



Newsletter...March 2023

Battalion Parade

The Banffshire Battalion Parade will be held in Buckie on Sunday 5th March. ALL boys will parade from Cluny School Playground to the South and West Church, going via West Church Street. Boys, with jackets, should report to the Playground for 10.30am. Parade will move off at 10.50am. A reminder that the Church Service will be from 11.30am – 12.10pm. Boys will then march down High Street, along East Church Street and be dismissed from Cliff Terrace. The Company will require STEWARDS for the Parade. If you are available, please contact A McIntosh.

Battalion Fun Day: Feedback would suggest that boys had an excellent time at the Fun Afternoon and all boys should have received a Fun Day Badge and a goody bag. A big thanks to our staff for ensuring that the event ran smoothly.

Queen's Men: 6 young men will be attending the Queen's Badge Completion Course at Kinraig this weekend (24th February) with the other 5 boys in April. We wish them well.

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. A meeting will be called for parents/carers prior to the event. Details and Newsletter to follow.

National Cross Country:

The Scottish Cross Country will be going ahead in Buckie on Saturday 18th March. Times to be confirmed. Boys, of age 11+ are eligible to take part (8 boys per age group). Again, help is required on the day for various tasks. Please let A McIntosh know if you can help.

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 for 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.

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.

National Football: The Senior Football Team will be travelling to Grangemouth on Saturday 11th March to compete in the Scottish Final. We wish them well.

National Badminton: The Company Section Badminton Team have reached the Quarter Finals of the Scottish Badminton Championships. They now play West Linton for a place in the semi-finals. Sadly, again, we have to travel. Date to be confirmed. We wish them well.

Awards Evening

The Company will be holding a Display Awards Evening in the South and West Church 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. All boys, in uniform are asked to report to the Church hall for 6.30pm. An information slip will go out to all boys, the week prior to the event. President's and Queen's Badges will NOT be presented on the 24th with their badges - these will be presented in the Seafield Hotel sometime in late April / early May (post exams).

Battalion "Design a Badge" Competition: Boys in all sections will receive an information sheet re the latest competition to design a badge. A copy can also be found on Facebook.

Queen's Badge 23/24: We currently have 13 boys who have now completed the first of three courses, working towards their Queen's Badge. Hopefully, we will get back to some normality and will once again be able to have a Parents' Information Evening later in the year. Well done boys, Boys have all been issued with a Folder for the paperwork. These folders have been sponsored by the "Van Man". Boys who attended the course on Sunday will now receive their NCO's Stripe and Discovery Badge.

Badges 2022/2023: Badges gained this session, in the Company Section, will be handed out prior to the Awards Evening. Anchor and Junior Badges will be handed out at the Awards Evening.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEXT SESSION
As already intimated, Anchor Boys will meet on a TUESDAY from 6 – 7pm, Junior Section on a FRIDAY from 5.45 – 7pm and Company Section, also on a FRIDAY from 7.20 – 9.30pm

Summer 2023: We are currently thinking of what we could offer for boys of all ages during the summer months. Any ideas would be welcome. We would hope to return to Loch Morlich for Watersports post Camp. We may also look at offering an "informal" games type evening for Anchors and Juniors. We have also been offered a return to Ballindalloch Golf Course for a mid week Golf Competition.

YOUR THOUGHTS/SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED



Dates for your Calendar:

- Sunday 26th February NO Bible Class – Queen’s Badge Completion Course
Monday 27th Anchor Boys Pr3/Junior Section
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Tuesday 28th Anchor Boys Pr2/Junior Section
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Wednesday 1st March Band: Beginners – 6.15pm. Full Band 6.45pm.
Gymnastics – 7.15 – 8.00pm
- Friday 3rd Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.15pm
Saturday 4th Battalion 5 Aside Football, Buckie. Boys will be informed.
Sunday 5th **Battalion Parade – see page 1.**
Monday 6th Anchor Boys Pr3 /Junior Section
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Tuesday 7th Anchor Boys Pr2/Junior Section
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Wednesday 8th Battalion Top of the Form, Turriff – Boys informed.
No BAND / NO GYMNASTICS
- Friday 10th Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.15pm
Saturday 11th National 5 Aside Football Final, Grangemouth
Sunday 12th Bible class...10am (to be confirmed)
Monday 13th Anchor Boys Pr3 /Junior Section
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Tuesday 14th Anchor Boys Pr2/Junior Section
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Wednesday 15th Band: Beginners – 6.15pm. Full Band 6.45pm.
Gymnastics – 7.15 – 8.00pm
- Friday 17th Company Section, Marchmont Centre, 7.15pm
Saturday 18th Scottish Cross Country, Buckie – see page 1.
Sunday 19th **NO Bible class**
Monday 20th Anchor Boys Pr3 Junior Section (usual evening)
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Tuesday 21st Anchor Boys Pr2 /Junior Section (usual evening)
ONE MARCHMONT BUSINESS CENTRE
- Wednesday 22nd To be confirmed
Friday 24th Display and Awards Evening – see page 2.

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