

Heritage

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News from the Archives

Work is continuing with our virtual museum, and some big changes will be coming soon, improving the navigation around the site as well as a lot of content to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the document which formed the **World Conference**.

We have also invested in getting the celluloid film of the **1933 Jubilee** celebrations digitised, and some of this content will be featured on the virtual museum in the near future, and will be made available to BB Museums for use in their displays. We have over 200 reels of film to digitise and appeal to our supporters to assist with the cost of this. We have a just giving link on this page, or please email us for other ways to contribute financially.

Plans are well underway for a number of events which we are involved with in the coming months. We eluded to an exhibition of a significant item of BB history at Brigade Conference in September and we are pleased to announce that the **1933 Jubilee Casket** will be on display, together with recently digitised film of the casket being sealed in 1933, as well as film footage of it being opened in 1983. This is the first time these films will be shown at the same time, together with the casket, and we are looking forward to presenting this important part of BB history, not only to you our supporters, but the Brigade membership at large. This is the first time the casket has been on public display since the 1980s and is an occasion not to be missed.



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Recent posts from our Social Media

On Wednesday 26th July we posted on social media a cutting from Life Boy Link No. 21, July 1963 :



We continued to promote the **Cross for Heroism** project which had consumed much of our Volunteers time earlier in the year. These stories can be accessed by clicking on the links on the right.

Those who have explored this section of the virtual museum in detail will have noticed that some of the entries are missing images and lack detail. If anyone can help with the stories please pass along this information.



We have added a page on our Virtual Museum about the **Moyle Walk**.

Follow the link to explore this content and view the selection of badges shown. If anyone can help with images of the missing badge or has photos, and personal experiences to share, please contact us.

Thanks to Robert Crangle for help with creating the content.



Sir W A Smith

Heroism

Marjoram J - 1916

Budd A - 1977

Penn R - 1960

Moyle Walk



Recent posts from our Social Media



On the 10th July we posted:

The **Boy Reserves Cap**, in use between 1917 & 1926

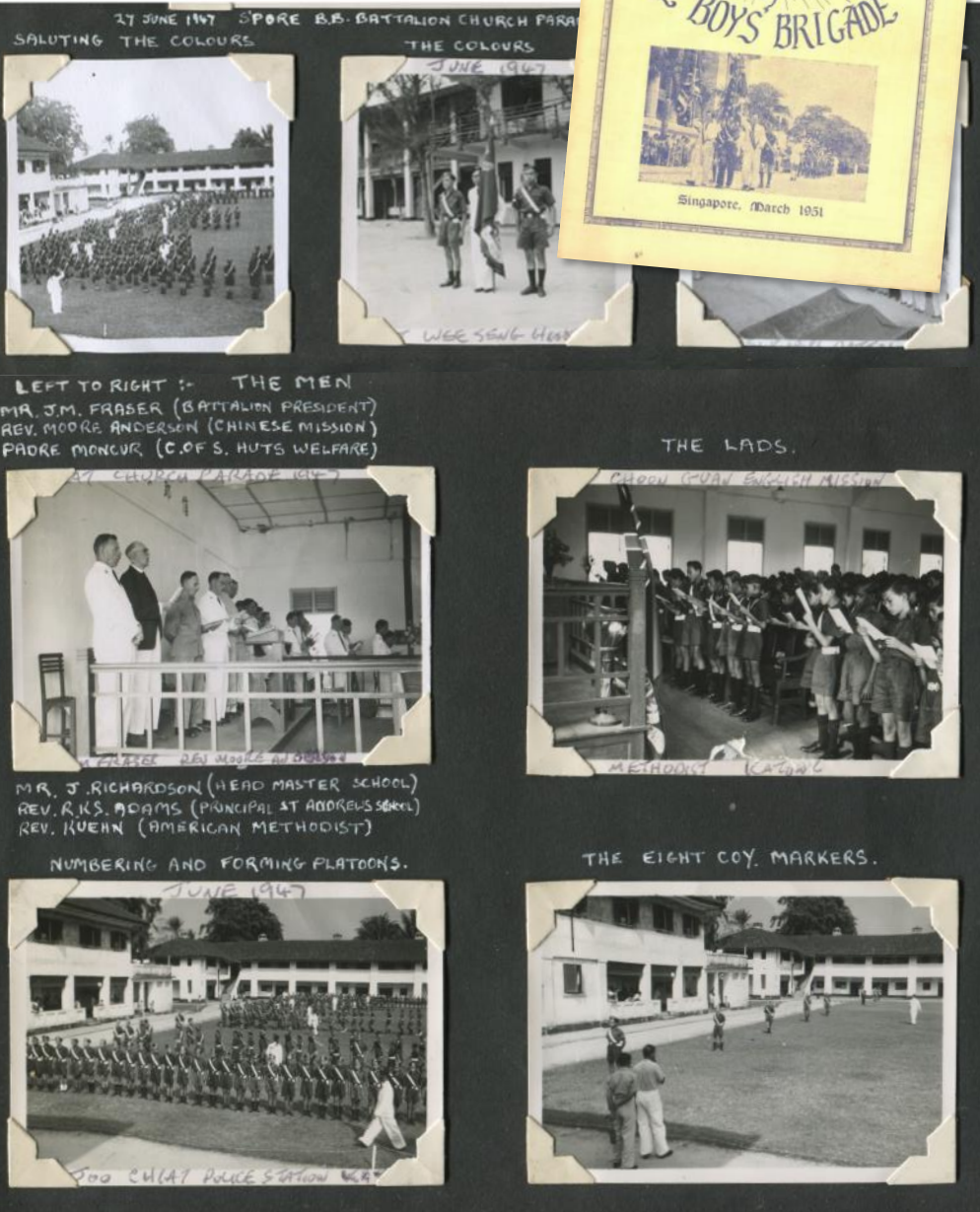
We also posted some content about the BB around the world, including the cover of the 'Sure & Steadfast' Magazine of the BB in **Singapore** dated March 1951, as well as some images from a photo album belong to the late Dennis Finch. These were taken whilst he was stationed in Singapore in 1948. **We are grateful to Martin Finch for sharing these with us.**



The Boy Reserves

Around the World

World Map



Our Archivist Asks



We have been busy photographing shields and trophies including this very ornate Parnix Ambulance Shield from the 3rd Battalion (Sheffield) Boys' Life Brigade.

We are interested in adding to the records we hold, and anyone with information, in particular lists of Company, Battalion, District and National trophies and winners is encouraged to come forward and share this with us.

We have thousands of 35mm slides in the archive collection and we would love to get these scanned and available to use on social media and the virtual museum.



A high quality slide scanner costs £399. We are appealing to our supporters to contribute towards the cost of the purchase of this scanner, ensuring that these slides get preserved and enjoyed by future generations of BB members. Please use the just giving link, or email us for other ways to contribute.

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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:

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Events

We gave you advance notice in the last newsletter about some exciting events we are involved with. We are pleased to give you the detailed information:



Conference 2023 Glasgow walking tour

The Archive Trust in conjunction with The Glasgow Battalion have arranged a walking tour of significant BB locations around Glasgow. Booking is not required, and it will take about 90 minutes.

Date: Friday, 1st September 2023.

Time: 9am for a 9:15 start

Meeting point: Kelvin Grove Art Gallery (University Carpark side)

Cost: Tour booklets by donation to the Glasgow Battalion.



Conference 2023 Carronvale archive visit

The Brigade Archivist will be doing a tour of the BB archives held in storage at Carronvale House. Lunch will be provided at Carronvale House. Places are strictly limited due to the constraints of the space where the archives are stored.

Date: Friday, 1st September 2023.

Time: 11:30 am for a 11:45 train departure.

Meeting point: Glasgow Queen Street Station

Cost: £15 including lunch (excluding train fare)

For those wishing to travel directly to Carronvale House, please be there by 12:20pm

Places are limited to 8 persons so please book your place by emailing:

archive@boys-brigade.org.uk

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. There will be an opportunity to view a display of archive material and lunch will be provided.

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. Please click the link on the right to access the booking form and further details.



FELDEN LODGE
— Reunion & Commemoration Weekend —



10th Sept - Booking

