



Newsletter...September/October 2021

We are back! Encouraged by the numbers, although we have lost a number of boys through football on a Friday evening. Unfortunately, we cannot change the evening as this has been “BB” night for the Company Section for the past 70 years.

Currently, we have 62 Anchor boys, 62 Junior Section and 75 Company Section. We are also finding that the new programme in the Church buildings is now starting to gel and staff are adapting to the 3 evenings per week. We have also added the Band on a Wednesday. We have now a waiting list for boys joining in any of the Sections.

Just a reminder that Anchor Boys (Monday & Tuesday): 5.50 – 7pm.

Junior Section (Monday & Tuesday): 7.10 – 8.30pm

Company Section (Friday Junior Pr7 – S2): 6.15 – 8.30pm

Company Section (Friday Senior S3 +): 8.00 – 9.40pm

Company Bugle Band (Wednesday): 6.30 – 7.30pm

Queen’s Badge: Worth pointing out that boys in the Company Section will require to do FIVE years to achieve their Queen’s Badge. Boys opting for a “year out” would be a year behind their peer group. This question has been asked of boys coming back after a year out i.e. for

other sport.

Change of Address/Circumstances: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh.

FUNDRAISING

As you know, the Company relies on fundraising to keep the fees as low as possible. One of our main fundraisers is a Coffee Morning, raising over £1500. Unfortunately, due to the current situation we are leaving it on hold until we are confident of running such an event.

We are to have a number of “small” fundraisers during the session, including a Lego Prize Draw – see enclosed sheet and a Christmas Hamper – details to follow.

Our main fundraiser leading up to Christmas will be the Kracker Ball Bounce.

Over 5000 balls will be dropped from a height in Cluny Square at 3pm on the day of the Kracker.

All families have been given 10 tickets to sell and both sold or unsold should be returned to Jennifer McIntosh prior to the event on the Saturday.

We have extra tickets available to sell and are available from Jennifer McIntosh, as well as on the day. We see this as a major fundraiser to raise funds for Capitation Fees (nearly £6,000) and do hope that you can support this event.

**THE BALL BOUNCE IS SPONSORED BY THE SEAFIELD HOTEL,
CULLEN.**

Snoods; We have a number of 1st Buckie Snoods available at £3 per snood. Please contact Jennifer McIntosh.

Enrolment Parade: The provisional date for the Enrolment/Dedication Parade/Church Service is Sunday 31st October. We are unclear at the moment as to whether this event will go ahead but more information will be in the next Newsletter when a definite decision will be made.

Armistice Parade: We also await further information re the Annual Remembrance Parade. If we are to go ahead, it will be the Company Section and Band only.

Camp 2022: We currently have a booking for the weekend of 3 – 5 June 2022 at Badaguish. Boys who were registered for last year have all been approached and we now know the numbers that are already confirmed from the past two years. Enclosed is a Newsletter to parents/carers of boys in Primary 5 +. We would encourage early returns to ensure a place.

London 2022: It was our intention to organise a trip to London in 2022 but due to the uncertainty at the moment we have put any 5 day trip on hold until 2023.

National Cross Country: You will be aware that the National Cross Country Competition did not take place but all going to plan it will be rescheduled for March 2022.

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

Queen's Men 2020/2021: Our Queen's Men had an excellent evening in The Seafield Hotel, Cullen when they were presented with their Queen's Badge by Mr Charles Milne, DL Banffshire. We still hope to produce a "Chevron" and there would be a report enclosed.

President's Badge: 8 President's Badge boys were also presented with their badges at Cullen and are now working towards their Queen's Badge. We wish them well.

Armband: Within the next few weeks, all boys will be given a copy of an armband, appropriate to the section, with the badges they should wear and where on the armband they should be. Primary 2 boys will all be given an armband at no cost. If others have lost their armband, there is a £2.50 charge for a replacement.

Replacement badges are also £1.50. Reminder that some of the previous badges are no longer available, hence the reason that they should be kept in a safe place.

Boys who were awarded their President's Badges are asked to keep them at home and only display on special occasions – they cannot be replaced.

Jar of Coins: We will again be collecting "jars of coins" to support a local charity. Boys collecting more than £5 will be awarded a 1st Buckie Community Badge (2021/22). Badges should be with us shortly. 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.

Bench: The "jars of coins" for the past 12 months have resulted in the Company going ahead to provide TWO substantial benches at the top of the Bin Hill.

Permission has been granted by Seafield Estates and we are in the latter stages of getting the benches to the top of the hill. We are indebted to the Crafty Wood Turner.

Look out for further information through Facebook.

CD's / DVD's: The Company, throughout the summer months, has been fundraising by collecting used CD's and DVD's that are no longer used by families. We sell them on to Ziffit or Music Magpie in return for funds for the Company. To date we

have raised over £250 from sales. Please keep them coming in, either on a Monday, Tuesday, Friday or to 40 West Church Street. We are also indebted to the Buckie Community Charity Shop for their generous support.

Chevron Magazine: Due to lock down, “Chevron” was not published last session but we hope to be back with a bumper edition later this year.

Badges: The Company will again be having badges for Company Service, Remembrance, Physical and Crafts. We also hope to add to these late this session.

Trampoline Visits: Great that we were able to offer visits to the Trampoline Park at Inverurie. We will be looking at returning in October. A return sheet is enclosed intimating a trip to the Park on Wednesday 20th October (school holidays) for Primary 3 +. We also hope for a further trip at Christmas for Juniors and Company Sections.

Anchor Boy / Junior Section Booklets 2020/2021: Well done to all the boys who handed in their booklets and received their badge. **A number of books were NOT returned and hence these boys have NOT been awarded their badge and they would need to complete the booklet before getting the badge. It is especially important that boys in Primary 6, who didn't return their booklet, would therefore not be presented with their Gold Badge at the end of this Session.**

If your son requires a replacement booklet, please contact Jennifer McIntosh. BOOKLET MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE BADGE IS AWARDED.

Banffshire Battalion: Banffshire Battalion has now met and three events have been agreed: Cross Country at Turriff on Saturday 6th November (see enclosed sheet), Junior Section Top of the Form (no date as yet) and a Christmas Competition for Anchor Boys and Junior Section. Other events and dates to be confirmed.

Minibus: You may have noticed that our minibus hasn't been seen lately and the reason is obviously linked to COVID 19 and the cancellation of events. Hopefully, we can return to some normality and our minibus will be on the road again.

Competition Winners: Our first competition of the session was circulated with the previous Newsletter. Winners will be announced in Facebook.

School In-Service: Just an early reminder that there will be NO Boys' Brigade Meetings on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th November due to school In-Service.

Bible Class: We are still looking at regulations (numbers, seating, and masks) and we therefore are leaving Bible Class at the moment. An intimation will follow in the next Newsletter.



Dates for your Calendar:

Monday 27th September: Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section

Tuesday 28th Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section

Wednesday 29th Band – 6.30pm.

Friday 1st October: Company Section

Monday 4th Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section

Tuesday 5th Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section

Wednesday 6th Band – 6.30pm

Friday 8th Company Section

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Monday 25th October: Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section

Tuesday 26th Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section

Wednesday 27th Band – 6.30pm

Friday 29th Company Section

Sunday 31st October 2021: Enrolment Parade...All Sections

Monday 1st November: Anchor Boys Pr2 / Junior Section

Tuesday 2nd Anchor Boys Pr3 / Junior Section

Wednesday 3rd Band – 6.30pm

Friday 5th Company Section

Battalion Events –

Saturday 6th November: Battalion Cross Country – Turriff. 1pm departure.

Sunday 20th February: Building Your Skills (For President's Badge), Banff.

Planning for the Future

Sunday 31st October 2021: Enrolment Parade...All Sections.

Saturday 6th November: Battalion Cross Country – Turriff. 1pm departure.

Sunday 14th November: Armistice Parade...Company Section only.

Monday 13th December: Anchor Boy Christmas Party – all boys.

Friday 3–Sunday 5 June 2022: Weekend Camp.