

President's Message 2017-18

Fake News or Good News?

It's rare these days to find 'Good' news on the internet, TV or in the newspaper. We are told by many, notably that doyen of Yankee truthfulness - President Trump; that much of the news is in fact 'Fake', made-up, or as we used to say 'fabricated'. So, are we to conclude that most of the people out there are feeding us with 'Bad' news on a regular basis?

Personally, I don't think so, but we can be easily misled... modern technology can sometimes make pure fiction look like fact.

When I was much younger we didn't have the technology but there was usually someone quite prepared to tell me what I wanted to hear; to convince me to get involved with or do something my parents would probably not have approved of. Young people have very open minds and they often trust adults and imitate what they do.

In 2017 those same kids are bombarded with news/information whether it comes via a phone 'App', Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, TV, etc. the information overload is getting bigger and the target age is getting lower. More than ever, as Christian leaders we have a responsibility to show our young members that there is 'Good News'... yes, to show them not just tell them. 'Leading by example' is what we used to call it.

If a child or young person can't experience Christianity in action when they interact with you... what are you doing there? You are needed more than ever.

In Wolverhampton & Shropshire BB/GA I believe we have some really inspirational leaders. They are not perfect, but they do lead by example. I am not writing about someone else... I am writing about YOU - whatever your role in BB, small or large – Company or Battalion. Thank you for your work, keep sharing the Good News, take Jesus as your example and you will succeed in this new session.

I would particularly thank David Slater for his work as Battalion Chairman over many years and wish him well in his position as Vice-President.

Rob Bolton