



Newsletter...February 2022

HOLIDAY

There will be NO Boys' Brigade activities during the weekend of the school mid-term break (Friday 11th – Tuesday 15th February).

Anchor Boy/Junior Section Fun Afternoon

The Anchor Boy/Junior Section Fun Afternoon will be held in Buckie on Saturday 26th February from 2 – 3.45pm. All boys will receive an information sheet nearer the time. Parents help on the day would be welcomed. Boys participating will be given a commemorative Fun Day badge.

Building Your Skills (BYS): Boys, currently in Secondary 4 at High School, will be attending a BYS course in Buckie South & West Church on **Sunday 27th February**. This is a requirement for the President's Badge. Boys have been informed by letter.

Queen's Men: 8 young men will be attending the Queen's Badge Completion Course at Kincaig on the weekend of 8 – 10th April 2022. We wish them well.

Awards Evening: As it stands at the moment, the Company will be having an end of session with an "Awards Evening" on Friday 18th 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. The evening will be in the South & West Church and COVID rules, at the time, will be adhered to. President's and Queen's Badges will NOT be presented that evening - these will be presented in the Seaford Hotel sometime in late April / early May (post exams). Further information will be circulated with the March Newsletter.

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

Weather Conditions

Reminder to parents that should Buckie High School and/or a neighbouring primary school be closed on a day when there is a BB activity planned, the activity will be cancelled.

Pancake Making: Pancake Making is still in progress in the Company Section and we are now left with the S3 boys to "have a go". Boys will be informed.

Camp 2022: Arrangements are now in place for our weekend camp in June 2022. All places are currently taken and hopefully we will be able to take the boys to camp this summer. Our Saturday trip will be swimming and 10 pin bowling in Inverness.

National Cross Country: No update!

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 of 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.

Jar of Coins: We are still accepting "jars of coins" to support a local charity, yet to be identified. Boys collecting more than £5 will be awarded a 1st Buckie Community Badge (2021/22). Just a reminder that if a jar is handed in, it would be the next meeting of the section when your son would receive his badge in a brown envelope. When returning the jar, please write your son's name and section on the label. Jars can be handed into any leader at this stage. To date, over £1250 has been raised to support a local cause.

Bench: Two benches have now been made and are ready for their final location. We are waiting for concrete bases to be made but there is a wee delay as Seafeld Estates have had to cope with storm damage to their trees and estate. Follow progress on 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 £470 from sales. CD's/DVD's still being accepted. We are also indebted to the Buckie Community Charity Shop for their generous support.

Anchor Boy / Junior Section Booklets 2020/2021: Last call for 2020/21 Booklets. REMINDER that if your son's book is NOT returned, he will be a year behind with his Junior Section Award. Please get in touch with Mr McIntosh if you have any concerns re this decision.

Band: Again, we are on hold with the Bugle Band. Highly unlikely we will be back before August.

Gymnastics: We have made the decision that we will now leave midweek gymnastics until the start of the new session in September.

January Quiz: Excellent response to our 1st Quiz of the Year. Over 50 entries.

Several with full marks. 1st Place (£20 Tesco Voucher): The Fielding Family.

2nd Place (£10 Tesco Voucher): The Sudding Family.

3rd Place (£5 Tesco Voucher): The Rennie Family.

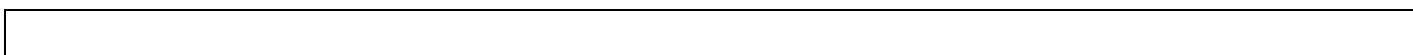
Many thanks to all who entered and a big thanks to our January Sponsor. The February Quiz is enclosed with this Newsletter. As a small fundraiser, we are asking for a £1 contribution for the February Quiz..

Anyone willing to sponsor the February quiz, please contact A McIntosh.

North Scottish Area Easter Card Competition: Anchor and Junior Boys will all receive a poly pocket with a colouring in card for the NSA Competition. The deadline for the competition is Friday 4th March.

Battalion "Design a Badge" Competition: Company Section boys have been circulated with information about designing a badge for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Banff and Turriff are also taking part.

75th Anniversary: Next Session will see the 75th Anniversary of the Company and already, we are looking at producing a commemorative mug and badge for all boys – both will be available for purchase in September. We are also looking at a 75th Anniversary bottle of whisky. We had a bottle commemorating our 70th and was well received. Anyone wishing more information on the purchase of a bottle (s), please get in touch with A McIntosh.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are already being asked about Enrolment and “days of the week” for next session. All we can say at the moment is that we will be returning to the Church hall for all Sections and that Primary 2 Anchor Boys (new intake) will be on a Tuesday and the current Primary 2 boys, moving onto Primary 3, will be on a Monday. It is likely that there will be very little change with Juniors and Company Sections, but we will not confirm until nearer the time. Company Section, regardless of times, will still meet on a Friday.



Dates for your Calendar:

Monday 7th February: Anchor Boys (5.50pm), Junior Section (7.15pm)
Tuesday 8th Anchor Boys (5.50pm), Junior Section (7.15pm)
Friday 11th Company Section on Holiday
Monday 14th February: Anchor Boys/Junior Section.....Holiday
Tuesday 15th Anchor Boys/Junior Section.....Holiday
Friday 18th Usual Company Section Meeting
Monday 21st February: Anchor Boys (5.50pm), Junior Section (7.15pm)
Tuesday 22nd Anchor Boys (5.50pm), Junior Section (7.15pm)
Friday 25^h Usual Company Section Meeting
Monday 28th February: Anchor Boys (5.50pm), Junior Section (7.15pm)
Tuesday 1st March: Anchor Boys (5.50pm), Junior Section (7.15pm)
Friday 4th Usual Company Section Meeting

Battalion Events –

Wednesday 23rd February: Battalion Company Section Top of the Form, Banff, 7pm.
Saturday 26th February: Battalion Anchor / Junior Fun Afternoon, Buckie.
Sunday 27th February: Building Your Skills (For President’s Badge), Buckie.

Planning for the Future

Friday 18th March: Awards Evening (provisional), S & W Church.
Friday 3–Sunday 5 June 2022: Weekend Camp.