



Newsletter ..September 2022



Just a reminder that Anchor Boys (Monday(Pr3) & Tuesday(Pr2)): 5.50 – 7pm.

Junior Section (Monday & Tuesday): 7.10 – 8.15pm

Company Section (Friday Junior Pr7 – S2): 6.15 – 8.30pm

Company Section (Friday Senior S3 +): 8.00 - 9.35pm

Company Bugle Band (Wednesday): 6.30 – 7.30pm

Queen's Badge: Worth pointing out that boys in the Company Section will require to do FIVE years to achieve their Queen's Badge. Boys opting for a "year out" would be a year behind their peer group. This question has been asked of boys coming back after a year out i.e. for other sport.

Change of Address/Circumstances: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh.

FUNDRAISING

As you know, the Company relies on fundraising to keep the fees as low as possible. We have decided to "freeze" the Annual Subscriptions and focus on a weekend of celebration (75th Anniversary) and our main fundraising events. Fundraising will continue until the Monday after the Buckie Kracker/Lights Extravaganza.

Over 2000 "ducks" will be floated down one of the local "burns" on Saturday 19th November. Details still to be finalised.

All families have been given 10 tickets to sell and both sold or unsold should be returned to Jennifer McIntosh prior to the event on Saturday 19th November (Kracker).

Other fundraisers throughout the weekend include:

Bottle/Chocolate Stall

Bottle of 75th Whisky Lucky Square

Lego Prize Draw for boys only

Tea and cakes throughout the 75th Weekend Programme – details to be announced.

A static "Cycle Run" to Boys' Brigade Landmarks. Boys in Primary 7 + are encouraged to participate. Sponsorship will be through a "Just Giving" page.

A Bric a Brac room will also be set up in the Church Classroom throughout the weekend.

THE "DUCK" RACE

IS SPONSORED BY THE SEAFIELD HOTEL, CULLEN.

Bible Class: We are slowly getting back to some normality and the Company Section will be having its first Bible Class on Sunday 25th November. Bible Class is a part of the Queen's Badge and all boys should attend unless they have a genuine reason for absence. No uniform, casual dress and an offering at the end for Mission. 10 – 10.30am. Boys "sign in" for registration. South & West Church hall.



FORWARD PLANNING 75th Anniversary Weekend

The Company will be celebrating 75 years during the weekend of 4 – 6th November. All events will be in the South & West Church.

Friday 4th November – During the day, the buildings will be open to the public. Flower Festival, Memorabilia Exhibition, Teas and Cakes, Cycling to BB locations (static), fundraising events and Bric a Brac for sale.

At 7pm in the evening, we will finish the day with a Songs of Praise. Anchor Boys will be performing on the night. All boys attending will receive their 75th Badge and Mug.

Saturday 5th November – similar to Friday but events will close at 6pm.

Sunday 6th November – We are combining our Annual Dedication Service with the Presentation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. A number of guests will be present, including The Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, Mr Andrew Simpson, who will present the Award. Boys will Parade to and from the Church. Other events, similar to Friday/Saturday will be held throughout the day. All boys attending will receive a QAVS 1st Buckie Badge.

Looking forward to seeing you all support the event at some stage throughout the weekend.

Armistice Parade: We also await further information re the Annual Remembrance Parade. If we are to go ahead, it will be the Company Section and Band only.

Camp 2023: We currently have a booking for the weekend of 2– 4 June 2023 at Badaguish. Places are now filling up. Maximum of 50 places available.

National Cross Country: You will be aware that the National Cross Country Competition did not take place but all going to plan it will be rescheduled for 18th March 2023 in Buckie.

Facebook: Reminder that we now have our own Facebook page and it is updated daily.

Armband: Within the next few weeks, all boys will be given a copy of an armband, appropriate to their section, with the badges they should wear and where on the armband they should be. Primary 2 boys will all be given an armband at no cost. If others have lost their armband, there is a £2.50 charge for a replacement. Replacement badges are also £1.50. Reminder that some of the previous badges are no longer available, hence the reason that they should be kept in a safe place.

Boys who were awarded their President's Badges are asked to keep them at home and only display on special occasions – they cannot be replaced.

Jar of Coins: We will again be collecting “jars of coins” to support a local charity. Boys collecting more than £5 will be awarded a 1st Buckie Community Badge (2022/23). Badges should be with us shortly. Once the jar is handed in, boys, the following week will receive their badge in a brown envelope. When returning the jar, please write your name and section on the label. Jars can be handed into any leader at this stage.

Annual Trophies: Annual trophies will be recalled after the October holidays and the Company will arrange to get them engraved. Boys who are SHARING a trophy should bring them on a meeting night when the session begins and we will arrange to swap them over.

CD's / DVD's: The Company, throughout the summer months, has been fundraising by collecting used CD's and DVD's that are no longer used by families. Please keep them coming in, either on a Monday, Tuesday, Friday or to 40 West Church Street. We are also indebted to the Buckie Community Charity Shop for their generous support.

Badges: The Company will again be having badges for Company Service, Remembrance, Physical and Crafts. We also hope to add to these later this session.

Trampoline Visits: We are looking at taking the Junior / Company Sections to the Trampoline Park in Inverurie on Tuesday 13th December. Details to follow.

Banffshire Battalion: Banffshire Battalion has now met and three events have been agreed: Cross Country at Turriff on Saturday 12th November (see enclosed sheet), Primary 6 + boys for the Battalion Badminton Competition (Buckie) on Saturday 26th November, Junior Section Top of the Form on Sunday 27th November at Turriff and a Christmas Competition for Anchor Boys and Junior Section. Other events and dates to be confirmed.

School In-Service: Just an early reminder that there will be NO Boys' Brigade Meetings on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November due to school In-Service.

Anchor Boy / Junior Section Fun Afternoon: The weather was good! We had a good turnout! And we were able to have the event outside. Well done boys and a big thanks to our staff.

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.

1st Buckie 75th Whisky: Bottles of our very own 75th Anniversary Whisky can now be purchased. 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.

Calendar: The Company will be 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 during session 2021/2022.

Minibus: You may have noticed that our minibus hasn't been seen lately and the reason is obviously linked to COVID 19 and the cancellation of events. Hopefully, we can return to some normality and our minibus will be on the road again.

Bugle Band: It will be good to get our Bugle Band up and running again. For the first few weeks we will concentrate on current members working together to ensure that we have a Band for our two Parades. We will then be looking for "new recruits" for both bugle and drums.



Dates for your Calendar:

Sunday 11 th September:	NO Bibleclass
Monday 12 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section
Tuesday 13 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section
Wednesday 14 th	Band – 6.30pm.
Friday 16 th :	Company Section
Sunday 18 th	NO Bibleclass
Monday 19 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section
Tuesday 20 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section
Wednesday 21 st	Band – 6.30pm
Friday 23 rd	Company Section
Sunday 25 th	Bibleclass....Company section only
Monday 26 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section
Tuesday 27 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section
Wednesday 28 th	Band – 6.30pm.

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Planning for the Future

Friday 4 th November:	Songs of Praise and various events
Saturday 5 th November	75 th Anniversary Events – to be intimated
Sunday 6 th November:	Presentation of the Queen’s Award / Annual Dedication Service
Saturday 12 th November:	Banffshire Battalion Cross Country, Turriff, 2pm
Sunday 13 th November:	Armistice Parade, Company Section only.
Saturday 26 th November:	Banffshire Battalion Badminton Competition, Primary 6 and upwards, Buckie, 6pm
Sunday 27 th November:	Junior Section Top of the Form, Turriff
Monday 12 th December:	Anchor Boy Christmas Party – all boys.
Tuesday 13 th December:	Junior Section Christmas Trip
Friday 2–Sunday 4 June 2022:	Weekend Camp.