Winter 2020



# **Stedfast News**

The Newsletter for former Members, Serving Officers, Associates and Friends of The Boys' Brigade in Brighton Hove and District

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To further the Object of The Boys' Brigade and to foster the spirit of Comradeship between past and present Members of the Brigade and to render Service to Others

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The advancement of Christ's
Kingdom among Boys and the
Promotion of Habits of
Obedience, Reverence,
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all that tends towards a true
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## **Armistice day Wednesday 11 November 2020**



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## **Stedfast News**

## Dear Stedfast Members,

Please accept my very best wishes for Christmas and for the New Year in the Sure and Stedfast knowledge that our God will never leave us nor forsake us. So many problems, so many difficulties, but so many opportunities to advance The Kingdom.

All around the world B.B. Companies are on the surface in limbo but underneath the staff are encouraging and supporting their Boys in this time of pandemonium.

What about you? How are you bearing up in these dangerous times? It is a time of great contrasts in peoples lives. Some in the key services are stretched to their limits in serving and helping



others. Some are bored with having so little to do. Some are grateful for the opportunity to do what they please and others have lost their work and are fearful of not being employed in the future.

One of the greatest Christians of all times and a very special hero of mine was Sadhu Sunda Singh or "The Sadhu" as he is popularly called. Born in India in1889 he used the most wonderfully simple parables and stories that exactly illustrated the point that he was led to make.

To those struggling with too much to do and too many responsibilities Matthew writes in chapter 16 "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake shall find it".

The Sadhu says "Crossing the Himalayas in a heavy snowstorm I was joined by a man who was afraid of going alone. The cold was so intense that we had already despaired of reaching our destination alive, when we saw a man who had slipped down a slope of snow some thirty feet below the path, lying there unconscious. I asked my companion to help me carry the man to the village. He replied that I was a fool to try to help another and he left and hurried on ahead. I went down the bank and just managed to get the man on my shoulders and struggled slowly along with him. Some distance farther on I saw my former companion sitting by the wayside. I called, but there was no answer-- he was frozen dead. Meanwhile I had become thoroughly warmed by my exertions and, as a result of the friction between our bodies, the man I was carrying also gradually became warmer and came to: We both arrived at the village alive and full of thankfulness."

Go the extra mile this Winter and give all the thanks to our Great Captain.

With Stedfast Greetings,

Peter Ford Stedfast Association President

### **Editorial - Winter 2020**

Christmas Greetings to each and everyone of you but let us remember the meaning of this time. Enjoying the Celebration of the Birth of Our Saviour The Lord Jesus Christ.

For everyone it will not be like any other Christmas that we have known previously.

This dreaded virus has seen to that, I do hope that you will have as enjoyable time as you are able.

There is little to report elsewhere on activities during the Summer, at least the weather was lovely and meant that we were able to enjoy some outdoor life after the shutdown.

Our Secretary has given an update on the future of the plans of Our Association, dependant on current restrictions, and we move into the New Year with some hope and are encouraged by the work of Scientists around the World in their efforts to find a vaccine to give some protection from the virus.

I send to all of you my personal greetings for whatever the future holds, endeavour to stay safe and hopefully well.

May You Have A Happy New Year.

God's Blessing to You All,

**Dick** 

## The next Newsletter will be Spring 2021

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#### IN MEMORIAM

We have to sadly report the following members, who have been called to higher service since our last reunion.

#### MEMBERS PASSED TO HIGHER SERVICE OR NOTIFIED TO US IN 2020

Name	Company	Date	
Keith Jarred	14 <sup>th</sup> Brighton	19 March 2018	
Ron Wood	4 <sup>th</sup> Brighton (Hove)	7 September 2019	
John Neve	14 <sup>th</sup> Brighton	November 2019	
Alan Pratt	22nd Brighton Hove	7 January 2020	
Paul Hern	Stedfast band	3 February 2020	
Mike Dale	10 <sup>th</sup> Brighton (Hove)	16 February 2020	
Peter Scott	16 <sup>th</sup> Brighton	23 March 2020	
Dennis Finch	5 <sup>th</sup> Croydon Co	14 July 2020	
David (Dave) West	1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Brighton (Hove)	3 May 2020	
Jack Jay	4 <sup>th</sup> Brighton (Hove)	September 2020	
Paul Hearne	30 <sup>th</sup> Brighton	21 October 2020	
John Thomsett	5 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> Brighton,	earlier this year	

#### Re: Peter Scott

#### Dear Alan

I will endeavour to provide a little more about Peter's time with the 16th. He was an NCO and represented the Company in the football team, and swimming team. Glynde Camp each August was a highlight for all the boys including Peter.

I was privileged to attend Peter's funeral yesterday [on 13 May 2020], where his grandsons described how being a member of the BB, had had a lifelong influence on Peter. He was loved and admired by everyone who knew him, and in different circumstances, would have had many folk who would have said their last goodbyes at the funeral, including many of his ex-BB friends, instead of just the twelve mourners allowed.

Yours sincerely John Harris

#### Re Paul Hearne

#### Dear Alan.

It is with much sadness that I have report the passing of my Brother, Paul Hearne, on 21st Oct.2020, aged 77. Paul collapsed, mid-morning, in Shoreham High Street and despite gallant efforts to revive him, by members of the public and Ambulance Paramedics, he sadly died at the scene.

Paul had been a popular, larger than life character, serving with the 30th Brighton company, rising to the rank of Sergeant and was a proud holder of The Queens Badge. After The BB, Paul played Football and Cricket for the BBOBs, He was also a familiar face at many Glynde camps, helping out, whenever he could. Paul became a valued member of Steadfast, over the years. He has played in The Band, as well as serving on the Committee. He has also been present at most, if not all of our reunions.

Paul leaves a Wife, Monica, a Brother and Sister, as well as many good friends and a lot of fond memories. I would appreciate it if, you could share the sad news with our fellow members, in the next edition of Stedfast.

Many thanks Alan. Kind regards Adrian Hearne.

We send our deepest sympathy to their Family and Friends. May they Rest In Peace.

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### Dear Friends,

I well remember the Methodist Conference of 1995! It took place in Bristol, and as I was the Bristol District Synod Secretary, I automatically became the Conference Arrangements Secretary! Terrifying! However, I was part of a particularly good team and the Conference went very smoothly. One of the presentations to the 1995 Conference was entitled '20—20 Vision'. It came from the young people of the Methodist Church and was a kind of manifesto, setting out hopes that young people had for the church that they longed to see fulfilled by 2020. At that time 2020 seemed a long way off, and there looked to be plenty of time to make these young people's hopes a reality. None of the representatives to the Conference of 1995 could ever have imagined that the high hopes they had for 2020 would have been dashed on the rocks of a global pandemic!

We are presently wrestling with our hopes and fears for the church in the 2020 we are currently experiencing. Since the first lockdown we have been grappling with new technologies, creating Zoom and online services, doing our best to keep in touch with one another— I am spending a fortune on postage stamps to send worship resources to members of my congregations who do not have internet access! Then came the end of the first lockdown, and once again we were able to meet for worship, albeit in very different circumstances. And then a second lockdown—back to Zoom! Now that second lockdown is coming to an end, and the prospect of physically meeting for worship in Advent and over Christmas is looking more hopeful, although we are still not quite sure whether there will be any be any new constraints. However, we are trying to be positive!

The Advent season is, of course all about hope. It's about watching and waiting, remembering the prophets of ancient Israel who, often in bleak and uncertain times, looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah looked forward to the righteous reign of the coming King with words that still speak powerfully to us: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined ... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' For Christians, those words were, of course, fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas 2020 is certainly going to be different! For some of us it is going to be hard because the plans we had hoped would come to fruition won't now do so, or at least, won't do so in the ways we had envisaged. Many of the 'traditions' that we like to keep in our homes and in our churches will have to take a back seat this year. However, not all the pandemics in the world can extinguish the Light of the world! Our hope is based on the One who came long ago in Bethlehem, and who is alongside us still. We cannot be sure what shape his church will take in 2021, but we can be sure that the light that shone from the stable in Bethlehem will continue to shine upon us and through us to illuminate our world. May we find comfort, strength, and challenge as we seek to be bearers of that Light!

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## **Stedfast News**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dear Friends, I hope that you are all managing to keep well and virus free. During these uncertain times that we are going through we must try and help and support our family and friends as much as possible by doing as we are asked to help control this terrible virus. We must wash our hands, cover our faces and make sure that we keep a safe distance from other people when we are out and about.

I think that the camp motto of TOTOF (Think of the other fellow) is appropriate at this time. I would like to change it very slightly to TOTOP (Think of the other person), help out our family, friends and neighbours as much as possible so as to help each other to get through these very difficult, stressful and uncertain times. Let's hope that things will be back to some form of normality very soon so that we can celebrate Christmas with our families.

As the Committee are unable to meet, we are still keeping in touch and our Secretary Alan Caperon is working hard to keep the Association ticking over during this time. It will not be possible to hold our annual reunion in January, so will have to move to later next year, we will keep you posted on this.

It is with sadness that I have to report the passing of one of our members, Paul Hearne, Ex 30th Brighton and Ex Stedfast Association Committee member. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very sad time.

May I wish you all a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas and the very best for 2021.

### **Ray Eaves**

Stedfast Committee Chairman.

### The London Stedfast Association

You will have seen that we have extended an invitation to Former Members of the London Stedfast

Association Members to join us following the demise of their group.

I received a letter from John Young their President which outlines the reasons for the very sad situation that has arisen, and meant the Association in London should close. Probably the Covid 19 virus was the last straw with most members over 70 and advised to stay in doors at lockdown. This would have meant a very low turnout at the AGM. The situation was discussed at the last AGM and the numbers of members attending the AGM had fallen and they were finding it very difficult to continue with the Onlooker, their Magazine, if there was no Magazine then fees were being paid without a News Bulletin on activities etc and that meant an Annual Subscription was not viable. Obviously the dwindling numbers of Members meant that there would be financial implications. It was decided at that meeting unless things changed substantially the association would close. That has now occurred. We are very sorry to see the loss of the London Association and welcome them to join us should they so wish.

#### SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORT

## "Reunion in January 2021 postponed"

It was with much regret that your Committee has decided to postpone the January 2021 Reunion since the Government restrictions are likely to still be in place but please note it is "postponed" not cancelled which means it "WILL" take place just as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Committee's current intention is to update you on the Reunion 2021 arrangements in the Spring 2021 newsletter which will be available prior to Easter next year which takes place on 2 April 2021.

We hope to be joined at the Reunion 2021 by some new friends previously members of London Stedfast Association.

#### **Membership**

I would like to say a special thank you to the 114 members who paid membership subscriptions in 2020 which exceeded £1,500. I would also like to thank the many members that made additional donations which we will ensure is put to good use in 2021.

Please keep your email addresses up to date when you return your 2021 membership forms since some of you changed your email address during 2020 and this meant sending you newsletters by post. We are keen to reduce newsletter costs by sending fewer by post to save in printing, postage and envelopes.

We always welcome new members and we have already had enquiries from some members of the London Stedfast Association who have intimated their intentions to join our ranks in 2021.

We currently have members that live locally as well as around the UK. Whilst certain members are unable to attend our Reunion due to distance, I know you enjoy reading the newsletters and keeping in touch with us.

For those of you joining as members in 2021 and a reminder to our existing membership, we have a Stedfast Association Reunion every year which gives you the opportunity to meet with us to share our Reunion service, followed by tea, food and refreshments. We hope you will join us in BB fellowship next year. We also have a Founder's dinner in October and send out 3 newsletters every year in the Spring, Summer and Winter. We look forward to sharing our BB memories with you in our newsletters and if you are able to join us, also at the Reunion. We know you will enjoy the comradeship we all have in the Stedfast Association and reminiscing about our time in The Boys' Brigade.

Please remember to complete your 2021 membership form as soon as possible so that we have all your up to date details for the year ahead so you can be invited to the Reunion 2021. If you are still in contact with a BB colleague who you don't think is on our database, please pass to them our details for the Stedfast Association and urge them to contact me.

#### Accounts

The 2020 Stedfast Association accounts will be sent to you in the Spring Newsletter so you have time to study them before the 2021 AGM. The approved accounts, as examined by our independent accountant, will be presented to members at the AGM for your approval.

I hope you have a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Yours Stedfastly Alan Caperon, Secretary and Treasurer

## Prayer in a time of Corona-virus

The Boys' Brigade is one big family and it stretches to every corner of the world. So when one part of the family suffers we all feel the pain. - Leslie Griffiths.

The following prayer is from the **Christian Aid** web site and is a pertinent reminder that our sometime small world of lock-down is shared and endured by the whole world.

#### Love never fails

Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope.

Love compels us to fight against corona-virus alongside our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far.

Love compels us to give and act as one.

Now, it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before.

As we pray in our individual homes – around the nation and around the world – we are united as one family.

So, let us pause and find a moment of peace, as we lift up our hearts together in prayer.

We pray also for our stedfast members that they continue to stay safe and well, Amen

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#### Your Stedfast Association Band

Do you remember the last Brigade Council that our Battalion hosted?

Well, if you do, you may remember our Battalion, sadly, we were unable to provide any bands to take part in the numerous parades. Fortunately, we were assisted greatly by the London District, who came to our rescue. However, this did not go down very well with many of our Old Boys locally. So, the late Derek Ford and the late Mick Baker decided our Battalion should not be in this position again, so they decided to reform the Old Boys bugle band, as it's previous incarnation, back at the Centenary which went down so well.

Initially, they decided that it would be by invitation only, so I was delighted to receive an invite to sign up from Derek. The initial practice was for drummers only, which was followed up by a full practice including buglers.

I recall a couple of our early outings, one being Bonfire night parade in Storrington and the Henfield carnival, both were successful. Shortly after this Derek was in contact with David Kemp of the London Stedfast, who had already introduced a Stedfast Bugle band for their own members, and he was arranging a formation of a National Stedfast Sound bugle band, which was held at Felden Lodge. This was also a great success. Since then we have gone from strength to strength and we have continued to practice together ever since.

Some of our early National outings included the playing at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, The London Marathon, The Lord Mayor's Show, Brigade Council in Dublin, Edinburgh, Trips to Ypres, and Guernsey. These are just a few that we have undertaken over the years.

Sadly, David Kemp was forced to stand down owing to health issues, also the sad loss of many key members, including our own Derek Ford. David handed over to the late Paul Hem of Malvern, who has since been succeeded by Roy Meadows of Newport, Gwent.

Our membership now comes from all over the UK and abroad, with one of our members, regularly travels from Germany to take part. Our repertoire, over the years has included both old and new marches.

The main focal point of the band has now shifted away from the home counties, as we have suffered the loss of numerous members who ceased to participate, many have now been called to higher service. Our own band is very short of members, as is London Stedfast, but together we can still put out a band, albeit smaller than in the past. More recently we played at the Worthing Carnival in August 2018 and August 2019.

Last year Mick Baker passed to higher service. I knew Mick very well, as we were both members of the 13th Brighton Company. Mick was about three years my junior. He was our Solo drummer to my solo bugling. My late father was our Bandmaster and Officer and it was my dad who introduce Mick to a variety of Classical, Jazz and Big band music.

Mick inherited my Dad's collection as neither my late brother or I were interested in that type of music. According to my dad, both Roger and I were "Tone Deaf". Mick in my opinion was the best BB drummer to come out of Brighton that I know of. He was also a multi talented musician.

Regrettably this year I was informed of the passing to Higher Service of Paul Hearne, on 21st Oct.2020. Paul played a drum in the band for many years.

In summary, sadly, the current Covid situation has seriously impacted on our outings in 2020 and Practices, but fortunately, thanks to Zoom, some of us are still able to practice, thanks to modern technology. Hopefully, once things have eventually stabilized, then normal service can be resumed and we can once again get back to our group rehearsals, especially as we hope to return to Guernsey to take part in the 2021 Liberation celebrations. We did have a very successful trip there for the 2015 celebrations.

Finally, if there are any of you who are interested in joining us, please let me know.

#### **Paul Simmons**







The above photos were taken at the Reunion and AGM in 2010



## The Bugles & Drums of the Stedfast Association RAF Biggin Hill Open Day Saturday 10 September 2011

Ron Lowe, Dave Norman, Brian White, Brian Hawkins, Malcolm Kendall, John Donoghue, Dave Hall, Paul Simmons; Brian Rutt; Bert Lowe; Bob Stiles

Paul Hearne, Dennis Hawkins, Louise Foster, Paul Hotton, Richard Hawes

Judy Stiles, Mike Ford, Carol Simmons, Noel Davis, Martin Wallis, Brian Parker, Ken Towner, Graham Batho, David Comber, Alan Hamer, Hazel Wallis, Kev Farrell, Alaine Hern



# The monument, we call 'The Cenotaph' takes its name from the Greek words meaning empty tomb.

# Armistice day 11 November 1920 and 2020

The photo on the left shows the unveiling of the cenotaph in London one hundred years ago, and below an image of the wreath laying ceremony this year.



## **Armistice day Wednesday 11 November 2020**





The Wreath was laid by Eric Kent.

## **Fond Memories of Glynde**

My first camp would have been 1959 as an 11 year old. I was put into a tent with some Boys who bullied me and by Sunday I was crying to Ted Benham to let me go Home on the Monday, which in those days was visitor's day. Ted had the solution. Move to another tent. I was much happier and stayed the rest of the week. This was to be the start of a 30 year love affair with Glynde. It could have been so different and I could have missed out on some wonderful friendships which I forged over the years.

In subsequent years we would pick our own tent mates and I would usually be with John Bishop, Alan Ollis and a few others of the 13th's football team. Our aim was to win the inter tent 5 side football, which we did on several occasions.

Sunday would be Treasure Hunt Day when the officers would disperse into the neighbourhood often in Fancy Dress or posing as a local ditch digger. It was a tough afternoon as the officers would be located at Glyndebourne, on Caburn and in the village. The team spotting the most and getting their signatures would be the winners. The officers would go to great lengths to confuse us, sometimes posing as courting couples or maybe dressed as a policeman or vicar.

Sunday night was always special as it was the Drumhead service. Many people not camping would travel over from Brighton just to attend. It was always very moving. This would be on either the parade Ground or on the sports field but if wet in the mess tent. The service would be conducted by The Rev. Brian Pickard who I had the honour of camping with as both a boy and an officer.

Monday was Visitors Day; it was also a Bank Holiday back then, when Mum's and Dad's would come over for the afternoon to see the camp and to give us some extra pocket money for the Canteen. I didn't let on to my Mum that I'd been unhappy and that Skip had sorted it out. That would be our little secret he said. Ted Benham is one of the greatest Christian men I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

The 13th always had a very strong contingent of both officers and boys at Camp and we would always have at least one tent in each of Arabs, Buffaloes, Cowboys and Diggers. Our officers, Ted Benham, Adrian Ball, Ian Sayers, Dave Goldsmith, Stan Simmonds and Les Norman would be frequent attenders. Harry Norman also attended as an Old Boy.

I learned to play that good old Sussex game of Stoolball at Glynde and later played for the Brighton Outlaws with Brian and Barry Griffin. It's a lovely game and I am surprised it has never found its way out of Kent and Sussex where it remains popular on the village greens.

If you loved sport as I have always done, Glynde was the place. We had the use of the BBOB's cricket pitch, we played Stoolball which I have already mentioned and in the 60's we had a full sized football pitch at the bottom of the field. This was later dropped because the grass was always about 6 inches long in spite of Ron Bliss trying to mow it. In subsequent years we had five a side pitches on the cricket field.

Grice Hockey, which is similar to Ice Hockey but played on grass, was also introduced and I loved it. When the SS Brighton Ice rink closed the game seemed to take off locally and pitches were marked out in lots of the local parks. As I had played for the local Brighton Panthers team I was able to showcase my skills at Glynde and pass on some moves to the Boys. Another very popular camp game was Volleyball.

There was also Swimming Parade. Every morning a few members of the band would march us down to the village to use the village swimming pool. This has been cleaned up over the years but I remember it when the water was green. It was fed with water from the diary and it was always freezing. The picture shows Dave Goldsmith, Myself and Dave Rowlands getting ready to brave the icy water.

I remember the daily tent pennant competition being fiercely competitive and in the early days it was always difficult to get your straw filled paliasse to look tidy as your kit was lined up outside of your tent for inspection.

My fondest memories are of the characters. 'Bumble' Griffin, Bill Bleach, Eric House aka Flying Officer Kite. Dennis Brooker would walk around in his pith helmet and Charlie Hitchens, who would just love to sit and talk to us boys. One day I was sitting by the cricket field with Charlie and happened to say 'didn't there used to be a big tree over there'. Charlie was amazed. He said that there was but it had been removed long before I was born. Charlie was a Teacher at Moulscoombe school. Sadly he had retired before I was a pupil there. I bet he would have been a great teacher as his love for boys shone through.

Behind the officers lines were a row of Elm trees, which like almost all of the Elms in Sussex, became diseased. As they became unsafe the layout of the camp had to be changed around with the officer's tents now at 90 degree to the boys instead of facing them across the parade ground.

Thursday night was the camp concert and each tent was expected to put forward an item. I hated it. I have never been in the least bit 'arty' and tried to avoid it if I could. The officers would always do a turn called 'Much Doing in Glynde Camp' to the tune of Much Binding in the Marsh. This was very topical, very well written and performed.

On one occasion, someone had the idea of having the piano rising up like Reg Dixon would do at the theatre so we put Ken Ford and his piano on two tables and we had him rising up from behind a curtain. There must have been 8 or 10 of us lifting Ken and the piano up for what was just a few seconds. I think Ken was really brave because I think we could have easily dropped him at any second.

Bumble ran the daily limerick competition. They had to be clean, topical and funny. A few of the boys were quite good at this and supplemented their pocket money with the sixpences that Bumble gave them if they were read out in the mess tent.

Towards the end of the week thoughts would drift toward the final few events toward the laurel crown, the winning of the tent pennant and striking camp on the Saturday. The Rear Party Officer, a role I performed on occasion would be checking the weather forecast for the Saturday and praying that it would be dry. It was essential that the tents dry thoroughly so first thing after reveille the order would go out to loop the brailing. Kit would be placed outside of the tents (or in the Mess tent if wet) to allow the tents to completely dry before packing up.

The striking of camp could take a few hours with the help of Officers and senior boys taking on key roles or several days if the weather wasn't so kind and we had to wait for the tents to dry.

The field at Glynde became very important to me. It was where I formed lifetime friendships and experienced the presence of the Lord. Those of us who have camped at Glynde will agree that it was special – as it was to me. After many years of camping there as Boy and Old Boy, helping out in the Cookhouse I was asked by Adrian Ball if I would like to become an officer in the 13th which I did.

In 1984 I moved from Brighton to Ringmer, where I lived for 27 years. I would pass the field on numerous occasions. One day I stopped and just walked in the field as you could until a few years ago. I was aware of someone behind me and turned round to see who it was. I was alone in the field but I felt a presence as so many men have done over the years. So many of us found the Lord at Glynde.

I hope you have enjoyed my trip down Memory Lane and it has stirred up a few memories for

you.

I attach a few photos;

1. David Goldsmith, Geoff Fitch

& Dave Rowlands at Glynde pool



2. Officers relaxing with a cup of tea.



3. The 13th Contingent – No fewer than 36 Boys, Officers & Staff

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**Geoff Fitch** 

13th Brighton BB Company

## **Reunion and Annual General Meeting**

Our Next Reunion
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN EASTER NEWSLETTER
at Southwick Methodist Church. Service starts 2.30pm Meeting from 2.00pm for enrolment.



If you are reading the Brighton Stedfast Association newsletter for the first time we hope that you have found it both interesting and informative. If you have any items that you think may be of interest to our members you can contact the Editor or secretary, (details inside this newsletter) or visit our web site;

http://brightonstedfast.org.uk/

**The Stedfast Association - Brighton** is an organisation for past members of The Boys' Brigade Brighton Hove & District Battalion. If you have been a boy or member of staff in any company past or present within our Battalion you are automatically a member. Past Members of The Boys' Brigade from all over the world are welcome to join our Association.

To register, contact our secretary:

Alan Caperon 72 Poulters Lane Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7SZ alan.caperon@hotmail.co.uk

To help with the association costs, we would suggest a donation of £10
Associate members now welcome
(cheques payable to the Stedfast Association)



## Membership Form for 2021

May we remind you that subscriptions are due, the present recommended subscription for members and associate members is £10-00 per year (more/less if you wish).

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