



Newsletter...May 2023

President's / Queen's Badge Presentations

All President's and Queen's Badge boys have received a copy of the letter for the forthcoming Presentation Evening at the Seafield Hotel, Cullen. A maximum of FOUR guests per boy can be accommodated. Returns, with payment must be handed in by Friday 18th May at the latest. Please note that there is no charge for boys. A further intimation will be circulated prior to the event.

WEEKEND CAMP

Important Parents' Evening in **One Marchmont** on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7pm.
Boys must be represented by carer/parent at the meeting.
A consent form will have to be completed at the meeting.

Scottish Cross Country: A big thanks to all who supported the recent National Event held in Buckie. We are indebted to helpers, staff and sponsors for their help on the day. We were also delighted with the number of winners that we had. Photographs and winners names can be found on Facebook. Well done to the boys – they were a credit to themselves, their parents and the Company.

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

Change of Address/Circumstances: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh. This is very important at this time of year as information for the new session will be circulated to the addresses that we currently have.

Forward Planning: Staff have already been meeting to look at next session. Meetings for Anchor Boys and Junior Section have already taken place and we will cover the Company Section shortly.

Session 2023/2024: We already have had a number of enquiries for next Session and we could again be looking at a waiting list. In order to plan ahead, we would appreciate if you could let us know as soon as possible if your son is NOT returning for the new session. If your son is already registered from this session, an envelope will come through your door late August.

Armband: There has been a number of concerns re the Anchor Boy Armband. So for 23/24, we are going to be asking Anchor Boys to keep their Armband at home and only wear on special occasions (these will be intimated). Junior section will continue as normal.

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: Our Community Collection this session has reached £1600. Monies will be distributed locally. Suggestions are always welcome. We would hopefully be in a position in August to intimate where the monies are going. The collecting of coins will continue next session with boys again, receiving a community badge. What will change, is that we no longer will be having an overall winner for the boy(s) in each section collecting the most.

National Football: Congratulations to our Senior 5 Aside football team who came third in the Scottish Final, held at Grangemouth last month.

National Badminton: Our boys are to be congratulated in reaching the Scottish Final. As the newsletter goes to print, we are unsure when the final will be played (against Kilmarnock). The boys have qualified for the UK Final but is due to be played in Wigan during the SQA Exams – that’s what you call “working together”. Very disappointed for the boys.



Battalion “Design a Badge” Competition: Boys in all sections were asked to design a Battalion Coronation Badge. The winning design came from 1st Buckie – Jacob Shand, Primary 6. All boys will receive a commemorative badge in September. Photographs appeared on Facebook where you will see the other boys who were also winners in the various sections.



Coronation Badge: The Company has ordered a Coronation Badge for all boys. Badges, along with the Battalion Badge will also be circulated in September. Thanks to the Sponsor of the badges.

Queen’s Badge 23/24: We have started working with our 13 boys potential Queen’s Men. Boys have been informed that they will start working on the current Queen’s Badge until we hear of any change to the badge. We will be having a Parents’ Evening after the SQA Exams – an intimation will go out at the Presentation Evening. All boys should have received a folder, sponsored by the “Van Man”. Boys have also been informed that they will have a course to attend in Buckie on Sunday 11th June. Paperwork has been circulated.

Badges 2022/2023: Badges gained this past session, in all sections have been handed out. Reminder that lost badges will cost £1.50 to replace. Any boy who was unable to attend the Awards Evening will get his badge(s) in September.

Old Uniform / Badges: We are currently looking at the way forward and clearing out various items of uniform. The idea is to pass on unwanted items to other Companies in hardship. Please do not throw out your used uniforms but hand them in so they can be re used by those less fortunate. Old badges are also welcomed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEXT SESSION

Meetings will be :

All Anchor Boys on a TUESDAY from 6 – 7.15pm

Junior Section on a FRIDAY from 5.45 – 7pm

Company Section on a FRIDAY from 7.20 – 9.30pm

All meetings will be held in ONE MARCHMONT.

Please note that Anchor Boys will not finish until 7.15pm. This is an extension to the times stated previously.

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 afternoon 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

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



Dates for your Calendar:

- Tuesday 23rd May: President's / Queen's Award Presentations.
Seafield Hotel, Cullen, 7pm.
- Friday 2nd June: Weekend Camp – see Newsletter.
- Sunday 11th June: Queen's badge Course, Buckie, 10am.
- Tuesday 29th August: 1st Buckie Enrolment Evening – details to follow.
- Tuesday 5th September: Anchor Boys, 6 – 7.15pm, Marchmont.
- Friday 8th September: Junior Section, 5.45 – 7pm, Marchmont.
Company Section, 7.20pm, Marchmont.
- Sunday 5th November: Enrolment Parade – details to follow.
- Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Parade – details to follow.
- Tuesday 12th December: Anchor Boy Party.

Forward Planning: Watersports for Junior (Pr5/6)/ Company Section.
(dates to be confirmed) Golf at Ballindalloch (Junior/Company Sections)
Fun Afternoon for Anchor Boys / Junior Sections

OTHER EVENTS WILL BE INTIMATED IN DUE COURSE

