

# JUNIOR SECTION NEWS

The Belfast Battalion Newsletter for Junior Section Leaders

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Yes! I know it's Christmas!! But we still must make sure our Boys are getting every opportunity to take part in exciting and enjoyable events.

Please consider the list of upcoming events below and ensure your Junior Section Boys will be there.



During 2017 we will be celebrating the centenary of the Junior Section (Juniors), a significant anniversary in the life of our Organisation and one that we members will want to celebrate locally and nationally.

Our celebrations will take place across the calendar year, covering both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Sessions allowing ample opportunities for local events to take place - details of which are listed below.

## Anniversary Badge

A special anniversary badge is being produced to be awarded to members of this age group during the year and this will be available from BB Supplies from January 2017. Why not pre-book your Section's Badges by placing your advance order with The B.B. Shop in May Street Belfast?

## Play the Game

Junior Section 100th Anniversary Event

**4 boys per team (max – 2 teams per Company) • £10 entry per team**

Teams will play a variety of popular table top and board games from the past century.

Top teams from each event will take part in a grand NID final.

Three Venues:

**Ballymoney** (*Finvoy Presbyterian*) Fri 10 & Sat 11 February 2017

**Portadown** (*Thomas St Methodist*) Fri 17 & Sat 18 February 2017

**Lisburn** (*Lisburn Congregational*) Fri 3 & Sat 4 March 2017

**Fridays at 6.45pm & Saturdays at 9.45am and 1.45pm**

**Book your choice of venue, date and time slot by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

Booking forms can be downloaded at [http://www.bbni.org.uk/ni/JS\\_Entry\\_Forms\\_PlaytheGame\\_2016\\_2017P.pdf](http://www.bbni.org.uk/ni/JS_Entry_Forms_PlaytheGame_2016_2017P.pdf)

## Other Dates:

NID JS Musician of the Year  
Sat 14 January 2017

NID 5-Aside Competition  
(Battalion Heat)  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Junior Section 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations  
"Play the Game"  
*See across for details*

"100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Extravaganza"  
Saturday 6 May 2017

Battalion Parade Service  
9 April 2017

Battalion Council and JS AGM  
10 May 2017

# Save the Date!

**Saturday 6th  
May 2017**

10am - 4pm

**Ganaway Activity  
Centre, Millisle**



**An action packed fun day to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Junior Section**

Ganaway Activity Zone

Inflatables Zone

All the Fun of the Fair

Sports Day

Party Time

On the Beach

In the Beacon

Food Zone



**Booking Opens January 2017**

*Full booking details will be issued with the NID January Newsletter*

## **Stedfast Supplies**

Or otherwise known as The B.B. Shop and located in B.B. House 14 May Street, Belfast, The B.B. Shop caters for **all** Boys' Brigade Companies across the Emerald Isle. In addition to B.B. Uniforms and resources, a wide selection of B.B. and non-B.B. items are available, with many exclusive to The B.B. Shop in Belfast. And, the best part is, you can walk-in and speak to our experienced staff who are only too willing to assist you with your purchases. Parents are also welcome to make purchases too. **Look out for the special range of items to celebrate 100 years of Junior Section.** Open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 5.00pm all year round, make The B.B. Shop your first stop when planning what gifts and prizes you need for your Company and Section Displays, Parents' Nights and other events and special occasions throughout the year.

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### **E-mail sign up**

To enable us to communicate more effectively with you, please send us up to-date e-mail address to:

[belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk)



## **Battalion News**

## **Youth Leader Training**



The next Battalion-led Course will be held at Ganaway Training and Activity Centre over the weekend of **27 - 29 January 2017**. This is essential for all Leaders working in their Company as it provides valuable instruction on how best to create meaningful weekly Programmes for the young people in their care. Not forgetting the valuable fellowship and time spent sharing with fellow Leaders. Registrations are filling up well but there is still some room for a few more! Contact Irene Lowry in B.B. House for further information. A registration form can be downloaded from the Battalion website.

*For more Battalion News click on [belfastbb.org.uk](http://belfastbb.org.uk)*

*Best wishes for 2017*

*from your Junior Section Committee*



## **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.