

# PUZZLE 1/2 PAGE

Can you name these parts of the body?

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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | Two places of Worship  | 11 | Carpenters can't do without these |
| 2  | Top of a hill          | 12 | Two baby farm animals             |
| 3  | Instruments of torture | 13 | English imperial measure          |
| 4  | Two beautiful flowers  | 14 | One pair of fish                  |
| 5  | Scholars               | 15 | Number of timid animals           |
| 6  | Confectionary          | 16 | Meat for Sunday                   |
| 7  | Musical instruments    | 17 | Number of weather cocks           |
| 8  | A large box            | 18 | Large number of shell fish        |
| 9  | Weapons of war         | 19 | Dog's dinner                      |
| 10 | Two tall trees         | 20 | Records                           |

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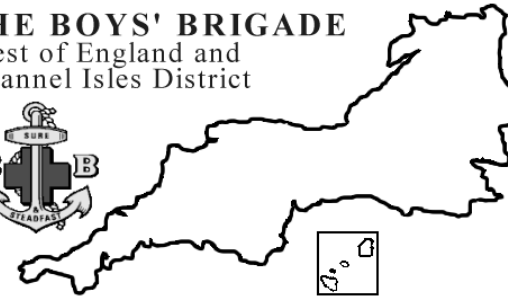
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Signed ..... Date .....

To Miss R. Westbury (District Treasurer)

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West of England and  
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*The squads at Devon Battalion Drill Competition*

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 my term as president has nearly finished and I am writing my last President's Report. It started with the Display in Cheltenham and will hopefully finish with the Company and Seniors Weekend at Broadleas in August.

I have tried to get around the District as much as possible and have visited and accepted as many invitations as I could. I would like to thank all those companies for making my wife and I feel welcome at the events we attended. It has been a pleasure to go around the District meeting the boys and officers and making new friends.

Since the last issue the District Drill competition was held in Plymouth and congratulations to all the companies that took part. In March the Company Section Competitions day was held at Torpoint, which went well with all officers from all the companies attending pulling together to make sure the day was a success.

This weekend my wife and I are preparing to go down to Torquay to attend the District Fellowship weekend with approximately 20 people attending. Most of the people attending the weekend are ex BB officers and their wives. We are staying at the Overmead Hotel which overlooks Meadfoot Beach.

As I said at the beginning of this report my time as President finishes with a Company & Seniors weekend, and details of this have now been circulated to all Battalions. There is also information that can be downloaded from the web site at the following address (<http://www.bb-west.org.uk/csw/>). My thanks to Adric Etheredge who has put in a lot of hard work setting up the web site, letters and posters.

It would be good to see a lot of the District at this event and we are looking forward to it.

Finally I would like to wish Malcolm Godolphin all the best as he takes over the Presidency of the District from me. My grateful thanks also go to Jason Frost (District Secretary) for all his hard work and support over the past few years.

Gordon Dale



## Editors Notes

I am aware that when David's computer broke some emails got lost and had to be sent again. If anyone sent an email and it hasn't been published, I apologise; please send it again to be put in the October issue. Thanks to all contributors. Thanks also to Margaret Chappell who sends me filler items (e.g. this issue's puzzle). Remember to take photos and keep accounts of your summer activities and camps to send to us for October.

Hilary Malpas, Editor

*The deadline for the next issue will be 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007.*

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Answers to puzzle parts of the body

1 Temples	2 Brow	3 Lashes	4 Irises	5 Pupils
6 Gums	7 Eardrums	8 Trunk or Chest	9 Arms	
10 Palms	11 Nails	12 Calves	13 Foot	14 Soles
15 Moles	16 Joint	17 Veins	18 Muscles (mussels)	
19 Bones	20 Discs			

## TREASURER'S SLOT

As we begin a new session, I would like to remind everyone of the scheme which supports the work of the District – **FRIENDS OF THE DISTRICT**. An annual gift of only **£5** is all that is needed to become a Friend. For those who pay tax, you may wish to consider gift aiding your donation and I will be happy to supply any information you may require.

Please contact me by post (10 Chapel Terrace, Illogan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 3LJ) or by phone (01209 214946)

The District is continually grateful to those friends who have subscribed to the scheme, some for many years, and enabled it to maintain the various events & competitions and also to help provide our magazine.

Contributions are also welcome from Companies and / or Battalions to support the provision of "BB West".

Ruth Westbury

## Obituaries

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**Lawrie McLeod**, a lovely young man. 27.11.1986 – 14.03.1007

Lawrie started in the Junior Section of our Boys' Brigade Company, the 7<sup>th</sup> Gloucester. After progressing through the Company he remained loyal and became an instructor. Always keen, helpful and friendly he was especially good with the younger members of the company who all looked up to him, literally as well as figuratively! He enjoyed taking the drill sessions although I'm not sure that those being drilled shared his enthusiasm!

Although not keen on sports he would always join in to make up a team so that the Boys could take part in the Battalion Sports Day competitions. When too old to compete, he would help to look after our Boys during the event and also help with the running of the competitions

Lawrie was an I.T. wizard and was always willing to share his expertise, as many in our church can confirm, having been helped by him. During the I.T. classes he ran for the Boys they built computers and Lawrie helped at least one Boy in our Company with his school course work.

At Battalion Camp Lawrie was always an enthusiastic member of the Advance and Retiring Parties seeking out new tasks as soon as the last had been completed. Scrupulously fair, he once found something wrong with our Boys' tent, whilst helping the C.O. with the daily tent inspection on the last day of camp. This resulted in a lost mark. That year our tent lost the Inspection Trophy by one mark. He spent the last two camps working in the cookhouse where he was very proud of his porridge.

Finally in the words of two officers from the former Stonehouse Company:

'Lawrie was a young, friendly, helpful, vibrant person who will be sadly missed by all who knew him'. A sentiment that is echoed by everyone in the Battalion who knew him.

Richard & Barbara Baggs

### **Nathaniel (Nat) Singleton**

Nat Singleton was born on 31st March 1935 in Northern Ireland and could hardly wait until his 12th birthday in order that he could join the Boys' Brigade (this being the starting age in 1947).

His ambition to win the Hines Cup for the best attendance and uniform was realised in his second year as a member. In six years he won three times and came runner up three times, a record never beaten. Nat won other awards during his years as a Boy and these held pride of place upon a special shelf in his home. In 1956 the family moved to Cornwall and Nat became an Officer in the 1<sup>st</sup> Penzance Company; when this closed he moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Mousehole. Nat took over as acting Captain and remained an Officer until his death. Over the past few years Nat's health has deteriorated and he passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> February. The BB played a large part in his life and Nat played a large part in the lives of the Boys in the small village of Mousehole. The BB was well represented at Nat's funeral with the Battalion President given the honour of reading a lesson and giving the eulogy.

M.Godolphin

## Secretary's Scene

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As the weather improves and the year advances, we all look forward to our many summer activities. Our BB uniforms are folded up making way for clothes suitable for outdoor pursuits too many to name. It's time to appreciate the fine weather and the glorious countryside around us in the West Country. After a busy Brigade year, it is good to let off steam enjoying open air activities. For many of us this will involve a camp or holiday of some form. These times of fellowship as well as personal and spiritual growth have been popular for many generations for many years. But in these days of such health and safety awareness, it is becoming increasingly difficult to take youngsters on holiday. But this should not deter any Company from doing so. With suitably qualified staff, these trips away however brief are times of great camaraderie and recreation, making deep friendships in a very different environment. The planning, setting up and execution of a holiday can be hard work but the labour is far outweighed by the laughter heard and this rare respite from today's tough and demanding society will be appreciated and valued by all, young and older!!

A BB holiday is a unique experience for young people, quite unlike any other they are likely to encounter. It is a singular chance for interaction with like minded people of all ages in a safe and organised habitat. A rarity these days!

Even though there is no formal camp or holiday visitation procedure at this time, if you are aware of any BB/GB camps in your area, it would be in the spirit of the Brigade to pop in and say hello. In my experience, you always meet nice people, get a cup of tea and a biscuit and the visitors are always pleased to glean any local information or tips you can provide. This small gesture on your part will also make them feel welcome within your Battalion and that's the ethos of the BB.

Broadleas Fete is on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. Please do your best to support this, the centre's main fundraising activity of the year. There's lots to see and do including a new format for the Junior Section games, a fancy hat competition for Anchor Boys as well as the Superstars event for Company and Senior Boys. There are projects underway at Broadleas that need your support to raise funds to maintain and upgrade this fantastic facility that has benefited many generations of boys in the past and will continue to do so well into the future.

With every best wish in your endeavours for this summer within your Company. Enjoy the experience, take care and don't forget "the adventure begins here"! Be Sure & Steadfast.

**Jason Frost.**  
District Secretary.

## Chaplain's Corner

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### Changing the World

In the film *Crocodile Dundee*, in the remote outback of the Northern Territory of Australia, 'Crocodile' Dundee is asked his opinion about several world issues, and his reply is on the lines of, 'Nothing to do with me, not my concern, and anyway there's nothing I can do about those things.' The heroine tells him quite bluntly that he must care and he had to be involved, and she was right.

I also remember hearing someone say, 'I haven't voted for years, because it's a waste of time.' Many people feel helpless and unable to make any contribution to world issues because they really believe that their contribution would not have any effect on the world, that nobody would listen to their views, so that anything they said or did would be a waste of time. It is simply not true. I believe that every act of kindness, or generosity, every good deed, every loving gesture, changes the world for ever. I believe in the cumulative power of people doing good.

I once found myself defending the term 'do-gooder' when it was turned against me in a discussion. The actual phrase used was, 'Well, you would say that, because you're a "do gooder".' It wasn't meant as a compliment, it was a kind of sneer. And I found myself arguing for the 'do-gooder' by asking what were the alternatives to being a 'do-gooder'? Surely not a 'do-badder', or perhaps they favoured the more sophisticated, 'I don't "Do" anything, but I have very significant discussions.'

When Jesus taught, he gave examples of people doing good like the story of the Good Samaritan, who helped the man who had been set upon by robbers, attended to his wounds and took him to a safe place, while others had avoided getting involved. When he had finished the story, Jesus asked, 'Who would you say was the good neighbour?' and his listeners said, 'The one who was kind to the attacked man.' Jesus said, 'Very well then, go, and do likewise.' Or, in other words 'Go, and do good.'

Jesus did not mean that you have to do good on a massive scale. He means do good wherever you have the opportunity to do good, and in the end all the little kindnesses and good deeds will add up and become part of his overwhelming victory of good over evil. Jesus said that even a cup of water given in his name would be recorded in heaven.

Like a pebble tossed into a pond, the ripples from a good deed can spread far and wide, and grow into something beyond our imaginings. For instance, when Mother Teresa of Calcutta gave her first cup of water to a dying man, she probably had no idea that she was to be the inspiration for millions of good deeds done for the poor in the name of Christ. When she first started her work it did not make the headlines; when Francis of Assisi embraced a leper, it was not world news; and when, from the cross, Jesus Christ asked for forgiveness for all mankind, the world shrugged its shoulders, and yet, the world was changed for ever - which is why I believe that every good deed, no matter how small, affects the world beyond us in ways that we can never measure.

In our prayers let us pray that we may receive the grace to respond to the world around us with love and generosity, and to make our contribution to weighing the scales in favour of goodness.

*Prayer:*

*Lord, help us to see that every act of kindness, every word of forgiveness, every gesture of love, seen or unseen, however small, changes the world, and us, forever. Amen.*

**Rev Frank Topping, 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester**

### JUNIOR SECTION

1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury "C"	548
1 <sup>st</sup> Weston-Super-Mare	522
1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury "B"	506
1 <sup>st</sup> Cheltenham	484
8 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth	481
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings "A"	469
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings "B"	467
1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury "A"	465

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

#### COMPANY SECTION

Andrew Davidson	5 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester	149
Amy Thompson	1 <sup>st</sup> Cheltenham	120
Daniel Kempster	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	115
Peter Dunstan	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings	114
Tom Crawley	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	113
Matt	4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth	113
Reuben Collings	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	113
Rhys Stubbs	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	111
Matt Stewart	1 <sup>st</sup> Weston-Super-Mare	111
Matthew Haines	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgwater	107
James Gillard	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgwater	103
Russell Black	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	103
Mark Tobin	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	101
Paul Coney	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgwater	110

#### JUNIOR SECTION

George Hall	5 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester	135
Josh O'Leary	1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury	129
Alex Hale	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings	103
Josh	4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth	103
William Luker	1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury	101
Jake Wasley	5 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester	100
Elliott Gale	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings	99
Johnathan Green	1 <sup>st</sup> Malvern	99
Benjamine Pickett	8 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth	98
Connor Edwards	1 <sup>st</sup> Weston-Super-Mare	97
Scottie Hitchman	1 <sup>st</sup> Cheltenham	96
Thomas Vine	1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury	96

## District Drill Competitions

The West of England & Channel Islands Drill Competitions were held at Salisbury Road Baptist Church, Plymouth, on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. With six companies from Avon, Devon and Plymouth Battalions all was set for a great competition.

The competition was fierce with every company giving of its best in this demanding discipline. The standard of uniform and drill being at its highest.

The results were:

### SINGLE RANK SQUAD DRILL

1 <sup>ST</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Bristol
2 <sup>ND</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth
3 <sup>RD</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth
4 <sup>TH</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Bristol
5 <sup>TH</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Plymouth

### SINGLE COLOUR PARTY DRILL

1 <sup>ST</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Bristol
2 <sup>ND</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth
4 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth

### TWO COLOUR PARTY DRILL

1 <sup>ST</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Bristol
2 <sup>ND</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Bristol
3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth

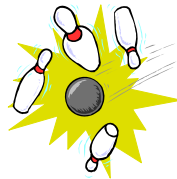
### SQUAD DRILL (2 RANKS)

1 <sup>ST</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
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### SQUAD COMMANDER PLATE

Liam Donovan, 7<sup>th</sup> Plymouth

John Goodbody



## Ten Pin Bowling

A big thanks to all of you who took part, and an even bigger thank you to all the Officers & staff who organised & manned the events. Here are the ten-pin "legends" for this year, congratulations to all who took part.

Chris Semmens  
Competition Convenor.

### TEAM RESULTS

#### COMPANY SECTION

5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	526	1 <sup>st</sup> Weston-Super-Mare	367
5 <sup>th</sup> Gloucester "A"	519	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey	365
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgwater "A"	498	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	358
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings "A"	463	1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Kings "B"	356
4 <sup>th</sup> Plymouth	418	1 <sup>st</sup> Malvern	353
1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	415	1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury "B"	348
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bridgwater "B"	405	1 <sup>st</sup> Tewkesbury "A"	303
1 <sup>st</sup> Cheltenham	391		

## District Weekend Report

This year the District Weekend took place in Torquay at the Overmead Hotel, over looking Meadfoot Beach. There were twenty people booked in for the weekend.

By 5.00 p.m. on Friday afternoon most people had arrived and were settling in to their rooms. We were pleasantly surprised when going down to the bar for a pot of tea after our journey down from Gloucester that the tea was on the house. It was such lovely weather that we were able to sit outside to partake of this and were able to meet and greet several people as they arrived.

We agreed to meet for our evening meal at 7.00 p.m. in reception. The meal was very good with several choices to choose from and a good variety of sweets. The hotel had reserved us a small room where we were all able to meet after the meal.

Saturday morning after a very good breakfast we all went our own ways for the day, some just to walk around Torquay, others to enjoy the lovely countryside in Devon. We met again for our evening meal, sharing in what we had done during the day in the lovely weather we had been blessed with. After our meal we had a very hilarious game of Charades which despite some misgivings went down well. Sunday morning after breakfast we packed up and then joined John and Shelia Lawrence at their church for a service at 10.30 a.m. Their church made us very welcome and it was a privilege to be asked if two of our party would take the readings. Coffee and biscuits were served after the service and we met and mingled with the congregation.

The weekend finished with an excellent meal at the Riviera Centre (my thanks to Sheila for organising this) before we all left for our various parts of the District. Below is a photo of those who attended the weekend.

Diana Dale, Fellowship Weekend Co-ordinator



## What Is a Leader? by Tamim Ansary

<<http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/columns/?page=tamimhome>>

The question is deceptively simple: What is a leader?

Is it a person who runs things? No, that's a boss.

And although every leader may in some sense be a boss, certainly not every boss is a leader.

The irreducible minimum definition of a leader is someone with followers, but that bare bones formulation prompts the question: Why do some people--and not others--attract followers?

History has seen a parade of theories. For example:

**The Great Man Theory:** Leadership is a mysterious force that some people are just born with. Sociologist Max Weber called it "charisma."

**The Traits Theory:** Certain personality traits predispose a person for leadership. If you have (and develop) enough of them, you'll be a leader. For example, tall, strong, brave, and smart all help. Short, weak, cowardly, and stupid--not so good. In the end it all goes back to genes.

**The Behavioural Theory:** Leaders are what leaders do. This isn't so much a theory as an approach. It spills over from psychologist B. F. Skinner, who said scientists should forget about inner states and focus on what can be recorded and measured--which, in the human sciences, is behaviour. Accordingly, some leadership scholars set out to categorize leaders' behaviour patterns, so that people who wanted to be leaders could simply do those same things. But leadership behaviour is embedded in countless, unique situations, making useful general principles hard to come by. Still, these studies led to....

**The Situational Theory:** Leadership isn't in a person but in a whole situation and how any given person fits into it. A leader in one context can be a loser in another. This theory would say that the French Revolution created Napoleon, and intertribal Mongol wars gave rise to Genghis Khan. If they were transported to a modern American university, they would end up in jail, not in the student senate. In fact, given the right situation, anyone can be a leader. Picture, for example, a group hiking through the woods. If they meet a bear, the short, weak, stupid, coward-guy might well be the first to bolt, followed by the others, making him suddenly--briefly--the leader!

Some theorists inject a moral note into their definition of leadership. Management guru Peter Drucker has said that leaders don't just organize people to get results; they infuse their followers with a noble purpose.

Noble? What about Hitler? Drucker's retort: Hitler was not a leader but a "mis-leader."

Nice save, but I dunno. A model of leadership that can't account for Hitler isn't quite there. Really, I think, to get at the underlying mechanisms of leadership you have to let go of judgment. When you do, you can see that Drucker had something. Leadership theorists often discriminate between power, authority,

## District Competitions

### District Competitions Day

The day dawned bright and sunny as we headed for the Company Section Competitions Day at Torpoint Community College, on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. With eight companies from around the District taking part all was set for a great day of competition.

The competition was fierce but very, very sporting with numerous companies helping each other make up teams, etc. We were very fortunate that the weather was so good as we were able to play the 5-a-side football outdoors on the playing field.

The results were:

#### VOLLEYBALL

1<sup>ST</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
2<sup>ND</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
3<sup>RD</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester

#### 5-A-SIDE 11-14 years

1<sup>ST</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Tewksbury  
2<sup>ND</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
3<sup>RD</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester

#### UNI-HOC 11-14 years

1<sup>ST</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay  
2<sup>ND</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester  
3<sup>RD</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Bristol

#### TUG-OF-WAR

1<sup>ST</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
2<sup>ND</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay  
3<sup>RD</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester

#### 5-A-SIDE 15-18 years

1<sup>ST</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
2<sup>ND</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester  
3<sup>RD</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Bristol

#### UNI-HOC 15-18 years

1<sup>ST</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
2<sup>ND</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay

#### CROSS COUNTRY

##### JUNIOR TEAM

1<sup>ST</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester  
2<sup>ND</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Tewksbury  
3<sup>RD</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey /  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paignton

##### INTERMEDIATE TEAM

1<sup>ST</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
2<sup>ND</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay  
3<sup>RD</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester

##### SENIOR TEAM

1<sup>ST</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester

##### INDIVIDUAL

1<sup>ST</sup> B. Pope, 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester  
2<sup>ND</sup> J. Robinson, 1<sup>st</sup> Tewksbury  
3<sup>RD</sup> J. Friend, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey

##### INDIVIDUAL

1<sup>ST</sup> S. Wilson, 4<sup>th</sup> Plymouth  
2<sup>ND</sup> P. O'Donovan, 20<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
3<sup>RD</sup> M. Hull, 20<sup>th</sup> Bristol

##### INDIVIDUAL

1<sup>ST</sup> M. Webb, 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester  
2<sup>ND</sup> M. Hindley, 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucester  
3<sup>RD</sup> S. Harris, 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay

##### TEAM GAMES

1<sup>ST</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay  
2<sup>ND</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey /  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paignton

John Goodbody



### A Faith Based Weekend

In November of this year, a special weekend for **Seniors** will be available. It will be spiritually centred with the emphasis and focus on building up a relationship with Jesus. This weekend will be for those who want to make their relationship with Jesus stronger or more solid. It is also for those who are interested to learn more about Jesus and want to make a commitment. Both needs will be catered for.

This is an exciting opportunity for the seniors of this District and a unique one as it will give them a whole weekend to discuss their views, ask questions, and to be mentored in this important area as well as finding other young people like them to help strengthen their (potential) faith. This weekend could help to lay a firm foundation for their lives and beliefs and I personally urge you to consider sending any of your seniors who might be interested. The idea is to convey a very real and personal faith that relates to the seniors that come.

The dates are **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of November** and the weekend will be situated in Great Wood in the Quantocks, in Somerset, not too far from Taunton. The young people would be staying in log cabins. There is room for about 48 young people.

At the moment, we are looking for leaders to help us with this weekend and to help the Boys develop their faith. We're looking for leaders that have a strong relationship with Jesus who would love to take these teenagers to their next step with God.

If you feel up for it please email Richard Barker (2<sup>nd</sup> Bournemouth) at [rbarker@aol.com](mailto:rbarker@aol.com) or phone 01202 775499 or contact Ruth Jones (7<sup>th</sup> Bristol) at [rmt29@hotmail.com](mailto:rmt29@hotmail.com) or phone 0117 9515952 Lt. Mark Jones of 7<sup>th</sup> Bristol

Company & Seniors Weekend 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007, Broadleas



There is something a little special on the horizon in Dartmoor this summer. Boys' Brigades from all over the West of England will come together for the Bank Holiday weekend in the end of August to canoe, windsurf, play games, go on night exercises and generally enjoy each others company and fellowship.

The weekend will be held at Broadleas – The Boys'

Brigade camping and training centre near Bovey Tracey, Devon. The cost of the weekend is £49, which includes all activities, food and accommodation & will cater for between 40 – 90 young men.

More information can be found at [www.bb-west.org.uk/csw](http://www.bb-west.org.uk/csw) Sign up before 15th June 2007.



and leadership. A man with a gun has power, but that's not leadership. A supervisor has authority, but that's not leadership either.

Leaders don't push, they pull. They don't enforce, they inspire. Leaders lead, which implies a destination, someplace to be that isn't here. They attract followers by flashing a light ahead.

That's what finally separates leaders from managers. Leaders start things; managers keep things going. Leaders trigger and shape change. Managers keep disorder and change at bay. Management may be teachable. Is leadership?

It will be seen from the above that not all Officers are Leaders, and not all Leaders are Officers.

## Regional Round Up

The main talking point for the last meetings has been the proposed Constitution of The Boys' Brigade, a lot of time has been spent reviewing the draft that is to go to Brigade Council this September. Most of the changes will not affect the way The Brigade works or is governed, but the emphasis is to bring more control back to The Company.

The other talking point is the draft Development Plan 2008 to 2013, which will be presented to Council as the future direction and emphasis of The Brigade on the ground.

Many ideas are being discussed for The Brigade 2008 celebrations. A Company wide community project is being actively pursued, when the drive will be to accomplish some community work around the basis of 125, either hours or activities, etc.

A Young People's Weekend is planned for October 26 to 28 this year and if this proves successful then more will be planned around the country for 2008. Unfortunately this weekend is in Northamptonshire, but it is hoped to bring one nearer the South West if it is a success.

A link has been accomplished with the Association of Children's Hospices, which is going to be the beneficiary of a year-long fundraising throughout the Brigade. The aim is to raise £125,000 for the Association, but if a hospice is close that would benefit from the activities of The Brigade then it would be better. Any monies collected for a local hospice would still be recognised as part of the national fund.

**John Goodbody**



## 1883 and all that

In the whole history of The Boys' Brigade, there are only two memorable dates. However, as one is utterly dependent on the other, we shall restrict ourselves to just one!

It all began a long time ago in a little cottage next door but one to Lidl's in Thurso. Ok, so Lidl may not have been there at the time, but it is now. A pair of Blacksmiths, Mr & Mrs Smith had a little boy called William Alexander Smith. They may not have been Blacksmiths, they could have been Silversmiths, Goldsmiths, or just people who couldn't think of a better surname. But that's irrelevant.

At some point before the memorable date, this young man moved to Glasgow, and became both a clerk and church member. In the Empire's Second City, he decided to set up a youth club. As a church-member he noticed young lads up to no good in the streets outside his office, while as a clerk-member he could see the good that the church could do.

Bill therefore decided to set up a Boys' Brigade Company. Problem was the BB didn't exist, so he had to invent it first. This leads us to the memorable date... OK, I'll come back to that.

It would appear that Bill was so successful in his work that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Glasgow Coy opened fairly soon after, with the BB spreading out across the country, hitting Cornwall within 2 years, and Jersey after 4 years. With so many companies opening up, it became necessary to organise them into groups. Lacking any better ideas they were called Battalions.

Within 20 years The young Pretender came along, trying to take over. Many battles were fought, not least the Battle of Brownsea Island. Well, not so much a Battle, as Baden Powell had decided to camp in Poole Harbour, while the Old Pretender stayed at home in Glasgow, giving very little chance for a scrap, but they had a jolly good camp all the same!

Eventually, the Young Pretender gave up trying to take over, and set up a rival organisation called the Boy S\*\*\*\*s. Don't know what happened to them.

We move on, and so did the BB. Not just across the British Isles, but across the world. Just before the outbreak of the Great War, Battalions needed to be organised, so Districts were formed, to keep them in shape. Two of the first Districts were the North West and the West of England and Channel Isles Districts. We then reach the Wars, with a nearly memorable date happening in the middle of the two, when the BB celebrated a Golden Anniversary. Many members were lost during the wars, including Bill, although he just died.

After the wars, the work of the BB continued to thrive, with numbers growing and nearly every person in the country knowing what BB stood for. By the 1970's everyone was looking forward to 1983, except George Orwell who got his dates muddled.

**Rob Malpas**

## Devon Battalion Ten Pin Bowling results

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### The Team overall

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham	1017
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	924
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	786
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey	691
5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	637
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paignton	590

### Top Individual Frames

115	Daniel Kempster	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
113	Tom Crawley	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington
113	Reuben Collings	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
111	Rhys Stubbs	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
111	Jacob Milner	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham
107	Robert Kempster	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
105	Jacob Milner	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham
6 more over 100 points		
further 23 over 60 points		

### Previous Winners

2007	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham	1017
2006	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	1000
2005	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	918
2004	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	1009
2003	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	960
2002	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	927
2001	2 <sup>nd</sup> Newton Abbot	979

### Individual Frames

07	Daniel Kempster	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	115
06	Sam Warren	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	126
05	Iain Dunbar	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	139
04	Jack Marshall	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	129
	Iain Dunbar	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	129
03	"		134
02	"		152
01	"		135

### Devon Battalion Premier Trophy

Scores at Feb 07

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	26 ½
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham	23 ¾
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	17
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paignton	16 ¼
5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Exeter	12
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey	6 ½
7 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	5
8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	3

### Top 3 out of 2 Games

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacob Milner	216	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Kempster	210	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reuben Collings	207	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter

### Top Ten Total Scores

216	Jacob Milner	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham
210	Robert Kempster	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
207	Reuben Collings	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
202	Aaron Pilkington	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham
201	Mark Tobin	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay
184	Rhys Stubbs	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
179	Adam Thomlinson	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay
170	Tom Crawley	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington
164	Daniel Kempster	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter
163	Howard Stamp	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey

### Total Frames

07	Jacob Milner	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham	216
06	Sam Warren	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	224
05	Iain Dunbar	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	269
04	"		241
03	"		246
02	"		279
01	"		268

### Junior Sections

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Torquay	11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tiverton	7 ¾
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bovey Tracey	5 6/10
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paignton	4 7/10
5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodrington	3
6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Brixham	0
7 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Exeter	0
8 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Exeter	0

5<sup>th</sup> Exeter Company Squad

back row *Sam Willcocks, Ashley Holman, Robert Kempster, Daniel Kempster, Reuben Collings, Jake Smith, David Bradford (Battalion President)*

front row

*James Kempster, Rhys Stubbs, Joe Robertson, Luke Flynn, Russell Back*

Joe is holding the Devon Battalion 8-man trophy. The 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter came runners up in the 3-man colour party, ½ point between them and Brixham.

Looking forward to the rest of the session – the Scripture Knowledge, the Ten Pin

Bowling at Torquay,

L to R *Rhys Stubbs, Robert Kempster, Daniel Kempster, Russell Back, Reuben Collings*

and golf in Shaldon near Teignmouth.

There are more training courses for our younger officers and myself. Haytor

camp on Dartmoor and Broadleas fete

and summer camp in South Wales to round the session off.

The Devon Battalion (formally the Exeter and District) this year will have camped at Pembrey for 21 years and we are planning special events for this.



**Ashley Holman**, oic 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter Company Section

## Broadleas Project update

From the last issue of BB West the fund stands at £14,450 with further donations being thankfully received from the following sources:

2<sup>nd</sup> Chard Boys' Brigade Company

The route for the relay run has now been set with us starting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and running to Bristol where we will stay at Bedminster in the evening. On Friday we will then run to Cullompton taking the runners back to Taunton to stay at Rowbarton Methodist Church for the evening before on Saturday making the final leg arriving at the Broadleas Fete at 1.30pm. **Hopefully!!!**

If you require any further details then please contact me on [diandgorddale@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:diandgorddale@blueyonder.co.uk).

**Gordon Dale**



### Broadleas Fete - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 2pm

With the arrival of Spring - my thoughts turn to new life, new ideas and Broadleas Fete. Over the past years many have passed through the gates of the site to meet friends, raise money, partake in competitions - all in the name of support for this great movement.

As we encourage the young men of The Boys' Brigade, I am asking you to encourage others to join us at the Fete.

As we gently push these young men to step out in the name of the Lord; this year young BB men from Gloucester are literally stepping out by doing a sponsored walk. They plan to arrive at Broadleas on the day of the Fete.

Some months earlier a member of the Plymouth Stedfast Association did a sponsored walk in Cornwall and raised £2000, so why not join us to give the young men from Gloucester a well deserved welcome!

We get our support from so many different people and I would like to applaud and encourage you all for your support of this site. This year our fete will be opened by Mr. Brian Chapman, so why not join us at the fete? Come along and tour the sideshows and stalls, encourage the Junior Boys as they tackle the new format of games, marvel at the stamina of the older Boys at Superstars - and as the new bunting flutters in the breeze - enjoy some refreshment, fellowship and fun.

**Sandra S Porter**, Broadleas Fete Organiser

## Around the Battalions

### Long Service Rewarded at 2<sup>nd</sup> Bath

Four volunteer youth workers with the Bath Boys' Brigade are to be presented with long service awards at a special service on Sunday. The awards will be presented to Mr John Edwards (50 years), Mr Peter Fitch (40 years), Mr Mike Jakins (30+ years) and Mr Rob Williams (15 years) during the annual camp reunion weekend parade service, along with several awards earned by the Boys over the last few months.

The reunion weekend sees boys, girls and leaders from Bath, Romsey and Hucclecote Boys' and Girls' Brigades gathering in Bath for a weekend of fun and friendship, culminating in a parade through the streets of Weston and a service at Weston free church.

Sam Hollingshead (14) and Tom Chapman (14), both in the company section, will be promoted to junior leadership roles in the company and eight other boys will receive badges they have earned by completing various challenges and tasks over the last few months.

**Rob Williams, 2nd Bath**

### Focus on 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter

After a very successful summer camp held at Pembrey Country Park, Carmarthenshire in South Wales, it was back to normal. We met back on the second Thursday in September. In September we visited Haytor on Dartmoor for our camp, which was very good indeed. October was a quieter month for us with steady attendance. In November our first competition was the 5-a-side football and unihoc held at Exeter's Riverside Leisure Centre; we teamed up with the 1<sup>st</sup> Exeter for this. Later in November we entered the



Table Tennis competition held at St. Thomas, Exeter

L to R *Luke Flynn, Rhys Stubbs, Russell Back, Kris Martin, Daniel Kempster, Joe Robertson* and the Masterteam competition held at our church.

*Joe Robertson, Reuben Collings, Russell Back, Daniel Kempster*



December for us was a short month with a few boys staying away because of school events and late night shopping in Exeter. We all met up for our final evening of 2006 when we visited the outdoor ice rink, which sadly did not go ahead as the local council thought the air was too mild; some of the lads went on the funfair ride which was there which transported people in a huge circle movement upwards of 100 feet! Afterwards we came back to our church for pizza and mince pies.

Into 2007- we sent Daniel and Russell on a training course to help them in their seniorship. Also in January we went to the 1<sup>st</sup> Exeter Company to enter the volleyball and basketball competitions.



*1<sup>st</sup> Exeter (stripes) & 5<sup>th</sup> Exeter (plain)*



Standing *Rhys Stubbs, Robert Kempster, James Kempster*

Sitting *Luke Flynn, Joe Robertson, Daniel Kempster*

At the moment we are practising our drill. We have just come back from Goodrington for the Battalion Drill where we won the 8-man squad and came second in the 3-man colour party. We are entering the District Drill held in Plymouth.



marker *Reuben Collings*



*5<sup>th</sup> Exeter awaiting the next move*

squad *Robert Kempster, Daniel Kempster, James Kempster, Russell Back, Joe Robertson, Rhys Stubbs, Luke Flynn, with Sam Willcocks*