



Professor Norman C Nevin OBE 'Adaptive and Visionary'



Professor Norman Nevin became President of the Northern Ireland District of The Boys' Brigade in 1992. He was already widely known and respected for his clear Christian witness, his academic gifts of scholarship, particularly in genetics, teaching and leadership, and personal attributes of vision, enthusiasm, and encouragement. In a short time these and a host of other qualities and abilities were freely used in the interests of Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland.

Norman was a member of 75th Belfast Company and came to faith, in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, at a BB Bible Class, going on to achieve The King's Badge.

As President he enjoyed being with Boys and Young Men, in various settings; Company Displays, Competition Finals, National Competitions, and KGV Training Courses. He was an excellent ambassador of BB. He chaired meetings with a gentle but firm touch, and guided business with wisdom and grace. He was adaptive when change was needed and visionary when it seemed that there was the danger of getting stuck in a rut. Beyond all this was his commitment to 'keep the main thing the main thing' – giving priority to advancing Christ's Kingdom among Boys. Prof Nevin was determined that this should be foremost in our thinking, planning and doing.

Norman always enjoyed supporting and attending Junior Section events and competitions in which he took a keen interest. In recent years he particularly enjoyed the Musician of the Year competition often getting similar results to the adjudicator. Mrs Nevin accompanied him on many occasions, also taking great interest, and we remember her especially at this time.

Spring Competition 2015 – Potted Sports

The Spring Competition 2015 will be POTTED SPORTS. Each Battalion will hold a Heat with winners from each Battalion taking part in the Northern Ireland Final to be hosted by Londonderry Battalion on Saturday 28 March 2015.

A team will consist of six Boys who will take part in eight activities. Details of Battalion Heats will be available from your own Battalion who will be responsible for organising and running the Heat. Further details will be available in the next Newsletter.

Junior Section 5-a-Side Football

It has been agreed that a Northern Ireland JS 5-a-side football competition will be held annually. Each Battalion will be responsible for organising a local competition with the winning team going through to the NID Final which will be held on Saturday 25 April 2015 at the Eddie Irvine Complex, Bangor. A copy of the rules can be downloaded from www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm.

Please share the information in this Newsletter with the Officers in your Junior Section and consider taking part in some of the events and activities.

Junior Section Quiz (Table/Team Quiz)

Who Can Take Part?

Any Junior Section in any Battalion in Northern Ireland

What Is A Team?

Any FOUR Boys within the Junior Section age-range (P5/6/7)

When Is It Held?

First Round: Friday 10 October 2014 at 7.30pm

Final: Saturday 25 October 2014 at 2.30pm

Venues:

First Round venues for each Battalion will be forwarded after the closing date to all those who have entered.

The Final will be hosted by LURGAN Battalion and held in Hill Street Presbyterian Church Hall, Lurgan. Details about the Final along with directions will be given to the winners of each Battalion competition at the 1st Round.

How Is It Conducted?

In all rounds boys will work as a team and will give team answers. In the First Round there will be 8 rounds of questions and in the Final there will be 10 rounds of questions. (There will not be a separate round on BB Knowledge.)

How Can We Enter?

Complete the enclosed entry form and forward to NI District Headquarters, Newport along with the entry fee of £3.00, NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014.

Please Note: All companies wishing to take part must enter through NI Headquarters, not through your local Battalion. Sheets for the various rounds will only be provided for those who have entered. (A couple of Battalions may submit entries to NID HQ on behalf of their Companies – your Battalion should already have advised you if this is the case).

JS Officers' Conference

The Junior Section Annual Conference will be held on Saturday 8 November 2014 in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church Halls.

£20pp

The programme will be varied and practical. The day promises to be challenging, informative, friendly and informal. This is a good opportunity to meet with other Junior Section Leaders in a relaxed atmosphere. In order to facilitate planning and other arrangements please register as soon as possible using the form enclosed with this newsletter.

Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala will be held on Saturday 21 February 2015 in Orchard Leisure Centre, Armagh.

You can enter any number of boys. An entry form and further details will be enclosed with the next Newsletter.

Dates For Your Diary – Junior Section Events

Wednesday 17 September	NID JS Committee Meeting 8.00pm Killead Presbyterian
Monday 22 September	Closing date for Quiz Entries
Friday 10 October	Quiz – 1st Round
Monday 20 October	Closing date for JS Conference Registrations
Saturday 25 October	Quiz Final – Hill Street Pres. Lurgan 2.30pm
Saturday 8 November	JS Conference - Hillsborough Pres Church Halls
Monday 15 December	Closing date for Musician of the Year Entries
Wednesday 14 January 2015	NID JS Committee Meeting 8.00pm
Saturday 17 January	Musician of the Year – Templepatrick Presbyterian
Monday 2 February	Closing date for Swimming Gala Entries
Saturday 21 February	Swimming Gala – Orchard Leisure Centre, Armagh
Monday 9 March	Closing date for Spring Competition Entries (Battalions)
Saturday 28 March	Spring Competition Final – Potted Sports
Monday 30 March	Closing date for 5-a-side Football Entries (Battalions)
Saturday 25 April	5-a-side Football Final – Eddie Irvine Complex, Bangor
Saturday 9 May	Junior Section BIG DAY OUT at Ganaway Activity Centre
Wednesday 20 May	NID JS Committee Meeting 8.00pm

Northern Ireland District AGM

Mon 15 September 2014
7.45 pm, NI District Headquarters,
Newport, Culcavy.
Everyone Welcome

Check out the
Upcoming Events
on the homepage at
www.bbni.org.uk
for all the latest
information.

Entry Forms for all competitions, YLT, etc.
are available to download from
BBNI website at
www.bbni.org.uk/niforms.htm

New Staff at Newport

In July we welcomed three new staff members to the NI District. They have all settled in well and look forward to meeting many of the members in due course. Please pray for them, that they will settle in quickly and feel at home.

Nigel Fry, a joiner by trade is the new caretaker and cleaner for Newport. Wendy Campbell is the new part-time Administrator. Wendy worked in Girls' Brigade NI for 18 years in a training role. Alison Irvine is the new Support Officer and Centre Manager. Alison has worked for the last 11 years as Marketing Officer for the Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.

Boys' Brigade NI District e News - are all your Leaders on the mailing list?

Our regular e news keeps Leaders up to date with news, looming deadlines and programme ideas. Please forward email addresses to alison.irvine@boys-brigade.org.uk to join the mailing list.

Change of details

Please notify Northern Ireland Headquarters of all changes of personnel and contact details as soon as possible. Notification can be made by post or email. NIHQ contact details are listed to the right.

Junior Section Musician of the Year

This annual competition is now in its 10th year and has proved to be very popular and successful. Talk to your Junior Section boys and encourage them to consider entering.

RULES

1. The competition is open to all Junior Section Boys (school years P5/6/7) for solo voice or solo instrument. One entry only is permitted from each boy.
2. Each boy's performance should last at least 1 minute and not longer than 3 minutes in total. The piece(s) played are of the boy's own choice.
3. An accompanist or accompaniment, if required, should be provided by the competitor.
4. Entries should be forwarded on the entry form not later than Monday 15 December 2014 to BB NI Headquarters at Newport (address on entry form):
5. There is an entry fee of £2.00 per boy, which should be enclosed with the entry form.
6. The Competition will be held on Saturday 17 January 2015 at 1.45pm in, Templepatrick Presbyterian Church Hall.
7. Results will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places.
8. The winner of the competition will be awarded the Robert Renwick Cup.
9. Further details, along with a programme, will be forwarded to the Officer named on the entry form, in early January.

Junior Section Big Day Out

Saturday 9 May 2015
Ganaway Activity Centre
10.30am - 4.00pm
£5.00 per boy
(Registration necessary)

Don't Miss Out!

Following the success of previous 'Big Days Out' at Dundonald Ice Bowl Complex (2008) and Carnfunnock Country Park (2013) we are planning another BIG DAY OUT for Junior Section Boys this session. Plans are well underway for a day of fun and activities.

The day will run from 10.30am - 4.00pm with a rolling programme of Activity Zones throughout the day.

GANAWAY ACTIVITIES ZONE | INFLATABLES ZONE | ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR ON THE BEACH | SPORTS ZONE | FOOD ZONE | TURN UP & TAKE PART ZONE

Further details and a registration form will be available in January but in order to have an estimate of numbers (we're planning for 450-500) please return the Expression of Interest Form, enclosed with this newsletter by the end of October 2014.

This will be a great day out for boys and leaders – don't miss it.

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