



West Anglia Steadfast Association Newsletter

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Welcome to the third 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.

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."**

1st Bletchley 80th Birthday

On Wednesday 27th September 2006 the 1st Bletchley Boys' and Girls' Brigade Companies will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. There are lots of different celebration events planned for the week surrounding the "birthday". The events will include something for everyone - young and old, past and current members and staff.

If you have been connected with either the Girls or Boys Companies at 1st Bletchley - then please do not hesitate to get in contact. Please call Bill Bond on 01908 670649 or email at birthday@1bbb.org.uk. More information can also be found at www.1bbb.org.uk/birthday

The events taking place are as follows :

Sat 23rd Sept, 19:30 – Ex-Members Memory Evening (inc. Buffet)

An evening for former members to get together and share memories and catch up on each others' news

Sun 24th Sept, 10:55 – Morning Celebration Service & Enrolment

Brigade Service to celebrate the achievements of the first 80 years and enrolment of our current members

Tue 26th Sept – Current Members' Party

Party time for boys and girls of our Companies

Sat 30th Sept, 13:30 – 16:30 Family Fun Afternoon

An open invitation to all our friends and neighbors near and far to join an afternoon of activities for all ages

All events to take place at Water Eaton Church Centre, Drayton Road, Bletchley, MK2 3AR

Geoff Bond, 1st Bletchley

2nd Bedford's 50th Anniversary

Fri 29th Sept: Old Boys Dinner

Sat 30th Sept: Morning: Special activities being planned for every section

Afternoon: Legends Football Match ~ a challenge to ex-members to find out, just who was the best and perhaps a few old scores to settle

Evening: 50th Display 6:30 – 8:30pm ~ We hope to welcome as many old boys and staff as possible, and a warm welcome is extended to Battalion Staff to join in this occasion

Sun 1st Oct: Morning: Celebration Service @ Brickhill Baptist

Allan Tresidder, 2nd Bedford

"I remember the good old days in BB when..."

Starting in this edition as a regular feature, "I remember the good old days in BB when..."

"I remember the good old days in BB when... we wore the old uniform (blazer, tie, cap, haversack & brass belt) & Boys were made of tougher stuff"

Ashley Baldock

S/Sgt, 1st Kempston

If you "remember the good old days in BB when..." contact us!

[contact details can be found on the front page]

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!

Senior & Amicus Council

The Seniors & Amicus (S&A) members of the Battalion are our young leaders. We are introducing a forum called S&A council where most of their social events can be discussed and planned by them, to aid this process two members from each company shall be elected form an S&A executive. The S&A executive will also elect a chairman (together with another S&A executive member), who will be part of the Battalion Executive, where decisions in the battalion made.

The first meeting for the S&A council (which will consist of all seniors and amicus members) will be on **Friday 27th October 2006 at Flitwick Methodist Church at 7.30pm**. Here there will be various topics which the group will discuss and organise. (There will be some refreshments).

*Do you have any questions current or past BB wise?
Contact us and we will try to answer your questions*

Battalion Competition Dates 2006/07

Dates to note

*1st Bletchley's
80th Birthday
events; 23rd -
30th Sept 2006*

*2nd Bedford's
Anniversary
events; 29th
Sept-1st Octo
2006*

*125th
Anniversary
Special Event @
Bedford Corn
Exchange Sat
8th November
2008 (pencil this
date in your diary's,
more details to
follow)*

**If you have any dates
to note for inclusion in
this newsletter,
contact us!**

Date	Section	Competition	Location
31/8/06	Company	Top Team Challenge	From Feb 2006
14/10/06	Company	10 pin bowling	GoBowling, Dunstable
4/11/06	Junior	5 a side	Woughton leisure centre
18/11/06	Anchor Boys	Party	Flitwick
25/11/06	Company	National Masterteam	Flitwick
2/12/06	Junior	Figure Marching	Priory, Bedford
2/12/06	Junior	2 Court Dodge Ball	Priory, Bedford
20/1/07	Company	5 a side	Putteridge leisure centre
20/1/07	Senior	5 a side	Putteridge leisure centre
27/1/07	Anchor Boys	Outing	Milton Keynes Activity Centre
3/2/07	Junior	International teams	Stopsley Baptist Church
3/3/07	Anchor Boys	10 pin bowling	GoBowling, Dunstable
3/3/07	Junior	10 pin bowling	GoBowling, Dunstable
9/3/07	Company	First Aid	Central Baptist, Luton
23/3/07	Junior	Bible Quiz	Priory, Bedford
24/3/07	Company	Table tennis	Kempston East
24/3/07	Senior	Table tennis	Kempston East
28/4/07	Company	Unihoc	Putteridge leisure centre
28/4/07	Senior	Unihoc	Putteridge leisure centre
12/5/07	Junior	Water games	St. John's, Luton
31/5/07	Anchor Boys	Art	
31/5/07	Junior	Art	
9/6/07	Anchor Boys	Potted sports	Kempston East
7/7/07	Anchor Boys	Sports day	tbc
7/7/07	Junior	Swimming	tbc
7/7/07	Company	Kwik cricket?	tbc