



Newsletter ... June 2022



Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS): The Company was honoured and privileged to be awarded the QAVS (MBE for Youth Groups) on the recent Queen's Honours List. It is possibly the first time that a Boys' Brigade Company has received such an award. We went through a very intense interview, with boys, staff and representatives from the Church. The process was co-ordinated by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr Andrew Simpson and our proposer was Mr James Allan, Moray Councillor and our referees for the award were Mrs Clare Russell (previous Lord Lieutenant) and Mr Douglas Ross, Leader of the Conservative Party for Scotland.

As yet, we have no confirmation as to when the award will be presented but we will keep you informed of how, where and when.

Being in the year of the Platinum Jubilee and our own 75th Anniversary makes it extra special. Well done and thanks to all who are involved in anyway with the Company, past and present.

Water Sports: The Company has a water sports day at Loch Morlich planned for Saturday 23rd July. The excursion is open to boys who are currently Primary 5 +. A registration form is attached. Deposit of £10 plus return slip should be returned by Friday 8th July.

CD's / DVD's: The Company is still collecting CD's/DVD's. Please drop off at 40 West Church Street. Outside door usually open during the day. Last week, we were able to claim £53 for Company funds.



Summer Camp 2022

Well done to all the boys who attended this year's Summer Camp. Feedback has been really positive and we already have dates for next summer. We will be restricting the numbers to 50 and boys, after the summer holidays, in Primary 5 + will be eligible. Also a big thanks to the staff who gave of their time to support the venture. Forms for 2023 will go out in the August envelope with registration details, etc. All boys attending the Camp should have received the special commemorative badge.



Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon. An excellent evening enjoyed by over 1,000 people. A number of photos appear on our Facebook page. Thanks to all the volunteers, Company staff and sponsors for making the evening such a success. As a Company, we also raised a total of approximately £900 for Company funds.

Pergola: Have you been to visit the refurbished Pergola at Strathlene? Our thanks go to the many volunteers who gave up over 200 hours to refurbish the landmark.

Senior Awards Evening: Over 100 parents/carers and friends of the Company attended the recent Awards Evening. An excellent evening and again, we are indebted to our sponsors on the night. A pen will be available, costing £5 for any boy who wishes to purchase one and this will allow families to print their own photos. Please get in touch with A McIntosh if you wish to order a pen. Alternatively, put a £5 in an envelope and mark the outside with boys' name and clearly mark "PEN".

"New" Queen's Men: Our Queen's men for next Session, attended their first course at Buckie South & West Church on Sunday 26th June. They were joined by boys from other Companies in the Battalion. All boys are now well underway with the four elements: - Company, Community, Interest and Skill. We wish them well in completing all four sections.



75th Anniversary: This coming session will be the 75th Anniversary of 1st Buckie. Shortly, staff will be meeting to discuss what will be offered throughout the year to boys, parents/carers and the local Community to celebrate the special occasion. Further information to follow.

75th Memorabilia: The Company would welcome any old 1st Buckie memorabilia to support the planned memorabilia exhibition. Uniform, badges, photos or any item related to Boys' Brigade would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with Alan McIntosh.

Climb The Bin: Looking for some exercise? Why don't you go for a walk up the Bin Hill and view our new benches? Plaques will shortly be fixed to the benches to remind walkers that they were gifted by the Company as a result of our "Community Appeal" for 2021 ("Jars of Coins"). Well done to Alfie Smith (Anchor Boys), Miller Smith (Junior Section) and Nathan Clark (Company Section) who were the first three to get photos to our Facebook page. We should also add that Mr Allan Cowie was the first member of staff.

1st Buckie 75th Whisky: Bottles of our very own 75th Anniversary Whisky can now be ordered. Bottles are costing £35 and they can be ordered by enclosing the money (or bacs) in an envelope and posting through 40 West Church Street.

75th Badges / Commemorative Mug: All boys registered with the Company in

September will receive a commemorative mug and badge. Both items will also be on sale for parents and friends.

Calendar: The Company is currently looking at producing a 1st Buckie Calendar for 2023. We would hope that they would be available post October holidays in order to make them available for Christmas. There will be 12 months of Company photographs highlighting our achievements this past session.

Anchor Boy / Junior Section Fun Afternoon: A Fun Afternoon is planned for our boys in the Anchors and Junior Section on Wednesday 10th August from 2 – 4pm. Further information will go out with the August Newsletter.

Important Intimation

Registration will be on Thursday 25th August with Anchor Boys from 6-7pm, Junior Section from 7-8pm and Company Section from 8 – 9pm.

The following will be the timetable for Session 2022/2023:-

Anchor Boys:

Monday:	Primary 3	6 – 7pm.
Tuesday:	Primary 2	6 – 7pm

Junior Section:

We are anticipating a return of approximately 60 + boys and we are therefore going to split the Junior Section into TWO “sub groups”.

Both Sections will meet from 7.15 – 8.15pm on either a Monday or Tuesday. Further information to follow.

Company Section (Friday):

The Company Section will be divided into two groups but in age groups:

Primary 7 – Secondary 2 will meet from 6.15 – 8.15pm (overlap with the older boys for a opening / closing service). Secondary 3 – Seniors will meet from 8 – 9.45pm.

Weekly Activities:

Update on Band, Gymnastics and Bible Class will be announced nearer the time. Further information will go out with registration forms.

As we already have a number of enquiries re places available for the new session, please let us know if your son is NOT returning in August 2022.