

PUZZLE PAGE

Sure and Steadfast Sudoko

Each row & column has the letters of Sure and Steadfast in it (only 9 different letters). Also each letter appears once in each square of 9.

go on, it's an easy one

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Football Teams in the Bible?

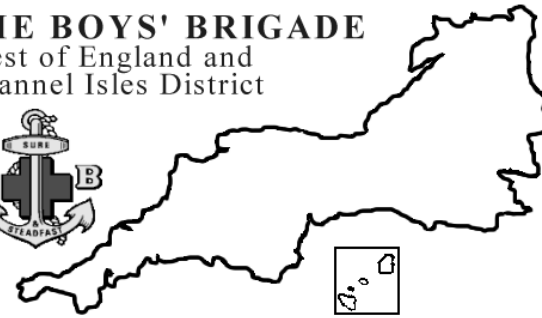
All the teams can be found in the English and Scottish Leagues although, in some cases, the spelling is slightly different.

1. Acts 14 v 20
2. Luke 10 v 3
3. Matthew 8 v 21
4. 1 Timothy 4 v 13
5. Revelation 21 v11 & Esther 1 v 9 (two words)
6. John 2 v 1 & John 4 v 6 (one word)
7. Psalm 23 v 2
8. Matthew 24 v 41 & Acts 23 v 3 (one word)
9. Matthew 5 v 36 & John 5 v 7 (one word)
10. Acts 28 v 13 & Matthew 28 v 20 (one word)
11. Psalm 103 v 12 & Genesis 7 v 13 (two words)
12. Matthew 5 v 36 & Luke 3 v 17 (one word)

The answers are all in the Good News Bible or the New English Bible.

Answers to Football Teams in the Bible: 1. Derby (Derbe) 2. Wolves 3. Bury 4. Reading 5. Crystal Palace 6. Motherwell 7. Leeds (Leads) 8. Millwall 9. Blackpool 10. Southend 11. West Ham 12. Blackburn

THE BOYS' BRIGADE
West of England and
Channel Isles District



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*4th Plymouth on Camp eating someone else's food
(can anyone explain the hats?)*

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.

Presidents Viewpoint

Well summer is over, seems to go quicker every year or is it I am getting older. The football is back in full swing but I must say that the Championship is the league to watch with a dearth of teams competing to get back into the big time. With Malcolm having a whopping 87 teams entering the fantasy football this year it could be more interesting than the premiership.

Hope you all have had good camps, I enjoyed a wonderful camp with my company down in Bude and for once the rain did not fall.

Looking back since the AGM we have had some changes in District officials, namely Jason Frost from Somerset taking over the post of District Secretary, but thanks must go to Chris Semmens for his sterling work for the district while in the post. Welcome to John Tibbles from Gloucestershire who takes on the post of District Queens Badge Convenor. Thanks to Tom Woodbury who has held the position after Paul Impey left the District until John took over. The last change is John Goodbody who has been elected as the District representative on the Brigade Executive and again thanks must go to Chris Semmens who has previously represented us in the post. Also since the AGM we have seen the departure of Rob Malpas who has gone to work up north and our thanks must go to him for the work he has done on BB West and the website. Luckily Hilary Malpas has agreed to take on the position of Editor with Rob's brother Dave taking on the website so keep sending in your information.

Looking forward, a programme for the coming session has been planned with information regarding the district Scripture already out. At the meeting in October a venue for the company sports day will be finalised.

Gordon Dale, District President

Secretary's Scene

After serving for only a short time on the District Executive I feel honoured to take on the role of District Secretary. With this in mind, I feel we must pay tribute to my predecessor Chris Semmens who did a superb and dedicated tenure of ten years serving as Secretary and District Representative on the Regional Committee. Time consuming roles but Chris still finds time helping to organise and officiate at competitions as well as playing a vital role in his own Battalion. Chris has passed the reins of Secretary on but has kindly offered his help at any time and I thank him for his support and good wishes and wish him the best of luck in his future undertakings.

I feel we are in a period of transition with the Brigade Secretary taking post a little while ago and a new Brigade President appointed at the beginning of October 2005. There have also been changes here within our own District but with all these changes at all levels we should not detract from the core reason while we

Obituary

Terry Cook – 7th June 1943 – 25th May 2005

Terry lived and worked in Bridgwater all of his life and, as his parents before him, attended Bridgwater Baptist Church, in due time becoming a full member. He joined the Life Boys, and progressed through the ranks of 3rd Bridgwater BB finally becoming leader of the Junior Section, a position he held until his death.

Terry joined the Brigade at a time when the Company was very large and for most boys then it provided everything they needed to keep them interested and occupied. Terry loved all the various aspects the Company offered - the sport, competitions, band, expeditions, and of course the camaraderie between boys, and the interaction with other Church activities. A highlight of the year was the annual camp, and for all of us who have camped over the years with Terry there are many happy memories.

Many friendships made in those formative years lasted throughout Terry's life. Terry also met Margaret, his wife, at the Church Youth Club, and our thoughts are with her at this time, and also with sons Darren and Matthew, and Michelle, Darren's wife.

One of the Junior Section competitions is team games, and this too was always special to Terry. He loved organising them, practising them, encouraging boys on and his enthusiasm never wavered - in fact the set of games the Somerset Battalion still uses for competitions are those devised by Terry.

A few days before he died Terry came to our Awards Evening, and we were glad that the last occasion he was with us for a Brigade meeting was a joyous one with the whole company together. For over 50 years Terry was a member of the Brigade, and is an example of Christian service that will be hard to follow.

All the officers and helpers at "3rd Bridge" have been together for a long time, and Terry will be sorely missed, not only as a fellow officer but as a friend, but we, with God's help, will continue with the examples set by those before us. Terry's anchor was always grounded firm and his faith in God was sure and steadfast as was his work for The Boys' Brigade.

Pat Bartlett, 3rd Bridgwater

The deadline for the next issue will be 21st January 06.

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Scrapheap Challenge



If you would like to take part in the next Scrapheap Event, please contact me **NOW!**

I would also like to urge anybody who is interested from Somerset or Cornwall to contact me as I have interest from one team but need two to make a competition.

10th, 11th and 36th Bristol, The Boys' Brigade

Dave Malpas, 36th Bristol

From the Congregational Monthly Sept 1946!!

Dr James Black tells us that 100 trained Glasgow girls are to go to Southampton to deal with 'acres' of the fine polished wood of the Queen Elizabeth troopship which is to become a 'luxury liner' again. Literally hundredweights of gum has been daubed on the fine panels! It needs a great skill to scrape off the nasty gum without injuring the grain, and then follows the polishing of the lovely wood.

Why is it that, often, quite nice people are careless of public property in a way that they would never think of treating their own? It is an offensive and scurvy habit.

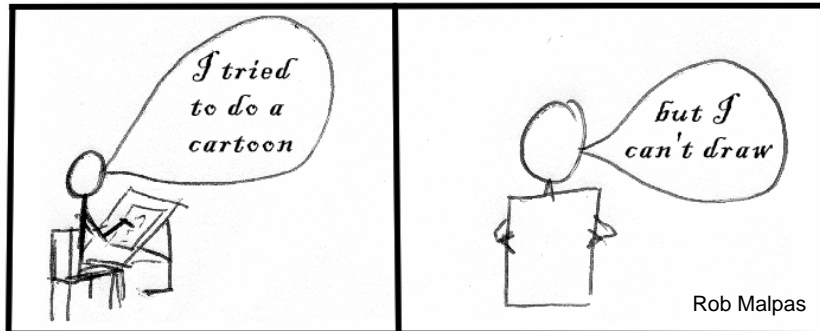
Clearly we must educate our young and begin early: 'This is State property and we must respect it even more than our own.' That is true citizenship and guardianship.

Who would have thought that 60 years later discarded gum is still a problem on our streets.

Best Wishes

Margaret Chappell, 2nd Bristol Company

Calling Budding Cartoonists



Can you do better?
If anyone wants to draw a cartoon for the next edition please send it in!

are all here. Our vocation is to further our youth work, guide our young people in things social, physical and spiritual, improve the BB's profile and promote its outreach. Now we have finally received the Anchor and Junior Section modules and very much look forward to the Company Section material we will all have fresh, more contemporary ideas to guide our young people in the name of The Boys' Brigade.

Please try and support the various events and competitions that are very well organised by people from different parts of our District. They are arranged for YOUR Company whose members will enjoy themselves thoroughly and forge new friendships pulling our vast District closer together through fellowship and that can't be a bad thing!!

If there is anything at all I can be of assistance with please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every best wish for a successful and rewarding session,

Jason Frost, District Secretary.

News on the Outgoing Editor

First of all, I'd like to apologise for my sudden departure since the last issue. I had expected to maintain my role as editor for many years, but I'm not sure I could fulfil the position from this distance. I have therefore left you in the capable hands of my mother and brother!

I decided in the spring to look for a change in direction in my career and, after consideration, I also decided to move to the West Coast of Scotland. And so it is, I am now living in Fort William and working for the Co-op.

I decided to move up here for a slower, more relaxing pace of life, and also to be able to explore the wilds of the highlands, something which I have been able to do in abundance. The thrill of reaching the top of a mountain, and looking out across the breathtaking panorama; crossing a ridge, and dropping into a desolate, barren glen where there is no sign of human life.

The wild highlands are a beautiful and awe-inspiring place to live; the power of a waterfall crashing explosively over a cliff after a heavy rainfall can be watched for hours.

I'm glad I made the move, and as you can see for yourself, am thoroughly enjoying myself!

Rob Malpas, Outgoing Editor

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Chaplain's Corner

I began my time with The Boys' Brigade as an Officer way back in the late 1940's when the Life Boys (9-12 year olds) commenced at King Street Methodist Church, Bridgwater. In those days just after the war we were limited in our options and as part of our outdoor activity we would go into Blake Gardens (just across the road).

A photo of early 1950 shows a group of 26 boys all of whom were regular, week after week, in attendance. Most of this group went through The Boys' Brigade (12 – 16 year olds). My memory is of a very happy time and as I look back I find many of the boys came through to senior leadership positions in the Church, serving as Deacons and Stewards and holding responsible jobs in the community.

Over the years since, I have been Chaplain in different places where I have worked. In Wednesbury, West Midlands on the Woods Council House Estate we had a strong BB company and shared in many ways.

My time at Kingswood and Speedwell, Bristol was with a very strong BB and I have many memories and pictures to remind me. Pictures that come to mind are sharing the Bank Holiday Parade and marching through Kingswood with the Band! The BB were involved in the life of the Church and made a great contribution towards the rebuilding of the premises holding sponsored cycle rides along the Warmley Track, a Sponsored Silence, help at the Christmas Fair and always a happy time at a Barn Dance! The monthly Parade Services were always well attended and the Bugle played "The Last Post" at the Church Memorial as part of Remembrance Sunday. The Junior Section held a weekend every year at Little Stoke in the Church Hall and this was always a great time. Coming through the Ranks, Martin is now a Local Preacher in the Kingswood Circuit.

My friends Audrey and Ted, who have been BB Officers for many years, have told me the story of Kevin L. He began in the Life Boys, went into the BB and was always in trouble and very lively! He went into the Army as a regular soldier and served in Northern Ireland. On coming out of the Army he stayed in Ireland, married and took up Prison work at the Mazes Prison. Every Christmas he writes thanking them for all they gave. "What I found in the BB altered my whole life". What a tribute.

I am so grateful for all the years I have shared with the BB and the contribution it has made to the life of the Church and the world.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce F. Plumb, Retired Methodist Minister, Burnham on Sea

Fantasy Football

Fantasy Football has really taken off, last season we had 52 entries and this year we have soared to 92. The top spot has changed hands several times and teams regularly leap up and down the table.

But ONLY twelve companies have entered!

Do the remainder hold their own competition?

Does every member loathe football?

Have they not heard about it?

Or are the officers TOO busy to get the details out and the entries in????

It's still not too late to enter.

Email mrg2cbb@tiscali.co.uk for details.

Shock Horror we even have a number of entries from **females!**

The latest table is on the BB-West website.

Top spot as at 29 September was Luke Billing of the 2nd Chard.

Malcolm Godolphin, Fantasy Football Co-ordinator

Editors Notes

Our previous editor, Rob, has now moved to Scotland and no longer feels able to edit BB West. However, his mum (me) and brother (Dave) have agreed to continue with this issue at least. The addresses will remain the same as Dave is continuing to update and maintain the web site and has taken over the BB West e-mail address while the postal address was mine.

Rob has a really good web page at <http://www.bb.west.org.uk/scotland/index.htm> of his first three weeks in Scotland, with a humorous yet descriptive account but mostly photos when the sun was shining in June and early July.

I hope this issue lives up to the past few, but it is dependent on you, the readers, sending me copy to print.

I wish you all God's blessing as you begin the new session. Have good fun with your boys, enjoy the badgework, games and competitions. Take part whenever you can so the boys can enjoy fellowship with the other Companies in the District. Then send me your accounts of the activities (or better still, the boy's account)

Hilary Malpas, acting editor

Sporting Predictions

It's great to see our cricketers regain the Ashes, shame our football & rugby teams are unable to live up to this standard. Well some surprises, as always, with Middlesbrough winning the Carling Cup, Shaun Murphy winning the World Snooker & Michael Campbell winning the US Open. Biggest shock was that Leeds just missed out on the Premiership, still there is always next year!!!!!! Legends and results so far, with still plenty of points up for grabs & Freddy Flintoff in pole position for the Sports Personality of the year.



Chris Semmens

Results

Juniors

Callum Bolt	1 st Redruth	18
Ashley Wright	1 st Redruth	14
Tristan Barrett	1 st Redruth	12
Lauren Goldsworthy	1 st Redruth	10
Libby Walters	1 st Redruth	7
Ryan Cardew	1 st Redruth	7
Matthew Plumb	1 st Redruth	7
Beccy Thomas	1 st Redruth	4
Sam Goldsworthy	1 st Redruth	1

Officers

David Bradford	5 th Exeter	24
M D Prewett	1 st Somerton	19
Rosemary Wolston	1 st Somerton	19

Company

Andrew Hale	3 rd Bridgwater	19
Ryan Friend	2 nd Bovey Tracey	14
Phil Rogenon	1 st Weston-s-Mare	14
Peter Dunstan	1 st Churchdown	11
Ian Seymour	1 st Churchdown	11
Pete Harwood	1 st Churchdown	10
A J Dymock	1 st Cheltenham	10
Steve Diamond	1 st Churchdown	8
Elliott Roffe	1 st Churchdown	8

Marlene Semmens	1 st Redruth	13
Malcolm Godolphin	2 nd Camborne	12
Gill Hardy	2 nd Bovey Tracey	10
Mike Semmens	1 st Redruth	3

Fantasy Formula 1

Um, as the replacement organiser for this competition it is my duty to declare myself the joint winner. As it happens I have won without having to 'adjust' the numbers at all! Current standings (after Brazil) are:

1st (joint)	Robert Atwood	211
1st (joint)	Dave Malpas	211
2 nd	Paul Roberts	164
3rd	Carl Leavy	155

Dave Malpas, Fantasy Formula 1 Co-ordinator

Around the District

A Special Award

At our display in May two of our boys, Adam Stevens and Scott Johnson, were awarded a special trophy to share for a year from our church, the Hucclecote Methodist. This trophy is not always awarded annually and is done so only when the stewards feel that it is especially deserved. The trophy was given, in remembrance, by the family of two of our BB members whose Mum died of Motor Neurones disease at the age of 40.



Scott and Adam both suffer from disabilities but have been staunch members of our Boys' Brigade attending every Thursday, unless they are unwell, and all BB church services. They participate in the badge scheme as much as they can, and enjoy a game of snooker on parade nights.

This award was given for the commitment to BB shown by the boys in what are, sometimes, difficult circumstances. Scott was unable to receive the award at the display as he was in hospital for several weeks in May and June. The picture shows both boys with the trophy after being presented with it at our pre-camp parade service in July.

Gordon Dale, Captain 5th Gloucester

Collectors' Items

We still have a number of Somerset Battalion 25th Anniversary (issued in 1993) and millennium mugs for sale. These are now priced at £1.50 each for a quick clearance. There is also a quantity of the Millennium Church parade "Bath 2000" badges remaining and these are now reduced to £1.00 each. Please contact Pat Bartlett on 01278 455194 or e-mail pat@prbartlett.freeserve.co.uk if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

Pat Bartlett, Secretary Somerset Battalion

V.E. & V.J. DAY Commemorative Parade

On Sunday 4th September members of the Company Section and myself assembled with other youth organisations in the proximity of Truro Cathedral for a commemorative service and parade to mark the conclusion of the Second World War. The parades were split into three sections, the veterans: armed services and youth organisations, some 900 plus people marching, each section led by a band.

Once at the cathedral, all were seated and awaited the arrival of civic dignitaries and the Lord Lieutenant whose entry was heralded by a fanfare. The service included radio and film excerpts from broadcasts during the war and the final prayers involved a member from each of the youth organisations.

The service over and all then filed out to our allotted assembly point and each section of the parade set off toward the city centre where a short commemorative service was held at the war memorial and a torch was handed from the 'veterans' to the 'youth of today' symbolising the handing over of the safety and future to tomorrow's generation. The youth then led all the parade to the city pedestrian area and the salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant and we and other sections formed a guard of honour for the veteran parade. The event was concluded by the Royal Marine band beating Retreat.

Mike Semmens, Captain 1st. Redruth Company

Two ^S ~~One~~ Night in a Tent ^

You may recall in last October's Edition of BB-West an article about the 36th Bristol's weekend camp. Well, following on from this success we went away again in June, this time to Briarlands, the Bristol Guide's site near Bath. The weekend went well with a trip to the Local Steam Railway where we had a fully behind the scenes guided tour amongst the activities.

Then for some strange reason we went away again on the first weekend in October. Camping. We arrived at the campsite on the Gower at 8pm on the Friday evening, putting the tents up in the wind, rain and pitch dark was interesting. During the weekend we visited the WWT bird sanctuary and the beautiful 3 Cliffs Bay which the campsite looked out over.

Despite the October weather and the long drive, the trip was worth the effort and lack of sleep. It may seem like a dumb idea at times, but we fully intend to keep running these weekends away as long as we can as they provide a much needed level of interaction and mutual dependency which is missing from parade nights.

Dave Malpas, 36th Bristol

Report from council 'Girls in the Boys' Brigade'

You will recollect that Brigade Council 2004 at Leicester instructed Brigade Executive to bring forward a Constitutional Motion for consideration by this Council, the effect of which would be to admit girls to membership of The Boys' Brigade.

It was accepted by the Executive that it would be sensible to assist Council in understanding how such a policy on the admission of girls would operate by placing before Council a set of draft regulations which would be implemented if the substantive motion was passed. Accordingly, a small working group was set up to produce this draft set of regulations.

The motion accepted by Council 2004 was phrased in such a way that it was fairly prescriptive about the form of wording which *the 2005* motion could use. In particular, there were two conditions that would have to be met before an individual Company would be permitted to admit girls. The first is that it should be the desire of the Church or sponsoring body - that is of course fair enough. The second condition is that no appropriate organisation exists or is established for girls. The working party could foresee problems with this second condition.

It appears that the actual effect on an individual Company of imposing such a condition had not been considered carefully enough. The situation could arise that a Company was given permission to admit girls. Sometime later, the Church, for whatever reason, might decide to start an organization for girls, or perhaps even a mixed sex organization. The BB Company would then have to transfer its girl members to this organization or ask them to leave. There would be at least the potential for upset.

Simultaneously, it was suggested to Brigade Executive that if the Brigade were to accept a policy whereby girls could be admitted to membership, even under strictly controlled and limited conditions, then the Brigade could potentially lose its exemption under sexual discrimination legislation. Brigade Executive sought legal advice on this matter and it was confirmed that it was indeed a possibility.

It should be emphasised that it would not be against the law for the Brigade to adopt and implement the policy of limited admission of girls to membership as has been suggested. However the Brigade would then be open to legal challenge by any girl refused membership of a Company or asked to leave under the scenario envisaged earlier. If such a complaint were upheld, then the Brigade, the local Company or the Church could be ordered to pay compensation to the aggrieved young lady.

Brigade Executive therefore deemed it prudent not to lay a motion on this subject before Council this year, but to refer the whole matter to the Constitutional Review Group so that the whole matter of membership of the organization can be properly and thoroughly considered.

The proposers of the 2004 motion have been consulted and agree with this course of action, which was also published in the Gazette. We will return to this subject at Council in 2006.

John Goodbody, District Regional Representative.

A view from the East (of the District)

It was interesting to read the "apathy is killing the BB" newspaper cutting in an earlier edition of BB West. We can to some extent have some sympathy with the writer - but often take solace from the fact that if things have been bad for us - at least it's the same with the Scouts, Guides and other uniformed organisations.

But should we?

I think we can get far too focussed on numbers (me included) - the effect of which is to concentrate more on the fact of numbers and our success in getting good numbers to an event rather than on what we should judge ourselves on, which is:

- Programme quality;
- Creating a place and atmosphere where people belong and want to be;
- Reaching out to others; and
- Our kids turning to Jesus Christ.

In short we need to create something which is attractive to kids, challenges them in all ways and is right at the centre of the church we are linked to.

If we get this right - we should naturally end up with the number of young people that our facilities and resources can take.

It is interesting to read on the Brigade web-site that we are the largest uniformed Christian Boys' organisation in the UK. Presumably the GB is the largest uniformed Christian Girls' organisation. I find it telling that one of the most successful events that the BB puts on each year is Firm Foundations which is from all accounts pretty cutting edge and challenging and crucially this is something none of the secular organisations will be doing.

The various secular organisations may well fall by the wayside and indeed may cling to the limited programmes and structures of the past. But with God at the centre - we don't need to do this. What we do need to do is to push the BB onwards from where it has been as being rather defensive and introspective, jettisoning the baggage we no longer need for the journey ahead - and step out in faith, taking risks.

With the depth of strength we can draw on which includes the vast experience we have and the fact that we are a large Christian organisation - we now need to develop a breadth of how we "do" BB which will attract a much wider cross-section of young people to us.

We need to share ideas, look at what cutting edge Christian Youth Work is currently doing and get new experiences of doing Youth Work by getting out of our own box, broadening our experience.

Firm Foundations is just the edge of God's plan for the BB and an indication of the direction we need to take. Beyond that lies enormous opportunities for the premier Christian uniformed Boys' organisation in the land if we can together step out and take the risk. And if God is with us - who can be against us?

Richard Barker, 2nd Bournemouth

Company Camp

Pictures from 4th Plymouth Canvas Camp held during July.

There was an archaeological dig taking place during our camp this year, and our members were given a private tour around the dig and a talk explaining what the dig was hoping to find.

We also had a Bar-B-Q held for



us by the local Villagers and Church at which we managed to consume over 60 burgers and 150 sausages! (See Front Cover)

The final picture was taken on our late night walk held on the last night of camp.

The weather wasn't too kind to us this year, but all who attended agreed that it was still a fantastic camp.



For more pictures and information, please visit our website at www.4thplymouth.tk

Paul Weekes, Captain 4th Plymouth

Thank You

I would like to thank the Sherborne Castle Country Fair and especially John Wolfe for a recent donation made to us. John Wolfe put forward the 2nd Stoke-sub-Hamdon Boys' Brigade for a minor award from the Sherborne Castle Country Fair committee who endeavour to support local youth projects. Our minor award was successful and as a result we have received over £600, which we will be using to replace our storage facilities for our equipment and to purchase some additional sports equipment. We are highly delighted with the award, which will benefit all those boys who are members of our Boys' Brigade.

Ian Rumbelow, Captain 2nd Stoke-sub-Hamdon

Scripture Exam

DISTRICT SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION FOR SESSION 2005-2006

SUBJECT :

Looking at Jesus Christ as the Gospel of Matthew presents Him

Both those of 15 BB age and under and Seniors will study the same passages but there will be an extra question for the Seniors. Questions will be set on all study passages, but there will be a choice in each section. In each of the sections A,B,C & D, under 15 candidates need only study FOUR passages [one from each section] whilst Seniors must study ONE other passage to cover the extra question.

Please note that the best SIX papers from one Company in each Battalion entering the examination will be used for judging the best District entry.

[The questions will be set using The Good News Bible.]

Section A

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| 1. Jesus heals the blind and the dumb | St Matthew | Chapter 9 | verses 27- 34 |
| 2. The mission of the Twelve | " " | " 10 | " 5 - 15 |

Section B

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| 3. Jesus and the Sabbath Day | " " | " 12 | " 1 - 8 |
| 4. Jesus heals a man with a paralysed hand | " " | " 12 | " 9 - 14 |

Section C

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| 5. Jesus' Mother and Brothers | " " | " 12 | " 46 - 50 |
| 6. The parable of the Sower | " " | " 13 | " 1 - 9 |

Section D

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| 7. Jesus is rejected at Nazareth | " " | " 13 | " 53 - 58 |
| 8. Jesus feeds five thousand men | " " | " 14 | " 13 - 21 |

If your Company intends to sit this examination will you please indicate on the slip - only ONE copy of the paper will be sent to entering companies, then as many as are required can be photocopied by each Company. You need only send a stamped addressed envelope with a second class stamp on it and I'll send you a single copy of the question paper. Answers will be required on lined A4 paper, which each Company must provide.

All requests for exam papers to be sent to:

K.J.BANFIELD, SANDPIPER, LINKADELLS, PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH. PL7 4EF

by not later than 31st October 2005 with the necessary envelope & postage.

A copy of the question paper will be sent to you in January 2006 and the exam should be completed by the end of March in time for the papers to reach me by 31st March 2006.

Please return a stamped addressed envelope with the papers so that I can return them to you when they have been marked (stamps to the value of the weight of the papers please).

Note:- I shall mark the papers whenever they are received but can only guarantee entering for the District Competition those received by 31st March 2006

Request slip for exam paper to be returned to K.J.Banfield address above by 31/10/05

Company _____ Battalion _____

Number of Boys likely to sit exam: Under 15's ____ Seniors _____

Name, address & postal code of person to whom exam paper to be sent (please enclose s.a.e.)

Brigade Council

3rd September 2005 - Londonderry

The Revd Dr J Fell, Minister of Ebrington Presbyterian Church, conducted the opening service.

The Brigade President, Mr J Neil OBE, read a message of loyal greeting that had been sent to our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of Council.

Mr John Young, MBE, Brigade Vice-President, presented the Annual Report and new style Annual Review for the session 2004-5. Several matters in the report were highlighted: Training Developments, new Publicity initiatives, Programme Review Training Centres National Competitions, Youth Participation, work around the regions, Firm Foundations, Crossover and the review of the Brigade Constitution. He paid tribute to the work of HQ staff and the Brigade Secretary who had travelled widely to BB areas during the year. A statement was given, on behalf of the Brigade Executive on 'Girls in The Boys' Brigade' by The Revd Dr R Reid, Brigade Executive. (see separate article)

Mr John Williams, Brigade Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts. He spoke of Company Contributions for the session 2005/6. A recent consultation indicated that generally companies would prefer to have a lower company contribution and for the balance to be made up of a per capita fee rather than a group of bandings. This would create a better position for smaller companies. Therefore, the company registration fee for 2005/6 will be £80 with a per capita charge of £7.50. Maximum contribution of £1,000. Officers' and other fees are unchanged.

Brigade President

Mr John Young MBE paid tribute to Mr John Neil OBE, who was retiring as Brigade President. His prayer was for continuing blessing on all that was done for boys and young people in the BB and to provide support and encouragement to the new President, The Very Reverend Professor Alan Main, TD MA STM PhD

John Goodbody, District Regional Representative.