



Information

Diary Dates

Battalion Executive Meeting	23 rd September 2014
JS Soccer Sevens	4 th October 2014
AB & JS Activities Meeting	13 th October 2014
Battalion Council Meeting	28 th October 2014

Battalion Calendar of Events

The calendar of events has been produced for the 2014-15 session will be available soon. As the website is currently being worked on these will be issued by email unless a paper copy is specifically requested.

Battalion Directory

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 please contact the office and inform us if you would like a paper copy and how many is required for your company. PDF versions will be available upon request to captains and OICs.

Battalion Shop

Our shop is now open Monday – Fridays from 9.30 – 12.30. Orders can of course be submitted to the office for collection on Tuesday evenings during Pamela's working hours if arranged in advance. Anything out with these times please contact the office prior to arrival.

New Website

As we should all be aware by now, the current website has some problems...the main one being we cannot update it!!

However with some help & time (I mean a lot really) from an individual in the Battalion we are pleased to say that the new website is being created and we hope to have this up and running by early October. Do bear with us, keep reading your emails for information and if you are looking for anything specific the office staff will be pleased to assist you.

Forcoming Events

Junior Section Sevens

Saturday 4th October the Junior Section 7-a-side tournament will be held at Lethem Park from 10:30 – 12:30. This is a fun Football event open to all companies, and don't worry if you do not have enough boys for a team come along anyway and we will get you joined up with other companies. Entry forms have been issued by email and should be returned to the office by Tuesday 30th September.

Young Photojournalist Competition

Every month the Battalion runs the 'Young Photojournalist Competition'. The competition is open to all Members (5 – 18 year olds) within the Battalion. Members can submit photograph(s) with a story each month to the Battalion Office about what they've been up to within their Company, what they like about Boys' Brigade or any awards they are currently working towards.

Remember in your accompanying short story, which can be anything from two sentences to two pages that you should mention:

- Who: who you are, i.e. Member's name and Company name
- What: what activity or event you are reporting on
- Where: where the activity or event took place
- Why: why you completed the activity or participated in the event
- When: when did you complete the activity or participate in the event
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The winner is announced at the end of each month and will win a prize. If you would like to enter, please email your photograph(s) with a story to david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk or post them to Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion The Boys' Brigade, Pollock Pavilion, 227 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, EH6 4SP.

Please note photographs (& stories) of activities may be used for publicity purposes (e.g. Newsletter, Local Press, BB Website, etc).

Summer Time Fun

Danish Group visits The Boys' Brigade

FDF K25 Brønshøj, a unit from Denmark's longest-running voluntary uniformed youth organisation, recently visited The Boys' Brigade in Edinburgh.

The unit visited Edinburgh at the start of their ten day summer camp to Scotland. While in Edinburgh, they got the opportunity to do some Geocaching around St Mark's Park, walk up Arthur's Seat, and participate in an Old Town Quiz. They also got the opportunity to play a game of football against the BB along with a game of rounders in Lethem Park.

The group also visited Lochgoilhead Activity Centre and West Highland Way.

David Scott, Development Officer for The Boys' Brigade, said:

"The Boys' Brigade has a long association with FDF in Denmark.

"1st Kirkliston BB and 25th Edinburgh BB have strong links with units in FDF. It was a great opportunity for the members in both Companies to meet up with their Danish friends.

"The visit also allowed the leaders from both organisation to share ideas and make new friendships."

Camilla Refsgaard, FDF K25 Brønshøj Leader, said:

"Thank you very much!

"Our visit in Edinburgh has been amazing. We are all talking about your hospitality and good company. It has been like visiting some very good and old friends. We have enjoyed our time here and it has been a pleasure for us to meet you."

Anette Schjødt Thorsen, FDF K25 Brønshøj Leader, said:

"Thank you once again for your hospitality. We really enjoyed staying with you."



FDF K25 Brønshøj visits The Boys' Brigade in Edinburgh

Left to right: Ada Gige, Daniel Carnell (1st Kirkliston BB), Cameron Stein (1st Kirkliston BB), Kim Kjærside (25th Edinburgh BB), Helena Lagoni Isbye, Robbie Eason (1st Kirkliston BB), Mie-Kirstine Jørgensen and Jakob Kjær

41st Edinburgh visita España

41st Edinburgh Company teamed up with some members from Dunblane and had quite a spectacular BB summer camp. With a mix of water parks, snorkling, paddle boarding, a spot of pool side relaxation and of course the day trip to Barcelona, I'm sure this is one camp that held no complaints from staff or boys alike. If you would like to read some more details on this trip please visit the blog page <http://boysbrigadescotland.wordpress.com/>



The Boys' Brigade Launches a New Group

It's official the Battalion have a new company! The 67th Edinburgh Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association was officially launched on 20th June 2014 with a special visit from Rt Hon Donald Wilson The Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh.

David Scott, Development Officer for The Boys' Brigade, said:

"This past year has seen the creation of new BB groups across Scotland, which is great news for the organisation and for the lives of hundreds of young people.

"67th Edinburgh Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is a great addition to Broomhouse, as it gives young people in the local area opportunities to explore, play sports, learn new skills and make friends."

Liz Crocker, Acting Captain of the 67th Edinburgh Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, said:

"We're delighted to have launched the 67th Edinburgh Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

"By engaging with young people through a programme of fun events and activities, our aim is to make a difference to their lives and the local community, something I'm personally passionate about."

The 67th Edinburgh Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is based at St David's Broomhouse Parish Church on Broomhouse Crescent, EH11 3RH, and operates the following sessions:

- Anchor Section – Primary 1 to Primary 3
- Junior Section – Primary 4 to Primary 6
- Company Section – Primary 7 to Secondary 3

To register interest in joining 67th Edinburgh, to volunteer or to find out more, please email: office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk or call 0131 551 1200.



67th Edinburgh officially launched by Lord Provost

Bill Stevenson (Director for Scotland, The Boys' Brigade), Rt Hon Donald Wilson (The Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh), Ian Montgomery (President, Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion), Jim Ralston (Honorary President, Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion)

Kenzie Gillespie, Daniel Peart, Jose Tarazona, Jake Douglas, Katie Ironside

What has the Development Officer been upto?

Development Plan

The last few months have been busy. The President and I have reviewed and updated the rolling three year Development Plan.

Activities & Events

I assisted with the photographing of Beating Retreat and Guard of Honour. I attended 56th Edinburgh and 63rd Edinburgh Parents' Nights. I was the Inspecting Officer at 1st Leith and 51st Edinburgh (JS) Parents' Nights. I volunteered at the AB/JS Fun Day. I presented the awards at the CS/S Athletics and CS/S Pitch and Putt competitions. I attended the ELA QB Certificate Presentation. I facilitated a BB Awareness Weekend at Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre. I assisted with 67th Edinburgh BB & GA Launch & Parents' Night. I also assisted with FDF K25 Brønshøj visit to Scotland.

Development & Support

I continue to meet with two Churches regards starting BB Companies in their Churches. I facilitated the Annual Recruitment Campaign. Over the summer, I have worked with the parents and friends of 1st Roslin BB to secure the short to medium term future of the Company.

Battalion Meetings

I have attended various Battalion meetings over the past number of months, including: AB/JS Activities, FDF Planning, Battalion Council, CS/S Activities, CS/S Church Service and Young Leaders Network.

Scottish Development Team

I assisted with the Outdoor Parliamentary Reception. I attended a Scottish Development Team Meeting and toured the East Lothian Council area with the aim of starting new BB Companies in the future.

Miscellaneous

I assisted at Heart and Soul (Church of Scotland) and stewarded at a Gold Award Presentation (DofE). I participated in the BB Media Workshop (BB Scotland / Indigo). I attended some external training courses, including: John Muir Award Leader (The City of Edinburgh Council) and Social Media training (Volunteer Centre Edinburgh). I visited The Risk Factory, which the Battalion has a link with in relation to the Anchors & Juniors programme. Arthur and I attended the Brigade Conference.

David Scott

Development Officer

Company News

55th Edinburgh Centenary

We at the 55th Edinburgh Boys' Brigade Company invite you to join us in commemorating the Centenary of the founding of the Company. We will be holding a service at Morningside Parish Church on Sunday 26th October 2014 at 10:30am for which we would welcome you and any family or friends to join us at.

We will also be holding a small gathering and showing of historic Company articles on the evening of Friday 24th October from 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall of Morningside Parish Church to which you are all welcome to join us for – if you have anything of historical interest to the Company then please feel free to bring it along with you.

To mark the end of the Centenary session we are also planning on holding a Grand Display Night in May (exact date to be confirmed), and we would also welcome you to join us, and be part of this by perhaps doing a performance with some of the other ex-members. We will provide more details of this event closer to the time, so please provide us with full contact details for yourself, if we do not already have them, and also let us know if you may be interesting in doing a short performance of some kind.

Please RSVP to:
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- or -

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News from Scottish Headquarters

Teenage Cancer Trust

Teenage Cancer Trust want to hear from BB members in S1 and have invited us to help them develop a new sun safety lesson to be delivered in schools. If you have the opportunity please ask any members in S1 to complete this five minute survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TD6PSYS>.

Growing Bigger – Growing Better 1,000K Challenge

A number of companies have now completed the challenge and many more have signed up to take part. Please ensure that all the members in your area have the chance to take part in this activity. If you have not yet had a look at website please visit <http://scotland.boys-brigade.org.uk/1000k.htm> to find out what it is all about.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Our friends in DofE Scotland would like to draw your attention to their DofE Leadership Residential which is coming up from the 13th to 17th October. A week of great times, lots of learning and your very own personalised hoodie – all for only £200. They are also holding a special conference for DofE Leaders who work with Additional Support Needs participants. It is about sharing ideas between new and existing leaders to be able to plan and support their DofE expeditions with more confidence and to explore how other groups have overcome the barriers to this creative and innovative way of learning in the outdoors.

Plans have also been announced for their Expedition Festival from the 30 January to 1 February 2015 (yes, 2015!) for #ExpedFest15. It's a great intro to planning, training for and running the Expedition section. For only £80 you can get in on all the latest expedition tip, tricks and guidance. Please contact Ramsay Aitken Ramsay.aitken@boys-brigade.org.uk if you would like more information about these events or visit the DofE Scotland website <http://www.dofe.org/en/content/cms/takepart/notice-boards/scotland>

Prayer Points

Please continue to remember the ongoing work of the Battalion and the wider BB family in your prayers. Please pray for the following:

- Companies restarting after the summer break
- All our children and young people – that God will call them and that they will respond in faith to follow Jesus
- Members who have left the ranks and have commenced employment or are beginning University courses
- All our Leaders and especially those new to the role – that they will seek God's vision and guidance and receive His blessing
- For our Battalion staff – for guidance, wisdom and direction in their roles
- Company focus – 1st Dalkeith, 1st Danderhall, 1st Dunbar

Other Information

Leader Registrations

It has become noticeable over the summer that we still have a number of people working in companies who are not registered as helpers or leaders.

As we plan for the new session, let's try to get everyone properly registered. Please do not wait until you get the statistical return to register a new leader. All the necessary forms are available at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm

Contact Us

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Please notify Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion Headquarters of all changes of personnel and contact details as soon as possible. Notification can be made by post or email using the contact details printed above.

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Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (elddb) to keep up to date with important deadlines and what is happening in Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion. Also, please use the Facebook group to share ideas, post reports on what you are doing in your Company and to connect with other BB Companies and ELD Battalion.

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Next Edition

The next of 'The HuBB' will be issued around 15th October 2014. If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion please email it to office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk by Wednesday 8th October 2014.

The object of The Boys' Brigade: The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.