



## Newsletter ....June 2021

### The Way Forward

At last! We are now starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. Sadly, no Camp and highly unlikely we can offer day excursions with a restriction of 30 maximum including adults.

However, we are going ahead with our “Battalion” Fun Evening but it will be for our own Company only and divided into 5 different age groups spread across three evenings. Boys attending will all receive their Battalion Fun Day badge.

How will it work?

Boys are asked to report to the South & West Church hall at the following times. No uniform. Jackets should be kept by parents. Joggers/trainers appropriate for indoor team games.

COVID Regulations will be adhered to at all times. Entry via side door and exit via the door at the end of the building (you will be pointed in the right direction).

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June:	Primary 3	5.50 – 7.15pm
	Primary 5	7.20 – 8.30pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June:	Primary 2	5.50 – 7.15pm
	Primary 6	7.20 – 8.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Primary 4	5.50 – 7.15pm

A reminder of the dates / times will go out through FACEBOOK.

### Session 2021/2022

We have been currently looking at a return and we have decided on a new approach to our programme for 2021/2022.

ALL weekly activities will take place in the South & West Church buildings. The decision has been made to offer the following for Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section from September to March inclusive. Gymnastics, Band and Bible Class still to be confirmed. Programmes will be similar to pre Covid and will include badgework, games, physical, drill, singing, crafts, etc, depending on age group.

The other decision made is that **hats will no longer be part of the uniform**. Very few companies use hats as it stands at the moment.

### **ANCHOR BOYS**

Anchor Boys will meet on a Monday from 6 – 7pm for Primary 2 boys.

Tuesday from 6 – 7pm for Primary 3 boys.

## JUNIOR SECTION

Because of our predicted numbers, the Junior Section will be divided into TWO Sections with half the Primary 4's, 5's and 6's on a Monday from 7.15 – 8.15pm and the other half on a Tuesday from 7.15 – 8.15pm. Boys will be randomly placed and we can only accept change at the start of the session and for other commitments only i.e. swimming, football, etc. The “two” Sections will work independently of one another.

## COMPANY SECTION

All Company Section boys will meet on a Friday with Primary 7. Secondary 1 and Secondary 2 boys from 6.15 – 8.15pm and Secondary 3 and upwards from 8.00 – 9.45pm. There will be a quarter of an hour to allow for opening/closing service so that all boys are together, be it for 15 minutes.

### **An update on Booklets and Badges for 2020 / 2021.**

**Primary 3, 4, 5, & 6** – Well done to all boys who have completed their booklet and they should have received the appropriate badge. To those that haven't returned their booklets, they will need to do so in August or they will be a year behind with their badge or no badge at all.

**Company Section:** All badges were circulated with the previous Newsletter.

**Fees:** We are still waiting a number of 20/21 fees. Payments should be made by cheque, cash or by Bacs transfer: Account Name: 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Company Sort Code: 80-22-60 Account Number: 15817868 or posted through the door to 40 West Church Street. **A reminder is enclosed for those who have still to pay.** If your son is no longer returning, it would be appreciated if you could let Jennifer McIntosh know. We already have a number of age group waiting lists.

**Annual Trophies:** We are now going to attempt to get our Annual trophies returned and engraved. If you have a trophy, please, on a piece of card, write the name that you would wish to have engraved i.e. middle name, initials, etc and we will get the trophy engraved. Trophies can be handed in at anytime during the “Battalion Fun Evening” or to Jennifer McIntosh.

**Camp:** Camp 2021 has now been cancelled and rebooked for 2022. By booking for next session means that we lose no money. We have also the same guarantee from Maynes Coaches. We have received a deposit (in some cases more) for all boys who intended to go to Camp. If your son has paid his deposit but NOT going to Camp next session, please let us know a.s.a.p. as we will be offering places to the new Primary 5 & 6 boys when we return in August.

**Snoods:** Snoods still available - contact Jennifer McIntosh – donation to the Company.

**Community Badge:** Similar to last session, boys collecting more than £5 (jar of coins), will receive the latest community badge. Over £700 has been handed in so far. No decision has been made as to what good cause the monies raised will go towards but it will be kept in the Community. Jars can still be handed in to Jennifer McIntosh, 40 West Church Street. Please make sure that there is a name on the jar. Most recent donations have now been added to the total and all boys should now have their badge. **Shields / medals will still presented to the boys who have collected the most in each Section. Deadline will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021.** Slight change to the deadline to tie in with the Newsletter.

**Facebook:** Facebook continues to be the main form of communication and will continue to be so until further notice. Apologies if you are not able to access it. Please let us know if you need to be contacted. We will continue throughout the summer months to keep you updated through our Facebook page.

**Annual Insurance Fees:** As you know, this session we paid approximately £2600 for Company (BB) Insurance. We have recently been informed that our fees, assuming our numbers are similar for next year, will rise to approximately £5,500.

**Queen's Badge (Session 20/21):** We still intend to have a formal evening where the 8 Queen's Men would be presented with their badges at an official ceremony in the Seafield Hotel as soon as numbers allow. Each young man will get 4 invitations (plus himself) to attend the presentation. Those attending, excluding the young men would be asked to pay £12 for a finger buffet, teas & coffee on the night. We will inform the 8 boys as soon as the embargo is lifted.

**President's Badge (20/21):** Again, we are looking at something similar for the 8 President's Young Men as to what is mentioned above and will keep you posted as soon as numbers allow.

**Queen's Men (21/22):** Boys are well underway with their badge. The first Community Challenge for these boys will be to have a Beach Clean Up, starting at Buckpool and working towards Portgordon. Further information will be circulated on Facebook when arrangements are confirmed.

**Buckie Community Charity Shop:** We are indebted to the Community Charity Shop for allowing us to raise money through the sale of CD's and DVD's (via Ziffit). To date we have raised approximately £40. Again, our thanks to Jane and her team for considering the Company in this difficult time.

**Community Project:** As mentioned previously, we have continued with the "Community Badge" Appeal this past session and we are currently negotiating with Seafield Estates for the Company to place a substantial bench at the top of the Bin Hill. An appropriate name plate would be added. We are now well through the process and it all looks favourable at this stage.

**Fund Raising:** We have been asked about future fund-raising and this is an area that we will look at when our staff have their next meeting. We are unsure of the future of coffee mornings, etc but one thing that we want to do is to keep the fees for boys as low as we possibly can. Anyone with any ideas of fundraising should get in touch with Alan McIntosh.

**Banffshire Battalion:** All events at Battalion level are still on hold, hence the reason that individual companies in Banffshire are going ahead with their own "Battalion" Fun Day.

**Scotland Committee:** After over 20 years of being involved at Brigade Executive (London for 7 years) and the Scotland Committee (Carronvale for 18 years), new regulations state that our Company Captain can no longer be a member of the Committee and he steps down in August. Alan will also taking a step back from the North Scottish Area and will now focus on the Company whose 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary starts in November 2022. Planning has already started in this, a big event for the Company.