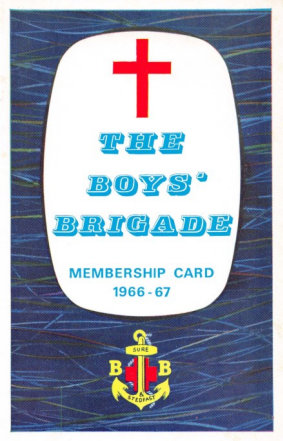


Recent post from our Social Media



Have you explored the membership cards section of our website? It's a complete digital record of all cards issued by The Boys' Brigade since 1883!

Click on the links on the right and then scroll up and down the timeline to view every card. Clicking on the image on the timeline will open the card up, and you will be able to turn the pages and look inside the card, and also look at the artwork on the back.



Special mention to Robert Auld who has uploaded all the cards, and created the flip-books and timeline. This is a great addition to the virtual museum and well worth exploring.



[Membership Cards](#)

[Card Designs](#)

[Company Cards](#)

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 and 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 will accept donations of stock, and encourage people to get in touch with us if they have items available. We are also keen to get in touch with Companies and Battalions who have produced badges, as we will purchase stock for onward sale in our shop.

Newly added items can be found in the 'NEW' section of the online shop.



Please note our new shop email address:

archiveshop@boys-brigade.org.uk

[Archive Shop](#)

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Our Archivist Asks



We're preparing a page on our virtual museum for the Moyle Walk

If anyone out there has photos, or can share personal experiences, please get in touch.

On the 23rd June we posted on social media -The Boys' Brigade celebrated its Centenary year 40 years ago this summer! Here are a few items from our archives from this momentous year.



We are adding content all the time to our Virtual Museum, and if anyone has memories to share about the centenary please contact us. We are particularly interested in brief audio clips, video and photographs.

2023 is the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the document which created the World Conference of The Boys' Brigade. This later became the Global Fellowship. We are busy preparing content for the Virtual Museum about the World Conference and Global Fellowship. If you have attended any international events, please get in touch with your stories and memories.



We are also looking for people who can help with writing brief histories of BB work in countries around the world. Please contact us if you can assist.



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Centenary

World Conference



Events

We are pleased to be able to give you advance notice of a few events we are involved with, and hope many of our supporters will be able to attend.

We are also planning an exhibition of items of significant historical interest at Conference in Glasgow and this display will be available on Saturday 2nd September at the Conference venue.

Conference 2023 Walking tour and archive visit



The Archive Trust in conjunction with The Glasgow Battalion have arranged a walking tour of significant BB locations around Glasgow. This will take place on Friday morning 1st September. There will be limited availability and booking will be essential.

The Brigade Archivist will be doing a tour of the BB archives held in storage at Carronvale House, on the afternoon of Friday 1st September. Places are strictly limited due to the constraints of the space where the archives are stored. This will be timed so that those attending the walking tour can also attend the Archive visit.

Further information for both the walking tour and archive visit, and a link to the booking form, will be provided in the August newsletter.

Felden Lodge Reunion and Commemoration

The Boys' Brigade is closing Felden Lodge and a Reunion and Commemoration service will be held on Sunday 10th September 2023. The Morning Worship service will be followed by lunch at 12:30, with the opportunity to view a display of archive material either before and after the Service.

This will be the last public event, and opportunity to visit Felden Lodge before it closes.

This event is being organised by The Boys' Brigade and booking is required and will be through Felden Lodge. Further information and a link to the booking form will be provided in the August newsletter.



FELDEN LODGE

— Reunion & Commemoration Weekend —

10th September 2023



Archive Members Association

For Members Association information please contact the members association through the Members Association Facebook page. The clickable Members Association link on the right will take you to the members Facebook page.

Badge Sales - Please contact Chris Buxton if you wish to purchase any of these badges. **These are not available through the archive shop.** Orders should be placed by e-mail to BBAMA.Treasurer@Boys-Brigade.org.uk

ORDER TIME & DATE for badges displayed in this Newsletter does not start until 2100 UK time on Saturday 29th July 2023

Please note that any requests received before the time and date published above WILL BE DISREGARDED



1st Buckie Physical

2022-2023

£6.00



1st Buckie Crafts

2022-2023

£5.00



1st Buckie Service

2022-2023

£5.00



1st Buckie Remembrance

2022-2023

£5.00



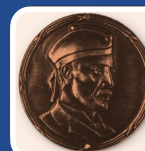
Airdrie and Coatbridge District Battalion

Centenary 1922-2022

£5.00

Do not send any payment at this stage as Chris Buxton will determine which items you have been successful in obtaining and send an appropriate invoice. Once received payment must be received within 7 days otherwise the items will be offered to the next member on any waiting list. As before members are restricted to ONE of each badge.

It is understood that a few members do not have email access and members may not be available at the order date and time. Orders will therefore be accepted by family/friends providing they clearly state who they are ordering for. This system should allow members plenty of time to consider what they would like to order rather than wondering if other members have received the Newsletter before themselves.



**The Boys' Brigade
Archive
Members Association**

