



Newsletter...August 2020



Company Update:

We are all aware of the current situation re COVID 19 and guidelines issued by the Government, Church of Scotland and The Boys' Brigade. The Company has taken the decision to suspend all activities until there is more information available for the way forward for youth groups. At present we have no access to halls, both school and church and if we were to make a start in September, as it stands, we can only meet in groups of 15 (including adults), outdoors and with adults supporting only one group of 15 per evening.

Our plan at present is to have our enrolment in the Church hall (if allowed to use the hall) on Tuesday 6th October with a view to restarting the Company on Monday 26th October. Further information will be circulated via a Newsletter in late September.

We have a number of intimations to circulate at this stage – more for information on what we could be offering this session, depending on the outcome of COVID 19.

Change of Address: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh of any change in address/circumstances.

Camp 2020: Just a reminder that a number of parents/carers have asked that monies paid are to be held by the company for Camp 2021. There are still several parents/carers who have still to let us know for holding monies for 2021 or for monies to be returned. Bank details should go to Jennifer McIntosh.

Camp 2021: As it stands at the moment, Camp 2021 has been booked for the weekend 4 – 6th June. The cost of the camp, including a day trip to Landmark will be £90. An information sheet will go out with the next Newsletter. Please do not forward a deposit at this stage.

London 2020: Again, we have a number of parents who have asked to hold onto the money for London 2021 but we also have a number who have yet to contact us re a refund. Please let Jennifer McIntosh know if a refund, at this stage, is required. Bank details would need to be forwarded to Jennifer McIntosh.

London 2021: A booking for 2021 has been registered with Felden – same arrangements, trips as was organised for 2020 with the dates confirmed as Sunday 11 – Friday 16th July 2021. The cost is likely to be in the range of £380. This includes all meals (except when travelling to and from London), accommodation, excursions, breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal. Again, no deposits at this stage and a Newsletter will go out in September.

Annual Trophies: Annual trophies have not yet been collected for engraving but our intention would be for winners to bring their trophies to the Church hall on the evening of enrolment.

Annual Awards Evening: After the success of the Awards Evening on Friday 13th March, it has been agreed to go ahead with the same format for 2021. A provisional date for 2021 has been made – Friday 26th March 2021. Comments have been taken onboard re the band and gymnastics and we will be looking to include these items in some format during the evening.

National Cross Country: The Scottish Cross Country was due to be held on Saturday 21st March but due to “lock down” was postponed. A new date in September was agreed but again postponed. We are hoping that the event will go ahead in March 2021. The venue will again be Buckie.

DVD/USB: A DVD/USB will be available of the Awards Evening. Due to “lock down”, it is not yet ready for distribution. A number of orders have already come in.

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

Battalion: All Battalion events are suspended until further notice. The first event is likely to be the Cross Country in Turriff – date to be confirmed.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator is now with us and is shortly to be installed on the south facing wall inside the front of the Church gate. We are waiting for further information from suppliers before it can be used.

Queen's Men: 8 young men have embarked on their Queen's Badge work. They have adapted very well to the circumstances and they are all "on track" at this point in time. A number of rules and regulations have had to be altered to allow for the current situation but parents/carers can be assured that we will ensure that boys are given all opportunities to complete their badge for the Awards Evening in March 2021.

President's Badge: We have a number of boys entering their President's Badge year and the same will apply as far as ensuring that all badge work is completed in time for March 2021.

Community Service: A big "well done" to our Queen's Men who gave their time to "weed" high street roundabout and surrounding area as well as the Linzie Gordon Park area. Feedback from the community has been excellent with over 7,500 likes on facebook. Boys are able to use the hours to support their Queen's Badge Community Service. Big thanks to Giffy and Robert from Struan House and to Buckie Rotary for their support. The next area to be looked at will be Victoria Bridge. Please feel free to help support this venture.

Christmas Events: The Company, if permitted, will be offering a trampoline visit to Junior and Company Section boys at Christmas, an Anchor Boy Party and a Company "Superstars". This all, of course, depends on COVID 19. Further information will follow in the next Newsletter.

1st Buckie B.B. @ Home: We are trying to include something for the boys to do during our extended break and although BB Scotland offer activities online (see Facebook), we are going to try and have an activity that boys can get involved in.

Enclosed for Anchor Boys and Junior Section is a "colouring in" of Sir William A Smith. Boys are asked to complete, **using coloured pencils** only and return to 40 West Church Street by Friday 13th September. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 in each year group. Please write your **NAME, SECTION & YEAR GROUP** on the back of the sheet.

Jar of Coins: We will again be collecting "jars of coins" to support a charity. Boys collecting more than £5 will be awarded a 1st Buckie Community Badge.

When returning the jar, please write your name and section on the label. Jars can be handed into any leader at this stage.

1st Buckie Company Boys' Brigade INSPECTION DVD (£5) / USB (£12) Order Form

.....(name)

would like to purchase an Inspection DVD /USB

Please include the £5 / £12 charge with the order form.

The DVD /USB will be delivered to the home address.