



Jack Petchey Celebration October 2010



5th Croydon Mini Band



John Young MBE - President

An excellent afternoon was enjoyed by all on the 9th October at the Great Hall, Kensington for the Jack Petchey Award Celebration event.



1st Barnet Choir



Award winners from the Kingston and Merton Battalion



Matt Smith sharing about the Global Fellowship Family

Introduction

Over the last few months, the President and Secretary have met with a number of representatives of Companies and Battalions for **"conversations over a bite to eat"**. The purpose of these discussions was to:

- Establish what is going on in the local areas,
- Find areas of common ground,
- Identify specific issues where the District could undertake some work to facilitate stronger local BB success.

This approach was designed to further the observations obtained from the London Survey which was undertaken in early 2010.

Where should the District develop?

The District needs to keep focused upon a small number of key objectives with a view to either:

- Providing support to local Companies and Battalions, or
- Acting as a catalyst for growth.

Objectives moving forward

The key themes that appear to be paramount are:

- The need to gel training courses where there are gaps in local provision or courses need a greater mass in order to run;
- The ability to stage a showcase event that draws support from civic dignitaries across London with networking opportunities
- **The need to increase the "London young leader offering";**
- **Being able to provide "start up" financial support to new Companies;**
- Enabling development where funding exists
- The need to engage with key supporters like the London Stedfast Association and some Livery Companies who would welcome opportunities that helps local work

In taking these themes into account, the following table sets out the aims, objectives and tasks for the period to December 2011.

Aims	Objectives	Tasks
To increase the opportunities available to Young Leaders and increase their role within the District	• Develop the strength of London's Young Leadership	• Actively promote the Unite – England Young Leader event
	• Increase the representation of Young Leaders on the Trustee Group	• Appoint a Young Leader Vice President in April 2011 for the 2011/12 session • Recruit three Young Leaders to sit on the Trustee group

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<p>To enable more Companies to hold residential camps, holidays and expeditions for the benefit of their members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that there are sufficient camp and holiday training courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish need and arrange courses where there is a local requirement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish whether there is sufficient interest in operating an Expedition Leadership course close to London 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish feasibility with accredited trainers • Undertake e-mail survey as to interest • Attract sponsorship
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a "London village" at Firm Foundations to enable more young people to attend with smaller groups sharing facilities and leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather a core group of regular London based Firm Foundations attenders around which a "village" could be built and group leadership established • Publicise the "London village" to Companies and Battalions as a way of enabling more people to attend without the whole Company going
<p>To hold at least one high profile event during the year to publicise the work of The BB in London and gain civic and business support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the recent Jack Petchey awards ceremony and Beating Retreat at Chelsea to identify the future shape of events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the review conclusions to determine the style of event to be held in June / July 2011 and/or October 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange event(s) following the review 	
<p>To attract further funding to enable new companies to develop and young leader opportunities to take place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a "New Company Fund" and attract subscribers / donors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with key Livery Companies • Engage with London Stedfast Association • Submit Trust grant requests
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a "Young Leader Opportunities Fund" and attract subscribers / donors 	
<p>To seek to support development opportunities in partnership with a Battalion and local Companies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in any YOU funding bid that promotes local youth work 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish key opportunities for developing BB work in partnership with a Battalion and local Companies • Identify funding opportunities 	

Diary 2011

January 2011	
10 th President Committee	Wesley's Chapel
3 rd - 31 st PR Games	Own Company HQ
February 2011	
5 th Cross Country	Greenwich Park
10 th Individual Bell Lyle/Bugle/ Drum Competitions	3 rd Bromley HQ
March 2011	
10 th Holiday Leadership Part I	17 th Waltham Forest HQ
12 th Drill/Colour Competitions	TBA
13 th - 27 th Junior Section & Company Section Bible Quizzes	Own HQ
18 th - 20 th Queen's Badge Completion Course	Felden Lodge
24 th Holiday Leadership Part II	17 th Waltham Forest HQ
25 th - 27 th <i>Unite</i> at Felden Lodge Contact ashley.lampard@boys-brigade.org.uk for further information	
March Newsletter	
April 2011	
1 st - 30 th 10 Pin Bowling Competition	Local bowling alley
2 nd Camp Craft	Hosted by Havering & Brentwood Battalion
2 nd Band Competitions	TBA
4 th President Committee/London Council	Wesley's Chapel

May 2011	
27 th - 30 th Firm Foundations at Felden Lodge Contact <i>david.martin@boys-brigade.org.uk</i> for further information	
June 2011	
6 th President Committee	Wesley's Chapel
July 2011	
Future Dates	
September Newsletter	
7 th November London Council	Wesley's Chapel



THE NATIVITY ON BBC 1 THIS CHRISTMAS

Four episodes of a new production by Tony Jordan are to be broadcast mid-evening in the week leading up to Christmas.

Don't let anyone miss this opportunity to engage with the real Christmas.

Spread the word inside and outside your churches

Christ by highest heav'n adored
 Christ the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold Him come
 Offspring of a Virgin's womb
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
 Hail the incarnate Deity
 Pleased as man with man to dwell
 Jesus, our Emmanuel
 Hark! The herald angels sing
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

11th Croydon Company - Expedition to Nepal

Between the 25th July – and 14th August 2010 six members of the 11th Croydon Company completed a 21 day expedition to Nepal, successfully reaching both Everest Base Camp (5,357m) and summiting Kala Patthar (5,545m).

The expedition was run in conjunction with Streatham & Clapham High School (GDST) and Far Frontiers Expeditions and involved 16 young people and leaders.

The joint team were set the challenge by Paul and Keren Wheeler who run expeditions at both the 11th Croydon and the school.

The lead up to the expedition involved 18 months of fundraising, weekly fitness sessions and a training expedition in the Lake District. The majority of the group had all completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions so were well prepared for the physical challenge which awaited them.

During the 21 days the group not only had to deal with the physical demands of walking at altitude but also experienced a culture different to their own. The group walked up to 8 hours each day and accommodation was in Sherpa huts at various villages along the route. This gave everyone a chance to recover each night and socialise with our very dedicated Sherpa team.


The trek began with a 35 minute flight to the very small airport at Lukla, which features a runway on a hill! From here we took nine days to reach Everest Base Camp which included two rest days to allow everyone to acclimatise correctly to the altitude. The return journey took another four days and finished back at Lukla. In total the team walked approximately 92km (57 miles).

The team were also planning to spend some time working with children at a small charity based in Kathmandu. However, due to bad weather in Lukla our flight was delayed for over 24 hours and we had to forward all our gifts onto the charity via our in-country agent.

The final couple of days were spent in the Chitwan National Park on an Elephant back safari.



Base Camp photo (from left to right): Paul Wheeler, Mark Langford, Ross Kendall, Wendy Langford, Chris Piper, Elliot George.

To find out more about our journey visit www.11thcroydonbb.org.uk or read the full article in the current OnLooker 

NEW ADDRESS

No, we haven't moved again, but on a recent visit to Felden Lodge I was handed a number of items of post sent to the London Office at Felden. These had been posted during October and November, well after the move, and were all from Company Captains or Battalion officers.

Please ensure that all items for the District Office are sent to the correct address, which is on the back of this Newsletter.

Thanks

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A Commissioning service for Jan Longhurst as Community Worker, Chesham Methodist Church



On Saturday 27th November, Jan was officially inducted to the post of Community Worker at Chesham Methodist Church. It was an inspirational service lead by the minister, Revd David Jebb, and most of the hymns were chosen by Jan. She was welcomed by many local workers and dignitaries. The picture above shows Jan with the Mayor of Chesham , Ms Jane Bramwell

Let us continue to remember Jan and Chris in our prayers and keep in touch with them.

You can email Jan on church2community@hotmail.com

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