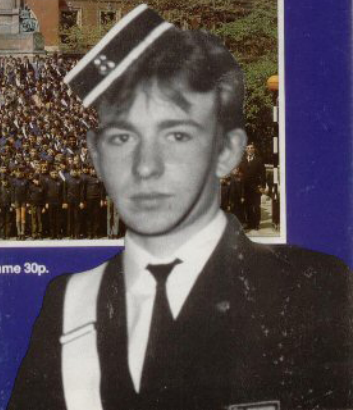




# The LONDON DISPLAY 1983



Programme 30p.





We interrupt this programme  
to bring you our very best wishes.





# The Boys' Brigade The LONDON DISPLAY Centenary Year 1983

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**MAY 12th, 13th & 14th**

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## LONDON DISTRICT

The London District comprises some 275 Companies in 25 Battalions with a total of approximately 13,000 Boys and Officers.

### Object:

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.

### Headquarters:

Brigade House, Parsons Green, SW6 4TH.

### President:

David M. Pickford, FRICS

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### London Secretary:

Richard Davies

### Field Officer:

Peter G. Bonnie

### Chairman, Display Committee:

Brian E. Green

## THE OPENING PARADE

### ASSEMBLY AT EACH PERFORMANCE

For those taking part see  
pages 8 & 9.

The Guard of Honour forms up to await the arrival of the London Colours and Guest of Honour accompanied by the London President.

*Officers, Warrant Officers & Staff-Sergeants only will Salute when the Colours are marched on and off, and for 'General Salute'.*

Inspection of Guard of Honour  
(Audience seated).

*National Anthem.*

The Opening and Closing Services will be conducted by the Chaplain (see page 3).

Prayer.

Hymn (See opposite).

The London Colours are 'marched off'.

Organist: Alan G. Crosskey,  
GRSM (London) LRAM

## HYMN

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

### Chorus:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:

And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

### Chorus

Great things He hath taught us: great things He hath done.

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

### Chorus

Sir William A. Smith.



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# The Boys' Brigade The LONDON DISPLAY Centenary Year 1983

*Queen's Men Guard of Honour.*

## GUESTS OF HONOUR

### THURSDAY, 12th May

**Cliff Richard**, Honorary Vice-President, The Boys' Brigade.

Chaplain: Rev. D. West, 80, Baptist Church, Bramley.



*The Thursday Performance will feature  
'A SALUTE TO OLD BOYS'*

Among our distinguished guests will be famous ex-members of the Brigade, including:

Sir Douglas Lovelock, KCB

Jimmy Hill, Esq.

Terry Neill, Esq.

Brian Talbot, Esq.

Also a former Brigade Secretary:

Maj. Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden, CBE



### FRIDAY, 13th May

**Rev. C. H. Jobson, QHC, MA,**

Honorary Chaplain to HM The Queen

Chaplain: The Right Rev. Bishop of Fulham

We are also honoured to welcome The Marquess of Reading, District Hon. Vice-President, and The Hon. W. L. Young, High Commissioner for New Zealand.



### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 14th May

**The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT,**  
Brigade President.

Chaplain: Rev. J. Pugh, United Reformed Church, Stowmarket.

We are privileged to have present Sir Colin Cole, KCVO, TD, FSA, who as Garter King of Arms will mark the registration of the BB emblem with Her Majesty's College of Arms with a presentation to The Boys' Brigade in England and Wales, which will be received on behalf of the Brigade in those countries by the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.

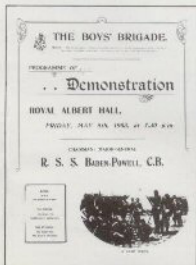


### SATURDAY EVENING, 14th May

**The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Anthony Jolliffe, GBE,** Honorary Vice-President, London District.

Chaplain: The Ven. Alan Webster, The Dean of St Pauls.

We are also honoured by the presence of Alderman and Sheriff Alan Trillie and Alderman and Sheriff Allan Davis.







# The Boys' Brigade The LONDON DISPLAY Centenary Year 1983

Programme for  
**THURSDAY/FRIDAY**  
12th & 13th May



## LONDON SALUTES THE



### 1883 A Man With A Vision

Hounslow & Richmond Battalion tell the story of 'How it all started'.

### 1890 Action from the beginning

Physical development was recognised as being important from early days. Waltham Forest Battalion show something of how our great grandfathers trained with an 'Old Tyme Gym Team'.

### 1900 We Have Started Something

Maj General Baden Powell was Chairman of the London Display in 1903. Four years later, with encouragement from Sir William Smith, the Scouts were founded. Enfield Battalion present their impression of 'The Brownsea Island Experiment'.

### 1910 To End Wars

Hillingdon Battalion reflects how the Brigade served its country in our hour of need and 'We salute them all'.

### 1920 Roaring Twenties

A decade when the world seemed full of energy. Bromley Battalion Junior Section use up their energy with 'Lads & Ladders'. Choose your favourite character and cheer them on. (Ladders supplied by R. B. Graves & Son, Bexleyheath.)

### 1930 Something To Celebrate

The Brigade is fifty years old. Lambeth & Southwark Battalion give us the flavour of the Jubilee year London Display by repeating a 'Musical Ride'.

## THE LONDON PRESIDENT

who will introduce the **GUEST OF HONOUR** (see page 3).

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag.

And smile, smile, smile;

While you've a lucifer to light your fag,

Smile, Boys, that's the style.

What's the use of worrying?

If never was worth while, so

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag.

And smile, smile, smile.

Abide with me,

Fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens,

Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail

And comforts flee;

Help of the helpless,

O abide with me.

# CENTENARY 1883-1983

## 1940 Fit For Heroes

Once more thousands of Brigade men are serving their country. Wandsworth Battalion recall an unforgettable occasion during the war years, when the King honoured the Brigade during its Diamond Jubilee session, as they remember 'Their proudest moment'.

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## 1950 'Long May She Reign Over Us ...'

Bromley Battalion recall the Coronation of our Patron.

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## 1960 On The Move

In a decade when so many things began to change, The Brigade decided to move its headquarters from Westminster to Parsons Green. Thurrock Battalion get in at the start of 'Jeux Sans Frontiers' or 'Abbey House goes West'.

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## 1970 Junior Section Matters

Havering & Brentwood Battalion puts its Junior Section through the whoop in 'Whoops Galore'.

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## 1980 The Future!

This time it's Havering & Brentwood Battalion Company Section right up to date as they investigate the workings of a computer and serve us up 'Chips with everything'.

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### Underneath The Banner

Underneath the banner  
Of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord! we ask Thy blessing  
On The Boys' Brigade;  
Thou art our Commander,  
And Thy soldiers, we,  
And in Christian warfare  
We would honour Thee.

#### Chorus:

Underneath the banner  
Of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord, we ask Thy blessing  
On The Boys' Brigade.

In each lowly service,  
As on drill parade,  
'Duty' be the watch word  
Of The Boys' Brigade;  
Make us ever loyal,  
Small or great the foe;  
Lead us, 'Saviour! lead us,  
Everywhere we go.

We will fight for laurels  
That will never fade;  
For the Holy City  
March The Boys' Brigade;  
What we find unholy  
In our daily life,  
We will try to conquer —  
Help us in the strife.

## FINALE — Throughout The World

London District pays tribute to The Boys' Brigade — started in 1883 and one hundred years later still seeking to 'Advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys ...' in 60 countries throughout the world. Boys from Barnet, Harrow & Brent, Hendon, Islington and E. London, Lewisham, South Bucks & East Berks, Redbridge, Thameside and Westminster Battalions and the London Bugle Band Soloists, plus other members of the cast, take part in the Finale.

On the Thursday performance only 'we salute our Old Boys' as we invite any ex-members to unite with the Boys in the arena.

We all join with the final refrain of the Anchor Song, sung by Steven Wakeford, 3rd Enfield Company.

'Sure and Steadfast' — The Brigade Boy's motto clear;  
That's our watch-word when trouble and trials are near.  
'Sure and Steadfast' to the flag that flies above,  
In all that we do we'll try to be true to the Anchor that we love.

At the close of the item the Chaplain will conduct the Epilogue.  
Prayer

Hymn: Underneath the Banner

Benediction



# The Boys' Brigade The LONDON DISPLAY Centenary Year 1983

## TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S DISPLAY

### Friday Night — QUEEN'S MEN GUARD OF HONOUR

Rank	Name	Company
S/Sgt	Mark Bond	1st Farnham
Ser/Sgt	Phillip Miles	1st Farnham
Sgt	Keith Hicks	3rd Bromley
Sgt	Alan Mercer	3rd Bromley
Sgt	Rajesh Patel	182nd London
Sr/Sgt	John Powell	1st Walsley
Sgt	Robert Burnage	14th Kingston & Merton
Cpl	Gary Bell	14th Kingston & Merton
Cpl	Stephen May	46th London
S/Sgt	Robert Lewis	2nd North Surrey
Sr/Sgt	Andrew White	5th North Surrey
Ser/Sgt	Nicholas Hill	5th North Surrey
Ser/Sgt	Anthony Kemp	5th North Surrey
Sgt	Timothy Clackson	5th Mid Surrey
Sgt	Simon Smith	5th Mid Surrey
Sgt	Keith Waters	5th Mid Surrey
L/Cpl	Alfie Purvis	12th Thameside
Pte	Lee Blain	12th Thameside
S/Sgt	Malcolm Davies	2nd Grays
Sr/Sgt	Colin Wallis	2nd Grays
Sr/Sgt	Michael Mayes	2nd Grays
Sgt	Laurence Mumford	26th Waltham Forest
Sgt	Glenn Wheeler	26th Waltham Forest
L/Cpl	Alan Wards	37th London
Pte	David Boyer	37th London
Pte	Warren Blake	37th London

## THE OPENING PARADE

### DUTY BAND

Central Band of The London District  
(Drawn from 20 London Companies)  
London District Fanfare Trumpeters  
Members from:  
14th Bromley, 35th London,  
1st & 16th Redbridge,  
2nd Waltham Forest.

### GUARD OF HONOUR

#### THURSDAY/FRIDAY:

Company Section & Senior Members  
drawn from Bromley Battalion.

#### SATURDAY:

Company Section & Senior Members  
drawn from West Kent Battalion.

### GUARD OF QUEEN'S MEN

FRIDAY only (see below)

### JUNIOR SECTION REPRESENTATION

#### THURSDAY/FRIDAY:

Havering & Brentwood Battalion

#### SATURDAY:

Sutton & District Battalion

### COLOUR PARTY

2nd West Kent Company, holders of  
the Daily Telegraph Drill Shield (1982)

### ARENA ORDERLIES

37th London Company (Trinity Road  
Baptist, Tooting) for the 64th year.

### First Aid Teams on duty

#### THURSDAY:

2nd Enfield Company

#### FRIDAY:

11th Waltham Forest Company

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

4th Ealing Company

### SATURDAY EVENING

15th London Company

Cpl	Carl Hamer	2nd West Kent
Cpl	Mervyn Fernandez	2nd West Kent
Sgt	S. Vear	2nd West Kent
Sgt	P. Reeve	2nd West Kent
Cpl	B. Edwards	2nd West Kent
Sgt	Michael Conie	14th West Kent
Cpl	Graham Cleaves	14th West Kent
Cpl	Alan Luffman	14th West Kent
Cpl	Richard Woodcock	14th West Kent
Sgt	Stephen Perfect	18th West Kent
Sgt	Andrew White	18th West Kent
Sr/Sgt	Andrew Sanger	4th Bromley
Sgt	Paul Winter	5th Ealing
Sgt	Roslin Webb	4th Ealing
Sgt	Ian Green	4th Ealing
Sr/Sgt	Andrew McLean	2nd Reigate
Sr/Sgt	Andrew Seal	2nd Reigate
Sr/Sgt	Paul Ives	7th Hounslow
Sr/Sgt	David Billing	7th Hounslow
Sr/Sgt	Fitzroy Nash	181st London
Sr/Sgt	Mark Palmer	181st London
Sgt	David Chambers	7th North Surrey
Sr/Sgt	Jonathan King	6th Waltham Forest
Cpl	Paul Wilcock	10th Sutton
Sgt	Brendan O'Callaghan	10th Hounslow
Sgt	Peter Hogan	10th Hounslow

### THURSDAY-FRIDAY

### A MAN WITH A VISION

#### HOUNSLOW & RICHMOND BATTALIONS

1st Farnham	— Farnham Methodist Church
2nd Farnham	— Christchurch URM Methodist Church
4th Cranford	— Cranford Baptist Church
5th Hounslow	— Chipwick Mission
7th Hounslow	— Emmanuel Baptist Church
8th Hounslow	— All Saints Heston
10th Hounslow	— St Luke's Mission
12th Hounslow	— Madwell Park Evangelical
1st Richmond	— upon Thames — Whiston Baptist

### ACTION FROM THE BEGINNING (also Saturday)

#### WALTHAM FOREST BATTALION

5th Waltham Forest	— Leytonstone Methodist
14th Waltham Forest	— Cann Hall Rd, Baptist
17th Waltham Forest	— Higham Park Baptist
21st Waltham Forest	— South Chingford Methodist
25th Waltham Forest	— Higham Hill Baptist
28th Waltham Forest	— South Chingford Congregational

### WE HAVE STARTED SOMETHING ENFIELD BATTALION

1st Enfield	— Lancaster Rd UR Church
2nd Enfield	— Bush Hill Park UR Church
3rd Enfield	— Christ Church UR Church
4th Enfield	— Edmonton UR Church
7th Enfield	— Edmonton Baptist
10th Enfield	— Windchore Hill Baptist
11th Enfield	— Totteridge Road Baptist
12th Enfield	— Ponders End UR Church
15th Enfield	— Oakwood Park Baptist
16th Enfield	— St John's Methodist
1st Hoddeston	— Hoddeston Methodist
1st Wormley	— Cong. (Countess of Huntingdon)

### TO END WARS

#### HILLINGDON BATTALION

1st Hillingdon	— North Hillingdon Methodist Church Long Lane
4th Hillingdon	— Hayes End Methodist Church
1st Sipson	— Sipson Baptist Church
1st Yiewsley	— Yiewsley Baptist Church
2nd Ruislip	— South Ruislip Methodist, Queens Walk
1st Uxbridge	— Christ Church (Meth. & UR)

### ROARING TWENTIES

#### BROMLEY BATTALION JUNIOR SECTION

3rd Bromley	— Orpington Baptist Church
4th Bromley	— Hextable Methodist Church
5th Bromley	— Elmstead Baptist Church
6th Bromley	— Bromley Baptist Church
10th Bromley	— Footscray Baptist Church
12th Bromley	— Christ Church Sidcup
13th Bromley	— St Mary Cray UR Church
14th Bromley	— Southborough Park Baptist
17th Bromley	— Vine Baptist, Sevenoaks
20th Bromley	— St Paul's Cray UR Church
22nd Bromley	— St Mary The Virgin, Hayes

### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

#### LAMBETH & SOUTHWARK BATTALION

4th London	— Centenary Memorial Hill
15th London	— St Barnabas Dulwich
31st London	— Rotherhithe Free Church
35th London	— Honor Oak Baptist
36th London	— New Park Tabernacle
64th London	— South London Tabernacle
155th London	— Peckham Rye Tabernacle





#### LONG MAY SHE REIGN OVER US BROMLEY BATTALION

1st Bromley — Sevenoaks UR Church  
3rd Bromley — Orpington Baptist Church  
4th Bromley — Hextable Methodist Church  
5th Bromley — Elmstead Baptist Church  
7th Bromley — Ramsden Church of Unity  
8th Bromley — Bromley Baptist  
12th Bromley — Christ Church — Sidcup  
13th Bromley — St Mary Cray UR Church  
14th Bromley — Southborough Pk Baptist  
17th Bromley — Vine Baptist Sevenoaks  
18th Bromley — Convey Hall Baptist  
20th Bromley — St Paul's Cray UR Church

#### ON THE MOVE

##### THURROCK BATTALION

1st Grays — Lodge Lane Methodist  
2nd Grays — River View Methodist  
4th Grays — Baptist Tabernacle  
1st South Ockendon — Christ Church  
Congregational

#### JUNIOR SECTION BATTALION

##### HAVERING & BRENTWOOD BATTALION

2nd Romford — Romford Baptist Church  
10th Romford — Baptist Church Chase  
Cross  
2nd Hutton — Hutton Free Church  
1st Uxminster — Uxminster Baptist Church

#### THE FUTURE

##### HAVERING & BRENTWOOD BATTALION

1st Cranham — Cranham Baptist  
2nd Romford — Romford Baptist Church

#### FINALE (also Saturdays)

##### THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Bugle Band — Soloists from the London  
Bugle Band. Banners carried by Boys from  
Barnet Bat., Harrow & Brent Bat., Hendon  
Bat., Islington & East London Bat., Lewisham  
Bat., Redbridge Bat., S. Bucks & E. Berks Bat.,  
Thameside Bat., Westminster & Dist. Bat.



#### SATURDAY

##### A MAN WITH A VISION

##### CROYDON BATTALION

1st Croydon — Baptist Church Boston Road  
3rd Croydon — Baptist Church South  
Norwood  
5th Croydon — Downview Methodist  
6th Croydon — Parchmore Road Methodist  
12th Croydon — LCM Hall, South Norwood  
14th Croydon — West Wickham & Shirley  
Baptist

17th Croydon — New Addington Baptist  
1st Woodman  
stone — Woodmanstone Baptist  
Edinburgh Battalion



#### 1st DAILY TELEGRAPH COMPETITION

##### WEST KENT BATTALION

2nd West Kent — St John's Blackheath  
14th West Kent — Christ Church Bexleyheath  
18th West Kent — Northumberland Heath  
Baptist Church  
22nd West Kent — Eltham Park Methodist  
Church  
29th West Kent — Queen St Baptist Church,  
Erith

#### THE DARK ERA

##### SUTTON & DISTRICT BATTALION

3rd Sutton — Cheam Baptist  
4th Sutton — Sutton Baptist  
5th Mid Surrey — Epsom UR Church  
7th Sutton — Wavellington Methodist  
9th Mid Surrey — Ruxley Methodist  
10th Sutton — Christ Church Methodist  
11th Sutton — Stanley Park Evangelical  
12th Mid Surrey — Stoneleigh Baptist  
16th Sutton — North Cheam Methodist  
18th Sutton — Worcester Park Baptist  
22nd Sutton — Crown Road Baptist  
2nd Reigate — St Paul's UR Cheam  
1st Mersham — Mersham Baptist

#### ROARING TWENTIES

##### SUTTON & DISTRICT BATTALION

##### JUNIOR SECTION

3rd Sutton — Cheam Baptist  
4th Sutton — Sutton Baptist  
6th Sutton — Cansham Baptist  
7th Sutton — Wavellington Baptist  
9th Mid Surrey — Ruxley Methodist  
10th Sutton — Christ Church Methodist  
11th Sutton — Stanley Park Evangelical  
12th Mid Surrey — Stoneleigh Baptist  
16th Sutton — North Cheam Methodist  
17th Mid Surrey — St George's Ashted  
18th Sutton — Worcester Park Baptist  
22nd Sutton — Crown Road Baptist  
2nd Reigate — Tollgate Evangelical  
1st Reigate — St Paul's UR Church  
1st Mersham — Mersham Baptist

#### JUBILEE

##### NORTH SURREY BATTALION

1st North Surrey — Staines Congregational  
2nd North Surrey — Addlestone Baptist  
Church  
4th North Surrey — Sunbury Methodist  
Church

5th North Surrey — Heather Vale Baptist

6th North Surrey — Lateham Methodist

Church

7th North Surrey — Ashford Com. Methodist

8th North Surrey — Ashford Baptist

#### FIT FOR HEROES (also Thursday/Friday)

##### WANDSWORTH BATTALION

14th London — Earlsfield Baptist  
28th London — Tooting Mitcham Rd., URC  
37th London — Trinity Road Baptist  
73rd London — Longley Road Baptist  
74th London — Lavender Hill Cong.  
88th London — Balham Baptist  
92nd London — St Andrew's Streatham  
118th London — Northcote Road Baptist

#### GLORIOUS SUMMERS

##### KINGSTON & MERTON BATTALION

1st Kingston & Merton — New Malden  
Baptist  
3rd Kingston & Merton — Hampton Wick  
Baptist  
4th Kingston & Merton — Merton Park  
Baptist  
5th Kingston & Merton — New Malden UR  
Church  
9th Kingston & Merton — Edon St UR  
Church  
11th Kingston & Merton — Morden Park  
Baptist  
12th Kingston & Merton — Mitcham  
13th Kingston & Merton — Pollards Hill  
Baptist  
14th Kingston & Merton — Burayn Baptist  
17th Kingston & Merton — Oaklands Baptist  
Sutton  
18th Kingston & Merton — Farm Road  
Mission

#### ON THE MOVE

##### HARINGEY BATTALION

3rd Haringey — Miller Memorial Methodist  
5th Haringey — Stroud Green Baptist  
12th Haringey — Holy Trinity Parish Church  
14th Haringey — Muswell Hill Methodist  
41st London — Willoughby Rd Methodist  
133rd London — St Ann's Church, N15  
182nd London — Pembroke Rd Methodist

#### NEW TUNES

##### WEST KENT BATTALION JUNIOR SECTIONS

2nd West Kent — St John's Blackheath  
4th West Kent — People's Hall Plumstead  
5th West Kent — St John with St James  
Bexley

6th West Kent — Baldry's Baptist Church  
12th West Kent — Woolwich Baptist Church  
14th West Kent — Christ Church  
Bexleyheath

16th West Kent — Welling Baptist Church  
17th West Kent — Christ Church Dartford  
18th West Kent — Northumberland Heath  
Baptist

22nd West Kent — Eltham Park Methodist  
Church  
28th West Kent — Eltham Park Baptist  
Church

29th West Kent — Queen St Baptist Church  
Erith

#### ROYAL CHARTER FOR ADVENTURE

##### EALING BATTALION

2nd Acton — Acton Baptist  
3rd Ealing — Holy Cross, Greenwood  
4th Ealing — St Paul's Church Northfields  
5th Ealing — Oldfield Baptist, Greenford  
7th Ealing — King's Hall Methodist  
8th Ealing — Southall Baptist Church  
9th Ealing — Greenford Baptist Church  
10th Ealing — Kingsdown Methodist

# LONDON SALUTES THE

## 1883 A Man With A Vision

Croydon Battalion tells the story of 'How it all started'. The item reflects the Scottish roots of the Brigade as the pipe band of the 5th Croydon is joined by the pipe band of the Edinburgh Battalion.

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## 1890 Action From The Beginning

Physical development was recognised as being important from early days. Waltham Forest Battalion show something of how our great-grandfathers trained with an 'Old Tyme Gym Team'.

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## 1900 1st Daily Telegraph Competition

West Kent Battalion with a strong tradition of Drill expertise give us some idea of what Drill must have been like in the '1st Daily Telegraph Competition'.

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## 1910 The Dark Era

From Sutton & District Battalion — a tribute to the Boys and Men of the Brigade who served the Brigade and their country as dark clouds rolled over Europe.

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## 1920 Roaring Twenties

Non-stop energy is what must have been needed in the 1920s and Sutton & District Battalion Junior Sections re-run an item from the London Display of the 1920s as they present 'Dancing Pierrots'.

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## 1930 Jubilee

The Boys' Brigade celebrates 50 years of work, and from North Surrey Battalion comes 'Echoes of 1933'.

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## THE LONDON PRESIDENT

who will introduce **THE GUEST OF HONOUR** (see page 3).

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## 1940 Fit For Heroes

Once more thousands of Brigade men are serving their country. Wandsworth Battalion recall an unforgettable occasion during the war years, when the King honoured the Brigade during its Diamond Jubilee session, as they remember 'Their proudest moment'.

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## 1950 Glorious Summers

Did the sun always shine then? With Kingston & Merton Battalion we follow the adventures of a BB Boy through three momentous years at the start of the 1950s with 'Sgt Simkins Summer Sorties'.

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# CENTENARY 1883-1983

## 1960 On The Move

In a decade when so many things began to change, the Brigade decided to move its headquarters from Westminster to Parsons Green. Teams from Haringey travel the Underground and 'Take a ticket to ride': choose a team and cheer them on.

## 1970 New Tunes

West Kent Battalion Junior Sections remind us of the story and tunes from 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'.

## 1980 Royal Charter For Adventure

Ealing Battalion show how, after 25 years, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is still a great encouragement for young people.



## The Boys' Brigade

# The LONDON DISPLAY Centenary Year 1983

Programme for  
**SATURDAY**  
14th May

### FINALE — Throughout The World

London District pays tribute to The Boys' Brigade, started in 1883 and one hundred years later still seeking to 'Advance Christ's Kingdom among Boys ...' in 60 countries throughout the world. Boys from nine London Battalion, soloists from the London Bugle Band and members of the cast, take part in the Finale.

The audience is invited to join with the Final refrain of the Anchor song; sung by Matthew Strange, 14th Croydon Company.

'Sure and Stedfast' — The Brigade Boys' motto clear;  
That's our watch-word when trouble and trials are near.  
'Sure and Stedfast' to the flag that flies above,  
In all that we do we'll try to be true to the Anchor that we love.

At the close of the item the Chaplain will conduct the Epilogue.

### PRAYER

HYMN: Underneath the banner (see page 5)

### BENEDICTION

# LONDON DISTRICT 1907-1983

The story of London District and the Display at the Royal Albert Hall are almost linked. In 1895 a full-time office was set up in London to assist in the administration of the fast growing movement which at that time still had its headquarters in Glasgow.

The London Council was formed in 1901, with 6 Battalions, totalling 112 Companies. The strength of the District was approximately 10% of the total in the UK, and this proportion has remained fairly static ever since.

The BB first appeared at the Royal Albert Hall in 1901, prior to this a Display had been held annually in the old St George's Hall. In 1903, the 'Chairman' (Guest of Honour was Major-General R.S.S. Baden-Powell, CB, who was to return again in 1908, with interesting subsequent developments!

Distinguished guests have graced the platform over the years. So many have identified themselves with the work of the Brigade. The Display has in fact reflected the work and development of the BB in London. In 1905 a new term entered the BB vocabulary — the *Daily Telegraph* — this has become synonymous with precision drill and general efficiency. The proprietors presented a magnificent shield which now is probably the best known trophy in the organisation. The first holders were the 3rd Enfield Company when the judge was a Captain in the Grenadier Guards.

Our founder was a regular visitor to the Display and in 1914 his visit was his last public appearance. A few days later he died during an important committee meeting at the London Headquarters, at Paternoster Row, a

few steps from St Paul's Cathedral. Members from all parts of the country gathered in that great building to pay tribute to Sir William Smith at a special service attended by some 4,000 Boys and Officers, only a week after the London Display.

The District has grown and developed, it is a great brotherhood of Boys and Officers loyally working for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. From the London Committee, to Battalion Councils and on to nearly 300 Companies the shared concern and effort of leaders and Boys is evident through the many activities and events held throughout Greater London. Competitions have played a major part in raising standards. Great events like the Band Festivals, London to Brighton walks, Trooping the Colour, Brigade Council, 'Star Show' at Crystal Palace, 'Top Squads' at Wembley, both latter events inspired and produced by John Edbrook, London's first Field Officer. These and many other events have been possible because of the devoted work of many Officers.

Names conjure up memories — names like Lewis, Peacock, Cave-Allan, Gamble, Coe, Milan, Saunders, Osborne, Wooderson, Adams, Cunningham and — many more — all of them outstanding, all of them serving their Lord by serving their Boys.

At the 1914 Display Bishop Taylor Smith used these words in his prayer — 'O God, bless the Founder; O God, bless the Lads'. — We can echo these words today and give thanks for so much work done throughout this great District.

G. H. W.



## The Boys' Brigade in London

The BB first came to London with the enrolment of the former 1st London Company at Pembroke Road Sunday School, Kilburn, on the 23rd November 1885.

On the 24th October 1887, by which time there were twelve Companies, the London Battalion was formed. During the Session 1881/82 the number of Companies in London grew from 36 to 70 and so the London Battalion was split into three, forming the North, South and West London Battalions from the 1st September 1892.

In 1913 when the Brigade was divided into large regional units the London

District came into being, which included Companies from the surrounding counties as well.

The London Council opened its first office at 34 Paternoster Row in August 1902, at the same time appointing its first full time Secretary, Mr Roger A. Peacock, at a salary of £150 per annum.

Many changes have occurred over the years, Companies and Battalion have come and gone, two wars have battered our City, but the BB has continued its task within the Churches and is seeking still to fulfil the Object — 'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys...'

M.E.

