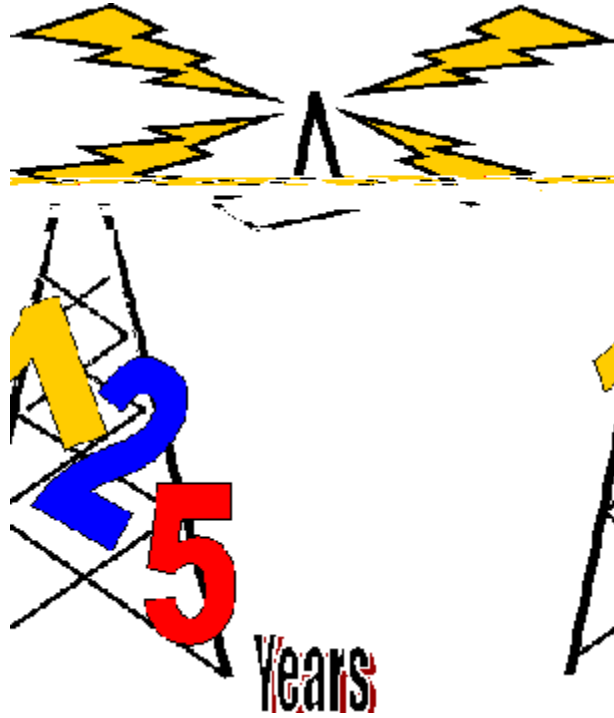


Boys' Brigade Founding Weekend On Air



Reports
Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October 2008



Foreword

The idea for this event was sown over a year ago when I was asked in September 2007 to demonstrate my radio equipment at a company meeting I suggested to the Captain that it would be more interesting to the Boys if they were not only given the opportunity to listen but the chance to pass greetings messages as well, it was discovered that we were too late to celebrate the founding of the Boys' Brigade due to needing a minimum of 28 days to obtain a GB call but the captain said we're 125 yrs old next year ("he looks young for his age" response) so with that information Ofcom were contacted to see if we could apply for GB125 the response was Yes so long as you get a letter of support from BB HQ as well as the Battalion you are putting the station on for. This duly done the thought then occurred who we going to talk to?. The event was Advertised in the RSGB's Radcom (www.rsgb.org.uk) and as what should have been an A4 spread in the June 08 BB Gazette (thanks for the postage Stamp) it was also promoted on the BB Forums (bbforums.boys-brigade.org.uk) Emails were also sent to all BB Battalions around the world as a means not to only celebrate 125yrs of the Boys' Brigade movement but also as means of linking up the Battalions and Companies from around the World

Was this event a success ?	Read the reports and then decide
Can it get better?	Of course
Can we do it again ?	Why not, its up to you the Company Captains, the Battalions and National Head quarters to make it happen

I would like to thank all the Radio Hams and the BB leaders who helped to make this a great weekend

*Andy Carlile GOMNI (Parent &
F.W.O.A 2008 Organizer)*

Grimsby & District Battalion GB125BB



Report from the radio operator:- Rob M1BYQ

Names and Call signs of other Amateurs involved

Andy Carlile G0MNI (F.W.O.A. 08 Organizer), Stuart Williams M0LDN, Trevor Matthews G3RGC & Car Flynn G7EOG

Times & Dates

22:00 3rd Oct 08 to 12:00 5th Oct 08

Bands & Modes used

80 meter, 40 meters 20 meters voice & psk31, 2m 70cms SSTV 13cms ATV

Boys' Brigade Stations worked in the UK

none

Boys' Brigade Stations worked outside the UK

none

Other interesting radio contacts

Bill G4MPI ex BB Member VK7 melbourne Astralia

Other interesting non-radio contacts

Nick Taylor, Paul Waldcock via Skype

Other radio related activites

SSTV rx, PSK31 rx, Morse Code, 4 laptops linked via audio transformer running PSK31



Report from the Grimsby & District Battalion:-

Report from Leader:- Mike Smith

District/Battalion/Company on whose behalf the station is operated.
Grimby & District Battalion

Numbers Involved

Anchor Section	25	Junior Section	23
Company Section	37	Senior Section	7
Leaders	28	Others	

Give Callsigns of any that hold an Amateur Radio License

What times/days was the event? Friday 17:00 (camping) 22:00 radio - Sunday 16:00

Was it part of a wider programme? National/Worldwide

What other activities were offered? Glass engraving/painting, Craft work, Tent erecting, Organised games and Electronics

Any important visitors? Mayor & Mayoress North East Lincolnshire, Mayor & Mayoress Lincolnshire, MP Shona McIsaac Battalion President

Grimsby & District Battalion GB125BB



Report from the Grimsby & District Battalion:-



Founding Weekend
Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October 2012
At William Research Scout District Challenge

<p>GB125 Boy's Brigade</p>	<p>To Station</p> <p>Challenge no: 000125BB</p> <p>On: 03/10/2012</p> <p>Time: 08:00</p> <p>Location: William Research Scout District, South Park, Grimsby, 48 3 2LW</p> <p>Group: GB125, 125B, 125C</p> <p>GB 125 Boy's Brigade</p>
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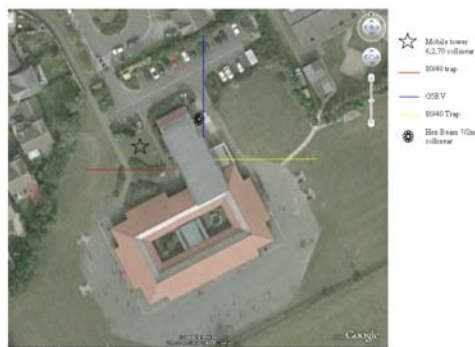
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*This card printed above was issued by Assistant Patrol leader **GB125BB** to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Brigade by Sir William Alexander Smith on the 4th October 1885.*

This certificate is hereby presented to the Grimsby and District Battalion of the Boys' Brigade as a memento of this station, and activities associated with the event.

And the success associated therewith.

SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT WAS PROVIDED BY:
THE GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT PACES SOCIETY
THE GRIMSBY & DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP



1st Thurso GB125FT

Report from the radio operator:- Jim Moar GM4EFR

Names and Call signs of other Amateurs involved

Laurie Dikenson 2M0AXX John Crowden GM1VGZ

Times & Dates

Saturday 14:00 – 16:00

Bands & Modes used

Transmitting on 40m (SSB), 20m (SSB) and 2m band (FM)

Listening on SSTV, CW, PSK31, SSB, FM on the above bands plus 30m and 80m

Boys' Brigade Stations worked in the UK

none

Boys' Brigade Stations worked outside the UK

none

Other interesting radio contacts

The one that caused most interest was 9A5AN in Zagreb

Other interesting non-radio contacts

Explained how to get started in amateur radio and handed over one copy of the Foundation book. Promised to re-visit the group after the October break and give future tuition to those interested

Other radio related activities

1st Thurso GB125FT

Report from the 1st Thurso:-

Report from Leader:- (O.I.C) LT. Johanna Geddes

District/Battalion/Company on whose behalf the station is operated.
1st Thurso Company - Highland Battalion

Numbers Involved

Anchor Section	2	Junior Section	7
Company Section	2	Senior Section	
Leaders	2	Others	2

Due to bad weather & other events clashing the numbers were low, but those who came along were polite, enthusiastic and genuinely interested.

Give Callsigns of any that hold an Amateur Radio License

What times/days was the event? Saturday 4th October 2 - 4 pm

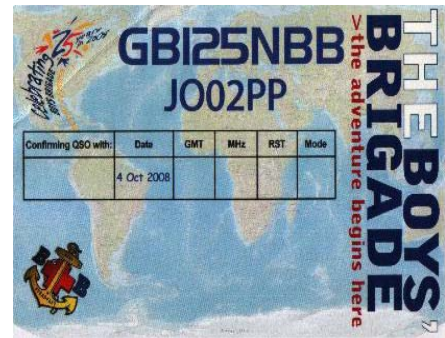
Was it part of a wider programme? Yes

What other activities were offered? We had a week of celebrations to mark the 125th, ending with a party on the Thursday night.

Any important visitors? For us having the radio hams come along with Jim Moar & set up - They were our V.I.P. Visitors - Taking the time to come along it was tremendous

4th Norwich Boys' Brigade GB125NBB

Report from the radio operator:- Alan Dale M0LSX



Names and Call signs of other Amateurs involved

Judi Dale 2E0KNE, Rex Hunt G0CLR & David Palmer G7URP

Times & Dates

10:00 to 16:00 5th Oct 08

Bands & Modes used

HF SSB, Slow Scan (RX only) PSK31 (RX Only) VHF FM + Slow Scan & APRS

Boys' Brigade Stations worked in the UK

None but 3 ex members were worked

Boys' Brigade Stations worked outside the UK

none

Other interesting radio contacts

GB2BP (Bletchly Park) GB2IWM Duxford, Plus a Station in the Sahara

Other radio related activities

Greetings messages passed, Guess the Slow Scan image from around the Chaple & CW

47 Contacts made

4th Norwich Boys' Brigade GB125NBB

Report from Leader:- W/O Stephen Butterfield

District/Battalion/Company on whose behalf the station is operated.

4th Norwich Company

Numbers Involved

Anchor Section	0	Junior Section	3
Company Section	5	Senior Section	4
Leaders	6	Others	4

Give Callsigns of any that hold an Amateur Radio License

None

What times/days was the event? 10:00 - 16:00 4/10/08

Was it part of a wider programme? No just a special event

What other activities were offered? Games

Any important visitors? No

4th Norwich BB - 125th Anniversary Radio Day

We couldn't let the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Brigade pass without doing something special. So as well as our Church service on Sunday we held a 'Radio Day' on Saturday 4th October.

This was a national BB event so our hopes were that we would be able to make contact with BB companies from across the UK as well as other amateur enthusiasts.

We were told that this was a very special event as our call sign 'GB125NBB' was extremely rare (the use of 125 is not generally authorised and the BB had secured something exceptional), and therefore enthusiasts would be eager to make contact so as to receive the collectable 'QSL card' we had produced.

Supported by members from the Norwich Amateur Radio Club we set up our station at Sprowston Methodist Church for the day. Masts were erected, both short and long range, and countless boxes of electronic gadgets were unloaded and set up. We were all ready to go. The boys were arriving and keen to see what this was all about.

First contact and we were chatting to somebody from Algeria. Yes we had just started and here was North Africa, my expectations had already been exceeded!

Our hosts had brought lots of information to help us understand how it all worked, and talked the boys through what was happening. As expected some took to it more than others but all had a go. The keener ones spent several hours scanning the airwaves, receiving and sending messages.

A great day was had by all the 20+ attendees. Brian our captain managed to pop in, but like me appeared bemused by the technology, so discretely made his exit whilst nodding politely to our helpers who were trying to explain the intricacies of repeater transmissions, simplex and half duplex, the influence of the ionosphere on the sky wave population '73s' (best regards) and much more that the boys obviously understood better than we did.

Although unfortunately we didn't manage to pick up another BB Company on the day, several people we talked to were ex members and very pleased to hear from us. By the time we finished we had made contact with many other stations, spread from Northern Siberia to a local farmer whilst ploughing fields on his tractor, from the west coast of the United States to countless parts of the UK including the famous Bletchley Park and the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. We didn't reach the space station (yes I am told this is possible given the right conditions) but were able to spread the word of the Boys' Brigade far and wide and let them know of this special occasion we were celebrating

W/O Stephen Butterfield
4th Norwich BB