



# Stedfast News

The Newsletter for former Members, Serving Officers, Associates and Friends of The Boys' Brigade in Brighton Hove and District

## The Object of The Stedfast Association

To further the Object of The Boys' Brigade and to foster the spirit of Comradeship between past and present Members of the Brigade and to render Service to Others

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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

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WE thought I would be fun to print the February/March 1986 front cover of **The Boys' Brigade Gazette** which features our President and some of the boys in his company.

You will find his article inside.



## *Dear Stedfast Members*

What a Reunion! What a beautiful day! and all on the 19th January! The inspiring address by the Revd Brian Stone set the tone. The speed with which John Donoghue conducted the AGM and the wonderful tea provided by the generosity of the Family of Tony Donoghue combined to make a memorable afternoon. The number of younger Members present, very much a result of the work of our untiring Secretary Alan Caperon, was an important step forward. Also the generosity of Members both in the paying of Subs and in the Offering and Tea Table collection will greatly assist our work to progress.



At the Reunion we rightly gave thanks for the life and heroic example of Ernest Frederick Beal V.C. It is good to know that Paul Simmons is attempting to compile a complete list of the Recipients of the Beal V.C. Watch over very many years. It would be a worthy remembrance of a great man, if as many as possible of the holders of the Beal V.C. Watch take part in the next Remembrance Sunday Parade in Hove, with the Stedfast Contingent.

As Spring is here can Glynde be far behind? It is good to know that most of the Camp Appointments have been made and that numbers of Boys attending are encouraging. As we give thanks for the dedicated Leadership of Darrell Ward as C.O. we offer our very best wishes to Gary Pickett as he looks forward to his first Camp as Commanding Officer.

With Spring in mind we congratulate The Battalion on all the efforts to establish new B.B. Companies in the area. Especially that our Committee Member Stephen Roberts has been called to be Company Captain of the new 2nd Shoreham Company when it starts in May.

What joy the news of new B.B. Companies would give Our Founder Sir William Alexander Smith as we give grateful thanks for his memory in this the centenary year of his passing on 10th May 1914. We all owe so much for his vision and untiring efforts and we can rejoice in his words, "You only have one life to live on earth, therefore be determined by God's help to make your life a success". Sir William's life like The Boys' Brigade based on Hebrews Chapter 6, Verse 19 "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast".

**Peter Ford** *Stedfast Association President*

## Editorial

Another Reunion passes into history. It was good to see you all again and to enjoy not only the Service but thankfully good weather. Thanks to everyone who helped make it another successful afternoon. Happily our numbers are holding up, but as we all know our largest group of attendees are pre 1960 and age is taking its toll. We have said many times that it is essential to get the 'younger old boys' to come along so that our association can continue for many years to come. The committee work hard to ensure the continuance of our association, please help where you can.

Terry is doing a great job with the Newsletter, but he needs help with articles. This year marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 and there will be many events to commemorate this date and I know Terry would be interested in any stories you may have relating to the event... Some of our band members will be making the trip to Ypres later this year to pay their respects.

I wish all of you good health as Spring approaches and ask for your thoughts and prayers for all of our members who do not enjoy good health.

God's Blessing to you all

**Dick Kent**

## Membership Secretary's Report

Last year 2012/13 we had 117 paid up members, this year currently I have received 111 membership renewals.

From our records it would appear that our membership is declining but I would be grateful if you would check with me if you believe your subscription may still be outstanding which should help to raise the numbers.

From members feedback this year's reunion was very enjoyable and the weather helped.

During the roll call it was good to see members not only representing our battalion but companies from other parts of the country and overseas.

If you have recently changed any of your contact details please let me know so that I can amend the records .

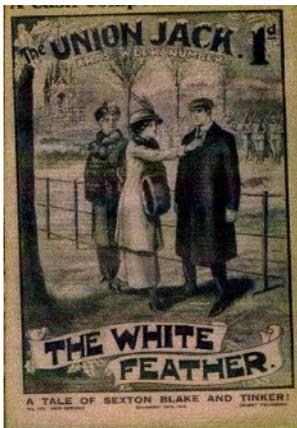
Thank you

**Ken Towner** *Membership Secretary*

**The Stedfast Association - Brighton** is an organisation for past members of The Boys' Brigade Brighton Hove & District Battalion. If you have been a boy or member of staff in any company past or present within our Battalion you are automatically a member. Past Members of The Boys' Brigade from all over the world are welcome to join our Association by registering with our membership secretary.

We invite you to register your membership with our membership secretary.

## A white feather for Jesus?



Not many readers of *Stedfast News* are old enough to have had a father who fought in World War I, although one of your grandfathers may have seen military action in the Great War to end all wars. Some of these ancestors may have read *The Union Jack*, paying 1<sup>d</sup> for the 1914 Christmas edition with a tale of Sexton Blake and Tinker, '**The White Feather.**'

At the beginning of the First World War, white feathers were given to men not in uniform as a badge of cowardice. You may have seen a first episode of *Downton Abbey* on September 18th 2011, when white feathers were given to two family servants. This practice went back to the Boer War and a novel by A.E.W. Mason called **The four Feathers** published in 1902, after which a similar story appeared in *The Boys'*

*Own Paper* in 1908.

In September 1914, Retired Admiral Charles Fitzgerald organised **The Women's Order of the White Feather**. Thirty women in Folkestone gave white feathers to all the men they found who were not dressed in military uniform; this was to shame them into volunteering. The movement spread nationwide with a measure of success, but many mistakes were made when even under-age youngsters who had been wounded on the front were given the feathers.

At the age of seventeen, my father went to France and was shot through his upper left arm. He was amongst the lucky ones who were repatriated to England. Whilst convalescing in Birmingham he wore 'Hospital Uniform' to cover his wounds. This included an army cap with his Regimental Badge on it. These uniforms were issued specifically to prevent recuperating soldiers from being given the **white feather**.



Christ's battle was not simply a conflict with human beings, but against 'the world, the flesh and the devil.' As Paul said in Ephesians 6:12, the enemies were 'wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, the authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age.'

According to the Gospels, no-one could accuse Jesus of taking the easy way out. We see the consequences of his choice of the pathway of love in the Way of the Cross. There was no **white feather** for Jesus, but a crown of thorns. The Good Friday story tells us that Jesus was no coward and died in faith as he put himself into the hands of his Father.

It is just possible that we have drawn back from the challenges of the Gospel and deserve white feather treatment. However, it is when we pass through an experience of the Cross that we know the Resurrection.

Remember that at our recent Annual Service we sang;  
*We will fight for laurels that will never fade;  
 What we find unholy in our daily life,  
 We will try to conquer – help us in the strife.*  
 (The Boys' Brigade Hymn Book, No. 84.)

May I wish you all a very happy Easter.  
**Rev Dr John C. Neal**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was a great Reunion on January 19th 2014. Rev. Brian Stone knew his audience and spoke directly to us. Our President Peter Ford was in very good form in leading the Service and spoke about the origins of the Beal Watch. Our Vice President Rev. Ian Suttie led us in Prayer and Darrell Ward read from Luke ch.9 verses 57-62 . Callum Dean, 3rd Burgess Hill Company, current holder of the Ernest Beal V.C. Award read the Verses. Paul Simmons Sounded the Last Post & Reveille most beautifully. The members voices were raised in singing with great gusto;- *Great is Thy Faithfulness, Underneath The Banner, Give Me Oil In My Lamp, He will hold me fast, Stand Up! Stand Up For Jesus, Will your Anchor Hold* and then *The National Anthem*.

After the Service we entered the large Church Hall for tea which was prepared by the Ladies and served by members of The Boys' Brigade. The teas were provided by the Donoghue family and the collection made at the Tea Table for Glynde Camp amounted to £195.50. Thank you for your generous donations.

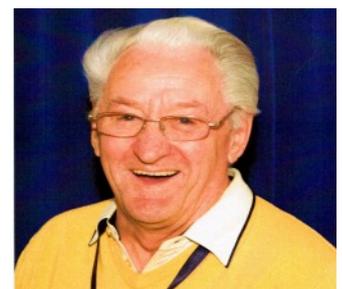
The Annual General Meeting then took place and you will read elsewhere the members that were elected to your committee. The Great News was of course the new up and running Web Site of our Association. This has been put together by Carl Jukes and the Boys of the 10th Brighton (Hove) Company. Please go on the site and catch up with all the news and affairs of Stedfast and most importantly the Battalion. Just Google - Brighton Stedfast. You will also see your photographs taken at the Reunion.

The Association members and members of the Battalion have all been personally invited by Adrian Attwater Captain of the 3rd Eastbourne Company to their Display on May 10th 2014 at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne.



### APOLOGY

I do have an apology to make regarding the Obituary of Michael George Grimes. I asked for a photograph of the Colour Party of the 16th Brighton Company to go in the last edition. Unfortunately I was led to believe that the Officer carrying the Colour was Michael but it was our beloved George Holkham OBE with Michael Hooper on the left side of the photo and Richard Sinden on the right side of the photo.



*The photo published here is definitely Michael George Grimes 27/12/1938 – 6/9/2013.*

All good wishes and every blessing,  
**John Donoghue, Chairman.**

*PS. You will remember the footnote in the last edition referring to a collector of postcards of a funeral in 1910.. I have found out from Eric Kent a member at the reunion that the Funeral of Walter Stenning born 7th July 1895 worked as a gardener apprentice after leaving school at the age of 14. A keen member of The Boys' Brigade, he died of lockjaw after sticking a garden fork through his foot. We believe the Church was Lancing Parish Church Manor Road North Lancing and that the Captain of his Company was George Cass. Thank you Eric for finding out this information.J.D.*

## Reunion – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Rain, Rain and more rain; at least it's not snow, and we are able to hold our Stedfast A.G.M. and re-union on it's proper date in January. My, how the years go, and I trust 2013 was kind to most of you all and that your Christmas was one of Happiness and peace.

I wasn't certain that I would be standing here speaking to you all until Tuesday before last, so I cannot give you a complete detail of the past year as such. As you may well know, I resigned as the Battalion President on 31st August last, but unfortunately the Executive and Battalion council have not as yet been able to appoint a new Battalion President, and I just could not see your Battalion jogging along without one, so my continuation as Battalion President may only be short lived, hopefully we will in time find the right person to lead the Battalion forward. The Battalion needs a younger man who can portray the modern Boys' Brigade as a place for young people to associate with.



It reminds me of a chap called Harry. He went to the railway ticket office and said to the booking clerk, I would like a return ticket please. The Booking clerk said certainly Sir, where to. Harry replied Back here of course!

Reporting to you since our re-union on the 21st April last, I can confirm that all the Battalion Events went as planned.

The Junior sections Weekend away at the end of April went well, even though there was plenty of water and mud to contend with, and was enjoyed by all under Charlie Simmons who was in charge for the first time. The Battalion Camp at Glynde was another great success story, and although we camped in a different field, everyone voted it a great site, many even liking it better than our old site. It didn't go to plan as Adrian Attwater would have liked, his right hand swelled up, and he had to be taken into Hospital during the night on the Tuesday with Blood poisoning, plus he was in pain with Kidney Stones. Nothing ever keeps him down though, and he was back next day working away as usual.

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It is rumoured though that Adrian actually went to see a Doctor before camp, and told the Doctor he just felt under the weather. The Doctor said, it maybe your diet. What sort of things do you eat? Adrian replied, Well, my favourite food is snooker balls. I cannot eat enough of them. For Breakfast I have a couple of red ones. I have a pink one and a red one mid-morning, then for lunch I have a couple of yellow ones, and for supper some brown balls and some more pink balls. The Doctor told Adrian, your trouble is you're not getting enough greens.

And so another superb camp was held under our C.O Darrell Ward. Rules of camp will only allow a person to be C.O. for a maximum of four years on the trot, and as Darrell had been C.O for four years, taking a break for a year and being C.O again for another four year stint, it means another person taking over for this coming camp in July. Well done Gary Pickett on being voted in as our new C.O., and I am pretty certain the youngest C.O. we have ever had, and they say Youth are never given the chance to prove how successful they can be. However having said that, Gary will only make it a great and successful camp if all the staff, yes all the staff give him their full backing. Not giving Gary support is not giving me support either.

The 14th Brighton continued to hold there Company Camp, and although I have no details of it, I am sure it was the usual successful camp enjoyed by all their boys and staff who went.

As for this session, which is now 4.5 months in, I am told that there are still Companies who have not returned their Battalion Capitation forms, and therefore the Battalion cannot work out how we stand in boy and staff numbers as against the previous session. Gary tells me that on the Development front, Shoreham Methodist Church are planning to start a Company in May and will be named the 2nd Shoreham Company. If this happens then that is good news. So far Woodingdean and Bognor have not started as we had hoped nine months ago.

The Ernest Beal VC Award saw two young men entered, and although it always means that one takes all and the other nothing, there does have to be a winner, and that was Sgt Callum Dean of the 3rd Burgess Hill Company.

Sainsbury's are starting there Active Kids vouchers again from 29th January until the 20<sup>th</sup> May. Many of our Companies collect them, so if you shop at Sainsbury's can you collect them and pass them on to your local company or send them to Brigade Headquarters, they will be much appreciated either way, thank you.

A man rushed into the Chemist's and said to the assistant, do you have anything that will stop hiccups? The assistant leaned over the counter and slapped the man's face. The man said "What did you do that for?" The assistant replied, Well, sometimes a sudden shock cures hiccups. The man said, "I don't have hiccups, it's for my wife, she's out in the car".

Well, we don't have any real shocks at this moment of time, your Battalion is still around. Yes, we would like more companies, more boys, and we must keep the boys we have. Please remember always your Battalion in your Prayers, thank you.

**Derek Hinton** *Battalion President*

## SECRETARY REPORT

### Reunion

I would like to thank all the members that attended the Reunion as well as our guests and helpers on the day. Exactly 100 signatures were entered onto the attendance register which usually means that we had more than this number in attendance as there are always members that forget to sign in.

We also appreciate your generosity at the Reunion since the collection in the church raised £312 and the tea table collection raised a further £195. Also the Donoghue family kindly paid for the tea in memory of Tony Donoghue which enabled the tea table collection to go towards our donation for the BB at Glynde Camp.

### Accounts

Since I am acting Treasurer, I have inserted a table below to show a summary of the audited accounts for 2013 that were approved by the members at the AGM together with a summary of the financial position of our Association at the end of January 2014. I have added a budget for 2014 to show income and expenses subject to the donations that your committee will give consideration to in the coming year:-

2013		2014 To date	2014 Future	2014 Total
	<b>Income</b>			
1,398	Subscriptions	1,383	124	1,507
189	Reunion collection	312		312
122	Tea collection	195		195
	Tea sponsor	340		340
50	Donation	50		50
286	Sale of stock			
<b>2,045</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,404</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>			
(500)	BB-Glynde			<b>To be advised</b>
(500)	Southwick Church			<b>To be advised</b>
(250)	Federation costs		(255)	(255)
(50)	Donations		(50)	(50)
(84)	Website		(50)	(50)
(78)	Remembrance		(80)	(80)
(700)	Newsletter		(600)	(600)
(60)	Insurance		(70)	(70)
(524)	Reunion tea	(340)		(340)
(19)	Sundries			
<b>(2,765)</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(340)</b>	<b>(1,105)</b>	<b>(1,445)</b>
<b>(720)</b>	<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>1,940</b>		
<b>2,489</b>	<b>Bank B/F</b>	<b>1,769</b>		
<b>1,769</b>	<b>Bank C/F</b>	<b>3,709</b>		

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## **Membership**

The other important figure above is the amount we have so far received for subs which totals £1,383. This has been achieved despite the fall in membership because a number of our members have paid more than the minimum amount. I would remind you of what I said at the AGM that if you can each introduce to us a friend and ex BB colleague that hasn't come to the Reunion recently, this would double our numbers.

If you are also able to mention the Stedfast Association at your own church, you may find that there are ex BB members that have lost contact with the Battalion and the Stedfast Association and who may wish to join us again for the 2015 Reunion. As you will know, we have lost contact with some generations of members going by the lack of younger members in recent years and that we don't have many members attending the Reunion in the age ranges of 20's, 30's and 40's. So please help us with our membership drive in the coming year.

Please remember to visit our website.

Please also let us have any interesting articles for the Newsletter.

Regards,

**Alan Caperon** *Secretary and Acting Treasurer*

### **The next Newsletter will be Summer 2014**

Please submit all contributions (electronically or typed if possible)  
before **1st June** 2014.

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### ***In the next News Letter;***

*We have been promised an article by a Kings Badge holder, and are hoping for another on the Battalion's involvement in the Brighton celebrations on Coronation Day in 1953.*

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## Profile; Richard (Dick) Kent

My first encounter with the Boys' Brigade was when my Sisters took me along to the Cliftonville Congregational Church Hove (now Central United Reform) where they became members of the 1st Hove GLB.

I became a Life Boy in the 10th and stayed with them until I was discharged from the Company section in 1950. Like many of you readers I took part in the many activities that the Company arranged. Gymnastics, Wayfarers, Football, Cricket, Athletics Glynde Camp and mainly of course Sunday Bible Class. There were of course the competitions, the Drill Shield and PE Competition Harriers and the Football league.

During my time in the Company section Lt Bill Bleach re started the Bagpipe Band and I became a piper, annoying I am sure not only my parents but also the neighbours whilst I practised up and down the garden. One of the most enjoyable times was spent at Glynde Camp with Charlie Hitchens and Bumble along with many other of the Officers of the day.

Outside of the Brigade I was at school in Portland Road. The Knoll and then Hove County Grammar. When I left at 17 I joined the Essex and Suffolk Insurance Co. in West Street, but soon after called up for National Service which for the most part was spent in Germany (BAOR) in the Royal Artillery.

When discharged I returned to the Insurance Company and signed on for the TA (RA Sussex Yeomanry) where I eventually became Chief Clerk. I studied in the evening and did become an Associate of the Insurance Industry. I was elected to the Presidency of the local Institute and also invited to be a Magistrate on the Crawley Bench. I was moved to East London as the Sales Manager and then to Chelmsford as Area Sales Manager. Whilst here I met a local BB Officer whose father was a member of the 1st Glasgow where the Captain was the founders son. When I retired I came back to Sussex moving to Henfield and at one reunion I foolishly!! Volunteered for the committee. I also returned to the Crawley Bench where I became Chairman. I retired when I was 70.

Before moving away from Sussex I became a helper at the 10th taking the Monday Evening PE and of course ending with a game of football, much to the annoyance of the Church Elders. (Nothing Broken?) Unfortunately I had moved too far to carry on with my involvement, but I have always maintained contact with the 10th.

The Boys' Brigade has played a most important part of my life and helped on many occasions, my Brother in Law, his Brother my nephew all where members of the BB and my sisters their daughters and grand daughters were all members of the GLB/GB. Very much encouraged by Mother a long standing member of Hove Methodist Church.

## AGM Memories

The Display of photos and memorabilia at the AGM generated a large amount of interest.



### Oldest and youngest old boys

At the AGM, in time honoured manner, we sought for the oldest and youngest 'Old Boys'; Youngest old boy was Carl Smart was discharged from the 3rd Eastbourne Company in 2011

Oldest old boy was Dick Dench of the 10th enrolled 1931.



## Donated Instruments

Here is a picture (right) of the Boys in Sierra Leone practicing with their instruments that I delivered to Michael Moss of the London Stedfast Association to ship out to the Boys last summer.

The President of SL Boys' Brigade Probyn Browne sent an email of thanks on behalf of the Boys.

**John Donoghue.**



The Boys' Brigade Company in Sierra Leone.

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## Boys' Brigade on their annual camp

THE Boy's Brigade have held their 105th annual camping trip.

More than 75 boys and leaders from all over the county gathered for one week of Christian fellowship and fun.

The Boys' Brigade is a Christian youth organisation, created to combine drill and fun activities with Christian values. As of 2003, there were 500,000 Boys' Brigade members in 60 countries.

William Smith introduced the concept of camping into the Brigade 150 years ago to allow boys and officers to remain in contact when other activities ceased for the summer break.

The camp programme involved many sporting activities on site plus activities out of camp including canoeing, rock climbing, paintball, ice skating and swimming.

The boys aged between 12 and 18 camped on the Glynde estate.

Peter Ford, Battalion camp secretary, said: "The week has been absolutely fantastic. The boys have really enjoyed themselves, and have behaved superbly."

Mr Ford has been attending the camping trip for 43 years, and hopes to attend more in the future. *(Source; from the local press)*



## 10<sup>th</sup> Brighton (Hove) Company – Old Time Music Hall.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014, members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Brighton (Hove) Company, performed their 7<sup>th</sup> “Old Time Music Hall” show at the Central United Reform Church, Ventnor Hall. I was at the Saturday evening performance.

The show had a variety of items which included, jokes, sketches, monologues and songs, yes, boys singing and sing their hearts out they did.

The show started with all the boys from all three sections of the Company coming on and singing “Meet the Gang”, from the T.V. comedy show “It ain’t ar’f Hot Mum”. This was followed by various sketches by Company section boys, songs by Anchor and Junior section boys. In-between each item members of the Company section came on with short sharp jokes. Members of staff added their own contribution to the show with monologues, jokes, songs and even a magician who tried to make two Anchor Boys disappear and then reappear. The two Brewster brothers sang about “Thinking About Things They Used to do”.

Ex-Company Chaplain, “Pastor Pete”, told some very good and funny stories.

At the end the audience joined in with old music hall songs lead by two members of staff, Pam Stringer and John Brewster, dressed as music hall artists, male and female, to work out who was who, I shall just say that I will see John differently in the future.

Throughout the show music was provided by Carl Jukes on keyboard and Jamie Serhan on drums.

What a great show, well done to all members of the 10<sup>th</sup> for putting on such a very enjoyable production and also to the hard work of the back stage people to help the show to be a great success.

Through putting on this show the Company raised £600 and were able to present a cheque to, “Paraclete Christian Network International”. Well Done!

**Ray Eaves** *Committee member*

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## A new Company starting

I would just like to announce that a new BB Company will be starting at Shoreham Methodist Church on Friday 2nd May between 18.30 and 20.00. It will initially be the Juniors age group. After a few meetings between members of the Church and the Battalion, it was decided that we are in a position to proceed with the 2nd Shoreham-By-Sea Company. I would like to thank John Pigott, Gary Pickett and Eric Hudson for their help, support and input in the initial meetings and also everyone so far for their good wishes. Myself and the Minister at Shoreham Methodist, Andrew Reed, have had several positive meetings and discussions, and I would like to ask everyone for their prayers and thoughts that it will be a success. If you have any sons/grandsons/great grandsons/friends with sons etc.. in the area, please put the word about. The more the merrier.

**Steve Roberts** *Committee member*

## Brighton Stedfast Band

Once again we played as our Stedfast members arrived for this year's reunion. The band was somewhat smaller than usual as some of our regular supports were unavailable.

At the AGM, I once again appealed for new members to join us. We still meet on the first Friday of the month, 7pm at Southwick Methodist Hall, Southwick Street entrance.

Please come and have a look and join in, loan Instruments and Tuition available. Please contact me on 01273 725368.



On the wider front, rehearsals are ongoing for this year's events which will include the "Flanders trip" which will be in August (see below).

That's all for now and thanks for your continued support.

regards

**Paul Simmons.** *Committee member and Band Co-ordinator.*



Above, this photo was taken at Feldon Lodge The Boys' Brigade HQ (23/02/2014)

**The BADOTSA or Bugle & Drums of the Stedfast Association** rehearsing for their trip to Flanders at the end of August.

Left, Band members (from the left); Josh Plumstead & Luke Waters (buglers), Sam Broughton (drummer) & Paul Goodman & Jack Young (buglers), all enjoying their meal.

## The National Stedfast Association Boys' and Girls' Brigade Drum and Bugle Band



The members of the Bugles and Drums of the Stedfast Association (BADOTSA) were delighted to receive a grant recently from the WFA's Centenary Fund towards the cost of their planned trip to Belgium later this year. The small grant will be used to give some financial support to assist younger members of the band to attend. Our thanks are extended to the WFA for their generosity.

The band is made up of ex-Boys' and Girls' Brigade members whose ages range from 18 to 80 years and who play bugles, drums, bell lyres and cymbals.

You can view more information about us on our website which covers our plans for the trip mentioned above.

The band will be happy to accept engagements (as appropriate and diary permitting) from anyone planning some sort of event in the next few years. Costs negotiable but usually expenses only. A calendar of events may be found on the website to assist you.

We have 3 regional sets of players (London and South; West and Wales; North and East) and can provide a band of any size given due notice.

In particular we can help with Buglers and should any group be planning to be in Flanders during our tour period, from 30 August to 1 September 2014, then they are welcome to parade with us. A full itinerary for that trip may be found on the website as well as contact details.

**Flt Lt Paul Hern RAF (Retd)** *National Coordinator, BADOTSA*

**Avance Notice; BUGLES AND DRUMS OF THE STEDFAST ASSOCIATION**

have entered the Eastbourne Carnival on May 30th 2014 at 4pm.

The Band will consist of about 30 players. Please come and support your Association.

## Founder`s Day Dinner 2014

Following the success of the Founder`s Day Dinner 2013 and the complimentary feedback from most of those who attended. The venue, Preston Bowls Club, has been provisionally booked for the evening of Saturday 4th October 2014.

You will be pleased to hear that the same menu as last year will be made available at an unchanged price of £17.50, payable on the night. Those who attended last year will be contacted later in the year. There is however room for many more so if you would like to be contacted please get in touch with Les Russell on 01273 888032 or [lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lc.russell@hotmail.co.uk) or by text on 078833531069

### IN MEMORIAM

We have to sadly report the following members, who have been called to higher service since our last newsletter.

We send our deepest sympathy to their Family and Friends. May they Rest In Peace.

Colin NOBLE.. Ex 5th ..Died 12 Jan 2014

Roy Herbert Russell.

Roy was called to higher Service on 24th June 2013. He joined the 6th Brighton in 1944 and served until 1949 when he was called up for National Service . He played cornet and euphonium in the silver band and was elected to receive the sportsman`s prize at Glynde Camp 1947.

## The Old Boys Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We few come as a testament to our founder, His Object was to advance your Kingdom.

A Brigade to stretch the length of our land and beyond the sea`s.

Made up of battalion`s, of company's then of squad's then of individual`s like us.

Some are healthy some are not,

Some are fit some are not,

Some are wise some are not.

But this great army of Old Boys is gathered before you,

not to ask your blessing, but to thank you for your blessing`s according to our needs.

Amen.

**Jim Attwater** 20/02/2014 *Committee member*

## Battalion programme of Events 2013/14

Below are details of forthcoming events for the Battalion and hopefully some of you may be able to support the events.

### MARCH 2014

Monday 3rd Company Section Scripture Competition BBHQ  
 Saturday 8th Junior Section Spring Competition HQ 25th  
 WED 19th Company Drill Competition

### APRIL 2014

Tuesday 1st Executive BBHQ  
 Monday 28th Camp Council BBHQ  
 FRI-SUN 25th /27th Junior Section Holiday TBC.

### MAY 2014

Tuesday 6th Finance Committee  
 Tuesday 13th Company Section 5-a-side Oathall School Haywards Heath  
 Sunday 17th Junior Section 5-a-side Triangle Burgess Hill

### JUNE 2014

Monday 2nd Company Athletic Sports Withdean/Brighton  
 Tuesday 3rd Executive BBHQ  
 Monday 9th Camp Council BBHQ  
 Friday 13th or 20th Junior Sports Day ?????  
 Tuesday 17th Company Harriers Competition Glynde

### JULY 2014

Tuesday 1st Executive HQ 25th  
 Tuesday 8th Battalion AGM HQ 25th  
 Monday 14th Boys Camp Meeting HQ 25th  
**Friday 25th Battalion Camp Commences Glynde**

### AUGUST 2014

Friday 1st Battalion Camp Finishes  
 Sunday 31st Battalion Financial Year Ends

Viscount Hampden has kindly given us permission to camp on his land again this year. For 106 years we have been camping in our Battalion. Much has changed in that time but even with today's youth trends and concepts

**GLYNDE IS STILL NUMBER 1!**  
 Completed forms should be returned as soon as possible either to your Company Captain or as follows:

#### Application Form to:

The Camp Bursar  
 15 The Vineries  
 Burgess Hill  
 RH15 0ND

**Outside trips form to:**  
 Excursions Organiser  
 53 Southway,  
 Burgess Hill  
 RH15 9SY

Cheques for the deposit of £70.00 should be made payable to "The Boys' Brigade" and sent with the application form. The balance of £85.00 is due before the 9th June 2014 or the balance increase to £100.00

The Annual Camp of  
 The Boy's Brigade  
 Brighton Hove &  
 District Battalion

25TH JULY 2014  
 1ST AUGUST 2014

Glynde Camp 2014 is the Official Annual Camp of Hove & District Battalion. Registered Charity No. 1024874

**Everyone agrees our new site is great!!**  
 Exhilarating new ideas and old traditions blend to make Glynde Camp and Exciting and inspiring place to be. Renew old friendships and make new ones ensuring you create fun memories that will last for years to come.

The cost of camp is just £155.00. A deposit of £70.00 is required by 10th February 2014 to secure your place. June otherwise the price increases to £170.00.  
 If you start paying now it's about £5.00 per week, ask your company captain for a savings plan.

#### PLEASE NOTE

If you are unable to attend due to sickness or injury and payment may be returned. Please note that late cancellations are subject to our absolute discretion.

NOT ONLY IS  
**GLYNDE 2014**  
 PACKED WITH  
**NON-STOP ACTION**  
 BUT IT WILL ALSO  
**SERIOUSLY CHALLENGE**  
**YOUR FAITH**

*P.S.  
 Dont forget  
 about Glynde  
 Camp 2014*

## Reunion and Annual General Meeting

Our Next Reunion will be held on  
**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015** at  
 Southwick Methodist Church. 2.30pm

We hope to see as many of you as possible for this our Annual Get Together.

We hope that this year we will have some Senior Boys and Company Captains with them.

They will be very welcome and we look forward to seeing them.



At the AGM we will be electing our officers,  
 Any names to me, Dick Kent, please. You will need to obtain their permission first.  
 If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact any current committee member. A further update will appear in the Autumn edition of the Newsletter.

## Remembrance Day Parade Sunday 9th November 2014

HOVE TOWN HALL Meet at 2.00 pm.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE ON PARADE.

**The Stedfast Association - Brighton** is an organisation for past members of The Boys' Brigade Brighton Hove & District Battalion. If you have been a boy or member of staff in any company past or present within our Battalion you are automatically a member. Past Members of The Boys' Brigade from all over the world are welcome to join our Association by registering with our membership secretary

We invite you to register your membership with our membership secretary:  
**Ken Towner, 14, Prince William Close, Findon Valley, Worthing,  
 West Sussex. BN14 0AZ.**

*we ask members to pay towards the association costs with a donation usually £10  
 . (cheques payable to the Stedfast Association)*