



West Anglia Steadfast Association Newsletter

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Do you want to get in contact with your old BB friends?

Why not email in stating which company you were from, what year and who you are looking for!

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Welcome to the first edition of West Anglia Steadfast Association

The West Anglia Battalion consists currently of eleven active companies from Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes. This relatively new battalion was formed by a merger of the old Bedford & district, Luton & district and Milton Keynes Battalions in 2001.

This newsletter hopefully will be an effective way to stay in touch with current & former officers, helpers and ex-members and aid to form a Steadfast Association. More details on can be found below:

What is a Steadfast Association

A Steadfast Association is an organisation for Past Members, (Old Boys & Ex-Officers), along with serving Officers, Friends and Supporters of The Boys' Brigade.

The *Steadfast Association* was launched at the Royal Albert Hall in London in May 1983 (The Boys' Brigade Centenary Year) and initially it existed for Old Boys and Supporters of the "The Boys' Brigade" to keep in touch and to provide practical support and assistance. However, since then, it has expanded into a fast growing International Organisation with many thousands of members world-wide and countless new friendships have been made and many International links have been formed.

The main aim being to "Further the Object of the "BB" and to foster the spirit of comradeship between past and present members of the Brigade and to render service to others.

Each Association is fully autonomous with its own elected Office Bearers and organises its own varied activities. Each Branch maintaining a very close contact with its local Battalion or District.

Who can join? All Old Boys, ex-Officers, still serving Officers, friends and supporters. Many serving Officers find their membership a valuable extra dimension to their "BB" work and many of our members are ladies - all are welcome!

Formation of a local Steadfast Association

The West Anglia Battalion are looking to set up a Steadfast Association.

It is thought that the Association will aim to help former members to keep in touch with:

- what is happening in the Battalion;
- what is happening in the Boys' Brigade;
- what is happening in their former Company;
- and find old friends to keep in touch with each other;
- organise events for former members to get together.

If you are an former member of a BB Company of the Old Bedford, Luton or Milton Keynes Battalion (or the West Anglia Battalion) and are interested in being part of the activities of the Steadfast Association then please contact us, we'd like to hear from you.

Email: westanglia@boys-brigade.org.uk

You old Boys!

- Do you have any BB stories you would like to share in this newsletter?
- Are you looking for any of your old mates or colleagues?

Why not write or email in to us to include in the next edition!

Battalion Competitions

The results so far with one event to go are:

| Champions' Cup scores | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | | Senior | Company | Junior | Anchor Boys |
| 1st Bletchley | 1B | | 17 | | |
| 2nd Bedford | 2B | | 75 | 112 | 27 |
| 3rd Bedford | 3B | 18 | 82 | 91 | 18 |
| 1st Flitwick | 1F | 16 | 53 | 52 | 26 |
| 1st Harlington | 1H | | 13 | 94 | |
| 1st Kempston | 1K | 51 | 100 | 24 | 29 |
| 15th Luton | 15L | 26 | 22 | 70 | |
| 20th Luton | 20L | 27 | 72 | 106 | 25 |
| 22nd Luton | 22L | | 49 | 56 | |
| 23rd Luton | 23L | | 65 | 59 | 34 |
| 1st Newport Pagnell | 1NP | | 18 | | |

Will 1st Kempston be 5th time Champions' Cup Holders for the Seniors & Company Sections?

Will 20th Luton be 4th time Champions' Cup Holders for the Junior Section?

Will 23rd Luton runaway with the Anchor Boy Champions' Cup?

Keep up-to-date

Check our website