



Newsletter...August 2021

The Company is currently planning for a 3rd September return for Session 2021/2022. For a number of reasons, all meetings this session for Anchor Boys, Junior and Company Section will be held in the South & West Church hall.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION

Registration will be on Thursday 26th August with Anchor Boys from 6-7pm, Junior Section from 7-8pm and Company Section from 8 – 9pm. Alternatively, you can hand in your sealed envelope with the appropriate forms and fees to 40 West Church Street.

Fees MUST be paid by 28th September at the latest.

The following will be the timetable for the new Session:-

Anchor Boys:

Monday: Primary 2 6 – 7pm.

Tuesday Primary 3..... 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. Boys will be allocated “randomly” unless you, the parent/carer get in touch to say that you have a preferred evening because of another commitment i.e. football, swimming, etc. We would then allocate boys to one of the two evenings. For a preference, we need to know prior to the registration evening on Thursday 26th August. After the registration evening, boys will be randomly placed and will not be able to change.

Company Section:

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.

As this Newsletter goes to print, I am unable to give any further information on Bugle Band, Gymnastics, Battalion Events or Bible class. Once we are in receipt of information, it will be passed on.

Hope this all makes sense and if you are unsure or your son is NOT returning, I would appreciate letting us know prior to the 26th August.

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

Camp 2022: We currently have a booking for the weekend of 3 – 5 June 2022 at

Badaguish. Boys who were registered for last year and have monies to be returned have been approached and once we confirm numbers, we will circulate a Newsletter.

London 2022: It was our intention to organise a trip to London in 2022 but due to the uncertainty at the moment we have put any 5 day trip on hold until 2023.

Annual Trophies: Many thanks for your co-operation in getting the trophies returned for engraving. All trophies will be held by the Company for this session. Should you wish to borrow the trophy that your son had been awarded please get in touch.

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 March 2022.

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

Queen's Men 2020/2021: Update re the Presentation Evening will be in the **September** Newsletter.

President's Badge: Boys' have all been presented with their President's Badge and are now working on their Queen's Badge. Further information in September Newsletter.

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 (2021/22). When returning the jar, please write your name and section on the label. Jars can be handed into any leader at this stage.

Bench: The "jars of coins" for the past 12 months have resulted in the Company going ahead to provide a substantial bench at the top of the Bin Hill. Permission has been granted by Seafield Estates and we are in the latter stages of getting the bench to the top of the hill. We are indebted to the Crafty Wood Turner

CD's / DVD's: The Company, throughout the summer months, has been fundraising by collecting used CD's , DVD's that are no longer used by families. We sell them on to Ziffit or Music Magpie in return for funds for the Company. To date we have raised over £150 from sales. Please keep them coming in, either on a Monday, Tuesday, Friday or to 40 West Church Street.

Chevron Magazine: Due to lock down, "Chevron" was not published last session but we hope to be back with a bumper edition later this year.

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

Trampoline Visits: Great that we were able to offer visits to the Trampoline Park at Inverurie. We will be looking at returning in December for the Junior and Company Section Christmas Trip.

Anchor Boy / Junior Section Booklets 2020/2021: Well done to all the boys who handed in their booklets and received their badge. A number of books were NOT returned and hence these boys have NOT been awarded their badge and they would need to complete the booklet before getting the badge. It is especially important that boys in Primary 6, who didn't return their booklet, would therefore not be presented with their Gold Badge at the end of this Session.

Banffshire Battalion: There is a meeting of the Battalion planned for early September when we will be made aware of the way forward with Battalion events. Watch for information in the next Newsletter.

Fundraising: For the Company to keep the Annual Subscriptions at a reasonable rate, the Company must, on a regular basis, fundraise. At this stage, we are unsure as to what we can offer but we will be looking closely as to how we can raise monies this session.

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.