



Newsletter...February 2023

HOLIDAY

There will be NO Boys' Brigade activities during the weekend of the school mid-term break (Friday 10th – Tuesday 14th February).

Anchor Boy/Junior Section Fun Afternoon

The Anchor Boy/Junior Section Fun Afternoon will be held in Buckie on Saturday 18th February from 2 – 3.45pm. All boys will receive an information sheet nearer the time. Parents help on the day would be welcomed. Boys participating will be given a commemorative Fun Day badge.

The event will be in **ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE**

Building Your Skills (BYS): Boys, currently in Secondary 4 at High School, will be attending a BYS course in **ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE** on **Sunday 19th February**. This is a requirement for the President's Badge. Boys have been informed by letter.

Queen's Men: 11 young men have now completed their books and the final hurdle is for the boys to attend a Residential Weekend Course at Kincaig in either February or April 2023. We wish them all well.

Awards Evening: The Company will be having an Awards Evening for **ALL SECTIONS** on Friday 24th March at 7pm. There will also be a number of items performed by the boys, although at Company level, we are restricted in what we can offer. The evening will be in the South & West Church. President's and Queen's Badges will NOT be presented that evening - these will be presented in the Seafield Hotel sometime in late April / early May (post exams). Further information will be circulated with the March Newsletter.

Sponsors: Individuals and local businesses interested in sponsoring the Company are asked to contact A McIntosh. Spaces in the monthly newsletter are available.

Camp 2023: Arrangements are now in place for our weekend camp in June 2023. All places are currently taken. Our Saturday trip will be swimming and 10 pin bowling in Inverness.

National Cross Country: Saturday 18th March 2023, Buckie Community High School. Further information will be given in the March Newsletter.

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

Change of Address/Circumstances: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh.

Armband: It is important that boys of All sections take responsibility of their armband. Boys' name should be marked clearly on the inside of the armband. If the armband / badges are lost, please contact the Section Leader.

Trampoline Visit: Great night at the Trampoline for the 70+ boys and staff who attended the event. Boys were well behaved – except for the noise in the bus! Or is it that staff are getting old?

Bible Class: We are encouraged with the attendance this session although there are a few whose attendance is erratic and they haven't given a reason as to why they have not attended. Bible Class is an integral part of Boys' Brigade and Queen's & President's Badges. All Company Section boys, unless they have a genuine reason for absence (family, sport events), should inform Mrs McIntosh on the Friday before the Sunday with a reason as to why they will not be there. No uniform, casual dress and an offering at the end for our Community Appeal. 10 – 10.30am. Boys "sign in" for registration. South & West Church hall.

Battalion Parade: Banffshire Battalion Boys' Brigade will be holding its Annual Parade /Service in Buckie on Sunday 5th March (morning parade). Boys in ALL Sections are expected to be there. Further information to follow with the March Newsletter.

CD's / DVD's: Keep handing them in! They all add up when it comes to income. We are also indebted to the Buckie Community Charity Shop for their generous support.

Jar of Coins: We are still collecting "jars of coins" to support a local charity. Boys collecting more than £5 will be awarded a 1st Buckie Community Badge (2022/23). 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.

Bugle Band: Bugle and Drummer beginners are now up and running and the response so far has been excellent. Plenty spaces for new buglers. Boys, outwith the band, who wish to learn the drums, will be informed shortly as to when they can come along.

National Football: The Company Section (Under 15) Team travel to Dunblane on Saturday 4th February. Look out in Facebook for the results. We wish them well. Our Seniors have reached the Scottish Final WITHOUT playing a game. Very disappointed with the number of Companies that have called off, with travelling north being one of the factors. Nothing is said when we travel south with 6pm starts. Again, we wish them well when they play.



Dates for your Calendar:	
Sunday 5 th	Bible class....10am
Monday 6 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section (usual evening) ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
Tuesday 7 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section (usual evening) ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
Wednesday 8 th	Band – 6.30pm. Beginners 7pm. Gymnastics – 7.30 – 8.15pm
Friday 10 th	NO BB's
Saturday 11 th	National Badminton, Dunblane – BOYS INFORMED
Sunday 12 th	NO Bible class
Monday 13 th	NO Anchor Boys/Junior Section
Tuesday 14 th	NO Anchor Boys/Junior Section
Wednesday 15 th	Band – 6.30pm. Beginners 7pm. Gymnastics – 7.30 – 8.15pm
Friday 17 th	Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.15pm
Saturday 18 th	Battalion Anchor Boy / Junior Section Fun Day
Sunday 19 th	NO Bible class Building Your Skills, President's badge
Monday 20 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section (usual evening) ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
Tuesday 21 st	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section (usual evening) ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
Wednesday 22 nd	Band – 6.30pm. Beginners 7pm. Gymnastics – 7.30 – 8.15pm
Friday 24 th	Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.15pm Queen's Badge Course, Kincaig
Sunday 26 th	NO Bible class
Monday 27 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section (usual evening) ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
Tuesday 28 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section (usual evening) ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE

Battalion Events –

- Battalion Fun Day (AB/JS) – Buckie 18th February.
- Building Your Skills Course (President's Badge) - Sunday 19th February, Buckie.
- Battalion Parade – Buckie, Sunday 5th March 2023.
- Battalion Company Section Top of the Form – Turriff, Wednesday 8th March.

Planning for the Future

- Scottish Cross Country – Buckie, 18th March 2023
- Awards Evening – South & West Church, Friday 24th March 2023
- Friday 2–Sunday 4 June 2023: Weekend Camp.