

# THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN WALES



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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Letter from the Chair,

It is with great pleasure that I can finally write a letter to all BB members in Wales, young and old alike and say that we have completed one full year under the new "Boys' Brigade in Wales", rather than as the old Battalions. I would like to thank everyone for their time and patience over the last 18 months and a special thank you to all those officers behind the scenes that have made all these changes possible. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Rhys Cronin, Rhys will be working with Jane and Ian over the coming months.

I am sure that like me you are all looking forward to some great competitions this year, whether they be locally or even at a National level, these events are both fun, informative but also a great way to meet and spend some time with friends, both old and new!

Whilst on the subject of friends please don't forget that next year Cardiff will be hosting Council 2011, your help and support to make this the success we know it can be will be much appreciated. (Please speak to either your Area representative or Jane in the Office if you can help in any way).

At this time of year we give blessing for the harvest that we receive from the land, let us also remember that we are planting the seed and that the Lord seeds in the hearts of the young people in our care. **Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

*Best wishes*

**Norman Pybus - Chairman**

**(Rhys Cronin pictured opposite)**



## ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR 2010/11

### URGENT REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR COMPANY ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN FORMS TO JANE AT 58 RICHMOND ROAD, CARDIFF, ALONG WITH A CHEQUE FOR 2010/11. PLEASE ALSO SEND A SEPARATE CHEQUE FOR YOUR ANNUAL WALES FEE BASED ON £2 PER YOUNG PERSON.**

**COUNCIL 2011**

*Discussions are well underway for Council 2011. The panel will be meeting in November and would welcome as many new volunteers as possible. If you are interested in joining the panel please contact Jane Rogers.*

**OUR WEBSITE HAS NOW LAUNCHED.**

*Please contact Jane or Ian if you have any information which you would like included on our new Website.*

*[www.boysbrigade.wales.co.uk](http://www.boysbrigade.wales.co.uk)*

**WALES 2012 CAMP**

*A 2012 Wales Camp is currently being proposed. This matter will be discussed at the next Wales Regional Committee Meeting. If anyone wishes to*

**CAMP GRANTS INFORMATION NEEDED**

I would be most grateful if those who sent boys to Camp during 2010 could provide Jane Rogers with the following information:

- Number of boys at the Camp from your Company
- The cost to the boys of the Camp
- Where the Camp was held
- The date the Camp was held
- Any other Companies or organisations with whom you camped

Please also provide me with similar information regarding any Junior Holidays that were held during the 2009/10 session.

The above information once provided will enable me to sort out various Camp Grants.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WESTERN MAIL CUP 2009/10 WINNERS**

Sean Chapman & Elliot Gordon, both from 2nd Llantwit Major were this year's winners. A big congratulations to them. We also like to thank John Boase for giving his time to judge the Western Mail Cup Award.

**LEADERSHIP SKILLS NEWSFLASH**

The leadership skills training 2010, at the Guide Centre, Parkmill, Gower, Swansea will now take place on:

**SATURDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2010.**

The arrival and departure times are the same as shown in the year book. Please let us know in the office by email or post if you have any young people who wish to attend this course.

Following on from this Ian Simpson will be ringing around to establish if there is any interest in this course.

**LOCAL VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT IN OLD ST. MELLONS**

**The Old St. Mellons Village Fete will be held on 9th July 2011.**

Young people are being asked to help for 3 hours to erect and dismantle tents for this annual event. The Old St. Mellons Village Association are fully insured (Special Events Day) and they would be most grateful if any local Companies could offer their help. Burgers and drinks plus a donation to The Boys' Brigade has been offered. If any Leaders or young people are willing to help could you please contact Mrs Hilary Walkey-Williams at 59 Hastings Crescent, Old St. Mellons, CF3 5DF (email [shwilliams@ntl.world.com](mailto:shwilliams@ntl.world.com)).

## **2009-10 COMPETITION RESULTS:**

### JS Competition

1st = 1st Penarth "B"    2nd= 1st Penarth "A"    3rd= 31st Cardiff

### Company Tournament

1st=21st Cardiff    2nd = 2nd Llantwit Major    3rd= 31st Cardiff

### Swimming Gala

1st=2nd Llantwit Major    2nd =31st Cardiff    3rd= 16th Cardiff

### 10 Pin Bowling

1st = 31st Cardiff    2nd = 2nd Llantwit Major    3rd= 5th Swansea

### Figure Marching

1st =13th    Joint 2nd = 31st & 16th Cardiff

### Pool Championship

U18 -Kirstian Hopkins /5th Swansea    U14- Anthony Coates /5th Swansea

### Anchors Scripture Competition

1st = 9th Cardiff    Joint 2nd= 31st & 23rd Cardiff    Joint 3rd = 16th & 3rd Cardiff

### JS Scripture & Team Game

Scripture - 1st =1st Penarth    2nd = 16th Cardiff    3rd = 5th Swansea  
Team games 1st = 1st Penarth    2nd = 5th Swansea    3rd = 16th Cardiff

### Futsal 5-A-Side

U18's—1st =31st Cardiff    joint second = 3rd Cardiff & 5th Swansea    3rd = 4th Gwent

U14's— 1st = 21st Cardiff    2nd =5th Swansea    3rd = 4th Gwent

### Sports Day 2010

Junior Winners - 1st Penarth    Company Winners - 5th Swansea

Overall Winners - 5th Swansea

Junior ToW - 1st Penarth    Company ToW - 3rd Cardiff

## **A FEW WORDS FROM RHYS CRONIN**

Dear All,

I'm Rhys Cronin and I'm the newest member of the BB Staff.

I've been part of the BB for the last 14 years . Earlier this year I gained my Queen's Badge and next July I will be returning to Feldon to hopefully complete the final stage of my Officer training and become a part of the new generation of 1st Caerphilly. I am also a proud member of the Executive Committee . I cannot write of my time at BB without thanking my Officers , Mr. Hill, Mr Burns, Mr Olsen , Mrs Pesci and of course the one and only Mr. Bracey . My Dad still talks fondly about his time in BB , 39 years ago . He was a member of 31st Cardiff. I know that if I one day become a father I will encourage my youngsters to join the BB. I cannot end without saying a huge thank you to Jane Rogers for telling me about the job and the support and advice she gave during this time .

Yours sincerely - ***Rhys Cronin.***

## **URGENT INFORMATION**

### **ANNUAL RETURNS 2010/2011**

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### **PLEASE REMEMBER:**

*The cheque for the capitation fee should be separate from the Wales annual fee which is set at £2.00 per young person.*

*Please send completed forms and the TWO SEPARATE CHEQUES for annual capitation and for your Wales annual fee (£2.00 per young person ) to 58 Richmond Road, Cardiff.*

***THANK YOU***

## QUEEN'S MEN REPORT

At a ceremony held in Tabernacle Presbyterian Church on Friday 25th June 2010. the top Boys' Brigade award, the Queen's Badge, was awarded to four boys. These were the only four young men in Wales to achieve this prestigious honour in the past two years. Guests included the Vale Mayor, Councillor Osbourne and the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Councillor Austin. Both were accompanied by their wives. The awards were presented by Mr. David J. Aubrey Q.C., the President of the Boys' Brigade in Wales. Mr. Aubrey praised the boys for all their hard work in obtaining their awards, which is based on service in the Community, Skill, Physical and Expedition

The four were Daniel Dawson, Christopher Pilcher and Sean Chapman of the 2nd Llantwit Major Company and Rhys Cronin of the 1st Caerphilly Company. Congratulations must be given to the four young men . Duke of Edinburgh Awards were also presented on this occasion. Daniel Dawson, Elliot Gordon, Alex Harris ( 2nd Llantwit ), Sam Aquilina, Phillip Price, Rowan Walthorne (31st Cardiff ) and David Keenor (13th Cardiff) all achieved their Bronze Awards and Sean Chapman ( 2nd Llantwit Major ) and Matthew Witchell (21st Cardiff) both received their Silver Awards .A reception in the church hall followed the ceremony and was attended by all recipients, family and guests .

*Mr. A Wellbury*

## WHAT'S NEW WITH BB IN WALES?

The answer is a lot. Most of you will be aware of the changes and new things that have been going on around Wales but with so much it's hard to keep track of it all. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the highlights.

- **New Website**

We have an amazing new website with loads of information including the new Year Book, individual company pages and contact details. It also has games, resources and more. Please take a look at it at [www.boysbrigadewales.co.uk](http://www.boysbrigadewales.co.uk), any feedback you have can be sent to the webmaster.

- **New Events**

We have several new events we are running this session for you to look out for. A Unihoc Tournament for Company and Seniors to take part in at Caerphilly Leisure Centre. The Company and Seniors Cricket will be reappearing next summer over in Swansea and we have a Disco, Console and Quiz Evening for Seniors in December. As well as all the usual events and competitions that we know and love!

- **New Groups**

Following the Easter Event in Pontprennau the 34<sup>th</sup> Cardiff Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is now up and running and have 10 regular Anchors attending. I am also in discussions with a church in the Rumney area of Cardiff about the possibility of starting a new BB group there.

I hope that you share my excitement about all these new things that are happening and look forward to hearing your thoughts on our website and our new events.

**Ian Simpson**  
**SEO**

**Picture of 34th Cardiff Parents Evening which was a great success.**

