

General News

Anchor Boy Fun Day - Ganaway 20th April 2024



It was tremendous to welcome over 150 Anchor Boys and their Leaders to Ganaway for their Fun Day. Boys enjoyed a fun filled range of activities from crazy golf, all the fun at the fair, inflatables and so much more. Even the sunshine made an appearance.



Junior Section - Olympic Challenge 26th April 2024



Ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games this summer, our Junior Section Boys entered the Olympic Spirit with a special night of games and challenges. Around 90 Boys participated in the various activities and on completion, were each given their very own BB style Olympic medal.



Juniors



Junior Section - 'Try It' Afternoon - 18th May 2024

Over 70 Junior Section Boys and their Leaders gathered at Granhsaw Presbyterian Church for a 'Try It' afternoon. Sports such as monster dodgeball, target golf, tag rugby, short-mat bowls, Octoball, net ball and volleyball made for an enjoyable afternoon - all blessed with glorious sunshine!

As we go to print, Company Section and Seniors Athletic Championships are just about to get underway on Wednesday 19th June.

Battalion Annual Meeting

HAVE

YOUR

SAY

At the recent Battalion Annual Meeting, much time was given to listening to Leaders' views under the themes of **Challenges**, **Encouragement** and **Vision**.

Below is a brief summary of the main points raised.

Battalion Executive considered these at its most recent meeting and will use these comments to formulate its support to Battalion Companies over the coming weeks and months.

CHALLENGES

What are the issues you are facing?

- Recruitment & Retention
- Changing Demographic
- Competition from outside BB and Church e.g. sports teams
- Understanding Programme
- Finance
- Perception of a middle-class Organisation
- More expected of Leaders within Church
- Succession
- Support from Church

ENCOURAGEMENT

What works well in your Company?

- Varied Programme
- Competitions and events - extending weekly activity
- Leadership
- Communication within Sections

VISION

What ways could Battalion Executive help you?

- Twinning with local Companies
- Greater Church Relationships
- Company Visitation

5 Executive Action Points

Increase Marking Achievement

We'll promote use of The BB programme and provide a guide on how to mark achievement in each Section and build on our support to Boys working towards The BB's Highest Awards.

Develop Visitation

We'll develop a programme of Visitation by members of Battalion Executive to Battalion Companies.

Extend your Weekly Programme

We'll provide ideas to extend your Section weekly Programme.

Build Church Relationships

We'll seek ways to strengthen local church relationships among Battalion Companies.

Build Company Relationships

We'll seek ways to twin local Battalion Companies.



Service of Thanksgiving to mark 100 Years of Ganaway

A special service of thanksgiving to mark one hundred years of the Battalion's ownership of Ganaway is planned for Sunday 29th September 2024 at Ganaway.

Save THE Date

BATTALION NEWSLETTERS

Please email any updates, stories and photos from your Company to info@belfastbb.org.uk

BATTALION TROPHIES

We need your help!

If your Company has been fortunate enough to have Won a Battalion Trophy, please remember to return it to BB House well in advance of that particular Competition taking place in the current session.



Could we also ask for Companies to check if they possess a Trophy for a Competition that has not been held recently.

2024/2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are finalising our Battalion Calendar of Events for next BB Session so keep an eye on your Email Inbox and or social media for updates

SUMMER PRAYER POINTS

- For summer camps, residentials and outings
- For all our Young people awaiting results
- For Plans and Preparations for next Session
- For young people heading off on Mission Teams either at home or overseas
- For Staff at BB House and Ganaway as they have completed a busy period and find refreshment ahead of a busy summer at Centres and prepare for next BB Session
- For Battalion Office Bearers as they commence their terms of office

JULY CLOSURES

BB House will be closed
Friday 12th &
Monday 15th July 2024



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