



Jenny and Alan would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thanks for the cards, telephone calls, facebook entries, e-mails and the many congratulations shown to both of us, even going along the "town" on our recent BEM Awards. A huge thanks to all boys, parents, friends, helpers and of course officers who have all had a contribution in making these awards happen. We extend a very Happy New Year to you All.

Building Your Skills (BYS): Boys, currently in secondary 3, at High School, will be attending a BYS course at Banff BB hall on **Sunday 25th February**. This is a requirement for the President's Badge. Further information to follow.

Battalion Parade: The Battalion Parade this session will be in Buckie on Sunday 4th March. All boys in Anchors, Juniors and Company Sections are expected to attend! Keep this date free! Further information, when available, will be circulated to the boys. Anchor Boys will parade to and from the Church.

Junior Section: Please note that the Junior Section will continue to meet from 6 – 7pm. It is important that ALL boys are prompt and **READY** to go into the hall to start at 6pm.

100 years of Junior Section: Reminder that all Junior Section boys are encouraged to try as many challenges as they can and if they complete more than 70 Challenges, they will receive a Challenge 100 medal.

Anchor Boy Party: Thanks to all who made the Anchor Boy Party such a success. The party was attended by approximately 70 boys and girls and there was even a visit from Santa! Music was provided by our very own senior boys AND young lady, supported by Mr Peter Mckay. Thanks also to all the staff who supported the event.

National 5 Aside Football: The Company will be hosting the Senior 5 Aside semi-final in Buckie on Saturday 13th January, commencing at 1pm. Teams from 6/8 Dundee, 42nd Dundee and 1st Banff will be competing. The Under 15 team are also through to the Scottish semi-finals and will travel to Falkirk on Saturday 10th February, competing against companies from Falkirk, West Linton, Cambusnethan and Overtown. Two teams in each age group would then advance to the Scottish finals. We wish them well.

Company Photographs: We are looking at producing a Company photo with all sections included in the photo. Further information to follow.

Badges: Boys in all sections are reminded that they must ensure that they have all their badges. Please don't wait until the week of the Inspection to replace lost badges! Badges for Company Section, for 2017/2018, will be updated in early February. All boys should now have their 2017/2018 Service badge.

Anchor Boy Christmas Competitions: Results will appear in the next edition of "Chevron".

Trampolining, Inverurie: The Company had three very successful evenings at Inverurie Trampoline Park. A total of approx. 120 adults and boys enjoyed their time there. The boys are to be congratulated on their behaviour - And the adults who also "tried" to keep up with the boys.

Pancake Tea: The Company will be having a Pancake Tea on Saturday 3rd March 2018. Tickets + "help" sheet are included with this Newsletter.

Queen's Men: 5 young men will be attending a completion course at Kinraig on Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th February 2018 to "sign off" their Queen's Badge. We wish them well.

Overseas Appeal: Boys are reminded that the closing date for the appeal is Friday 16th March 2018. Boys must remember to put their names on their "jar of pennies". Boys who have handed in their "pennies" will receive a medal. A minimum of £5 is required to get "your" medal.

Inspection 2018: This session, the Annual Inspection will be held in the Fishermen's hall on

Friday 23rd March. Rehearsal times will be announced in the February Newsletter. Tickets will be restricted to TWO per family. As a result of discussion with parents of previous Queen's Men, these young men will have first refusal for an extra TWO tickets for family.

Weekend Camp 2018: Reminder that the camp must be paid in full (£75.00) by Friday 2nd March. Pocket money can also be paid in. - maximum of £15.

Battalion Swimming: The Banffshire Battalion Swimming Competition for Junior and Company Section boys will be held in Buckie on Wednesday 31st January – boys competing will be given a return slip the week before.



Weather / School Closure



1st Buckie Boys' Brigade events will run as normal unless you are contacted by a representative of the Company. If BCHS/Local Primaries are closed there will automatically be NO meeting that evening. If you feel that it is unsafe to travel please let us know and your son(s) non attendance will be noted.

Weekend Break

There will be NO Boys' Brigade activities during the school mid-term break (Friday 9th – Tuesday 13th February).

Dates for your Calendar:

Friday 12 January	Juniors 6pm / Company 7.20pm
Saturday 13	Senior Scottish 5 Aside Football Competition, Buckie.
Sunday 14	Bibleclass....10am
Monday 15	Anchor Boys 6 -7pm
Tuesday 16	Band Beginners....6.15pm....Band..6,30pm for 6.45pm start. Gymnastics...7.30pm
Friday 19	Juniors 6pm / Company 7.20pm
Sunday 21	Bibleclass....10am
Monday 22	Anchor Boys 6 -7pm
Tuesday 23	Band Beginners....6.15pm....Band..6,30pm for 6.45pm start. Gymnastics...7.30pm
Friday 26	Juniors 6pm / Company 7.20pm
Saturday 27	Battalion 5 Aside Football, Buckie
Sunday 28	Bibleclass....10am
Monday 29	Anchor Boys 6 -7pm
Tuesday 30	Band Beginners....6.15pm....Band..6,30pm for 6.45pm start. Gymnastics...7.30pm
Wednesday 31	Battalion Swimming, Buckie.

Battalion Events

Saturday 27 January:	Battalion 5 Asides.
Wednesday 31 January:	Battalion Swimming, Buckie
Saturday 24 February:	Battalion Fun Day, Buckie
Sunday 25 February:	Battalion Building Your Skills, Banff
Sunday 4 March:	Battalion Parade, Buckie
Saturday 17 March:	Battalion Badminton / Table Tennis, Buckie

Planning for the Future

Friday 9 –Tuesday 13 February 2018:	Mid Term Break
Saturday 17 February 2018:	1 st Buckie 70 th Anniversary Supper/Dance
Friday 23 – Sunday 25 February 2018:	Queen's Badge Completion Course
Saturday 3 March 2018:	Pancake Tea
Friday 23 March 2018:	Annual Inspection

Friday 8–Sunday 10 June 2018: Weekend Camp
Sunday 5th August – Friday 10th August: Trip to London (confirmed)