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NORTHERN IRELAND



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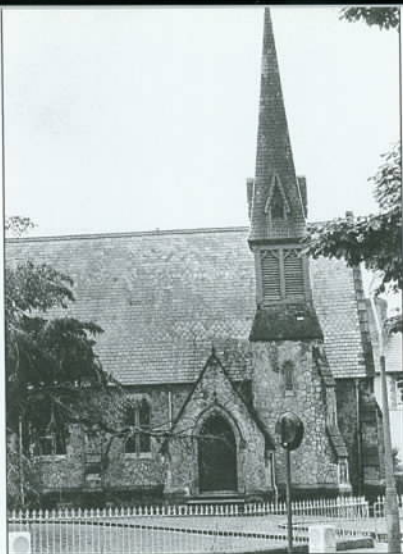
OUR ROYAL PATRON
HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH,
THE QUEEN MOTHER

I offer you my sincere congratulations on your centenary. Since The Girls' Brigade was formed in 1893 for the wellbeing of girls and young women your Christian ideals have spread throughout the World. I am proud to have been your Patron for the past 70 years and I send to all members of The Girls' Brigade my best wishes for the continuance of your dedicated work and for peace and happiness in the future.

Elizabeth R

H I S T O R Y





Sandymount Presbyterian Church, Dublin.

The Victorian era was, by its very nature, a male dominated society. Convention demanded that a woman's place should be in the home, and that her role should be one of subservience to the male head of the household, whether father or husband. It was a very class conscious society, and the idea that young ladies from above stairs should mix with those from below stairs was quite unthinkable. The concept of an organisation for girls, and more radical still, a uniformed organisation, drew criticism from many quarters. However, there were people of vision and initiative in different parts of the home countries who saw a need, and set about the task of trying to meet it. The existence of the Boys' Brigade provided them with a model and, in those very early years, several very similar organisations were formed to cater for the needs of young ladies.

THE GIRLS' BRIGADE

In 1893, **The Girls' Brigade** began in Sandymount Presbyterian Church in Dublin. From a small beginning, centred on a group of girls who belonged to the Sunday School Class led by Miss Margaret Lyttle, the new idea flourished. Physical exercise helped keep the girls warm, increased their enthusiasm for their singing practice and their sense of enjoyment in meeting together as a class. Early displays by Sandymount Company led to a wider interest, and other Companies were soon formed in churches around Dublin city.

1908 saw official recognition for the organisation. A special meeting was called on 2nd October 1908, and the following entry is recorded in the minutes: *A resolution was passed unanimously that we*



adopt the scheme of the Boys' Brigade so far as applicable to girls, and call our organisation the Girls' Brigade. The

Rev E H C Lewis-Crosby presided at this historic meeting. As Chairman of the Executive Committee, he worked hard and gave inspired leadership to those who supported him in those early days. He showed a deep interest in the growth and development of Girls' Brigade, and was regarded with much affection and esteem by clergy and officers alike. Both he and his wife, Mrs Hilda Lewis-Crosby, a Vice President of the Dublin Battalion, devoted themselves to the work of Girls' Brigade for over fifty years.

On 3rd November 1908, the Dublin Battalion was formed. Each Company was given a number on affiliation to the

1st Company Sandymount Presbyterian, Dublin 189



Battalion, and at a Battalion meeting in November 1909, the motto, object of the Organisation, and badge were adopted.

Motto: *Onward and Upward.*

Object: *The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among girls, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline and self-respect, and all that leads towards true Christian girlhood.*

Badge: *The Celtic Cross, surrounded by the words: "The Girls' Brigade" and "Onward and Upward".*

Many people worked tirelessly in those early years to give the Girls' Brigade a sure and firm foundation. A major figure of that era, and right up to her death in 1979 was Miss Constance M Hall. Appointed Captain of 12th Company, St Catherine's, Dublin, in 1917, she held that office until her retirement in 1972. She also undertook

the responsibilities of Honorary Secretary of the Dublin Battalion from 1922 to 1947, and became the first paid Brigade Secretary from 1947 to 1972. Her term of office was marked by exemplary devotion to the work of Girls' Brigade. Every Company and every girl was important to her. She guided the Executive Committee very ably through the negotiations leading to the amalgamation of Girls' Brigade with Girls' Guildry and the Girls' Life Brigade in 1965. She remained totally dedicated to the Girls' Brigade until her death in August 1979, and in October 1981 a Memorial Chapel in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin was dedicated to her.

While the growth of the Girls' Brigade continued mainly around Dublin, the earliest indication of any such activity in the north of Ireland is to be found in



Miss Constance M Hall.

extracts from the Annual Reports of Rosemary Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, from 1895 to 1911. These record the existence of an organisation for girls known as **The Girls' Pioneer Brigade**.



The Very Rev E H Lewis-Crosby BD, (centre) pictured here with members of the Brigade Executive Committee, 1957-1958.



Mrs E H Lewis-Crosby.



Trinity Presbyterian Company, Bangor, 1951.

This Organisation was intended to attract girls between ages 10 and 16, and to instruct them along similar lines to those of the Boys' Brigade. Bible study, music and drill played prominent roles in their programme, and annual excursions were arranged to local places of interest.

However it was not until 1940 that **The Girls' Brigade** was introduced into Northern Ireland, when Miss Irene Burns

started the first Company at Enniskillen Presbyterian Church. Two years later, Mrs Lillian Tweed began a Company in First Lisburn Presbyterian Church and, from this point onwards, Girls' Brigade started to flourish and grow throughout the Province. Growth in the north of Ireland was much more rapid than in the south, and in 1945 the Northern Ireland Battalion was established.

In 1949 Miss Hannah Bell, then Captain of Trinity Presbyterian Company, Bangor, was appointed Secretary to the Northern Ireland Battalion. Miss Bell gave faithful service as Secretary to Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland Battalion until her retirement in 1955. She died two years later, following a long period of illness. On 18th June 1959, representatives from the Girls'

Brigade presented a cheque for £200 to the Conveners of the Presbyterian War Memorial Hostel in Belfast to have a room named in her honour.

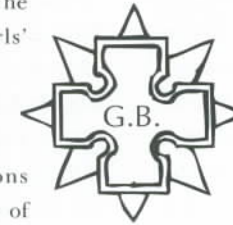
Initially the Girls' Brigade programme was based on Bible Study and Physical Exercises but, as the Organisation grew and developed, Efficiency and Attendance badges were awarded. Eventually the programme widened to take in: First Aid, Home Nursing, Music, Housecraft, Needlework, Swimming and Life Saving. The highest award was the Girls' Brigade Star.

Development continued steadily during the 1950s and early 1960s when discussions began with the Girls' Guildry of Scotland and the Girls' Life Brigade on the possibility of amalgamation to

become a single organisation. Following protracted negotiations, agreement was finally reached, and a press statement was published on 25th June 1964, as follows:

The Girls' Life Brigade, The Girls' Guildry, and the Girls' Brigade of Ireland, all sister organisations of the Boys' Brigade, announce that agreement in principle has been reached on the formation of a new united organisation, details to be worked out as soon as possible.

This agreement is the result of negotiations which have been carried on for some time in a spirit of cordiality and it is believed that the united body, which will be known as 'The Girls' Brigade', will be of great benefit to all concerned.



At the Albert Hall Rally in May 1965 the Finale portrayed the laying down of the old badges and the raising of the new badge. Part of each of the old badges was used in the creation of the badge of the new organisation.

Motto: *To seek, serve, and follow Christ.*

Aim: *The aim of The Girls' Brigade, being a Christian organisation, international and inter-denominational, shall be - to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility, to find true enrichment of life.*

Badge: *In the centre a Cross, the symbol of Christ and His Church.*

Below it a Lamp, that our light might shine out upon the world.

Above it a Crown, that we may own Christ as our King. And behind it all a Torch, the flame of Christ's living Spirit, and our devotion to Him.

First Lisburn Presbyterian Company, 1956.



Victory Day Celebration march past (1946) featuring Miss Annie Harbinson and Miss Hanna Bell of 8th NI Company, Trinity Presbyterian.



Miss Hannah Bell, Hon. Sec. N.I. Battalion from June 1947 - February 1949, Secretary N.I. Battalion February 1949 - May 1955. Died in California 24th November 1957.

Following the amalgamation, changes were inevitable. In 1967 it was decided to divide Ireland into two Divisions: the Dublin Division and the Northern Ireland Division. Northern Ireland subsequently divided into 13 districts for ease of administration. Between 1967 and 1970 the first Handbook and Programme Book were published.

The first National Executive Board was convened in 1976 under the chairmanship of Rev C N Sansom. In September of that year, a Dedication and Thanksgiving Service was held in St Anne's Cathedral, when the new International Colour, brought over from London for the occasion, was carried by Mrs K W McDowell, Commissioner for the Northern Ireland Division.

The united organisation of The Girls' Brigade was a large international and

interdenominational body. So, following the amalgamation, the first Brigade International Council Meeting was held in London in 1968, and twelve countries were listed as members at this meeting. The Overseas Committee and the Pacific Fellowship Committee undertook responsibility for the extension of Brigade work in non-member countries.

Since the amalgamation, The Girls' Brigade has gone from strength to strength in Ireland. The two Divisions enjoyed many fruitful years, and a debt of gratitude is owed to a variety of people: Chaplains, Captains, and members of staff at Headquarters, who devoted their time and energy to the promotion of the new Organisation. Innumerable committee meetings were required to plan the way forward, to resolve difficulties, to develop leadership and pro-

gramme trainings, and to arrange competitions and special events.

Throughout this era of reorganisation, one figure featured prominently: Miss Mary E Kennedy MBE. She came to Girls' Brigade as an Officer at the foundation of First Lisburn Company in 1942. On the retirement of Mrs Lillian Tweed, she took over the Captaincy of that Company in 1948, and remained in office until 1977. Miss Kennedy devoted herself not only to the work of her own Company, but to the extension of The Girls' Brigade throughout Ireland. In 1949 she became a member of the Brigade Executive Committee, and from 1957 to 1973 was the Honorary Secretary of the Girls' Brigade. In this capacity she was one of the representatives of Girls' Brigade at the amalgamation negotiations, and later served on the committees which established the uniform and the programme for the Organisation. Miss Kennedy was appointed Brigade Secretary in May 1973, and attended all of the Brigade International Council Meetings from 1968 to 1988. She retired from her full time position as Brigade Secretary in 1988. Her enthusiasm for The Girls' Brigade is still as strong as ever, and she follows its development with a deep interest.

In 1974 Lady McDermott consented to be National President of The Girls' Brigade Ireland. Previously, as National President of the Girls' Life Brigade, she had taken a keen interest in the



Lady MacDermott

development of youth work, both at home and overseas. She came into office with a real enthusiasm for the new organisation of The Girls' Brigade, and a keen awareness of the needs of young women growing up in the twentieth century. Her wisdom and diplomacy were invaluable assets in guiding representatives through the proceedings leading to the amalgamation. Strong in her own Christian faith, she recognised the importance of an organisation which would prepare young women spiritually, mentally and

physically for adulthood. She desired to draw only the very best from the three parent organisations, and to channel these qualities into one united body. As National President, she continued to give strong Christian leadership and encouragement up to her retirement in 1982.

During 1987 Miss Patricia Riley was appointed as Brigade Secretary Designate, working alongside Miss Kennedy until her retirement in May 1988. Miss Riley then assumed all responsibilities as Brigade Secretary, and

remained in that post until January 1989.

In April 1989 The Girls' Brigade Ireland appointed Mrs Doreen Tennis as National Secretary. Prior to her appointment with The Girls' Brigade, Mrs Tennis was Director of the Northern Ireland Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux. She brought to her post a wide range of professional qualifications coupled with much experience of working

within the voluntary sector. Since her appointment, Mrs Tennis has become a Justice of the Peace and is a serving member of the South Eastern Education and Library Board. The division of The Girls' Brigade Ireland which came about in 1991, and which resulted in the formation of The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland, created an enormous amount of extra work. Mrs Tennis, together with the National Board had to begin the process of establishing a new Constitution, and a new structure, for The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.

National Secretary NI Mrs Doreen Tennis.



Miss Mary E Kennedy leading a coronation parade in 1953



Following from this has been all the additional work in connection with the celebrations for Centenary Year. Here, once again, Mrs Tennis has devoted much of her time to ensuring that all events were carefully planned and carried through successfully. Throughout this Centenary Year she has received tremendous support and loyalty from all the staff at Headquarters. As Centenary Year draws to a close, she is already looking ahead to the future development of The Girls'

Brigade Northern Ireland, and for ways in which the Organisation can be kept in the forefront of youth work in the twenty first century.

Another milestone in the history of The Girls' Brigade was reached in 1990 when, at a National Board Meeting, the Republic of Ireland Division proposed that they should become a member country of International Council of Girls' Brigade in their own right. Agreement was finally reached and, on 1st June

1991, the Northern Ireland Division became The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland Division took the title of The Girls' Brigade Ireland. Mrs Doreen Tennis became the first National Secretary of The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland, and Mrs Joan McMahon undertook the responsibilities of National Secretary of The Girls' Brigade Ireland.

Both countries are keen to maintain their existing links, and to support one another in the continuing work of The Girls' Brigade throughout all of Ireland. As member countries of The International Council of Girls' Brigade, they are looking forward to new and challenging developments, and have welcomed opportunities to share in events planned to mark the Centenary Year of the Organisation.

Mrs Doreen Tennis
with
Mrs Joan McMahon.



THE GIRLS' GUILDRY

Dr William F Somerville was the son of a Glasgow minister and in 1900 was Superintendent of the Sunday School in Anderston Church, Glasgow. He noted with real concern the lapse of time from girls leaving Sunday School until the point at which they were received into the church as full communicant members.

Having recognised the need for the Church to provide a way of holding their interest, early in 1900 he announced to the older girls in his Sunday School that a meeting would be held in the church hall during that week. Influenced by the work of the Boys' Brigade, his aim was to create a similar organisation for girls and so, from this very modest beginning, **the Girls' Guildry** was formed.

Firmly rooted in Christian teaching, each Company was attached to a church, and opened and concluded each meeting



Girls' Guildry Camp

with a devotional time of prayer. The programme included drill, to encourage disciplined movement, good deportment and physical alertness. A little later, first aid classes were introduced. Dr Somerville's thinking was in advance of the times in which he lived, and his ideas for the inclusion of such things in an

organisation for girls was criticised by many. The wearing of a uniform was yet another revolutionary idea and a major step forward in bridging the gap between the young ladies of the upper social strata and those of a working class background.

The symbol chosen as the badge for Girls' Guildry was the lamp, "in token of the light of service carefully tended". The motto given to them by the minister of Anderston Church, Rev Dr Thomas Adamson, was *Wise unto that which is Good*.

Initially, Girls' Guildry was open to all girls over 12 years of age. By 1918, camping had become a very popular addition to the programme. In 1929 a committee was formed to spearhead the work of extension in England and Wales.

Girls' Guildry was introduced into Jamaica in 1923, and a strong link was



Girls' Guildry Camp

forged with Scotland when Miss Madge Saunders came to Edinburgh in 1944 to train at St Colm's College as a Deaconess. The decision was taken to send a missionary to Jamaica from the Girls' Guildry in Scotland. Miss Olive Wright was commissioned for missionary work, and to act as an Extension Officer for the Girls' Guildry.

Miss Wright will be better known to many as Mrs Olive Miller MBE, a former International Vice President of the Girls' Brigade from Grand Cayman, who served the Organisation with much dedication over many years.

The passage of time brings change in any organisation and by 1935 the success and development of Girls' Guildry necessitated some restructuring. It was decided to lower the age range to include girls from five years upwards. Companies were then divided into three sections: the Garden for 5 - 9 year olds, the Greenwood for 9 - 14 year olds, and the Company for



Mrs Olive Miller MBE.

the older teenage girls. The programme of Girls' Guildry continued to expand to include instruction in a wide variety of crafts and skills, and subjects relating to personal development. However the main object of the Organisation remained the same: to encourage girls to

become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1955 the Girls' Guildry received the very generous gift of a campsite and hut on the Atholl Estate, Guay, Perthshire. This site continues to be used by Girls' Brigade Scotland for many camps and activities.

Membership of The Girls' Guildry had reached 35,000 by the time the amalgamation with The Girls' Life Brigade and Girls' Brigade Ireland took place, and the united organisation of The Girls' Brigade has continued to be a significant Christian influence in the lives of girls and young women in Scotland.

The Girls' Guildry, Music Hall, George Street, Edinburgh Circa 1920



THE GIRLS' LIFE BRIGADE

Challenged by the success of the Boys' Brigade movement in 1883, and following the formation of the Boys' Life Brigade in 1899, the Rev John Brown Paton, of the National Sunday School Union, recognised the necessity of organising similar activities for girls. It was felt that if the Church was to maintain some influence over the physical, moral and spiritual development of its young women, then some provision had to be made for them.

Following discussions with interested church leaders, **The Girls' Life Brigade** was founded in London in 1902. The motto adopted by the Organisation was *To Save Life*. The badge chosen had, at its centre, the Cross with rays radiating from the centre and surmounted by a Crown. The chief aim of The Girls' Life Brigade was: *To win the Girls for Christ and His Service*. All other aims were simply a means of achieving this great end.

Based on lines similar to those of the Boys' Brigade, The Girls' Life Brigade programme offered girls an extensive range of activities, for example, physical drill and exercises to music, homecrafts, needlecrafts, first aid, home nursing and life saving from fire and water. Participation in these gave girls numerous opportunities to develop their skills,



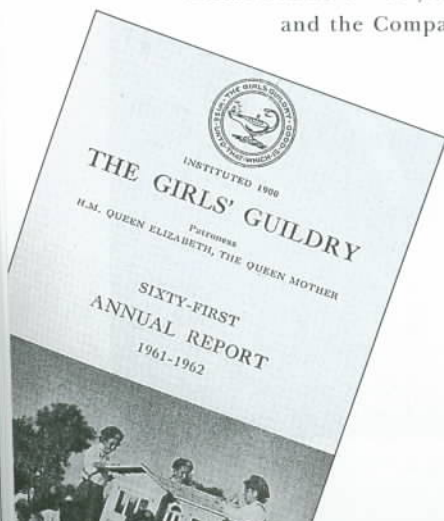
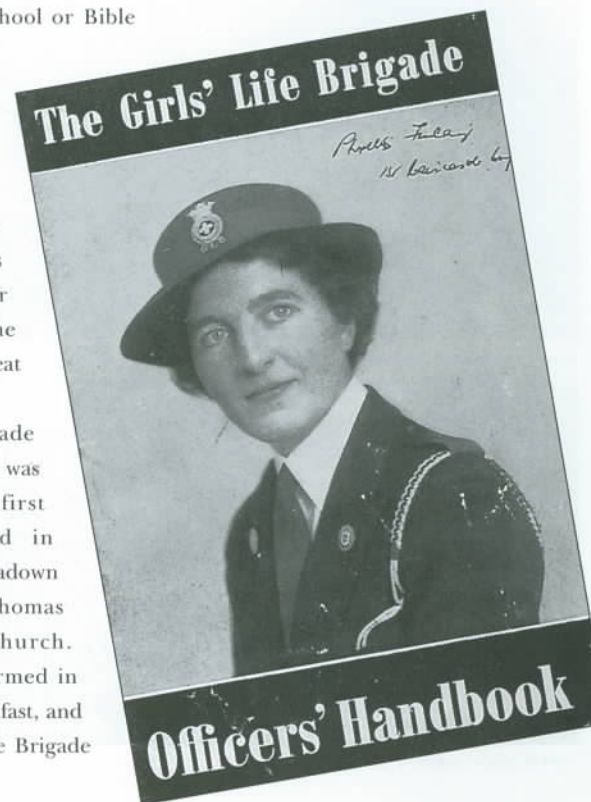
to give of themselves willingly in service to others, to acquire good habits such as punctuality, reliability and self respect and to give only of their best at all times.

Temperance in all things, and total abstinence from alcohol, were fundamental principles of the organisation. Attendance at Sunday School or Bible Class was compulsory, and this proved to be an excellent way to encourage young women to take an interest in the wider life and work of the church. Many chaplains have placed on record their gratitude and belief in the Girls' Life Brigade as a great asset to their church work.

While Girls' Life Brigade grew rapidly in England, it was March 1921 before the first Company was founded in Northern Ireland: 1st Portadown Company, attached to Thomas Street Methodist Church. Companies were then formed in Lisburn, Londonderry, Belfast, and in 1928 the first Girls' Life Brigade

Company was formed in Dublin (1st Kingsland Park Company).

The Girls' Life Brigade continued to develop and work alongside Girls' Brigade in Ireland meeting the needs of girls in churches of many denominations. It also made an important impact on the international scene by sending Field Officers for Extension Work to many parts of the world. Extension overseas began as early as 1925, with the registration of the 1st Cape Town Company. By its Jubilee Year in 1952, Girls' Life Brigade Companies were at work in





Dudley Palmer, Perth WA.



Some members of the 1st Calcutta Company (BMS India)



1st Peking Company (LMS China).



Major Waugh,
Commissioner for Ireland

Australia, British West Africa, British West Indies, Canada, New Zealand, Pacific Isles, Rhodesia, Singapore and South Africa. It continued to progress as an Organisation, adapting its programme to meet the changing needs of society, but never compromising its principles. So, with the reaching of the agreement to amalgamate with Girls' Guildry and The Girls' Brigade in 1964, Girls' Life Brigade brought a large international family into the Organisation.

Throughout the life and work of Girls' Life Brigade in Ireland, Mrs R C M Waugh, Commissioner for Ireland, was a strong influential force. From its very inception she had a strong belief in the work and purpose of Girls' Life Brigade and throughout her life she worked tirelessly for the Organisation. Girls' Life Brigade was an International and interdenominational Organisation, and Major Waugh travelled the world to advance its cause, and to meet and share

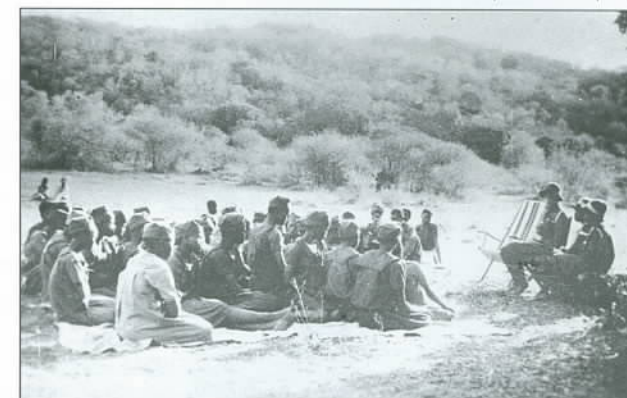


1945, Margaret Countess of Mayo, with Major Waugh, Major E Bleckary and Major Gibson.

fellowship with many members and officers from other countries. She was a wonderful ambassador for Girls' Life Brigade wherever she went and, whether the invitation was to a garden party at Buckingham Palace, or from a Company to attend a Display or Anniversary Service, her presence and charm graced every occasion. Her warm personality won her many friends and her devotion to duty earned her the highest esteem among her colleagues. She was in the forefront of all the negotiations leading to the amalgamation of The Girls' Life Brigade with The Girls' Brigade and The Girls' Guildry. Throughout the latter years of her life, she continued to take a keen interest in the development of the new movement **The Girls' Brigade**, of which she was a Vice President. Probably one of the last ceremonies she attended in that capacity was the dedication of The Girls' Brigade window in the Chapel of Unity at St Anne's Cathedral in 1981.



Some members of the first Capetown Company.



A Service in the camp 1st Molepolole Company (LMS Bechuanaland, Africa).



1st Peking Company (LMS China).

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

I send my sincere thanks to you and the members of The Girls' Brigade for your kind message of loyal greetings, sent in your Centenary Year. I received this message with much pleasure and send my best wishes to all concerned for a very enjoyable and memorable anniversary year.

Elizabeth R

CENTENARY YEAR



Ideas for the celebration of this milestone in the history of Girls' Brigade have been occupying the minds of many members of various Committees and staff members for the last ten years. Plans were made, and a special Centenary Fund was opened to ensure financial viability for the special events envisaged. Sub-committees were set up to undertake specific areas of responsibility and to assist Headquarters staff in the overall organisation of the Centenary programme of events.

With the aim of bringing together

Vice Presidents of Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.
(Left to right) Mrs L Tweed, Rev M Johnston, Mrs K W McDowell.



participants from as many Companies as possible, some events were organised at national level, while others were planned at district level in the hope of drawing Companies together on a more local basis to share in the Centenary celebrations.

Many ways of celebrating Centenary Year were suggested, including special displays, competitions, camps, flower festivals, dinners and parades - but it was seen to be most important that the real aim of the Organisation: "to help girls to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and

through self-control, reverence, and a sense of responsibility, to find enrichment of life," should not be overshadowed by all the other celebrations. Every District was therefore encouraged to organise a Mission during the year and for this much help was offered by the Spiritual Sub-Committee. Each District also held a Service of Thanksgiving during January 1993 to mark the beginning of Centenary Year, and to return thanks and praise to Almighty God for all His Blessing on the Girls' Brigade throughout its history.



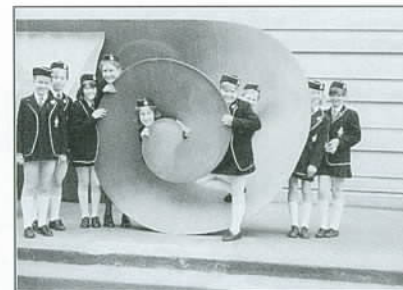
Doreen Tennis, Laura Greenaway and Isabel Rowley.

Other opportunities to join in praise and worship together were offered by the BBC in the arrangement of two special broadcasts. On 19th June, following the Annual General Meeting, a Service of Worship was recorded in St Anne's Parish Church, Dungannon, for transmission on Sunday morning 20th June on the national network. On 28th June members of The Girls' Brigade met in Thomas Street Methodist Church, Portadown, to record hymn singing for Sunday Half Hour. On both occasions the praise was led by the Centenary Choir, under their conductor, Mrs Sheila Johnston, a Lieutenant in 20th NI Company, Joymount Presbyterian, Carrickfergus.

A BBC Radio Ulster documentary programme, presented by Hazel Turkington, gave further coverage to The Girls' Brigade Centenary celebra-

Turkington, gave further coverage to The Girls' Brigade Centenary celebrations. In *Twentieth Century Girls*, Miss Turkington asked the question: 'One hundred years of Girls' Brigade: what has it meant to the young women of Ireland?' Mrs Doreen Tennis, National Secretary, Miss Isabel Rowley, National President, Miss Pearl Hassard, Commissioner of Division 2 and Commandant of Ards District, and Rev George Simpson, National Chaplain, were interviewed, and described the development of the Organisation, its influence on the lives of girls, and its wider impact on church and community life. Officers and girls from 8th NI Company, Trinity Presbyterian, Bangor, and 29th NI Company, Cregagh Congregational, shared their thoughts and opinions on their roles in The Girls' Brigade, and the application of the Brigade Programme within individual Companies. Miss Rowley stressed the need for continuing self examination, and recognition of the need for change, in order to keep The Girls' Brigade relevant to the age and environment in which Companies seek to serve the girls in their local church and community.

The Girls' Brigade Centenary was also mentioned in Walter Love's Sunday Afternoon programme. During this he spoke to Miss Minnie Cowan, who at 104 is the oldest member of The Girls' Brigade in Northern Ireland. Miss



216th NI Church of God, Glenmachan Juniors at the Ulster Museum official opening of The Girls' Brigade Exhibition.



Girls viewing the Exhibition with Rev M Johnston, Hon. Vice President.



Miss Cowan, with Mrs L Greenaway, Assistant National Secretary and Mrs K W McDowell, Hon. Vice President, on the occasion of her 100th Birthday.

Cowan was formerly Captain of 9th NI Company, Pitt Street and Mountpottinger Methodist, where she served for 41 years. She is now living in a nursing home in Belfast, and was visited there by Mrs L K Greenaway, Assistant National Secretary, who brought greetings from The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.

The Ulster Museum mounted a special exhibition of uniforms and memorabilia depicting the growth and development of The Girls' Brigade in Ireland throughout its history of one hundred years. The Rev Margaret Johnston, a Vice President of The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland, officially opened the exhibition which remained on view from June until the end of August.

While acknowledging, with much gratitude, the immense amount of extra work that has been undertaken by both staff and voluntary workers alike, it is very pleasing to note the depth and wealth of talent within the ranks of the Organisation, as has been demonstrated by the many varied contributions made during the course of Centenary Year. Some of these will be highlighted in the record of the special events included in this booklet, but it must surely augur well for the future of The Girls' Brigade in the twenty first century, that young women of such calibre can be encouraged to use their talents and skills for the development of others in their Company



349th NI Holy Trinity, Woodburn.

19 JANUARY

AFFILIATION OF 349TH NI COMPANY, HOLY TRINITY, WOODBURN

We are always pleased to welcome new Companies into the family of The Girls' Brigade. However, in January, we were especially pleased to note the affiliation of the first new Company in our Centenary Year. The affiliation was carried out by Mrs Marbeth Coulter, Commandant of District 9, East Antrim.

Later in the year four more

Companies were affiliated. They are 350th NI Company, Glascar and Donaghmore Presbyterian, 351st NI Company, Woodford City Mission, 352nd NI Company, Upper Falls and 353rd NI Company, First Presbyterian Rathfriland.

We wish each of these new Companies every success in the future, and pray God's richest blessing on all who undertake responsibilities as leaders or join their ranks as members.



13 MARCH THE CENTENARY DISPLAY HELD IN LISBURN LEISURE CENTRE



The Queue.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear: months of planning and preparation, rehearsals and costume making had led up to this day. Now, with a great sense of excitement and anticipation, more than 700 girls and Officers arrived to take part in the Centenary Display. The girls from Northern Ireland were joined by representatives from Scotland, England and Wales, and the Republic of Ireland. Many special guests had been invited from District Councils, Education and Library Boards, other Youth Organisations, the major religious denominations, and office bearers from other participating countries. At the afternoon performance, we welcomed as Chief Guest Miss Linda Wray, a news reader from Radio Ulster and a former

Mrs Margaret Maze adjusts Explorer costumes.



member of 62nd NI Company, Hamilton Road Presbyterian, Bangor. In the evening, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Christine Eames, wife of the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robin Eames.

Following the opening Act of Worship, a spectacle of colour burst onto the floor to herald the beginning of the programme. Items were produced by every age group from Tiny Tots to Associates, and tremendous efforts had been made to ensure that girls were chosen from the widest possible spectrum, so that no one would feel left out: every district was represented. The audience was treated to a fast-moving, action-packed programme which included music, rhythmic and creative movement, drama, a superb band and a most musical and



Seniors: Northern Ireland Districts 2 & 6.

moving performance by the Centenary Choir. Their repertoire included the piece: *Who is Like You O Lord?* composed by Dr Ian Wilson, and specially commissioned by The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland to mark their Centenary Year. The Finale, which included the flags of all the member countries, served to remind us once again of the International dimension of the Girls' Brigade family, and of our aim to encourage girls to become followers of Christ, in Whose hands their future, and the future of our Organisation is securely held.

Every item was of a very high standard, demonstrating once again the great wealth of talent and capability within the Organisation. Acknowledgement must be



Juniors: Northern Ireland Districts: 3, 8, 9 & 15.

made, and our debt of gratitude expressed, to Mrs Margaret Maze, Captain of 160th NI Company, St Paul's Parish, Lisburn, who was the inspiration and the driving force behind the creation of the items and the organisation of the Display. For over a year she gave unreservedly of her time and her creative ability to oversee and help in the organisation of every detail of the programme. Her own enthusiasm and dedication to the task she had undertaken encouraged all who worked alongside her to ensure the success of the Centenary Display.

Explorers: Northern Ireland Districts 1, 4 & 5.



Classic Bond.

Centenary Choir with composer Dr Ian Wilson.



Under 5s: Northern Ireland Districts 7 & 14.



21st NI Glengormley Methodist.



216th NI Church of God Glenmachan.



1 MAY

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Each year, on the first Saturday in May, Belfast bustles with activity, and hundreds of people line the streets to watch the procession of floats in The Lord Mayor's Show. The theme chosen for 1993 was: Belfast - A Carnival City. The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland entered a float which was colourfully decorated to represent a fairground carousel. Members from 216th NI Company, Church of God, Glenmachan, and 21st NI Company, Glengormley Methodist, performed rhythmic movements to music as the float moved through the streets. Miss Gail Douglas and Mrs Lorraine Corry were responsible for co-ordinating all the arrangements. They, together with the girls from both Companies and all those who helped, are to be congratulated on winning the trophy for the best entry by a youth organisation.

21-23 MAY

CENTENARY FLOWER FESTIVAL IN SECOND COMBER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Taking the theme *Celebration*, and using topics included in the Senior / Brigader Scripture Course Syllabus, Mrs Sheelagh Moag inspired and guided the members of the Northern Ireland Group of Flower Arranging Societies in the presentation of the Centenary Flower Festival. They created within Second Comber Presbyterian Church a display of floral arrangements which was both exquisite in appearance and also awe inspiring in its representation of the words of Holy Scripture. Flowers, foliage, fruit, natural materials and artifacts, and many other objects were used to depict particular verses of scripture. It was very evident, as people paused to examine each arrangement in turn, that they were impressed, not just by the talent and creativity of the one who had made it, but by the message conveyed through the beauty of the flowers. The variety of colours and textures in the materials used reminded us all of the wonders of God's creation, of His provision and loving care for each one of us, of His greatest gift of forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His only Son, and of the promise of His Holy Spirit to enable us to continue in His service.



Mr W Magill, Mayor of the Borough of Ards, with Mrs D Tennis and Miss I Rowley at the opening of the Flower Festival.

The Flower Festival was opened on Friday afternoon by our National President, Miss Isabel Rowley, and concluded on Sunday evening with a Service of Celebration conducted by Rev P Erskine, minister of Second Comber Presbyterian Church. The National Chaplain, Rev George Simpson, gave the address. Included in the items of praise at this Service was the winning entry in the Centenary Hymn Writing Competition: *O God, Your Praise we Sing*. It was written by Jennifer McClelland, a member of 101st NI Company, Clare Presbyterian, and the tune was composed by Rev Mark Spratt, Chaplain of Number 2 Division. The offerings received during the weekend exceeded £2000, and this amount was donated to the Centenary Charities: Tear Fund and the Belvoir Park Hospital Children's Playground.

Throughout the weekend, hospitality was provided by the Executive Committee, Captains and Officers of Strangford and Mourne District.

HYMN

*O God, your praise we sing,
Our hearts from sin redeem
Glorious Lord!
Now in our days of youth
Help us to see the truth
Then in our later years
We'll grow in grace*

*Seek, serve and follow Christ,
Should be our aim in life.
Give us your strength
To serve, and spread your word,
Teach those who have not heard
Of Jesus Christ our Lord
Who died on earth.*

*Girls of each creed and race
Filled with the Spirit's grace
In God unite
Blessed by the Saviour's love
Streaming from heaven above
May others see in us
Your selfless heart*

Jennifer McClelland
101st NI Company, Clare Presbyterian

Winner of NI Banner
Competition submitted
by
33rd NI Company,
High Street
Methodist, Lurgan.



Joint Second Place
in International
Centenary
Competition
submitted by
29th NI Company,
Cregagh
Congregational.



8 MAY
29 MAY
24 JULY

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Centenary Displays were held at various times throughout Centenary year by The Girls' Brigade in England and Wales, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland. On each occasion Northern Ireland sent a team to participate in the programme. Different teams represented Northern Ireland at each venue.

On Saturday 8th May 1993, a national team of Brigaders and Associates travelled to London to take part in the **England and Wales**



Yankee Doodle Dandy

The final rehearsal before London.



Centenary Rally in the Royal Albert Hall. Fifty girls, trained by Mrs Karen Booth, a Lieutenant of 8th NI Company, Trinity Presbyterian, Bangor, performed an item of creative movement entitled *Wind of Change*. This was a most dynamic and expressive item performed to the music of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Scotland chose a very different venue for their Centenary Circus. This was at the Grangemouth Sports Stadium on Saturday 29th May 1993. On this occasion the national team comprised sixty seniors, trained by Mrs Margaret Maze, Captain of 160th NI Company, St Paul's Parish, Lisburn. Their item entitled *Yankee Doodle Dandy* was a very colourful combination of aerobic movements and music.

Also representing Northern Ireland at the Centenary Circus in **Scotland** was the *It's a Knockout* team from 74th NI Company, Killinichy. This team had been



74th NI Company, Killinichy.

successful in winning at the District and Northern Ireland finals to earn the right to travel to Scotland, where they competed most enthusiastically.

The National Basketball Stadium in Dublin was the venue for The Girls' Brigade **Ireland** to have their Centenary Display on Saturday 24th July 1993. At this Display, our national representatives were Juniors, accompanied and trained by Mrs Joanne Tinsley and Miss Fiona Clements from 20th NI Company, Joymount Presbyterian, Carrickfergus. These girls competed with the representatives from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales in a very enjoyable Team Games Competition. The girls were cheered and encouraged by the large audience which included the international delegates and observers attending ICGB.

JUNE

ROYAL OCCASIONS

Members of the National Board and Office-bearers of The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland felt very honoured to receive invitations to the Garden Party at Hillsborough Castle. Very wet weather did not dampen their spirits when, to their great delight, they heard that the royal visitor on this occasion was Her Majesty the Queen. As Her Majesty passed among the invited guests, she stopped and spoke with our National President, Miss Isabel Rowley, having recognised the uniform of The Girls' Brigade. Later that afternoon Mrs Doreen Tennis, National Secretary, was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In conversation, Her Majesty recalled having been shown photographs by her Mother, of the ceremony at which she named the locomotive *The Girls' Brigade* at Euston Station. On that occasion Mrs Doreen Tennis and Miss Isabel Rowley had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. For all those present at Hillsborough on that afternoon it was a very special highlight in our Centenary Year.



Miss Isabel Rowley, National President and Mrs Doreen Tennis, National Secretary at Euston Station.

British Rail presents a name plate to each of the four countries, England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland.



11 JUNE

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL RECEPTION
AND DINNER AT BELFAST CITY HALL



Miss Isabel Rowley presents an engraved Tyrone Crystal Centrepiece to Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Councillor R Empey.

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Councillor R Empey, and Lady Mayoress, hosted a reception for 400 Office bearers, Captains, Officers, former members, and special guests of The Girls' Brigade, Northern Ireland.

An informal reception preceded the dinner, giving those present an opportunity to exchange greetings and news from their own Companies or Districts. This time also gave members an opportunity to look around and enjoy the very beautiful surroundings of the City Hall itself.

Dinner was served in the impressive Banqueting Hall, where all enjoyed the delicious meal. The special guest at this evening was Mrs E K Barnett MBE, who spoke of her association with The Girls' Brigade over a number of years, and her admiration of the work of the Organisation in assisting the personal development of young women, and thus better equipping them to take a responsible place in their community.

Our President, Miss Isabel Rowley, thanked the Belfast City Council for their hospitality and their support for the work of Girls' Brigade. In appreciation of this, and to mark Centenary Year, she presented a beautiful-

(Left to right) Rev G Simpson, National Chaplain Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland, Professor N Nevin - President, Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland and Rev E V Millar, National Chairman Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.



ly engraved Tyrone Crystal Dunowen Centrepiece to the City of Belfast. Councillor Empey responded by bringing the greetings of the City Council, its congratulations to The Girls' Brigade on achieving its Centenary, and its good wishes for the year ahead.

13 JUNE

CENTENARY CELEBRATION
SERVICES HELD IN BELFAST



The Lord Lieutenant and Mrs Wilson and The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Mr and Mrs R Empey at St Anne's Cathedral.

Sunday 13th June will surely be a day to be remembered by all those who travelled to Belfast to take part in the Centenary Celebration Services and Parade. Over 7000 Officers and girls made the journey, and joined in worship and praise together as four services were held simultaneously in St Anne's Cathedral, the Assembly Buildings, May Street Presbyterian Church and the Ulster Hall. All four venues were packed to capacity. Choirs had been specially chosen to lead the singing, and Officers

and girls led in the scripture readings and prayers. The special speakers were:

The Very Rev Dr Godfrey Brown, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, in Ireland;

Rev David Bruce, General Director of Scripture Union in Northern Ireland;

Rev Kenneth Clarke, St Patrick's Parish Church, Coleraine;

Miss Joyce Greenaway, full time Youth Worker in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor.

The offerings of over £5000 received

at these services were donated to the Centenary Charities: Tear Fund, the Belvoir Park Hospital Children's Playground, and The Bible Society.

Following the services, the Companies paraded to the City Centre, where the four groups merged into one for the March Past and General Salute at the City Hall. The Salute was taken by Col J Elliott Wilson OBE JP, Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast, accompanied by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, the President of the Girls' Brigade, and other office bearers of The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland.

This was indeed a memorable day in the history of The Girls' Brigade, and a high point in our year of Centenary Celebrations.

Joyce Greenaway.





Mrs Anne Mawhinney

5-9 JULY

CENTENARY CAMP AT THE SHARE CENTRE, LISNASKEA

Eighty two girls and thirteen Officers, representing all of the six counties, travelled to Lisnaskea for this special Camp. Every girl who applied was allocated a place at the camp, which proved to be a really memorable experience for everyone. Under the watchful eye of Mrs Anne Mawhinney, Camp Commandant, and Captain of 229th NI Company, Greystone Road Presbyterian, Antrim,

the girls availed themselves of every opportunity to participate in the wide range of outdoor activities. Sailing, canoeing, wind surfing, banana boat riding, all were tried with much enthusiasm. For those who preferred to have their feet on dry ground, there was tennis, table tennis and archery to be enjoyed. During the week an outing was arranged to the Marble Arch Caves, near Enniskillen. This proved to be a most interesting and pleasant day out for everyone. Mrs Jessie Hutchinson, a former member of Greystone Road Presbyterian Company, now living in England, joined the girls at camp and led the devotional time each day. This was a week when new friendships were formed, the fun and fellowship were thoroughly enjoyed by all, and those who attended came home feeling that they had indeed been privileged to be part of this Centenary Camp.



20 - 31 JULY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE GIRLS' BRIGADE HOSTED BY IRELAND

The International Council of Girls' Brigade (ICGB) meets once every five years to review policies and discuss important issues relevant to the ongoing work of The Girls' Brigade family worldwide. The first Council meeting was held in London in 1968, and subsequent Councils have met in New Zealand (1973), Grand Cayman (1978), Singapore (1983) and The Cook Islands (1988). In this, the Centenary year, ICGB returned to the birthplace of The Girls' Brigade when it held its meetings in St Patrick's College, Dublin, from 20th to 31st July. Around 150 delegates and observers attended, representing 20 countries. Attending as member countries for the first time were Ireland, Northern Ireland, St Kitts, Trinidad and Tobago, Kenya, Zambia and Hong Kong.

Representatives met each day to share devotional fellowship together, before entering on the business discussions. At the opening service of ICGB, a magnificent tablecloth was dedicated, and presented to The Girls' Brigade Ireland to be displayed at their Headquarters in Dublin. Miss Mary E Kennedy MBE, former Brigade Secretary obtained the lines, squares and embroidery threads arranged for their distribution around



ICGB delegates.

the world, and was responsible for having them joined together with crocheted panels. Each square is embroidered with the name and flag or national symbol, and the year in which The Girls' Brigade was founded in that country. The centre piece of the cloth, depicting the Girls' Brigade International badge, was embroidered by Miss Eve Wright from England and Wales. The Northern Ireland square was embroidered by Mrs Susie McIlorum.

A Service was held in Sandymount Presbyterian Church, during which a memorial stone was dedicated. This little church, in which the first company of Girls' Brigade began in 1893, is to be demolished, and a residential home built on the site. The commemorative stone will be built into the walls of the residen-



tial home, as a tribute to the founder, Miss Margaret Lyttle, and the first Company she formed.

Included in an exhibition of Girls' Brigade memorabilia were the banners entered in the International Centenary Competition. Many countries participated and contributed a very high standard of needlecraft and creativity. The winning banner came from England and Wales, with Northern Ireland and Australia tying for second place. The winning banner was presented to The Girls' Brigade Ireland, to be hung in the residential home at Sandymount.

RTE broadcast a service from their Dublin television studio during ICGB in which some delegates were invited to take part in prayers and scripture readings. This service was relayed on large screen television to all the other delegates and

observers gathered at St Patrick's College, so that all could share in worship together.

The Girls' Brigade Ireland held their Centenary Display on Saturday 24th July, and a team of Juniors representing Northern Ireland travelled to Dublin to take part in a team games competition.

While much time was spent profitably in the business sessions during the fortnight of ICGB, probably even more valuable were the experiences shared, the friendships made or renewed, and the encouragement gained from sharing together in fellowship with others who seek to promote the Christian aims and principles of The Girls' Brigade around the world.

Northern Ireland delegation to ICGB, Ireland 1993.



VISIT OF NEW ZEALAND DELEGATES TO NORTHERN IRELAND

Following the International Conference of Girls' Brigade in Dublin, the New Zealand delegation visited Northern Ireland before returning home. On the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd August the Friends of Ballance House were delighted to arrange a visit to the

House and provide afternoon tea for our guests. Ballance House, situated near Glenavy, is owned and maintained by the Ulster - New Zealand Trust, and is the original home of the first Prime Minister of New Zealand. Our guests were warmly welcomed by Mrs B McIvor, Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, and Chairman of the Trust. Together with their hostesses, our friends from New Zealand then travelled to the Grapevine Restaurant at Conlig where they were

provided with a delicious evening meal. Then it was time to be on the move again - the next stop was Killinchy.

An informal evening had been arranged in Killinchy Presbyterian Church Hall, when our guests from New Zealand enjoyed the programme of items drawn together for the occasion. While admiring the high standard of performance by all the girls, the colour of the costumes and the variety of the items, the undisputed highlight for our visitors was

Mrs Karen Booth and Miss Pearl Hassard with some of the National PE Team and Mrs Anne Nicholson, National Commissioner for New Zealand.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIRLS' BRIGADE

All our Companies in Northern Ireland were asked by the National Board to hold a Birthday Party on, or as near as possible to, 6th October 1993. From the records available, it would seem that this was the date in 1893 on which the first meeting of Girls' Brigade took place in Sandymount Presbyterian Church, Dublin.

While it was the intention that these Birthday Parties should simply be a time of fun and enjoyment for all the girls, many Companies took the opportunity to present a Centenary Bible to each girl. It is hoped that this Girls' Brigade Centenary Edition of the New International Version of the Bible will be an acceptable and valued memento of our special year.



Explorers who took part in the evening at Killinchy.

the Singing Games item presented by Killinchy Under 5s. These little girls really captured the hearts and imagination of our visitors, and sent them home wondering: *Why don't we include Under 5s in our companies?* This informal get-together not only gave our visitors an insight into The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland, but also allowed us to learn a little about life in Companies in New Zealand.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION

The Northern Ireland Battalion was honoured when in 1959 it was accepted into the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for girls, as an experimental body. A sub-committee was formed to supervise and encourage the running of the Scheme, and it was pleasing to note the high level of interest from Companies. The very first awards gained through Girls' Brigade were Bronze Awards presented to nine members of 70th NI Company, Eglinton. The first Gold Award was gained in 1962 by Miss Mabel Elliott, a member of 74th NI Company, Killinchy.

Following the amalgamation of The Girls' Brigade with The Girls' Life Brigade and The Girls' Guildry, a new Committee was formed in 1967. Under the Chairmanship of Mrs Elizabeth Lynas, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee drew on the expertise of many enthusiastic Captains and Officers. Interest in the Award Scheme has grown over the years until, in this Centenary Year, a total of 114 Companies are now participating.

The success of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in the Girls' Brigade is largely attributable to the personal dedi-



Miss Mabel Elliott, 74th NI Killinchy, who gained the first Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in 1962.



cation of Mrs Lynas, and to her outstanding role as Chairman over 26 years. She was a source of inspiration to her colleagues on Committee because of her belief in, and vision for, the development of the Award Scheme within The Girls' Brigade. In addition to her contribution

in The Girls' Brigade, she also served as Vice Chairman of the Liaison Committee, and as a member of the Northern Ireland Advisory Committee.

As part of the celebrations for our Centenary, The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland hosted the Silver Award Presentation Ceremony in Church House, Belfast on 8th October. The girls received their Silver Award Certificates from the Guests of Honour, Lady Mayhew, wife of the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, and Miss Judy Simpson, who was formerly a member of The Girls' Brigade, and was an international athlete. She is now National Promotions Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

At this Ceremony, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Office presented The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland with a new Operating Authority Licence, and acknowledged its contribution to the success of the scheme in the Province. The purpose of this Licence is to remind Organisations of their responsibilities and involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The development of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme within The



Silver Award presentation ceremony in Church House, Belfast on 8th October 1993



Isabel Rowley, Annetta Smyth, Doreen Tennis with Lady Mayhew.



Miss Judy Simpson meets three Silver Award winners.

Girls' Brigade has been a great asset to the Organisation. It has been the means of encouraging girls to learn new skills, to involve themselves in the life of their local

community by rendering some form of service, and to develop their characters and personalities, thus better equipping them to take their place in today's society.



Photograph Courtesy of The Belfast Telegraph.

Heather Kirkwood 179th NI Drumbo Presbyterian with Mrs Christine Lynch.

18 OCTOBER

CENTENARY CHARITY - BELVOIR PARK HOSPITAL ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

Even though 1993 was a year of celebrations for The Girls' Brigade worldwide and there were many events planned for the enjoyment of the girls, the commitment of the organisation to promote Christian principles in a practical manner was foremost when asking the girls to contribute to two major charity projects, one of which would be local and one International. Many Companies contributed to these charities as well as providing funds for their normal annual charities.

At the beginning of the year it was agreed by the National Board that the

main local Centenary Charity should focus on benefiting children.

After careful consideration of several projects it was agreed by the Board to finance the building of a children's adventure play area at Belvoir Park Hospital.

Belvoir Park Hospital is situated on the outskirts of Belfast and provides chemotherapy and radiotherapy for children and adults with cancer. The hospital is the main centre for treatment and many patients have to travel long distances.

Friends of Montgomery House, a charitable trust attached to the hospital, identified a need for this facility, as children attending the hospital often have to wait long periods for treatment or test results.

What was once a derelict slope covered in brambles has been transformed into a delightful modern scenic play area with slides, tree house, climbing frames,

on a soft cushion of wood chippings where children can play safely. Many trees were retained to enhance the area. The area provides a beautiful respite for children, patients and visitors attending the hospital.

We would like to pay tribute to the exhaustive and imaginative efforts of the Officers, girls, families and friends of the Girls' Brigade who raised £20,000 and to Friends of Montgomery House who added some extra equipment to the park.

On Monday 18th October, 1993 the play area was officially opened by Sir Kenneth Bloomfield KCB, National Governor BBC Northern Ireland who thanked the organisation for their work and dedication to encouraging a sense of responsibility and commitment from young people to those less fortunate in our society.

25 NOVEMBER



PLANTING FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

After a week of very wet weather it was a relief to everyone that Saturday 27th November was a clear crisp autumn morning.

National Tree week commenced on the 25th November and over fifty officers and girls from The Girls' Brigade planted 100 young trees at Barnett Park, Belfast. Officers from Belfast City Council and members of the National Board encouraged the girls in their struggles with the heavy soil and when the task was completed Mrs Stella Empey, Lady Mayoress of Belfast thanked the girls for their contribution to the environment and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

LOCAL SUPPORT

In acknowledgement of the contribution which The Girls' Brigade makes to the life of the community, many District Councils have hosted Receptions or planted colourful flower beds to commemorate the Centenary Year. Some local traders have also allowed their shop windows to be used for a display of Girls' Brigade memorabilia, as a token of their interest and support for the work of the Organisation. It is a great encouragement to the Captains and Officers in local



Castlereagh Borough Council Flowerbed.

Companies to know that all their efforts to encourage girls to become responsible citizens have been appreciated.

Belfast City Hall Flowerbed - members of the Girls' Brigade with Councillor Alex Attwood.



OUR ROYAL PATRON
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCESS ALICE,
DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

*As your Patron my good wishes as
always are with you, particularly in
this your hundredth year and for the
days to come.*

Alice

F U T U R E



As the Centenary Year of The Girls' Brigade draws to a close, it has been good to look back and consider how it all began. We have been given ample opportunity to celebrate this special birthday, and to acknowledge with gratitude the vision and wisdom of those who worked so hard to give us the heritage we enjoy today. The Girls' Brigade in Northern Ireland, and in many countries around the world, has a significant role to play in the spiritual, mental and physical development of young women. So, how are we going to take this great Organisation forward into the twenty first century? We must plan for the future, recognising that our strength lies in seeking to Serve and Follow Christ every step of the way. With thoughts of the future in mind, various people, who at present hold prominent positions in our Organisation, have been asked to share with us their hopes and aspirations for the way forward into another century.



"GO TO ALL PEOPLE. . ."

There is so much that is encouraging in Christian youth work in Northern Ireland at the moment. But one of the strangest omissions, and one it seems to me, that we almost take for granted, is the difficulty of getting young people interested in world mission.

Those who are closely involved in missionary work tell me that this is a great source of concern to almost all missionary societies. It is a rare sight to see teenagers present in strength at missionary meetings or conventions. I find that few young people seem to have any worthwhile knowledge of what is happening in the Church in different parts of the world.

You would think that world mission would be a natural subject to attract the enthusiasm of teenagers. Young people have a natural idealism and want to improve the world. Yet world mission does not seem to be high on their agenda, if it appears at all.

Jesus gave His disciples the command "Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples;" (Matthew 28:19). How will the Church fulfil her Lord's commission if her young people are not enthusiastic for the missionary cause?



As Girls' Brigade enters the second century of service for the Church let us make sure that we keep the missionary cause well to the fore in all our companies. We can do this by having up-to-date missionary information easily available to the girls. Vague exhortations to

girls, about the importance of the missionary mandate, will not do. Clear, specific information, regular challenges, and constant encouragements, are part of the job of all Chaplains and Officers.

Let us make sure that we are not preparing our girls to fit acceptably into the average Northern Ireland evangelical church, with cultural blinkers and local priorities intact, breathing the air of a fog of mission ignorance. Instead let us encourage them to grow into 'world Christians', with an ambitious grasp of their task in the world and a confidence in God's resources to meet it.

Rev E V Millar
National Chairman

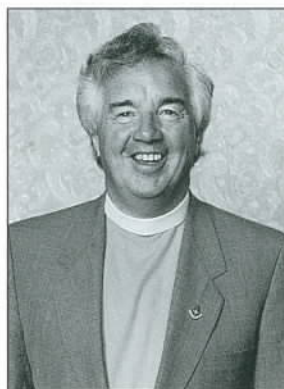
TOWARDS 2000

What an exciting year 1993 has been as our Companies have been involved in many aspects of Centenary Celebrations. However we must not allow this enthusiasm and excitement to die away. We must look to the future and ask: "What will the next century be like?" Certainly

there will be changes: changes in uniform, in programme, in competitions. Change is important and can be beneficial if it is for the right reasons. There will be changes in competitions as new ideas come to light. In our programme the educational, social and service sections will be updated. Even the spiritual will see change but only in presentation.

The Aim will remain the same and the Motto as always: **Seek, Serve, and Follow Christ**. Our Principles which show the rules by which we operate will also remain unchanged. Remember the word of God in Hebrews 13:8 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever'.

In the first hundred years The Girls' Brigade has made steady progress not only in Northern Ireland but throughout the world. As we look to the next hun-



dred years I believe our organisation, which has been influential in the lives of many girls, will continue to grow and influence girls if God is given His rightful place in every area of our work.

We must look to Him as **our Father**, Jesus as **our Saviour**, and the Holy Spirit as **our Guide**.

Let us go forward into the next century with the confidence that The Girls' Brigade is an organisation which was relevant in the past, is relevant today, and will be relevant in the future, meeting the needs of girls in all aspects of their lives.

'I do not know what lies ahead,
The way I cannot see.
Yet One stands near to be my guide:
He'll show the way to me.'

Pray that the Lord will richly bless our Girls' Brigade.

Rev George D Simpson
National Chaplain

MY HOPES FOR THE GIRLS' BRIGADE IN THE NEXT DECADE

Let me pose the following questions:

Will a uniformed organisation be relevant?

In this Centenary Year there has been so much enthusiasm shown by girls and their parents that I feel our Movement will be relevant in the future. We are blessed with a band of devoted Captains and Lieutenants and I have no doubt that their dedication will continue to build for the future.

How do we keep The Girls' Brigade relevant in the modern age?

Our programme must be for the whole of life and should be challenging, stimulating and fun for all girls. The extra pressures on girls mean that we need to continually update the programme, but we must make sure it is not an extension of school. A Christian commitment for leadership and service to Church, home and community, particularly among the older girls, needs to be our goal.



After Centenary - what next?

So much fun has been had by girls this year in making new friends with those in other Companies that I would like to see this continue and grow. I hope Divisions and Districts will arrange special events, for exam-

ple, fun days for girls and perhaps a seminar for Captains and Lieutenants for renewal, refreshment and fellowship.

Finally....

At the International Conference, which was held this year in Dublin, the banner of the Conference Hall was: **Lord, Be Thou My Vision**. My vision is that, in accordance with God's will, all our planning will be that girls - who are our future leaders - will fulfil our motto: **Seek, Serve and Follow Christ**.

Isabel Rowley
National President

GOING FORWARD

I considered it a great privilege to be elected Commissioner for Northern Ireland during Centenary Year. As Commissioner I have had opportunities to meet with Girls' Brigade members from many countries especially during ICGB in Dublin in July 1993. However, what I appreciated most was getting to know a lot more members from my own country. During the year I have learned, at first hand, the problems facing inner city Companies where membership is dwindling but enthusiasm is not.

Despite all the political and social problems, The Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland continues to flourish and this is due to the dedication of our Captains and Officers, not forget-



Annetta M Smyth

Annetta M Smyth
National Commissioner

ting our staff at Headquarters.

Centenary events have been a great success where, despite all the hard work, we have had a lot of fun and fellowship together. So going forward into the next century let us build on the foundations of the past remembering that, without lowering

our standards, we must be aware of the needs of the girls and be willing to change with the times.

Can I leave you with the challenge put to us at ICGB by Dr Robin Eames who was speaking on the text: **Feed my Sheep.** Are we doing that?

SEEK, SERVE AND FOLLOW

Centenary Year has been exciting, challenging, and, most important, fun. The normal work of the Organisation has continued along with the many activities arranged for this year of celebration. The girls have enjoyed meeting other girls

and officers from throughout the British Isles. This has been possible due to the commitment in time and energy of their Officers in making many of the necessary arrangements.

The Girls' Brigade has just celebrated 100 years, and looks forward with confidence to the next century. There have been many dedicated people involved in The Girls' Brigade in Northern Ireland: its strength is the dedication and professionalism which the Officers and leaders have brought, and continue to bring, to this major youth organisation. They continue to contribute so much of their time voluntarily. We depend on them more and more.

The young people's energy and commitment, and desire to 'do something', means that they make a real difference in their communities, and change their own lives into the bargain. We see this at



Company level, also with the work presented for awards such as the Queen's Award, the highest award in The Girls' Brigade, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The twenty first century is only a few years away. By then today's young people will be the decision

makers, the teachers, the parents, the people who care. We have every confidence in our young people, particularly those involved with The Girls' Brigade, that they will be in a position to make a very worthwhile contribution to the society of tomorrow.

We have an exciting future ahead of us, and that is very much a commendation of the past, because the future is going to owe its strength to work that has already been carried out. Whilst we celebrate and give thanks for all that is past, we look forward with great hope and joy to the next hundred years in The Girls' Brigade.

Doreen Tennis

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National Secretary

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

We live in a fast-moving world and in a rapidly-changing society. We must always be ready, therefore, to meet the challenge of change as we assist the development of our young people in body, mind and spirit.

The Girls' Brigade offers a structured programme, designed to cater for the whole person and this programme is constantly under review as needs are assessed and provided for.

The Government values highly the contribution made by organisations such as ours to life in Northern Ireland, and would encourage all agencies involved in youth work throughout the Province to include in their curriculum a greater cross-community dimension. They also ask that young people be given the



opportunity to participate in the planning and management of their own activities and to be involved in decision-making at district, national, and even international level.

The young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, and it is our

responsibility to help them develop to their full potential, providing sensitive support and guidance, as they prepare for the adult world into which they are emerging.

Laura H. Greenaway

Laura Greenaway
Assistant National Secretary



POEM FOR CENTENARY

*One hundred years have come and gone
And still the Girls' Brigade lives on.
Throughout the world our badge shines bright
And Christ remains our guiding light.*

*He calls the girls from every land
To join together hand in hand,
And show this world so full of strife
That he is the way, the truth, the life.*

*Not only do we sing his praise
But honour him in different ways
Through cooking, sewing, song and gym,
We try our best to win for him.*

*From young to old we have one aim
To work together in his name,
And keep this motto throughout our life:
To seek, serve, and follow Christ.*

*So one hundred years from now we pray
That someone else will stand and say:
Two hundred years have come and gone,
And still the Girls' Brigade lives on.*

Sandra Kirkpatrick
107th NI Company, Glenburn Methodist



The Girls' Brigade in Northern Ireland continues to grow. Five new Companies were formed during Centenary Year. We now have 308 Companies and a membership of over 25,000.

THE COMPANIES



COMPANY NUMBER	COMPANY	DISTRICT	FOUNDED
1st	Thomas Street Meth	7	1921
3rd	Lisburn Meth	6	1924
4th	1st Lisburn Pres	6	1942
5th	Meth City Mission L'derry	11	1926
6th	Dromore Cathedral	14	1943
7th	Sydenham Meth	1	1928
8th	Trinity Pres Bangor	4	1943
9th	Mountpottinger Meth	2	1928
10th	Lambeg Parish	6	1943
12th	Magheragall Pres	6	1943
13th	Jennymount Meth	3	1931
14th	Richview Pres	2	1945
15th	Cregagh Meth	1	1934
16th	Seaview Pres	3	1945
17th	East Belfast Mission	1	1928
18th	Dundonald Pres	1	1946
19th	Carrickfergus Meth	9	1937
20th	Joymount Pres	9	1945
21st	Glengormley Meth	8	1939
22nd	Sloan Street Pres	6	1946
23rd	Regent Street Meth	4	1939
24th	High Kirk Pres	10	1947
27th	Queen's Parade Meth	4	1942
28th	1st Bangor Presbyterian	4	1947
29th	Cregagh Cong	1	1942
30th	St Jude's Parish	2	1948
32nd	Connor Pres	10	1957
33rd	High Street Meth	7	1943
34th	First Lurgan Pres	7	1947
35th	Gardenmore Pres	9	1942
36th	Duncairn Pres	3	1947
37th	Shore Street Pres	4	1943
38th	Second Comber Pres	5	1948
39th	1st Newtownards Pres	4	1943
40th	Dunmurry Pres	6	1948
42nd	Ballygomartin Pres	3	1948
44th	Carryduff Pres	5	1948
45th	Greenwell Street Pres	4	1943
46th	Fitzroy Pres	2	1948

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47th	2nd Newtownards Pres	4	1966
48th	St Andrew's Pres	4	1949
49th	1st Islandmagee Pres	9	1945
50th	1st Holywood Pres	1	1948
51st	Newcastle Pres	5	1945
52nd	Whitehouse Pres	8	1951
53rd	Ballycraig Cong	15	1945
54th	1st Saintfield Pres	5	1949
55th	Cairncastle Pres	9	1945
56th	St Aidan's Parish	2	1949
57th	Carnalea Meth	4	1946
58th	Banbridge Road Pres	14	1949
59th	Greencastle Meth	3	1941
60th	Drumcree Parish	7	1948
61st	Hill Street Pres	7	1949
62nd	Hamilton Road Pres	4	1949
63rd	Ravenhill Pres	2	1947
65th	West Pres Ballymena	10	1946
66th	Hydepark Pres	15	1951
69th	Cavehill Meth	3	1947
70th	Woodvale Pres	3	1950
71st	Bloomfield Meth	1	1948
72nd	Kilbride Pres	9	1951
74th	Killinchy	5	1950
75th	1st Ballymena Pres	10	1950
76th	Holy Trinity Parish	3	1951
77th	Streatan Pres	4	1948
78th	West Kirk Pres	3	1971
79th	Conlig Pres	4	1948
82nd	Ebrington Pres	11	1952
83rd	Mountpottinger Pres	1	1946
84th	2nd Castlederg Pres	12	1951
85th	Finaghy Meth	2	1939
86th	Randalstown Old Cong	15	1951
87th	Lissara Pres	5	1938
88th	Wellington Street Pres	10	1951
89th	Kilkeel Pres	5	1950
90th	Boardmills & Killaney	5	1952
91st	Shankill Meth	3	1951
92nd	Hillsborough Pres	6	1952



56th NI St Aidan's Parish.



132nd NI Ballyeaston Presbyterian.



142nd NI Kilmakee Presbyterian.

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93rd	Orangefield Pres	1	1949
94th	Carlisle Road Pres	11	1952
95th	Bloomfield Cong	1	1951
96th	Dunlop Mem Pres	3	1951
98th	1st Dromore Pres	14	1952
99th	Broomhedge Meth	14	1952
100th	Stewartstown Pres	7	1952
101st	Clare Pres	7	1952
102nd	Macrory Mem Pres	3	1953
103rd	1st Carrickfergus Pres	9	1952
104th	1st Donaghadee Pres	4	1952
105th	Edenderry Mem Meth	7	1953
106th	Ballygowan Pres	5	1952
107th	Glenburn Meth	1	1953
108th	Harryville Pres	10	1966
109th	Fisherwick Pres	2	1953
110th	Abbots Cross Pres	8	1952
111th	Newtownabbey Meth Mission	8	1929
112th	Edengrove Pres	5	1953
114th	Ballygrainey Pres	4	1975
115th	1st Comber Pres	5	1954
116th	Church of the Epiphany	2	1954
117th	Ballyclare Meth	9	1955
118th	The Mall Pres, Armagh	7	1953
120th	Annalong Pres	5	1954
121st	Millisle Pres	4	1956
122nd	Ballywillan Pres	13	1954
124th	Rathcoole Pres	8	1955
125th	Leckpatrick Pres	11	1956
126th	Eglinton Pres	3	1954
127th	Dungannon Meth	7	1956
128th	2nd Saintfield Pres & Parish	5	1954
129th	Holywood Meth	1	1957
130th	1st Killyleagh Pres	5	1956
131st	Larne Meth	9	1957
132nd	Ballyeaston Pres	9	1955
133rd	Whiteabbey Cong	8	1957
134th	Donegore Pres	15	1956
135th	Oldpark Pres	3	1959
136th	Raffrey Pres	5	1955

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137th	Ballymena Meth	10	1957
138th	Moy Pres	7	1957
142nd	Kilmakee Pres	6	1960
143rd	Mountpottinger Baptist	2	1958
144th	Dundrod Pres	15	1958
146th	Mourne Pres	5	1958
147th	Killymurris Pres	10	1959
148th	Church of the Annunciation	1	1958
149th	Templepatrick Pres	15	1958
151st	Cullybackey Meth	10	1956
152nd	Richhill Pres	7	1960
153rd	Craigy Hill Pres	9	1959
154th	Trinity Pres Omagh	12	1960
155th	Greenisland Meth	8	1959
157th	Ballynahinch Cong	5	1957
158th	Cloughwater Pres	10	1962
159th	1st Dromara Pres	14	1958
160th	St Paul's Parish	6	1962
161st	Antrim Road Baptist	3	1959

160th NI St Paul's Parish



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162nd	Ballynure Pres	9	1962
163rd	Ballyweaney Pres	13	1960
164th	Cargycreevy Pres	5	1962
165th	Annahilt Pres	14	1959
167th	Branial	1	1959
168th	Ballyarnett Pres	11	1962
169th	Whiteabbey Meth	8	1959
170th	Magheramason Pres	11	1962
171st	Muckamore Pres	15	1959
172nd	Legacurry Pres	6	1964
173rd	Ballyrone Pres	14	1960
175th	Carnmoney Pres	8	1960
176th	Rasharkin Pres	13	1965
177th	Pettigo Meth	12	1960
179th	Drumbo Pres	6	1960
180th	1st Antrim Pres	15	1965
181st	Ahorey Pres	7	1961
182nd	Derryvolgie Parish	6	1965
183rd	Enniskillen Meth	12	1961

184th NI Loughbrickland Presbyterian



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184th	Loughbrickland Pres	14	1966
185th	Markethill Pres	7	1961
186th	Christ Church Pres D'donald	1	1965
188th	Newington Pres	3	1965
189th	Ballywalter Pres	4	1962
190th	Bellaghy Pres	10	1966
194th	St Mary's Parish D'donald	1	1966
195th	Carrowdore Pres	4	1962
197th	Ballyblack Pres	4	1963
199th	Craigy Hill Meth	9	1963
200th	St James Pres	13	1964
202nd	Knocknamuckley Parish	7	1964
205th	Epworth Meth	7	1966
206th	Ballinamallard Meth	12	1966
207th	Abbots Cross Cong	8	1952
208th	Irvinestown Pres	12	1966
209th	Donaghadee Meth	4	1967
210th	Crumlin Pres	15	1968
211th	Abbey Pres	8	1968
213th	Brookside Pres	10	1968
215th	Glendermott Pres	11	1968
216th	Church of God Glenmahan	1	1968
218th	Molesworth Pres	7	1950
219th	Donacloney Pres	14	1969
220th	Castledawson Pres	10	1969
221st	Magherafelt Pres	10	1970
222nd	St Mary's Parish Belfast	3	1970
223rd	Killead Pres	15	1970
225th	Ballywatt Pres	13	1970
226th	Mossley Parish	8	1970
227th	2nd Dromara Pres	14	1970
228th	Tobermore	15	1971
229th	Greystone Road Pres	15	1971
230th	Metropolitan Church	8	1971
231st	Trinity Pres Ahoghill	10	1971
232nd	Kilcooley Pres	4	1971
233rd	Grove Baptist	1	1971
234th	Immanuel Pres	3	1970
235th	Roseyards Pres	13	1972
236th	Armoy	13	1973

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237th	Lisnabreen Pres	4	1972
238th	Lylehill Pres	15	1972
240th	Lisburn Cong	6	1972
241st	Garnerville Pres	1	1972
242nd	Ballymena Baptist	10	1973
243rd	Ardstraw Pres	12	1973
244th	Church of God Ballymoney	13	1973
245th	Finaghy Baptist	2	1974
246th	Sandy Row Meth	2	1974
247th	Clough Pres Ballymena	10	1974
248th	2nd Limavady Pres	11	1974
249th	Drumachose Pres	11	1974
250th	Ballyloughan Pres	10	1974
251st	Glenwherry Pres	10	1974
252nd	Balteagh Pres	11	1974
253rd	Ballykelly Pres	11	1974
254th	1st Limavady Pres	11	1974
255th	Tandragee Pres	7	1974
256th	Bannside Pres	14	1975

227th NI 2nd Dromara Presbyterian.



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257th	Carryduff Baptist	5	1974	298th	Banbridge Meth	14	1979
258th	Culnady Pres	10	1975	300th	Scarva Street Pres	14	1979
259th	Drumgooland & Kilkinamurry Pres	14	1975	301st	Warrenpoint	14	1979
260th	St Saviour Craigavon	7	1975	302nd	Donemana Pres	11	1979
261st	1st Broughshane Pres	10	1975	303rd	Nelson Memorial Pres	3	1980
262nd	2nd Broughshane Pres	10	1975	304th	Mosside Pres	13	1980
263rd	Garvagh	13	1975	305th	Seskinore Pres	12	1980
264th	Portglenone Church	10	1975	306th	Portstewart Baptist	13	1980
265th	Ballykeel Presbyterian	10	1975	307th	Newtownards Cong	4	1981
267th	Finvoy Pres	13	1976	308th	Banagher Pres	11	1981
268th	Portrush Pres	13	1976	309th	Downpatrick Baptist	5	1981
269th	Drumreagh Pres	13	1976	310th	Hilltown & Clonduff	14	1981
271st	Hazelbank Pres	13	1976	311th	New Mossley Pres	8	1981
272nd	Ballycastle	13	1976	312th	Bovevagh Parish	11	1981
273rd	Ballymoney Reformed Pres	13	1976	314th	Church of Good Shepherd	8	1981
274th	Terrace Row Pres	13	1976	315th	Dundonald Elim	1	1982
275th	Ballylinney Pres	9	1976	316th	Dungiven Pres	11	1982
276th	Church of God Shankill	3	1977	317th	Cloughey & Portavogie	4	1982
277th	Carnalbana Pres	10	1977				
278th	Moirra Pres	6	1977				
279th	Elmwood Pres	6	1977				
280th	Glastry Meth	4	1976				
281st	Belfast City Mission Rathcoole	8	1977				
282nd	Woodlands Pres	9	1977				
283rd	Seymour Hill Meth	6	1978				
284th	Belfast City Mission Ballybeen	1	1977				
285th	John White Memorial Cong	3	1977				
286th	Ballee Pres	10	1978				
287th	Tullylish Parish	14	1978				
288th	Glenavy Parish	15	1977				
289th	Ballysally Pres	13	1978				
290th	Clough Pres	5	1978				
291st	Burnside Pres	13	1978				
292nd	Portstewart Pres	13	1978				
293rd	Scrabo Pres	4	1978				
294th	Ulsterville Pres	2	1978				
295th	Letterbreen Meth	12	1979				
296th	1st Larne Pres	9	1979				
297th	West Church Pres Bangor	4	1979				

295th NI Letterbreen Methodist.



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318th	Trillick	12	1982	337th	Aughnacloy & Ballymagrane Pres	7	1987
319th	Maghaberry Meth	6	1982	338th	Mountjoy Pres	12	1987
320th	Kilfennan Pres	11	1982	339th	Hillsborough Elim	14	1988
321st	Buckna Pres	10	1982	340th	Richhill Meth	7	1988
322nd	Drumhillery Pres	7	1983	341st	Ardmore	7	1988
323rd	New Row Pres	13	1983	342nd	Tullycarnet Pres	1	1988
324th	Mossley Meth	8	1983	343rd	Lowe Memorial Pres	2	1989
325th	Dunboe Pres	13	1983	344th	Knockloughrim Meth	10	1989
326th	Bluestone Meth	7	1984	345th	Movilla Abbey	4	1989
327th	Redrock Pres	7	1984	346th	Bethshan	3	1990
329th	Christ Church Primacy	4	1985	347th	Magherafelt Meth	10	1991
330th	Gracehill Moravian	10	1985	348th	Granshaw Pres	5	1992
331st	Macosquin Pres	13	1985	349th	Holy Trinity Woodburn	9	1993
332nd	Tartaraghan Pres	7	1985	350th	Glascar & Donaghmore Pres	14	1993
333rd	Castlereagh Pres	1	1986	351st	Woodford City Mission	8	1993
334th	Downshire Pres	9	1986	352nd	Upper Falls	2	1993
335th	Carrickfergus Elim	9	1986	353rd	1st Pres Rathfriland	14	1993
336th	Charlemont Meth	7	1987				

301st NI Warrenpoint Company.



314th NI Church of the Good Shepherd.





"One hundred years have
come and gone
And still The Girls' Brigade
lives on...."

So reads the first two lines
of *Poem for Centenary* by
Sandra Kilpatrick of 107th
NI Company, Glenburn
Methodist. That, in essence, is
what this little book aims to
show you: a glimpse of the past,
the highlights of Centenary
Celebration - hopes and aspira-
tions for the future.

This is a record, and lasting
memento, of a very special
milestone in the history of
The Girls' Brigade.

Read it and enjoy once more the
excitement and variety of all the
events of Centenary Year.



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