
OVERVIEW

The 2010/11 session has been another fun packed and exciting year in the life of the Company and our annual awards evening will be a wonderful occasion as we celebrate our member's individual and collective success.

During the session we celebrated our 40th anniversary. We held various events including an old boy's reunion, sponsored 24 hour games event, 40k walk and celebration service led by Steve Dickinson the Boys' Brigade national secretary. During our special year we adopted two charities, "MacMillan" and "What about me" a charity that supports young people living in families where there is drug and alcohol abuse. We raised £3000 and will be presenting cheques at our awards evening to both charities.

Over the summer break our Company shared in an awful loss with the untimely death of Jonathan Lee. Jonathan has been a fantastic BB leader serving as Officer in Charge of Junior Section for many years. BB has played a significant part in his life both as a boy and as an adult. He has inspired many boys during his BB career, helping them develop and fulfil their potential. He gave his time so freely always putting BB and the boys first. We will all miss him greatly as he was an integral part of our team. He was a fantastic family man, husband, father and a brilliant friend to us all. We will never forget Jonathan's contribution to the life's of so many young people and at our awards night we will be presenting an annual achievement award in his name.

One of our Company objectives is to give every young person the chance to gain their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and their BB Queens Badge. During our 40th year we achieved our 200th overall Duke of Edinburgh award when Bradley Mullen gained his silver; also this year Will Perrett gained the Company's 100th bronze award and significantly David John gain the Company's 40th gold award. Three of our young people, Tom Middleton, Adam Smith and David John gained their Queens Badge and enjoyed the presentation evening at County Hall. We are very proud of Bradley Mullen who became the 2011 Champion Senior of the Nottingham Battalion.

We are working on our next major project when 6 of our seniors along with 3 members of our Girls Brigade visit Nepal in the summer of 2012 to work in orphanages and schools. They will experience working in some of the poorest and most deprived communities of the world and experience a very different culture that is not as privileged as our own. This will be a once in a life time experience I know they will return having grown and matured from their experience.

At the beginning of the 2011/12 session we are launching our 5 year plan. We have developed a new vision and values statement, a set of priorities for the next 5 years and our goals for the 2011/12 session. I hope I can rely on your support as we take our Company forward. Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the BB leaders who give their time so freely.

Dave Tantum

ANCHOR BOYS

This year in Anchor Boys' has flown by. It has been wonderful to see how each individual boy has become an important member of our group.

The boys continue to work hard towards their achievements and enjoy keeping track of their progress using their record cards.

As you have all been aware this has been a very special year in the life of our company, celebrating 40 years of fun, fellowship and friendship. As Anchor Boys we have been very busy supporting and enjoying all the events. This includes a fundraising coffee morning & reunion, church service, with Mr Steve Dickinson National Brigade Secretary. Sponsored 24 hour games, a section of the 40K walk, the whole company photograph and performing in the production of Shine.

One of the highlights for us was our joint trip with 17 of our GB Explorers to Ferry farm, which was a day full of energy, excitement and fun. However I did question my sanity when I allowed 11 inexperienced drivers to drive the Jumicars; a health and safety nightmare which dawned on me once the boys were in the cars! That was the longest 40 minutes of my life! (Take a look at the photos!) Many thanks to BPFa for funding this trip and to the coach committee for providing the coach and driver, Mr Richard Smith, free of charge.

The Boys benefit greatly from the support of our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade young people who have organised the games element of our evening encouraging the boys to try new activities and develop new skills and co-operative teamwork.

As always we were very proud of the boys self-discipline and marching during the Battalion parade, and on numerous other occasions throughout the year.

We are pleased to welcome our parents to join us for the last 5 minutes of our session each week where they can observe the boys saying prayers, receiving certificates, and also listen to any notices.

Friday nights would not be possible without the commitment, dedication and enthusiasm of our Officers and helpers. A very BIG thank you to you all for your love, support and encouragement toward the boys and myself.

The past year at a glance

Sept Awards night, whole section evening-harvest

Oct Making bread, guitars, interactive music, Whole Company photograph

Nov Remembrance Parade, 40th Anniversary coffee morning, reunion, Church Service & enrolment

Dec Make, wrap & decorate snow globe gifts, Christmas art, whole Company Christmas party

Jan Bag Pack, musical instruments, new songs

Feb Chinese dragons, sponsored 24 hour games

Mar St David's Day activities, 40yrs planter & biscuits, 5-a-side football competition, St Patrick's Day activities, spider puppets & indoor picnic

Apr Mothering Sunday door hangers, Easter cards & gardens

May Keeping safe activities, fruit kebabs & t-shirts, Ferry farm trip

Jun Bubbles! Whole Company eve-India, 40K walk, campfire,

Jul Percussion workshop, bikes, whole company joint GB & BB BBQ

This year's achievements have seen:

2 boys gain their blue badge

3 boys gain their red badge

4 boys gain their red & green badges

3 boys gain their green badges

1 boy gains his welcome certificate

2 boys will be moving to the junior section

Finally, I would like to thank all the wonderful Anchor boys who turn up bursting with energy and enthusiasm each week and to you the parents for supporting and encouraging them both on Friday nights and in regular Sunday Worship. It has been a privilege to watch all the boys face challenges and grow in confidence. I look forward to sharing my time with them again next year.

Gill Maloney
Leader in charge of Anchor Boys

JUNIOR SECTION

This is my first report since taking over as Officer in charge of Junior Section, and what a year it has been. It has been a privilege to be part of the 40 year celebrations of this company, and to see the number of boys, many of who are not boys now, who have been part of this company, and who have taken the teachings and the ethos of this company into their lives.

It has been a very busy year which has again included our camps. We successfully returned to Youlgrave Youth hostel for the 1 night camp. After arriving on the Friday night, and having a lovely 3 course evening meal, we played a 'people' beetle drive. It was then an early start for a hearty breakfast and a walk in the lovely countryside around Youlgrave before returning home.

For the weekend camp at Beanmanor at the end of January, we were joined for the first time by the girls from the 1st Nuthall Girls' Brigade, and we all had a lot of fun. The boys and girls worked together in teams playing games and completing various challenges, including a war time murder mystery and orienteering. We visited the New Walk Museum in Leicester for a dinosaur exhibition and were shown a sneak preview of an art exhibition which was due to open soon. Everyone then got the chance to handle fossils and dinosaur bones. We all had a really good time and having the Girls' Brigade with us really enhanced the weekend, a big thank you to them all.

The Wells camp in May (for those of us without invitations to the Royal wedding) went orienteering in Holt Country Park, before travelling onto Wells-next-the-sea. Saturday saw us having a wonderful time playing on a very windy Brancaster Beach, building sandcastles that blew away and having real 'sand'wiches for lunch. On the Sunday, after our service and making their own packed lunches, we travelled to Dinosaur World where we collected stamps in a book by finding dinosaurs in the woods, played on go carts and crazy golf, and generally having fun.

We also had an overnight camp in church after our final night BBQ. We had a walk around the local area and played hide and seek in the woods, before returning for a good nights sleep. Overnight camps are a real tradition in Boys Brigade as the boys learn so much about themselves and each other when away. To celebrate this all the boys who participated in any of these camps this year will receive a special badge to be worn on their armbands.

Throughout this year we have also participated in a number of Nottingham Battalion events, including the Cross country run at Wollaton Park, which was won by Javier Oldham, the Bible knowledge competition and Shine, the BB/GB variety show at the Sandfield Centre, and saw a number of our boys showing an Anansi story, dressed as animals, supported very well by 2 'jumping spiders' from Anchor Boys.

Junior Section also participated in the sponsored Games Night in February, raising money for the two special charities the company picked to support during our 40th celebrations, What About Me (WAM) and McMillan Nurses. Some of the year 6 boys even stayed overnight with the company section boys. We also again continued with our collection in November for toiletries and warm clothing for Framework, a charity

which supports homeless and vulnerable people in Nottingham. This is a collection that we do every year in November, so please put it in your diary now.

In June we had an evening to celebrate the culture of India, we also had a very special guest, Bishop Probal Kanto-Dutta who is the Bishop of the Diocese of Durgapur in North India. The whole evening went very well and everyone enjoyed trying on saris, playing games and trying Indian food and spices.

The next day it was an early start for the boys and their parents who completed our 12k part of the whole company 40k walk. Thank you to the parents and boys who turned up, and a big thank you to the officers and friends who did the extra 8k to make up our half of the whole walk.

We have also had various Parade Services throughout the year, including the Battalion parade in Nottingham in May and Remembrance Day in November, as well as church parade services. The summer activities this year have included ten pin bowling, bike and scooter riding with the Anchor boys, and making – and eating pizzas.

It has been a very busy and eventful year and I would like to thank all the officers, and helpers for their support, especially Jonathan Lee, who has helped me so much with his knowledge and experience, as well as slowly passing things over to me this year so I didn't feel overloaded. Also the support I have received from parents and boys has been fantastic.

The Boys Brigade lives by the people in it, the enthusiasm of the boys and officers and the support of the parents to turn up every week should be celebrated. There are many distractions in life that are set to pull young people away from organisations like ours, but the commitment we have here at this church for both Girls' and Boys Brigades is solid, it is our foundation stone.

We are a church organisation and the Cross is at the centre of our badge, regular church attendance is important for the development of our boys. To see the boys working hard each week to achieve their badges, gain points for their squads for their smartness, attendance, and punctuality is a privilege to see. If any parents have any skills, sporting, artistic or anything else they would like to pass on, please talk to one of the Officers.

As we are looking forward to the new session, there have been a few changes in the programme, but the foundations and principles as firm, and with Gods help we will be able to increase our numbers this year, and let more boys experience the opportunities that we can offer.

Linda Philpot
Leader in charge – Junior Section

COMPANY SECTION

The Company Section has had yet another busy and extremely successful year. We have taken part in a large number of activities, including many to celebrate our 40th Anniversary they have been undertaken by all boys with determination, enthusiasm and commitment.

We started our year with our Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions in Derbyshire. Our boys took part in "Shadow" this year, this is an overnight expedition competition in Sherwood Forest, the teams finished in the following positions; 2 teams joint 11th, 31st, 33rd and 34th.

We had a good turnout of 31 company section boys for the Remembrance Day parade; they joined the rest of the company, along with the Girls' Brigade, Church congregation and other local groups to honour the fallen at the memorial at St. Patrick's Church.

The company and seniors were very successful at the Northern District swimming gala held at Beechdale baths, we came first in both sections competitions and won the overall company trophy. 26 company section boys joined in with the rest of the company for our Christmas party, all of the boys seemed to really enjoying mixing with and encouraging the younger boys in the different games and activities.

In early February our boys took part in the Nottingham Battalion Cross Country, we did extremely well and won all 3 trophies for the company section. Our boys really enjoy playing dodgeball, we again entered the Nottingham Battalion dodgeball competition held at Beeston, we took all of the company section and entered 5 teams. The boys did extremely well and had 3 of our teams compete in the final stages, all of the practising had paid off and we won the trophy for the second year running.

Our boys took part in the Charnwood hike this year and finished as runners up, this was a great achievement as there were over 70 teams that took part. We had 24 boys who joined the Junior Section at our annual camp to Wells-next-the-Sea; the boys tell me that they had a very good time and thoroughly enjoyed it. We visited Hilltop outdoor centre, where the boys had a go on the gravity swing and the high ropes course.

Our Company section were successful at the Nottingham Battalion Athletics at Harvey Hadden, coming 1st intermediate company and seniors competitions and runners up in the junior company competition. One Friday evening in early June we entered the Nottingham Battalion 10x10 athletics competition where we scored enough points to win the trophy for our 4th consecutive year, the following morning our under 15 football team took part in the Robin Hood 5-a-side football competition and finished as runners up, on the same day but in the evening our boys were in the Nottingham Battalion swimming gala where they won the company section and relay trophies. A very successful weekend and the boys and leaders should be proud as it was a very busy weekend and without the boys' enthusiasm and the leader's commitment none of this would have been possible.

A week later the company section boys joined the Anchor boys, Junior section and the Girls' Brigade for a themed "India" activity night, this was a very popular night and everyone was encouraged to sample the Indian culture and cuisine.

One of our 40th celebrations was a 40 kilometre challenge walk in Derbyshire, members of our Company section joined the rest of the Company on a great day of walking, this was rounded off with a picnic at the finish in Chatsworth.

Some of our older "young men" entered into the Nottingham Battalion Seniors and Battalion Sergeant Major competitions, the young men had to show that they are proficient in Drill, they also have their uniform inspected and the competition finishes with a 15 minute interview, this year I am delighted to announce that Bradley Mullen has won the 2011 Nottingham Battalion Seniors competition and it was a pleasure to see him receive his medal at the annual Battalion Parade Service at the Albert Hall in Nottingham.

We did a number of activities on Friday nights during our summer period, which included games, cricket and a visit to Megazone; there was also a large amount of training and preparation for forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions in Derbyshire. We rounded the session off with a joint BBQ with the Girls Brigade.

21 boys attended another fantastic and sunny Pooley Bridge camp, where we again joined with the 1st Nuthall GB and the 18th Nottingham BB for a week of fun activities and fellowship, many experiences shared and friendships made.

The Boys Brigade national competitions have been hugely successful for our company this year we reached the English finals in the Chess and did extremely well in football, table tennis, badminton and Masterteam.

The hard and dedicated work of our Duke of Edinburgh's award leaders has helped our boys gain 3 Bronze, 3 Silver and 3 Gold awards this year. 3 of our young men have been awarded the Queens Badge and 5 young men gain the Presidents Badge. We say goodbye to some of our young men, who go off to university and wish them well in their education, at the same time we welcome 3 boys who are making the step up from Junior Section to Company Section.

Without the dedication and enthusiasm of our officers, leaders, helpers and fund raisers, none of the above would happen. As we finish the 2010/2011 BB session, I personally would like to say a big "Thank You" to ALL of BB leaders and helpers in the company who have given up their time and who have shown their commitment to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys.

Steve Beckworth
Leader in charge – Company Section

32nd Nottingham Boys' Brigade

Our Vision

A place for young people and children to meet, that embraces Christian values, where they have fun, achieve, thrive, feel safe and can fulfil their potential

Our Values

Respect – We are sensitive towards the feelings of others, listen to each other's opinions and understand what is important to them

Good example – We will always do our best, encourage others to do the same and be a good role model to others in our behaviour

Put others first – We will consider the needs of others before our own and contribute to the wider community

Learning – We will promote a culture of discovery using all our activities to develop ourselves as individuals and as a group

Our Priorities

Retention - The retention of young people through a dynamic programme that meets their needs

Outreach – An increased membership of 5 young people in each year for the next 5 years

Christian Values - Nurturing Christian values in all we do that will help young people make life choices

Culture - A proactive culture that is also responsive to the needs of young people

Leadership - A committed leadership that continually develops