

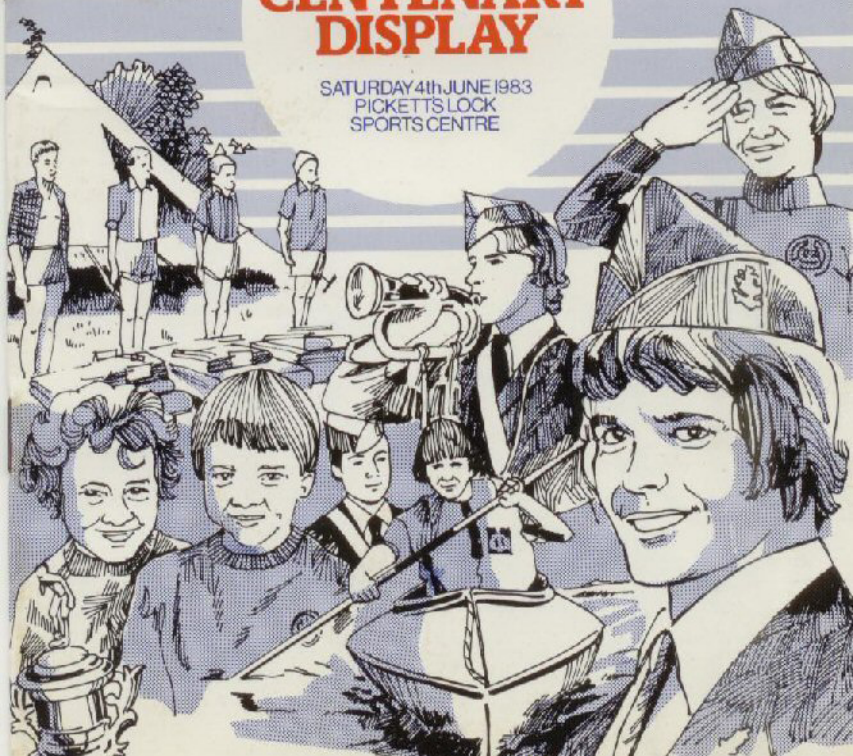


# The Boys' Brigade

NORTH LONDON

## CENTENARY DISPLAY

SATURDAY 4th JUNE 1983  
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1983 IS ALL ABOUT. WE HOPE YOU  
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BRIGADE THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF  
OUR CENTENARY YEAR AND INTO THE  
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the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence,  
discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards  
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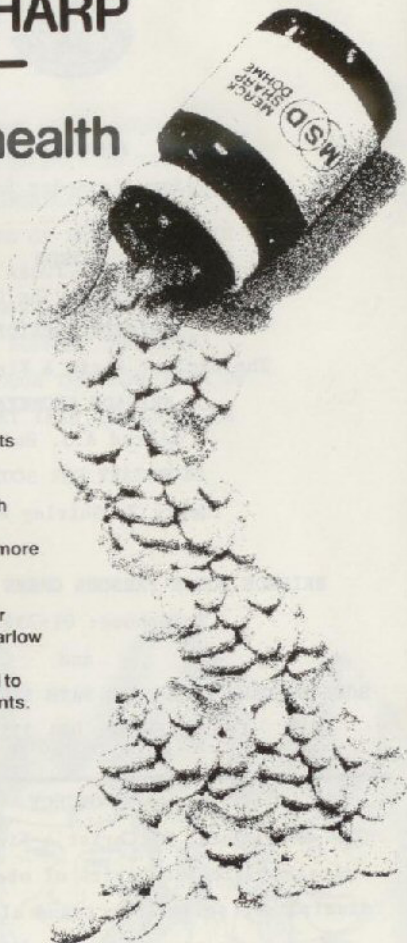
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# The Boys' Brigade 1883-1983

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On the 4th October, 1883, the first Boys' Brigade Company was formed in Glasgow. The founder, William Alexander Smith, was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the 1st Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers. He had problems in maintaining the interest and behaviour of the older boys, and hit on the idea of introducing the military concepts of "Drill and Discipline" in order to overcome these.

The idea spread with amazing speed. When the success of the 1st Glasgow Company was apparent, other churches in Glasgow took up the idea and the organisation spread rapidly throughout Scotland, in all denominations. In late 1885 the first English companies were formed, in 1887 the BB was established in Wales, and in 1888 in Ireland. In 10 years there was a membership of over 20,000 boys, which grew to over 40,000 by the turn of the century.

The activities of the first company appear somewhat limited by today's standards but they offered the boys of 1883 a challenging and satisfying programme. Drill, P.T., games and a Sunday Bible Class were soon supplemented by swimming, cricket and band work, and in 1886 the great BB tradition of camping was started when the 1st Glasgow visited the Kyles of Bute in Western Scotland.

The BB soon received substantial support from public figures. Lord Aberdeen accepted the office of Honorary President and the Duke of York (later King George V) became Patron of the Brigade in 1897, with the Archbishop of Canterbury as the Vice-Patron. In 1909 William Smith was knighted by King Edward VII for his services to boys and the Brigade continued to gain in strength until, in 1914, it suffered a severe blow when he died suddenly while on BB business in London. Soon after the First World War started and many companies found themselves without Officers because they were called to join their army units. It is estimated that

400,000 BB Officers and Old Boys served in the armed forces during the war, of whom some 50,000 were killed. By the end of the war a number of companies had closed and membership was some 20,000 down. Rebuilding got rapidly under way, however, and the losses were soon more than replaced.

The highlight of the years between the wars was the celebration of the Golden Jubilee in 1933. Numbers were at their peak, with a membership of over 160,000 throughout the British Isles, and numerous special events were held up and down the land. The highlight was a camp held near Glasgow, which was attended by two boys from each Company in the UK, and by members from Denmark, Singapore, Canada and Nigeria. The culmination of the celebrations in Glasgow was the Jubilee Review, at which 32,520 Officers and Boys paraded in the presence of HRH Prince George, later the Duke of Kent. On the following day the largest open-air service ever held in the British Isles took place at Hampden Park, with 130,000 inside and a further 100,000 outside. Many Old Boys alive today cherish fond memories of the Jubilee celebrations and thanksgiving service.

Our second half-century has seen many changes in society and in the Boys' Brigade. With increasing affluence, the old ideas of respect for authority have diminished and spiritual faith seems to have been largely superseded by materialism. Nevertheless, with a greatly extended programme, the BB and its kindred organisations today are active in some 60 countries, with a worldwide membership of around 400,000. Through all the changes of the last 100 years and through all those yet to come one thing remains constant - our dedication, first laid down by the founder, to our object:-

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# The North London Centenary Display

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## GUESTS OF HONOUR

### Afternoon

Mr. Alfred A.J. Hudson  
Boys' Brigade Secretary

### Evening

Mr. David M. Pickford F.R.I.C.S.  
Boys' Brigade London District  
President.

## CHAPLAINS

### Afternoon

The Reverend J.S. Westmuckett, B.A.  
Rector of Brightling,  
lately Honorary Chaplain  
to Her Majesty the Queen.

### Evening

The Reverend C. Morley, J.D., M.A.  
Ministerial Youth Secretary for  
London NE District,  
The Methodist Church.

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## GUEST OF HONOUR

The Guest of Honour will be introduced by the Display Committee Chairman.

## CENTENARY CELEBRATION

At the end of our display an item involving Junior Sections, Company Sections and Old Boys.

## EPILOGUE

Our Chaplain will conclude the display

### Hymn

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

Chorus We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Stedfast and sure while the billows roll;  
Fasten'd to the Rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,  
Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

### Vesper

1. Great God, who knowest all our need,  
Bless Thou our watch, and guard our sleep;  
Forgive our sins of thought and deed,  
And in Thy peace Thy servants keep.
  2. We thank Thee for the day that's done  
We trust Thee for the days to be;  
Thy love we learn in Christ Thy Son,  
O may we all His glory see!
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