




Information

	<p>Diary Dates</p>	<p>22nd September 2013 ----- AB/JS Fun Day 24th September 2013 ----- Battalion Executive 2nd October 2013 ----- AB/JS Activities Meeting 5th October 2013 ----- JS Soccer Sevens 10th October 2013 ----- New Staff Induction Training</p>
	<p>Calendar of Events</p>	<p>The calendar of events has been produced for the 2012-13 session will be available on the website soon, however should anyone like a paper copy issued please request this from the office.</p>
	<p>Battalion Directory</p>	<p>The directory is scheduled to be finalised and available from the end of September. As in previous years we will be keeping the number of paper copies to a minimum and will only be issuing to Captains, OIC's for each company and office bearers. Anyone who does not fall into these categories can still request a copy from the office, likewise if a Company requires additional copies then please do get in touch and also let us know the number required.</p>

Forthcoming events



Company Section & Seniors Church Service

19th Leith Company have kindly offered to host the Battalion Joint Church Service this year

19th Leith are inviting the all companies from the Battalion to join them at Granton Parish Church at 6:30pm on **Sunday 27th October 2013**. Further details will be issued on entry forms within the next few days.



Anchor Boys & Junior Section Fun Day

Sunday 22nd September 2013, will be the annual joint fun day at Lethem Park for the Anchor & Junior Sections. This event will run from 2pm – 5pm, with registration taking place from 1pm – 1.30pm. numbers can still be added to this so don't think it's too late to come along. Please also submit a mobile contact for each company attending should there be a need to cancel due to bad weather. Positive the sun will shine for us!



Junior Section Soccer Sevens

Saturday 5th October the Junior Section 7-a-side tournament will be held at Lethem Park from 10:30 – 12:30. Entry forms and rules will be issued ASAP, however should you be organised already please feel free to submit your numbers anytime.

Outdoor Football

Last session the 66th Edinburgh (Muirhouse) played football at Lethem Park and are planning to continue playing on the third Saturday of every month this session. I would like to invite any companies who would like to join us for a fun game of football to get in touch. Normally this is from 10 – 1 but as this is only a bit of fun and not competitive boys/companies are free to come and

leave at times that suit them best.

Andrew Hay
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Upcoming Training Dates



New Staff Induction Training

Yes the new session has begun and it's time to start training. Scheduled for **Thursday 10th October** is Induction Training suitable for new members of staff. Further information along with times and booking forms will be issued in the near future.

Results

Company Section Athletics

The Athletic contest was held on Monday 17th June 2013 at Pinkie Primary School Sports Ground, Musselburgh when 30 boys from six Companies took part.

Points were awarded as follows: 4, 2 & 1 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in all events

Individual results were:-

JUNIORS			
Position	Name	Company	Points
1 st	L Johnson	65 th Edinburgh	12
2 nd	L Packwood	65 th Edinburgh	10
3 rd	C Newell	63 rd Edinburgh	6

INTERMEDIATES			
Position	Name	Company	Points
1 st	M Swinton	25 th Edinburgh	14
2 nd Equal	D Kong	65 th Edinburgh	7
2 nd Equal	G McGuire	63 rd Edinburgh	7

SENIORS			
Position	Name	Company	Points
1 st	J Pinkerton	25 th Edinburgh	15
2 nd	R Smail	1 st Leith	13
3 rd	C Robertson	25 th Edinburgh	7

The Individuals received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Congratulations to the 65th Company who lifted the cup, (but only by 1 point from the 25th), after gaining 4 points from victory in the final event – the relay.

Company Results were as follows:-

Position	Company	Points
1 st	65 th Edinburgh	37
2 nd	25 th Edinburgh	36
3 rd Equal	63 rd Edinburgh	13
3 rd Equal	1 st Leith	13
5 th	10 th Leith	8
6 th	61 st Edinburgh	4

Well done to all the athletes for taking part and to our former Battalion President Robert Doig who presented the medals and Cup. Finally a big thank you to all who acted as officials.

Eric C Fisher,
Event Organiser



The 65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company's boys won the Athletics Trophy. The Boys photo taken beside the Kirk Mini Bus with the trophy are: Back Row: Peter Sawkins; David Kong; Fraser Wallace; Finlay Jackson; Front Row: Liam Packwood; Lucas Johnston; Duncan Cameron .The Boys celebrated with double ice creams as they don't have this famous ice cream shop in Currie!!

Meet the New Development Officer

After careful consideration and selection of the candidates who interviewed for the position, the Selection Panel are pleased to announce the appointment of David Scott as the Battalion Development Officer. David will commence his employment with the Battalion on Monday 23rd September 2013, and can be contacted at Headquarters.

David is 26yrs of age and comes from the Glenavy (Belfast) area of Northern Ireland. Educated to Degree Level with a BEd (Hons) 2:1 in Business Studies and ICT from Queen's University Belfast. Currently David is employed as a Project Officer with the Headquarters Staff of the Northern Ireland District of The Boys' Brigade. David is also a Director and Trustee of the BB (UK and RoI), Captain of the 1st Crumlin Company BB, and Young Person Representative on the Northern Ireland Regional Committee and has experience in DofE Award Coursework.

David's pastimes are listed as hill walking, kayaking, other outdoor activities and photography (mainly landscape, architecture and sports). David will also be noticeable by his chosen form of transport - a BMW - not a car but a F800GS motor bike.

In BB activities David holds President's Badge, Gold DofE Award and was actively involved with the Antrim & District Battalion.

The Battalion Executive hope that all members of the Battalion will make David welcome and appreciate the difficult tasks that lie ahead in his work. The Executive will endeavour to introduce David to all Companies in the Battalion. This will take time and is expected to happen throughout the course of Session 2013/2014.



Note from The BB Director of Scotland

The 10% in 2012 campaign last year proved to be a great result and it was really encouraging to see so many companies in Scotland taking part and also meeting their target. **The end result was that, for the first time in many years, total BB membership across Scotland has increased.**

We want to continue to build on that success and get recruiting again. We are now launching our new "Growing Bigger, Growing Better" campaign, and we are challenging all companies to work on this throughout the 13/14 BB session and to continue to grow after that. The two main aims are again to increase numbers again and make sure you offer the best possible BB experience for your young people.

If you increased numbers last session, let's see if you can do it again – if 10% was too easy what about a higher percentage? There will again be certificates for those companies gaining more than 10% and a regional prize for the two companies which grow the most. The campaign will also look at your programme and ensure it is truly challenging and exciting. Do you go to camp or have other residential experiences? Do you offer the DofE or Queen's Badge? Does your Junior Section have a weekend camp or special trip? Do the Anchor Boys really have a great time each night?

We have loads of resources to help your recruiting campaign and review what you do. Wherever young people are in the BB they

should get the same chances and opportunities. So check out the campaign website and you will see there are some brand new materials for 13/14. <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/growingbigger>

Sharing ideas and success stories will be vital for the "Growing Bigger, Growing Better" campaign to be a success. That is why there is a dedicated Facebook page where you can follow the conversation online: <https://www.facebook.com/BBgetrecruiting>

It would also be helpful if you can complete this survey to let us know if you are taking part in this latest campaign. Each company signing up will receive a free USB stick packed the resources. Please follow this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2Y767FX>

All your hard work week by week really is making a difference to thousands of young people all across Scotland, and helping our vital work to advance the Kingdom. So please do get behind this campaign and help the Brigade in Scotland continue to grow.

Message from Outgoing CEO

In September 2012 I intimated my intention to retire as CEO from mid-October 2013 or at an earlier date to be agreed between myself and the Executive. I always felt that making the change before the start of the new session would be the best time for the Battalion and Eoin Watters' appointment as Battalion Secretary paved the way for this to happen. I therefore retired on 31st August.

I can honestly say I have never for one moment regretted taking on the role. OK, there have been challenges and frustrations at times, but this is inevitable, particularly in a role that involves working alongside volunteers. It was a delight though, to work with so many dedicated, enthusiastic, imaginative leaders whose only motivation is to ensure that our organisation remains as relevant to Boys now as it always has been.

If I can leave one wish with you it is for everyone to look on the Leaders, Battalion Executive (and their subordinate committees) and HQ staff as simply separate parts of the same body. Of course there are different, sometimes strongly-held, opinions on how we should develop, but don't let that interfere with working together; we are immeasurably stronger if we pull together with mutual respect, regardless of differing opinions.

My best wishes go to every Leader in the Battalion; I know only too well how frustrating it can be at times but nevertheless there is no more worthy objective than "advancing Christ's Kingdom amongst Boys".

Alastair Chalmers

Old Battalion Photographs

During the summer the office staff have been cataloguing old photographs that are held at HQ. Inevitably, there are many that we do not have any information on at all; if anyone would like to spend a few happy hours at HQ looking at them and helping identification of at least one of when?, where? who? then please contact the office and we will be delighted to make arrangements.

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