



Newsletter

November / December 2018

Coffee Morning...10 November 2018

Please support the forthcoming Coffee Morning!

Armistice Parade

Please note that only the Company Section will take part in the Community Parade on the 11 November. Company Section boys should report to Lady Cathcart School (opposite the Legion for 10.35am.). If raining, boys should go to the Church hall.

School In-Service

Due to the school in-service on Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th November and the schools being closed, there will be no Anchor Boys, Band or Gymnastics.

National Competitions: The Company has entered 2 National Competitions this session: Senior and Under 15 Football. The seniors have been drawn at home and will play on Saturday 10th November (same day as Coffee Morning). Teams from Dundee (2 teams) and Banff will make up the group. The top 3 teams qualify. The Junior team will travel to Inverness on Sunday 25th November and teams from Inverness (2 teams), Stirling (2 teams) will compete. Top 2 teams in the group will progress to the next round.

Enrolment Service: A big thanks to the boys/parents/carers & friends of the Company who supported the recent Enrolment Parade. Boys should have received their Service and 40th Anniversary Anchor Boy badges.

Numbers: The Company strength at the moment is 245 officers and boys, with 29 boys joining Primary 2 in the Anchor Boys.

Reflections at Christmas Service: Working closely with the Rotary, the Company will be supporting the forthcoming Service on Sunday 2nd December at 6pm in the South & West Church. Rev Brian Bain will take the service with input from Buckie Community Choir, Rotary and the music will be led by Mr Peter McKay and the 1st Buckie Company Praise Band. Our Anchor Boys will also be supporting the service and will be singing during the programme. Our Queen's Men will also be involved during the evening. Tea and biscuits will be served immediately after the service.

Quiz for the Boys: Enclosed are copies of a Christmas Quiz for the boys! Completed entries should be handed to Section Leaders with a £1 entry fee by Friday 14th December. The boy in each section with the highest number of correct answers will receive a prize.

Battalion Cross-Country: Congratulations to the boys who competed in the Banffshire Battalion Cross Country and retained the trophy. Individual results will appear in the next Chevron.

Facebook: Our Facebook page continues to have a high profile and is highly spoken about in BB circles. Allan Cowie is the Administrator and most of the work is done by himself. Programmes, reminders and now we have a weekly Friday slot (find out what it is, by going into Facebook!).

Float: The Company will be having a Float in the "Kracker" Parade on Saturday 1st December. The theme will be 40 years of the Anchor Boys.

Annual Inspection/Display: Due to our increasing numbers, our Annual Display will be over 2 nights and will be in the Highfield Hall. Information will follow after Christmas.

Non-attendance: Please contact us if your son is **NOT** going to attend on a Monday, Friday or Sunday. Boys must attend unless for medical or personal reasons. Non-attendance should be intimated to G Pirie, A or J McIntosh. Face Book can also be used to notify the Company.

Summer Camp: A waiting list will now operate. Contact A McIntosh.

Queen's Men: Our potential Queen's Men have been busy recently by supporting Portsoy Boat Festival, Buckie Car Show and raising money at Buckie Tesco. They also have had a visit to the Buckie Heritage. As a result of raising £556 pounds at Tesco, the boys have agreed to give £100 to the Heritage and the other £100 to Buckie Victoria Bowling (Juniors). Reminder that QB work (community service, interest & physical) MUST be completed by 31 December 2018. They should talk to M Smith if there are any concerns. **Books have to be finished, checked and signed off by Friday 25th January.** Books will not be accepted after that date. All boys meeting the deadline will then attend the Completion Course at Kincaig on weekend of 22-24 February 2019.

Bibleclass: Reminder that boys in the Company Section MUST attend Sunday morning Bibleclass from 10 – 10.30am unless there is a genuine reason for absence. Dates are intimated on the monthly calendar. An offering is taken at the end of the Bibleclass and monies collected are forwarded to the school we support in Jamaica. A number of boys have been giving the “plate” a miss on leaving the hall. For the next Bibleclass, boys will give their offering when “signing in”. It is the same boys every week!!!! It will now be monitored and parents informed if their son constantly ignores the plate.

Band: As from Tuesday 20th November, the Band will continue to meet at 6.30 for 6.45pm. Beginners for both buglers and drummers will be from 6.15 – 6.45pm

Blackpool 2019: Sadly, due to lack of interest, the planned trip to Blackpool has been cancelled. The Company has a provisional booking for London in 2020 – watch this space!!!!

Uniform: Reminder to Company Section boys **that trainers (unless all black) are not acceptable on a Friday evening.** Items of uniform can be purchased from Jennifer McIntosh on a Monday or Friday.

Gymnastics: Gymnastics is now up and running: 7.15 – 8pm. Boys in the Company Section, Junior Section Primary 6 and Juniors, who are involved with the band, are welcome. Reminder that the next meeting will be Tuesday 20th November.

Trampoline: Junior & Company Section boys will be visiting the Trampoline Park at Inverurie, on Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th December. Further information to follow.

1st Buckie Website: Recently updated.

Christmas Light: The Company will once again have a high profile in Buckie during the festive season. Spot where the light is and post it on Facebook – see who is first (wee prize for first!).

Indoor Bowls: We are indebted to Buckie Victoria Bowling Club for supporting our indoor bowling programme. Boys in the Company Section, on a Friday evening, will all have the opportunity to have a “taster” session. So far, feedback has been excellent!

Sponsors: Our list of Sponsors continues to grow! We are indebted to their support.

Supporting the South & West Fabric: The Company has, in the past year, replaced the lights in the hall (instead of our annual donation) and recently, with the excellent support from Sandys Carpets, has replaced the flooring between the hall and kitchen, toilets and store. The area has also been painted.

Superstars: Superstars, for Company Section boys, will be held on Friday 14th December in the South & West Church hall at 6.15pm. All boys in the Company Section are expected to attend. Queen's Men can either compete or support the event.

Overseas Appeal: Boys of all ages are encouraged to save a “jar of coins” to support a good cause abroad. Our school in Jamaica will not be upgraded again until 2020 so we are currently looking at a project we can support. “Jars of coins” can be handed in on any Monday or Friday. Annually, the Company award medals to all participants as a keep sake and trophies to the boys, in all sections, who collect the most. Final deadline for handing in for this session's appeal is Friday 15th March 2019.

Co-op Local Community Fund

1st Buckie Boys' Brigade has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding will run for 12 months starting on 28th October 2018.

Co-op members can choose the Boys' Brigade by registering their interest at communityteam@coop.co.uk We will give a regular update as and when available.

SUPPORT YOUR COMPANY



Anchor Boy

Christmas Party

Monday 10th December

6.30 – 8.30pm.

Start looking for your partner!

Saturday 10 November:	Coffee Morning ...9.30 – 11.30am National 5 Asides ...BCHS...1pm
Sunday 11 November:	Armistice Parade..see first page.
Monday 12	No Anchor Boys
Tuesday 13	No Band or Gymnastics
Friday 16	Juniors 6 – 7.15pm / Company 7.20pm
Sunday 18	Bibleclass...10am
Monday 19	Anchor Boys 6 -7pm
Tuesday 20	Bugle / Drummer Beginners...6.15pm Band....6.45pm Gymnastics for All....7.15 – 8pm
Wednesday 21	Junior Section Top of the Form, Banff
Friday 23	Juniors 6 – 7.15pm / Company 7.20pm
Saturday 24	Battalion 5 Aside Football (evening)... BCHS – details to be announced.
Sunday 25	Bibleclass....10am National 5 Asides... Inverness..details to follow.
Monday 26	Anchor Boys 6 -7pm
Tuesday 27	Bugle / Drummer Beginners...6.15pm Band....6.45pm Gymnastics for All....7.15 – 8pm
Friday 30	Juniors 6 – 7.15pm / Company 7.20pm

Battalion Events

Wednesday 21 st November:	Junior Section Top of the Form, Banff
Saturday 24 th November:	Junior/Company 5 Aside Football, BCHS.
Wednesday 30 th January:	Battalion Swimming, Buckie
Saturday 23 rd February:	Anchor / Junior Fun Afternoon, Buckie
Sunday 24 th February :	Building Your Skills Course, Banff (S3 Boys)
Wednesday 27 th February:	Company Top of the Form
Saturday 16 th March:	Badminton (pr6+), Buckie.

OTHER EVENTS TO BE CONFIRMED

Planning for the Future

Friday 8 th –Monday 11 th February 2019:	Mid Term Break
22 – 24 th February 2019:	Queen's Badge Completion Course, Kincaig
Saturday 2 nd March 2019:	Pancake Tea
TBC February/March 2019:	1 st Buckie Supper/Dance
21 st & 22 nd March 2019:	Inspection details to be confirmed.
Friday 7 th –Sunday 9 th June 2019:	Weekend Camp