

# Online Brigade Manager Update



More than 3,500 leaders have now logged into OBM, with more than 50,000 logins since the system went live in June. We are pleased that many Companies have already uploaded the details for young people and are making use of the wider functionality within OBM.

**Dunblane BB** @dunblaneBB  
 Delighted that our parents/carers are on board with @OnlineBrigMgr software. Making leaders' lives so much easier this year! #BoysBrigade

The Statistical Return process for Companies and Battalions/Districts went live on OBM on 15<sup>th</sup> October and Companies are reminded that the return should be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

**5<sup>th</sup> Hull BB** @5thhullBB  
 Loving #OBM - thanks @theboysbrigade - All summer holiday activities recorded for all sections! Amazing. #organised

**Graham Knight** @Grahamknight73  
 @chrisnormanbb @onlineBrigMgr - Certainly looking forward to using the system, Making life easier in running the company

There are a number of ways we are offering additional support to leaders including extended opening hours at BB Headquarters, webinars, step by step guides and videos to help you to get going on OBM.

Find out more by going to 'News and Announcements' which you can find in the OBM Help menu, or at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/OBMresources.htm](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/OBMresources.htm)

# Juniors 100



In 2017 we will be celebrating the centenary of the Junior Section (Juniors), a significant anniversary in the life of our organisation and one that we hope members will want to celebrate locally and nationally.

Our celebrations will take place across the calendar year, covering both the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 sessions allowing ample opportunities for local and national events to take place.

There will be activities at a Company level that your Juniors can participate in including the Juniors 100 Challenge, International Team Games, The BIG 100 Party, Comic Relief 2017 as well as programme ideas and resources. These will be alongside national opportunities to celebrate including regional services and events.



We have designed a logo for use at local and national level and this is available to download along with branding guidelines at [leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100](http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100)

A special anniversary badge is being produced to be awarded to members of this age group during the year, and this will be available from BB Supplies from January 2017.

There will be a special Juniors 100 pull-out in the Winter 2016/17 Gazette containing more details about how to get involved including programme ideas and resources to help support your celebrations. Further announcements will also be made through the monthly eBB news which goes out to all leaders.

# British Youth Council



Three young leaders represented The Boys' Brigade at BYC's Annual Council Meeting at the beginning of September in Coventry. **Tom Baird** (Northern Ireland), **Callum Laing** (Scotland) and **Martin Townsend** (England & Wales) made up the BB delegation, the first there's been for a number of years.

To find out more The Boys' Brigade participation in this event and work with the BYC, email [niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk)

Learn more about the work of the BYC at [www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

## Company Captains

A number of Companies are currently operating without a Company Captain. The role of the Company Captain is crucial to the success of a Company, and Brigade Regulations are clear that each Company should have a Captain.

In order to facilitate the appointment of new Captains the Executive has agreed that it is no longer mandatory to complete Captain's Training prior to appointment. However, the Brigade still strongly recommends that Captains complete their training as soon as practically possible.

## Obituaries

We record below the names of BB members who have recently died. We thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and Church and their witness in the community.

Frank Burns	Airdrie, Coatbridge & District Battalion
Rose Cornwall	1 <sup>st</sup> Holmer Green
Roddy Dick	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cambusnethan
Jim Mac'-Guinness	Southport Battalion
Roy Inglis	45 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow

A full obituary appears on the BB website at [boys-brigade.org.uk/obituaries](http://boys-brigade.org.uk/obituaries)

# National Competition 2015/16

This year the finals took place between March and May. Companies experienced new venues and made new friends as they travelled around to participate in each of the rounds.



<b>Masterteam – Hosted by Scotland</b>		
Champions	25 <sup>th</sup> Stirling	🇪🇸
Runners-up	1 <sup>st</sup> Ardstraw	🇬🇧
<b>Table Tennis – Hosted By Northern Ireland</b>		
Champions	1 <sup>st</sup> Kempston	🇬🇧
Runners-up	1 <sup>st</sup> Grangemouth	🇪🇸
<b>Junior 5-A-side Football – Hosted by Scotland</b>		
Champions	1 <sup>st</sup> Greenisland	🇬🇧
Runners-Up	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gourock	🇪🇸
<b>Senior 5-A-Side Football – Hosted by England</b>		
Champions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gourock	🇪🇸
Runners-Up	15 <sup>th</sup> South Shields	🇬🇧
<b>Badminton – Hosted by Northern Ireland</b>		
Champions	65 <sup>th</sup> Edinburgh	🇪🇸
Runners-Up	1 <sup>st</sup> Largs	🇪🇸
<b>Chess – Hosted by England</b>		
Champions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bedford	🇬🇧
Runners-Up	7 <sup>th</sup> Edinburgh	🇪🇸

## Welcoming our New Office Bearers

We are pleased to welcome Mr David Aubrey Q.C., David Blevins and Very Rev Michael Barry who were elected as Brigade Office Bearers at Brigade Conference in September.

All Brigade Office Bearers can be contacted via the Assistant to the Brigade Secretary at BB Headquarters.

