

Heritage

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News from the Archives

In October we celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the founding of the 1st Glasgow Company of The Boys' Brigade on the 4th October 1883. It is a chance for reflection on the past and look towards the future of The Boys' Brigade. The Trustees were asked to nominate their favourite items in the archive collection, and some of these have been shown on social media, and included later in the newsletter. If you have a favourite items please let us know as we would love to hear about it.

We have also started to pack the material held in the archives at Felden lodge, and this has given us the opportunity to explore the collection, add detail and information to the catalogue, and ensure that the items are properly stored, for future generations. This will be ongoing for the next few months, and we look forward to sharing some of the 'finds' on social media and the Virtual Museum.

A number of our supporters attended the final public event at Felden Lodge on the 10th September. This was a chance to reminisce the good times at Felden especially at events such as KGVI, Officer training, Firm Foundations and Unite. The worship service held in the sports hall included members the King Jehoshaphats Camels, the worship band from Firm Foundations.

We are looking forward to adding content about the band and Firm Foundations on the virtual museum in due course.

The BADOTSA band was present entertaining the guests after lunch, and provided a fitting ending to the day.



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Felden Lodge



Recent posts from our Social Media

On the 14th September we posted on social media: The Boys' Brigade was first introduced to China in 1903 with the formation of the 1st Shanghai Company, in connection with the Shanghai Union Church



Click on the links on the right to access the content.



We launched a new page on The Boys' Brigade Virtual Museum .

Find out the history of the 'BB' in the Solomon Islands & explore the cloth badges & stamps from the Islands



[China](#)

[Rev. G Gamble](#)

[Solomon Islands](#)



Recent posts from our Social Media

On the 4th October we posted more than usual on social media. Including some great pictures held in the BB Archive collection. We also posted links to the founding and early days of The Boys' Brigade. Below are some terrific pictures from the past 140 years of the Boys' Brigade.



William Smith with the 1st Glasgow NCOs and Officers, 1898-99

94th London with the Daily Telegraph Shield in 1933

2nd Swindon in 1978 at their 25th Anniversary



[Before the BB](#)

[1883 - BB founding](#)

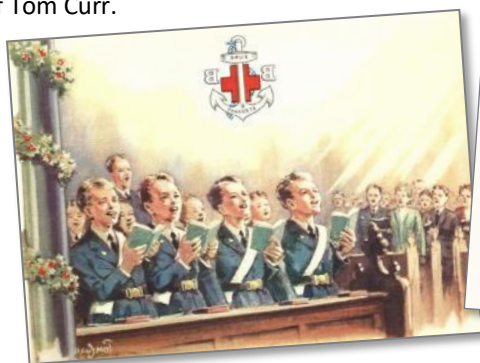
[Sir W Smith](#)

[BB Lives](#)



Archive Shop

Don't forget that we have packs of Christmas cards available in our online shop, featuring the 1950's artwork of Tom Curr.



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From the Archives



1970's A2 Colour Poster



Our Archivist Asks



Whilst preparing content for Social media Chris Spackman asked the trustees to nominate their favourite item in the BB Archive. Colin Swinton, our Archivist, has selected the 'Glasgow Boy 1883' which has adorned the walls of the archivists office at Felden Lodge over the past few years..

This artwork created by Glasgow based paper artist Jamie Morrison, was a limited edition artwork created for the centenary of The Boys' Brigade and represents the founding in 1883, and the reason behind the organisation. As William Smith famously always stated; the Boys Brigade is for the Boy, spelt with a capital B.

What is your favourite item?

Please share this with us, as a tribute to the past 140 years of uniformed youth work.

We have heard of a few Battalions which have closed or merged recently and are concerned that Battalion archives and records may be lost. We are very keen to ensure this does not happen, and encourage Battalions to consider depositing their records and documents with the BB archives.

We are also adding Battalion histories to the virtual museum. A few people have shared histories with us, but this is only a small representation of the many Battalions which have existed in the past 140 year history of The Boys Brigade. If you are able to assist with this project please contact us.

We are planning our social media posts for November, and would like to post some photographs from Remembrance events. If you have any photographs of BB members at Remembrance parades and services please share these with us, so that we can share these on social media and the Virtual Museum.



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1883 - Founding

Battalions

