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Members of 43rd Belfast Junior Section taking part in the Twin Peaks Challenge

Members of 24th Belfast Junior Section enjoying their weekend recently at Ganaway

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GANAWAY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

RECENT SECTION EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

BB MALE VOICE CHOIR

BB (CHRISTMAS) SHOP



It's been great to see so much happening across all Sections of the Battalion over recent weeks.

Many events and competitions have been held and it is also good to see a number of Companies making use of the Battalion's Centres.

Not forgetting the special service of Thanksgiving to celebrate 100 Years of The Boys' Brigade at Ganaway at the end of September 2024.

With much to follow in 2025, please keep an eye on your email inbox for the fortnightly Battalion e-News bulletin together with our Battalion Social media channels for updates on future events and competitions.

Just Arrived

BBNI Christmas
Wooden Bauble
Approx. 70mm

£2.50

Available from
The BB Shop



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General News

Anniversary Service for 100 Years of Ganaway

Sunday 29th September 2024 marked a special time in the life of the Battalion when a good number of past and present members gathered to give thanks for 100 Years of Ganaway in The Belfast Battalion. Music was led by The BB Centenary Male Voice Choir and the service conducted by our Battalion Chaplain, Rev Colin Morrison. A short parade to and from the service around Ganaway was led by members and friends of 10th Bangor BB Old Boys'.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming a number of local elected representatives.

Following the service, those present had the opportunity of visiting The Maurice Williamson BB Heritage Museum to view the special exhibition set up to mark the 100th Anniversary.

Did you know that you can visit the museum all year round? We welcome BB groups, church groups and many others. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact BB House in the first instance.

We have a small yet very dedicated team of volunteers who manage the museum and they would be glad to provide guided tours.



ANCHORS

Fun & Games

Sat 9 November 2024

Well done to all those who participated at the Battalion Fun & Games. This was the Battalion Heat for the BBNI Final and we extend our best wishes to 1st Ballycraig Anchor Section who will represent Belfast Battalion at the Final planned towards the end of January 2025.



Members of 24th Belfast Anchor Section with their certificates and medals and One Anchor Boy concentrating on one of the many challenges.



3rd Bangor Junior Section Winners of the Battalion Heat of the BBNI Junior Section Quiz.

BBNI Junior Section Quiz
Battalion Heat
Friday 18th October

BBNI QUIZ!



1st Lisburn Junior Section Runners-Up in the Battalion Heat of the BBNI Junior Section Quiz.



4th Newtownabbey Junior Section - Third Place in the Battalion Heat of the BBNI Junior Section Quiz.



Coming up

Company

Seniors

It has been a busy few months for Company Section and Seniors with a number of events and competitions having already been completed.

In addition to the monthly Company and Senior Football Competitions held at Belvoir, there's still much more to come in the months ahead.

Chess

Wed 6 November



Concentrating hard at the Chess Championships

Moon Walk

Fri 15 November



Participants at this year's Moon Walk held at Mount Stewart before returning for a well-earned hot dog.



Winners of the Table Quiz - 1st Granshaw BB Company

Table Quiz

Thurs 21 November

Obituaries

It is with sadness that we record the recent Passing of a number of our BB stalwarts: Mr Wesley Lewis JP, former Battalion Vice-President and Captain of 58th Belfast BB Company, Mr Bill Dyer, former Battalion Vice-President and Captain of 4th Newtownabbey BB Company, Mr Peter McKechnie, former Battalion Vice-President and present Captain of 5th Lisburn BB Company, Mr Jack Harte and Mr Robert Doherty, Battalion Honorary Officers.

We also learned of the Passing of Mr Richard Tregenna who worked in BB House for many years.



New for this Session – Plan to take part

Do you have boys who can:



- Sing?
- Play a musical instrument?
- Tell jokes?
- Perform magic tricks?
- Demonstrate sports (or other) skills?
- Provide some other type of entertainment?

Film in your own hall and upload entries online between 4 January – 25 March 2025

Entries can be from individuals, groups of boys or your whole Section

Further details and how you can upload your entries will be provided in the e-News bulletins

**UPLOAD ENTRIES FROM
4 JANUARY - 25 MARCH 2025**

Badminton Championships

Monday 30th December '24

Company

Seniors



**ENTRIES DUE NO LATER THAN
Friday 20th December '24**



Company

Seniors

Indoor 5-A-Side Football



Sat 4th Jan 2025

Carmoney Pres Church



Check Out

belfastbb.org.uk

Christmas

at

THE BB SHOP
In Northern Ireland



Christmas Cards

Tree Decoration

2025 Pocket Diary

Gift Books

In Store: Mon | Wed | Fri 10am - 4pm

Online: bbshopni.org

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THE BB SHOP

In Northern Ireland

Check Out our Christmas selection in The BB Shop.

From Packs of Christmas Cards to activity books, devotional books, gift lines and a wooden Christmas Bauble with BBNI logo laser engraved.

As these lines are mostly seasonal, they are only available In Store.

To help organise your dates for the year ahead, we have a slim line pocket 2025 diary available to order online or instore.

You'll have to act quick though as they say, 'once they're gone, they're gone!'

Give Lee-ann a call in The BB Shop to order any of these lines. Our advert gives you a snapshot of what's on offer.

These items can't be found elsewhere!

Queen's Island Victoria Male Choir
The Boys' Brigade Centenary Male Voice Choir
Ballymoney & District Male Voice Choir

Combined Male Voice Choir Concert

in
Fisherwick Presbyterian Church
Malone Road, Belfast.

on
Friday 28th March 2025 at 7.30 pm

Doors open at 6.45 pm

Featuring Guest Artists

The Bloomin' Heather Ceilidh Band
David Loughridge - Senior & Junior

All proceeds will be donated to
PROSTATE CANCER CENTRE of EXCELLENCE
Queen's University - Belfast

SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION OF £10.00 (per person)

BATTALION PRAYER CARD

Please use the enclosed Prayer Card to pray for the work of the Battalion throughout the year.



Christmas & New Year Closure

BB House, The BB Shop and the Battalion's Centres will be closed

Tuesday 24th December 2024 to
Wednesday 1st January 2025

*Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas
and Peaceful New Year*



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