

JUNIOR SECTION NEWS

The Belfast Battalion Newsletter for Junior Section Leaders

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Celebrating 100 years of Junior Section in 2017

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Calendar of Events

As we start a new session in The Boys' Brigade we hope that you will consider the wide range of events which are being organised by your

Battalion and Northern Ireland District. These events are designed to assist you to extend the Programme you offer your Boys. Some of the activities involve small teams while others cater for



individual Boys so whether your Junior Section is large or small there will be something suitable for your Boys to take part in.

We look forward to seeing you and your Boys at some or all of these events.

25 Sept 2016	Devotional Service
28 Sept 2016	Training Fair
1 Oct 2016	Twin Peaks Challenge
7 Oct 2016	Quiz Kids Heat
22 Oct 2016	NID Quiz Kids Final
12 Nov 2016	NID JS Conference
12 Dec 2016	Carol Singing
14 Jan 2017	NID Musician of the Year
4 Feb 2017	NID 5-Aside Heat
10/11 Feb 2017	NID JS 100th Birthday
17/18 Feb 2017	NID JS 100th Birthday
25 Feb 2017	NID Swimming Gala
3/4 Mar 2017	NID JS 100th Birthday
25 Mar 2017	NID JS 100th Birthday
9 Apr 2017	Parade Service
29 Apr 2017	NID 5-aside Final
6 May 2017	NID JS 100th Birthday
10 May 2017	Battalion Council & AGM

Twin Peaks Challenge

This years outdoor event will be our Twin Peaks Challenge. On 1st October we will be walking on Divis and Black Mountains. This was an enjoyable outing when we last held it three years ago so no matter how many Boys you have why not bring them along.

Entry form enclosed.

Training Fair

On 28 September the Battalion Training Committee will be holding a Training Fair. A number of outside agencies will be demonstrating what they have to offer you in your work with your Boys.

NID Quiz Kids Heat

This is a table quiz for a team of 4 Boys. The Battalion Heat will be held on Friday 7 October 2016.

** For details of NID events (shown in bold above) please refer to the NID Junior Section Newsletter



THE BOYS' BRIGADE
 > the adventure begins here



Save the Date!

Junior Section 100th Birthday

BIG DAY OUT!

Plans are underway to hold the Northern Ireland District Junior Section 100th Birthday BIG DAY OUT on Saturday 6 May 2017 at Ganaway Training and Activity Centre. More details are contained within the NID Junior Section Newsletter but you could no worse than saving this date in your Section calendar and have your Section represented at what will be another truly memorable day.

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[A Time to Remember and Re-Commit](#)

Our annual Drumhead Service and Service of acknowledgement and Commitment will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 25th September at Ganaway. These Services are open to all of your staff, family members and friends. With **YOUR** presence we will celebrate the past years of Advancing Christ's Kingdom through The Boys' Brigade in Ireland and give thanks for the many men and women who influenced our lives and re-commit ourselves to serving the Youth of today. This Service is very poignant and is a source of comfort and support to so many of our BB family. In addition to the Service, you will have the added opportunity of being able to visit The B.B. Heritage Museum. A special poster is enclosed for Notice Boards and is aimed at **ALL** Sections.



Junior Section Big Day Out 2017

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[Stedfast Supplies](#)

The enclosed poster for your Notice Board indicates that our Shop will be open from 9.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays - 24th September, 1st October 2016, 11th March and 25th March 2017. We're also open on St Patrick's Day too!! Why not e-mail through your order in advance? We'll make every reasonable effort to have your order ready for you to collect. Send your e-mail to belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk

[Online Brigade Manager \(OBM\)](#)

By now you should be aware that The Brigade is moving to an online management system. 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.

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.