



Newsletter ..January 2023

A Happy New Year to all our Leaders!

Trampoline Visit: Unfortunately, the Trampoline Visit had to be postponed due to the weather. We have managed to rearrange for Thursday 26th January – same arrangements, leaving at 5pm PROMPT. Boys registered will have a return slip in with their Newsletter. Signed returns must be in by Friday 20th January. Any boys, no longer able to go will get a refund and places will then be offered to others via Facebook.

One Marchmont Business Centre: We are getting there. A considerable amount of work has been done during the holidays and once we are ready for all sections, we will be inviting parents, friends and the local community to come along and visit our new premises. In the meantime ONLY the Company Section on a FRIDAY evening will be meeting there. We will update you with more information as and when available. It will mean that the Company Section will now be meeting regularly from 7.20pm until 9.25pm as a single “unit”. Band, Bibleclass, etc will all continue to meet in the Church hall until you are informed otherwise.

Change of Address/Circumstances: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh.

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 Badge. 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.

Camp 2023: There is now a waiting list for Camp 2023. If you wish your son to be added to the list, please get in touch. An information sheet will go out with the February Newsletter.

Badges / Armbands: Boys will be receiving their Craft (AB/JS) Badge, Physical (all sections) and Compass Badge (Company Recruits) shortly. Armbands have been updated and can be found on the Facebook page. ALL other badges should be removed and kept in a safe place. Armbands available from Mrs McIntosh. Just to say that the recent Queen's Badge circulated to all boys should be kept in a safe place as they cannot be replaced.

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.

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.

Annual Trophies: Trophies have now all been engraved and returned to the boys.

Christmas Colouring Card Competition for Anchors and Juniors: A list of winners can be found on our Facebook page.

1st Buckie 75th Whisky: A few bottles left. If interested, contact Alan McIntosh.

Calendar: Still a few left. Now available at a reduced price of £3 each.

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: Both our Senior and Junior Football teams have qualified for the next round of the National Senior Football Competition but sadly, they are both through without playing a game. The format is on a league basis and THREE teams pulled out leaving only three teams and all three automatically go through to the next round.



Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday 11 th	Band – 6.30pm. Beginners 7.30pm.
Friday 13 th	Company Section – 7.20 – 9.25pm.
Sunday 15 th	Bible class....10am
Monday 16 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section (usual evening)
Tuesday 17 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section (usual evening)
Wednesday 18 th	Band – 6.30pm. Beginners 7.30pm.
Friday 20 th	Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.20pm
Sunday 22 nd	Bible class....10am
Monday 23 rd	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section (usual evening)
Tuesday 24 th	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section (usual evening)
Wednesday 25 th	Battalion Swimming, Buckie,,,,NO BAND.
Thursday 26 th	Trampoline Visit
Friday 27 th	Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.20pm
Sunday 29 th	Bible class....10am
Monday 30 th	Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section (usual evening)
Tuesday 31 st	Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section (usual evening)

Battalion Events –

Battalion Junior/Company Swimming – Wednesday 25th January, 7.30 – 9pm
Building Your Skills Course (President's Badge) - Sunday 19th February, Buckie.
Battalion Parade – Buckie, Sunday 5th March 2023.
Battalion Fun Day (AB/JS) – Buckie 18th February.
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.

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