



## REMEMBERING

# HM THE QUEEN

21st APRIL 1926 – 8th SEPTEMBER 2022



As Patron of The Boys' Brigade, Her Majesty The Queen took a keen interest in the work and witness of The Boys' Brigade across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

We are all very proud that Her Majesty was our Patron throughout the duration of Her Reign.



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### 1ST GRANSHAW AT THE CENOTAPH IN LONDON



Great to see a party from 1st Granshaw participate at the National Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London on Remembrance Sunday as part of the contingent from The Boys' Brigade.

## A GIFT OF GRACE

So here we are, preparing to celebrate the moment the God of the universe – omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent – came into the world.

It really is a wonder, isn't it? The same fresh soul that had yet to grow in wisdom and stature also held the mind that conceived of all we know and see, and more. The baby fat fists that wagged in uncoordinated baby spasms belonged to the One who also upheld the universe by the word of His power.

We know all of this because Jesus was fully God from birth. He did not become God later. He was not born partly God and then ascended to fullness of deity later. No, the fullness of deity dwelled in Him bodily, even as a new-born.

The little baby figure in your nativity scene is a symbol of the greatest power in existence – the divine might of omnipotence – humbling himself to come and reside with us. And the very fact that we are remembering and celebrating 'God with us' is a reminder that His power is working in and through us and with us too.

Extract from Gifts of Grace (Jared C Wilson)



# General News

## ANCHORS

### POTTED SPORTS

Following an absence of almost three years, it was encouraging to have five teams compete in our Anchor Boys Potted Sports.

4th Newtownabbey Anchor Section emerged as the winners and will represent the Battalion at the NID Final in February 2023.

We wish them all the best.



Judging of the Anchors Craft Competition - design a Christmas Jumper is well underway. We'll announce the winners in our next Newsletter.



Over 100 Junior Section Boys and their Leaders tackled the orienteering course on the Stormont Estate on Saturday 8th October 2022. The fine weather made for a perfect afternoon.



## ЮΛΟΙΟΡΣ

### Indoor 5-A-Side Football

Sat 28th Jan 2023  
Eddie Irvine Complex

## ЮΛΟΙΟΡΣ



£10 per team

More Details to Follow



### NID Resource Day at Newport

It was great to have the opportunity to show something of what The BB Shop has to offer Companies through our pop-up shop at the NID Resource Day held at Newport in mid-November 2022.

Check out the advert on the back page for a glimpse of gifts and prizes when choosing how to acknowledge the achievements of all your Boys as we look forward to Displays and Parents' Nights before the summer break.



Congratulations to Philip Seay receiving recognition for 50 years of service to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme through The Boys' Brigade Belfast Battalion.

At a ceremony to mark HM The King's birthday in Hillsborough Castle, Philip was presented with a certificate from His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Belfast, Dame Fionnuala Mary Jay-O'Boyle, DBE.

## ЮΛΟΙΟΡΣ

### NID QUIZ KIDS



### BATTALION HEAT

Friday 27th January 2023

ALL ENTRIES to NID by

MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023

BB House Open

Mon | Wed | Fri 10am - 4pm

## Company Seniors

Events completed so far this Session include: Table Quiz, Wander in the Dark, Cross Country, Company & Seniors Football & Tag Rugby.

With more to follow in the months ahead, check out the list below for details of other events planned in 2023 for all Sections.

Click on [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk) for entry details.

## DISTRICT TRAINING AT GANAWAY

We were delighted to welcome Senior Boys from across Northern Ireland working towards their Queen's Badge Award for a Skills for Queen's Badge course at Ganaway recently.

More courses are planned to be held both at Newport and Ganaway including a Queen's Badge Residential for Boys completing their awards.

Keep a look out for postings from NID HQ and our own Battalion pages.

To all Companies competing in National Competitions, we extend our best wishes.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To all Companies celebrating significant anniversaries this Session.

We pass on our best wishes together with grateful thanks for years of witness and faithful service in advancing Christ's Kingdom.

## BUILDING YOUR SKILLS TRAINING



The first of our Battalion-led Building Your Skills Courses, aimed at Boys working towards President's Badge, was held recently at Granshaw Presbyterian Church.

A group of 21 Boys took on the various team building challenges and participated in a variety of tasks with the aim of building their Leadership skills.

## BUILDING YOUR SKILLS

For Boys working towards President's Badge



Confirmed Dates 2022/2023

- ▶ **Wednesday 28th December 2022 from 9.30am**  
Ballycraigy Congregational Church
- ▶ **Weds 25th Jan & 1st Feb 2023 from 7.00pm**  
Railway Street Presbyterian Church, Lisburn **(NEW DATE ADDED)**
- ▶ **Thursdays 2nd & 9th February 2023 from 7.00pm**  
First Bangor Presbyterian Church, Bangor

REGISTER NOW THROUGH THE BATTALION WEBSITE

## PRAYER POINTS

- For all our Young people
- For Plans and Preparations for the year ahead
- For Battalion Companies
- For God's direction in all our plans
- For Battalion Committees

Check out The BB Programme Hub for lots of ideas for both indoor and outdoor activities for all Sections.



[boys-brigade.org.uk/programmehub](http://boys-brigade.org.uk/programmehub)

## Coming Up



### December '22

- 28th CS Badminton
- 29th BYS - Ballycraigy

### January '23

- 7th CS Indoor 5-A-Sides
- 11th CS Inter-Company Bible Quiz
- 14th CS Junior & Senior KO Cups
- 19th CS Ten-Pin Bowling
- 25th BYS Lisburn Part 1
- 26th BYS North Down Part 1
- 27th JS NID Quiz Kids Heat
- 28th JS Indoor 5-A-Sides

### February '23

- 1st BYS Lisburn Part 2
- 2nd BYS North Down Part 2
- 3rd CS Table Tennis C'Ships
- 14th CS Individual Chess & Draughts

### March '23

- 7th CS Christian Faith Exam
- 11th JS In It to Win It

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

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## CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

BB House will be closed  
Friday 23rd December 2022 -  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

## BATTALION NEWSLETTERS

Please email any updates, stories  
and photos from your Company to  
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