

THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN WALES

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Please Note:

- Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 17th June 2011. Host is 2nd Barry Company.
- QB Presentation Evening to be held on 8th July 2011.
- Building Your Skills Course - 9th July to 10th July 2011.
- Contact SEO Ian Simpson for details.
- Annual Sports Day 2011. At Jenner Park Stadium, Barry.
- 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- Contact Ian Simpson for Programme details.
- Council 2011 hosted by The Boys' Brigade in Wales in Cardiff on 3rd September 2011. Please let Jane know if you are able to help on the day.
- Camp 2012 at St. Madoc's Christian Centre, Llanmadoc, Swansea - 22nd to 24th June 2012.
- Events Calendar 2011/12 update. Thanks to all who attended the recent Events Meeting in March. The Calendar is in the process of being updated and events booked for next session. Calendar and Year book will be sent out in June.



Message From Our Chairman.



It is with pleasure that I write again in the BB Newsletter and wish all the best in the work that is going on in all Companies in Wales.

The training of new Leaders is important so please continue to contact Ian or Jane with your training requirements. This year has been extremely busy, the Panel have held many meetings in order to prepare for the 2011 Brigade Council to be held in Wales on 3rd September this year. I wish to thank all those who have worked so hard to date in order to ensure that this large scale event will be a success. Every officer in Wales should try to be part of this event and it is most important that every enrolled Captain, Lieutenant and Warrant Officer should attend the Council Meeting on Saturday 3rd September. During the evening there will be a dinner combined with a Murder Mystery Event.

An important point to note is that our **Annual General Meetings will now be held during the month of June (not September as in past years). The 2011 AGM will be held on the evening of Friday 17th June and will be hosted by 2nd Barry Company at Holy Presbyterian Church Barry.** Jane will be sending out the necessary AGM papers in due course.

At this Easter time remember that only if we can say Jesus Christ is risen today in my life, will our young people become the very people who God has given us in Christ.

Enjoy your Easter remembering that Jesus Christ is risen and among us.

Best wishes, Andy Eccleston.

**For God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son**

**That who ever believes in Him should not die
but have eternal life**

2010-2011 - EVENTS RESULTS

- **Unihoc**
1st - 1st Caerphilly, 2nd - 5th Swansea, 3rd - 21st Cardiff.
- **JS Board Games**
1st - 21st Cardiff 'A' Team, 2nd - 2nd Llantwit Major, 3rd - 5th Swansea.
- **JS Tournament**
1st - 21st/23rd Cardiff, 2nd - 5th Swansea, 3rd - 16th Cardiff 'B' Team.
- **JS Futsal 5 'A' Side**
1st - Thornhill Warriors (Urban Saints), 2nd - 21st Cardiff, 3rd - 16th Cardiff.
- **CS 5 'A' Side (U14)**
1st - Thornhill Comm. Church (Urban Saints), 2nd - 5th Swansea 'A' Team, 3rd - 5th Swansea 'B' Team.
- **CS 5 'A' Side (U18)**
1st - Thornhill Comm. Church (Urban Saints), 2nd - 21st Cardiff, 3rd - 5th Swansea.
- **CS Champions League Finals**
U14 - Table Tennis, **Ben Roberts**, 31st Cardiff. Pool, **Matthew Turnbull**, 31st Cardiff, Darts, **Rhys D'angeli**, 5th Swansea.
U18 - Table Tennis, **Morgan Hannah**, 5th Swansea, Pool, **Matthew Belcher**, 21st Cardiff, Darts, **Kieran Mansell**, 5th Swansea
- **Swimming Gala**
1st - 31st Cardiff (27 points), 2nd - 3rd Cardiff (23 points), Joint 3rd - 2nd Llantwit Major/5th Swansea (22 points).
- **JS Scripture & Team Games**
Scripture: 1st - 1st Penarth, Joint 2nd - 5th Swansea/16th Cardiff, 3rd - 2nd Llantwit Major
Team Games: 1st - 1st Penarth/2nd Llantwit, 2nd - 5th Swansea./2nd Llantwit Major, 3rd - 16th Cardiff.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED & HELPED AT VARIOUS EVENTS & WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS.

Fantastic Young People on Queen's Badge Course

11 young people from groups across Wales recently completed the Queen's Badge Course and will be shortly receiving the highest award The Brigade has to offer. The completion course is designed to challenge the candidates and help develop their skills for the future as well as giving the young people a chance to reflect on the work they have done for the award. Whilst being an enjoyable weekend, the young people are certainly stretched by the amount and standard of work that is expected of them and they did not disappoint.

Each of the young people on this year's course were a credit to themselves, their families and their companies and all had achieved an amazing amount as they worked towards the Queen's Badge. During the course the young people had to give presentations, complete tasks and work as a team (see picture above). They have earned their awards with the work and effort they have put in and we look forward to presenting the awards to as many of the young people as can make it on Friday 8th July at Wesley Methodist Church in Caerphilly and to celebrate what these amazing young people have achieved. Also, for the first time in Wales, there will be a number of females receiving the Queen's Badge award which is great news.
(Ian Simpson)



FINAL EVENTS OF 2010/11

CS & Seniors Cricket

7th May 2011, 3.00pm to 6.00pm.
Pitchside, Swansea.

Anchors Fun Day

18th June 2011, 12.30pm to 4.00pm
Amelia Trust Farm, Vale of Glamorgan.

CS & JS Sports Day

25th June 2011, 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Jenner Park Stadium, Barry.

The Anchor Scripture Competition, due to be held on March 26th in Caerphilly was cancelled.

Holiday Leadership Notification

Form CHN must be completed for all planned Camps, Holidays or Residential's and mailed to Felden HQ at least one month prior to the holiday.

This form can also be completed on line by visiting www.boys-brigade.org.uk (Forms). Alternatively contact Jane by emailing your requests to Boysbrigade@btconnect.com or call our office on 029 2048 3555 for forms to be posted to you.

Please let Jane know of any proposed Camps that you may have planned in order to arrange a BB Wales Camp Grant.



125th Anniversary Event

To celebrate this event, the Wales Regional Committee (WRC) are organising an event as follows:

**St. Madoc's Christian Centre,
Llanmadoc,
Swansea,
SA3 1DE**

22nd to 24th June 2012.

The centre has excellent facilities including a sports hall, sports field, tennis and volley ball courts and a large mutli-purpose dining and meeting room. The location is surrounded by woods and open countryside for walks and activities. There is a lovely beach within close walking distance. Information has already been sent to all Captains and registered Leaders by post asking for a response by 10th April 2011, with your present Company numbers.

Please give a commitment that your Company will support this event.

**Llanmadoc,
Swansea,
(shown above).**

**Email your
125th Event
attendance
requests
to :Boysbrigad
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Post requests

to:

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NEWS FROM THE 16TH CARDIFF COMPANY

Mr. Ralph Powell, Captain of the 16th Cardiff Company, has kindly informed the BB in Wales that Mr. Anthony Mitchell has moved to St. Mellons and will be transferring from the 28th Waltham Forest Company, where he was a Warrant Officer working with Anchors and Juniors. The Boys' Brigade in Wales would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Mitchell.

This year, the 16th Cardiff will be supporting Cardiff Foodbank and will be arranging for them to give a presentation on their work to the young people, their parents and officers. Cardiff Foodbank was officially brought into being on the 29th April 2009 as a franchise of the Trussell Trust, and is part of the National Foodbank Network. It is a project to help and support those suffering financial hardship and who are facing the reality of being unable to feed themselves or their families. To find out more about this wonderful project please log onto <http://www.cardifffoodbank.org.uk>.

On Sunday 27th March, a Korean Minister (Rev. Jacob Park) took the service at Albany Road Baptist Church. The church led by Rev. Parks only has 10 adult members but they moved the usual congregation to tears with their humility. Not only did they wear their national costume but they also sang Agnus Dei and Panis Angelicus most beautifully. Rev. Parks gave a short talk on how Christianity had been introduced to Korea, initially by a Welshman and how the Good News of Christianity has now spread. He also said how grateful he was to the missionaries for all they had done in Korea. Rev. Parks and his members are very interested in visiting as many churches as possible in Wales, I have heard first hand from a Christian friend, (Mrs. Freda Salway) of what a shining example Rev. Park sets and how truly inspirational he is. Should any church wish to invite Rev. Parks and his small group of church members to their own service in the future then they can be contacted as follows:
 Jacob & Sooki Park, 0789 1932478 or email: deodian1006@hanmail.net
 Stephen & Stella Price, 0777 9212203 or email: sssprice@comcast.net



DofE Expedition (above) and 5 A Side Football Event (below).



Finance and the BB in Wales

At the last meeting of the Regional Committee a Policy was approved for assisting Companies with the costs of Training and other special events. A copy of this policy is available from the BB Office. Young people and Officers who attend training courses in Wales will have their costs refunded automatically, on completion of the course. For other events, camps and special occasions where help financially may be needed, there are two claim forms that can be used. These are also available from the BB Office or you can download them from HQ website.

All BB Companies have a duty to pay an annual capitation fee to headquarters. In Wales this is collected through the BB Office. It is unfortunate that several companies to date have been very late sending this in, and some have not done it at all. This causes a huge amount of extra work, and cost, both in the BB Wales Office and at HQ. This may be forgetfulness, but also sometimes because companies struggle with their finances. There is help available should the latter be the case. However, it does mean that Companies must manage their finances. This starts by collecting a realistic weekly subscription from the members. On top of that you may need to arrange various fund raising activities. Street collections in your area can be arranged for you by the BB in Wales.

Communities First Trust Fund and others

It is possible that some companies may be in Communities First areas. If that is the case you are able to claim grants from the Trust Fund. This is the last year (commencing in April) that this fund will be available.

If you are in a CF area then please make contact with the area co-ordinator and attend Partnership Meetings. This enables you to get on mailing lists. You can only apply once, so make sure you include all possible expenditure for the project in the one application.

There are also grants that can be obtained on a Local Authority basis. These may have to be joint applications between companies in that area, as in Cardiff. You need to make contact the BB Office, Council for Voluntary Action in your local authority and Councils for Voluntary Service. The Community Chest (Sports Council for Wales) is another possibility for Sports Equipment. Contact them directly or through your local authority Sports Development Officer.

All of these are avenues that the writer has received funding from in the last two years on a Company basis.

(John Winchester—Treasurer).

UPDATE FROM THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN WALES SECRETARY

Thanks must be given to Rhys Cronin who spent 6 months working within The Boys' Brigade in Wales. Rhys was employed as part of the Future Job Fund and did a fantastic job all round. **Thank you Rhys for your all your hard work.**

A recent successful VAC Impact Grant Application has now allowed us to purchase a **projector, digital camera/recorder and portable football goals**. This equipment is available for use by all Companies. **Please contact Jane Rogers to book out any equipment which is stored at the BB office in Richmond Road.**