

JUNIOR SECTION NEWS

The Belfast Battalion Newsletter for Junior Section Leaders

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Calendar of Events

Each year your Battalion and the Northern Ireland District organize a range of events designed to assist you to extend and vary your Programme for Junior Section 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 hope you will consider giving your Boys the opportunity to experience these events with Boys from other Companies. We look forward to seeing you and your Boys at some or all of these events.



24 September	Devotional Service
27 September	Training Evening
30 September	Drinahilly Challenge
6 October	Quiz Kids Heat
28 October	NID Quiz Kids Final
11 November	NID JS Conference
11 December	Carol Singing
13 January	NID Musician of the Year
3 February	NID 5-Aside Heat
24 February	NID Swimming Gala
10 March	NID Junior Challenge Heat
24 March	NID Junior Challenge
25 March	Parade Service
28 Apr 2017	NID 5-aside Final
9 May	Battalion Council &AGM
25/27 May	Battalion JS Weekend

Drinahilly Challenge

Your Boys can experience the great outdoors by taking on our Drinahilly Challenge on Saturday 30th September. This will take place around Shepherd Lodge above Donard Park in the Mourne. This is a fun outing so no matter how many Boys you have why not bring them along.

Entry form enclosed.

Training Fair

On 27 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. **More details enclosed!**

Funtasia 2018 - a weekend for Junior Section Boys

If you would like to take your Boys away for a weekend but are prevented from doing so by small numbers or inexperienced staff then this is for you!

See enclosed information sheet.

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

NID Quiz Kids Heat

This is a table quiz for a team of 4 Boys. The Battalion Heat will be held on Friday 6 October 2017 in Townsend Street Pres Church.

Funfasia 2018

A weekend for Junior Section Boys

When?	Friday 25 – Sunday 27 May 2018
Where?	Ganaway Activity Centre
Cost?	£50 per person (including Officers) This includes accommodation, meals and activities
Deposit?	£20 per Company (Non-refundable)
Who?	This weekend is specifically for those sections who are too small to run their own weekend or do not have experienced staff.

This event is being organised and staffed by the Battalion Junior Section Committee but all Boys must be accompanied by an appropriate number of Officers who must be registered on OBM.

Bookings will be taken on a "first come" basis but a reserve list will be maintained should vacancies arise. Definite numbers and full payment will be required by 23 March 2018.

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Time to Remember and Dedicate

We normally draw your attention to a special time at the outset of the Session when we join together at Ganaway on the last Sunday of September for our annual Drumhead Service of Acknowledgement and Commitment. In a change to our normal pattern this year, on the afternoon of Sunday 24th September you are invited to join with us as we remember a very special B.B. Colleague and former General Secretary, Mr Maurice Williamson M.B.E. During the special Memorial service, plaques will be unveiled by Maurice's family in recognition of his significant contribution to The Boys' Brigade and in particular, the Belfast Battalion. We will also be officially opening and naming The Maurice Williamson B.B. Heritage Museum. These Services are open to all of your staff, family members and friends. WE ASK THAT YOU RSVP by

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017 SO THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA OF LIKELY NUMBERS THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

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Stedfast Supplies

The enclosed poster for your Company Notice Board indicates that our B.B. Shop will be open from 9.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 1.00pm on Saturdays – 23rd September, 14th October 2017, 3rd March and 17th March 2018. We're even open on the St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday Monday!! Why not e-mail your order through in advance? Send your e-mail to belfast@boys-brigade.org.uk We'll make every reasonable effort to have your order ready for you to collect at a time convenient to you! We need ALL Companies to be supportive of Stedfast Supplies if we are to continue to guarantee the first class personal service that we have enjoyed over so many years.

Online Brigade Manager (OBM)

This time last year we were alerting you to the Brigade's new online management system OBM. Many of you will have used this resource, some more extensively than others. 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. Further developments and improvements to existing features will emerge in the coming months so, it is worth your while to log on regularly to see what's new!

Ask your Captain for more information and to get you logged on.

For more Battalion News click on belfastbb.org.uk

Juniors

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CHALLENGE

A pack with special activities and ideas for games etc. to participate in the Juniors 100 Challenge was sent to Captains in their recent Company mailing from BBUK.

Ensure to ask to get hold of yours!

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.