

ANCHOR BOYS NEWS

The Belfast Battalion Newsletter for Anchor Boy Section Leaders

September 2017



Welcome to the new B.B. Session

On behalf of the Anchor Boy Committee we would like to welcome you back to another year's work with your Boys and hope you have had a time of refreshment over the summer.

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The Anchor Boy Committee has organised the usual competitions for the coming year and would encourage you in your planning to think about attending/entering some, if not all, the events.

We have experienced a reduction in the numbers attending recent events especially those attending the Anchor Boy Fun Day at the end of each Session. As a new venture, the Committee has provisionally booked the Queen's Film Theatre for Saturday 21 April 2018 where Officers and Boys will join together in the one place to watch a movie. We are thinking of the Lego Batman Movie but if you have any other ideas please let us know so we can inform QFT. We also plan to provide the Boys with a 'goodie bag' to enjoy whilst watching the film. This could be a great 'end

of the year' event for you and your Boys. The Queens Film Theatre holds 217 people so we would only be able to accommodate those Sections that register and pay early. We would encourage you to think about this when planning your annual programme.

Potted Sports

This competition will again be held in Ravenhill Presbyterian Church. Rules and regulations are enclosed but we would encourage you to consider entering this competition. Held between 10am-12noon it is just a few hours of fun playing games to be enjoyed by both Officers and Boys.

Potted Sports Competition: Saturday 4 November 2017

Ravenhill Presbyterian Church from 10.00a.m. to 12noon.

Team consists of 4 Boys but 6 Boys can be brought and used during the competition. Competition rules and registration form are enclosed.

Price per team: £6.00 Entries Due by Monday 30 October 2017

Worship / Craft Competition

This year's craft competition will be a collage of the story of Jonah using any recyclable material to hand ie buttons, beads, wool, scraps of material, colouring materials including paint, pencils, pens, felt tips. The size of the page is 42cm x 60cm which is 4 A4 pages taped together. This is a Company entry and so all the boys can add to the picture. Read the story of Jonah to the boys and let them use their imagination to complete the picture.

Entries into BB House by Monday 4 December 2017

Cost: £3.00 per Company entry



Save the Date!

Anchor Boy Fun Day

The Committee hope you will give this your consideration as an 'end of year' event. All under one roof to see a movie suitable for our Anchor Boys and with a 'goodie bag' to go with it. Keep an eye for registration forms in the New Year as once we have the 217 Boys and officers' names we cannot take any more and we would hate the Boys to miss out.

Date: 21 April 2018
Cost: £5 per Officer and Boy
Venue: Queens Film Theatre University Square Belfast

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A Time to Remember and Dedicate

We normally draw your attention to a special time at the outset of the Session when we join together at Ganaway on the last Sunday of September for our annual Drumhead Service of Acknowledgement and Commitment. In a change to our normal pattern this year, on the afternoon of Sunday 24th September you are invited to join with us as we remember a very special B.B. Colleague and former General Secretary, Mr Maurice Williamson M.B.E. During the special Memorial service, plaques will be unveiled by Maurice's family in recognition of his significant contribution to The Boys' Brigade and in particular, the Belfast Battalion. We will also be officially opening and naming The Maurice Williamson B.B. Heritage Museum. These Services are open to all of your staff, family members and friends. **WE ASK THAT YOU RSVP by FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017 SO THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA OF LIKELY NUMBERS THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.**



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Stedfast Supplies

The enclosed poster for your Company Notice Board indicates that our B.B. Shop will be open from 9.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays – 23rd September, 14th October 2017, 3rd March and 17th March 2018. We're even open on the St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday Monday!! Why not e-mail your order through in advance? Send your e-mail to belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk We'll make every reasonable effort to have your order ready for you to collect at a time convenient to you! We need **ALL** Companies to be supportive of Stedfast Supplies if we are to continue to guarantee the first class personal service that we have enjoyed over so many years.

Online Brigade Manager (OBM)

This time last year we were alerting you to the Brigade's new online management system OBM. Many of you will have used this resource, some more extensively than others. As one Leader quoted "this will totally transform the way we work and take all the hassle out of administration". As with all systems, OBM will only be as good for you insofar as you will want and make use of it. It contains a host of features that will make your BB administration so much easier allowing users to deliver quick and easy record keeping, attendance registers, badge records and programme activities from a vast bank of Programme resources. There is also a function that will allow you to communicate directly with parents via e-mail and SMS. Further developments and improvements to existing features will emerge in the coming months so, it is worth your while to log on regularly to see what's new!

Ask your Captain for more information and to get you logged on.

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The B.B. Object

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.