



Information

Diary Dates

16 th January 2016	Emergency First Training
23 rd January 2016	Holiday Leadership Training
2 nd February 2016	Battalion Executive Meeting

Festive Period

During the festive period both the Battalion Shop & office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 18th December 2015 and will re-open as normal on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

New Shop Hours

The Battalion shop hours have changed, please inform all staff and parents of the following:-

Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm
Friday – 10am – 2pm

Pocket Diary 2016 & Christmas Cards

Boys Brigade Pocket Diary is now available to purchase. The shop have a supply of these available and would make ideal christmas gifts.

Boys Brigade Christmas cards are also in stock and available to purchase.

Forthcoming Events

JS Indoor Football

Entry forms are available online or by request from the office. The indoor football will take place on Sunday 17th January 2016 at Meadowmill Sports Centre from 1pm. P4/5 age group will play 6-a-side while P6 will be 5-a-side. Full details can be found on the entry forms.

Closing Date: 15th January 2016

CS Badminton

The Badminton Competition is being held on 7th February 2016 at Meadowbank Sports Centre. This event is split into two age categories, S3-S6 play a singles event and P7-S3 compete in doubles matches.

CS NCO & Compass Drill

By now everyone should have received the entry forms and full movement instructions, general knowledge questions, etc for both of these competitions which are being held on Monday 25th January 2016 at Penicuik North Kirk. The Compass Drill will commence at 7.30pm followed by the NCO Drill at 8.00pm.

Closing Date: 15th January 2016

JS Quiz Night

The Junior Section Quiz is back for another year, and will take place on 12th February 2016 and will once again be hosted by 25th Edinburgh.

All you require are 4-6 individuals to make a team turn up

Full information will be provided on the entry forms and will be available on the website soon.

on the night and enjoy.
Entry forms will follow soon with further details

Closing Date: Tuesday 26th January 2016.

Closing Date: Friday 5th February 2016

YLN Bowling & Pizza Night

There is to be a Bowling and Pizza night on 23rd January 2016 at World Of Bowling from 1pm – 4pm. The cost for the afternoon will be £5 per person and will include 2 games of bowling, shoe hire, pizza and a drink.

Entry forms are to follow this week and will be available on the website

Closing date: 18th January 2016

Results

Junior Section Swimming Gala

Junior Section swimming results 28 November 2015

This event had a wonderful atmosphere with lots excitement and plenty of Boys, leaders, parents, grandparents and friends all getting involved.

Thank you to the 4 parents and leaders who acted as judges, Simon Porteous recording, and particularly Brian Nisbet and Pamela McKay who organised the races and the event.

7 Junior Sections with approximately 45 Boys (16 P6, 17 P5 and 12 P4) took part.

For the first time we had 'B' finals where the first 4 four Boys finishing in the B final recorded a score eg. 4, 3, 2 and 1 points for finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The 'A' finals scored 8, 7, 6, and 5 where Boys come in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Overall team result

1 st	61 st Edinburgh (Musselburgh)	87 points
2 nd	10 th Leith (South Leith)	78 points
3 rd	31 st Edinburgh (South Queensferry)	22 points

And 1st West Linton, 1st Roslin, 51st Bonnyrigg, and 25th Edinburgh (Portobello) all had Boys swimming.

P4 Free style

Cameron Docherty	Gold	10 th Leith
Ross Anderson	Silver	61 st Musselburgh
Thomas Corrigan	Bronze	10 th Leith

P5 Free style

Callum Howie	Gold	10 th Leith
William Alexander	Silver	25 th Portobello
Ross Wolfenden	Bronze	1 st West Linton

P6 Free style

Michael Skakle Gold 10th Leith
Rory Steedman Silver 61st Musselburgh
Max Duncan Bronze 10th Leith

P6 Breast stroke
Michael Skakle Gold 10th Leith
Max Duncan Silver 10th Leith
Rory Steedman Bronze 61st Musselburgh

P6 Front crawl
Craig Malcolm Gold 61st Musselburgh
Ryan Owan Silver 61st Musselburgh
Max Duncan Bronze 10th Leith

P6 Back stroke
Michael Skakle Gold 10th Leith
Aidan Gillan Silver 61st Musselburgh
Owen Saunders Bronze 31st Sth Queensferry

Team relay
10th Leith Gold
1st West Linton Silver
61st Musselburgh Bronze

Report provided by Arthur Mathieson



The 10th Leith Junior Section swimming team had a very successful afternoon at the Battalion competition on Saturday 28 November at Leith Academy. They came in 2nd in the overall team event. Well done to the Musselburgh JS who won the team trophy.

Our Boys were particularly successful in the individual events. The 7 Boys (in the foreground in the photo) won 13 medals in total.

L-R backrow Max Duncan 1 gold, 1 silver & 2 bronze, Callum Howie 1G, Cameron Docherty 2G, Thomas Corrigan

1B; front row Michael Simpson, Michael Skakle 4G, Aaron MacKenzie 1G.

Company Section PT Event

A very successful PT competition was held on Friday 4th December at Penicuik North Kirk. There were 8 teams from 5 Companies who participated on the night. The competition was very close and there were 3 teams each scoring 40 points on the scoring system used, with the final results determined by adding the scores for all exercises.

Congratulations to the 10th Leith for winning the event and well done to all who took part and of course to the volunteers who ran and assisted with the event.

Richard Charleson
48th Edinburgh

Team Results

1st Place: 10th Leith 'A' Team - 1259
2nd Place: 48th Edinburgh 'A' Team - 1228
3rd Place: 48th Edinburgh 'B' Team - 1132

Individual Results

1st Place: Scott Charleson - 48th Edinburgh - 254
2nd Place: James Burt - 10th Leith - 240
3rd Place: Callum Smith - 48th Edinburgh - 232

Forthcoming Training

Emergency First Aid Training

Emergency First aid Training course will take place on Saturday 16th January 2016 in Pollock Pavilion with a start time of 9am until 1pm.

This course is currently full but spaces may come available so please do let the office know if you are interested and we can add you to the waiting list.

Building Your Skills – For Boys

Build Your Skills Course

This is required by Boys wishing to complete their President's Badge and we are offering two opportunities:

Sunday 20 March 2016 (1.30pm to 5.30pm) – Battalion HQ, Pollock Pavilion, Ferry Road, Leith

Canoeing/Kayaking Weekend – For Seniors & Leaders

Primarily to develop Members & Leaders personal paddling skills, and secondly, to give Members & Leaders the opportunity to gain BC awards & in-house training.

Open to Seniors (S4-S6) and Leaders, but may be open to P7-S3 as well.

Weekend of 24-26 June 2016, Craggan Outdoor Centre

Other Battalion Courses

Details of the following Courses will be circulated once finalised and may change:

Captains & OICs Training – Saturday 20 February 2016, Joint with West Lothian Battalion

Introduction to Outdoor Activities – Saturday 16 April 2016, Joint with West Lothian Battalion

National Courses (Scottish HQ – Carronvale)

The following Courses are available through the BB UK Website and should be booked through Carronvale:

BB First Response – Practical First Aid Course – 7-8 May 2016

Expedition Leadership – Training and Assessment – 13-15 May 2016

BB Duke of Edinburgh Open Gold Expedition – 8-13 June 2016

KGVI Training Courses (Residential alternative to YLT for Young Leaders)

- New Entrants 16-22 July 2016
- Second Year (by Invitation only) – 30 July – 5 August 2016

Brigade Training Officer (BTO)

Currently, the Battalion has 5 trained BTOs:

David Connell, Reserve Officer

Graham Kilpatrick, 25th Edinburgh

David Scott, Battalion Development Officer

Lindsay Stein, 1st Kirkliston

Alan Summers, 19th Leith

There is no restriction on the number of BTOs that we can have, therefore we would be delighted to increase the pool of BTOs, to allow us to offer more courses and reduce the requirement on the existing team. In particular, we would welcome any Anchor Boy or Junior Section Leaders who may be interested as we could do with more representation from those Sections.

Scottish HQ will shortly be circulating information on the BTO training and if anyone is interested (and hasn't already let me know), please feel free to contact me (details below).

The First part of the BTO Training is currently scheduled as follows:

23-24 January 2016, Carronvale House.

Alan Summers

Battalion Training Convenor

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What's been happening in our Battalion?

Festival of Saint Andrew



The Brigade in Scotland was really grateful to Lucas Johnston and Liam Packwood of the 65th Edinburgh Company for representing The Boys' Brigade at the Festival of Saint Andrew which was held at St Giles Cathedral on Sunday 6 December. It was certainly an unusual service, and something the Brigade is sure they won't forget in a hurry!

News from Scottish Headquarters

BB Young Minds Conference

In conjunction with "Young Minds UK" the Brigade is running several workshops to raise awareness of mental health issues and provide training on how we can help young people who are suffering or vulnerable. Key speakers in various fields connected to mental health will be coming along to talk and run workshops. We hope the conferences will signpost other organisations and agencies and highlight partnership working.

More information from Jackie Wilson jackie.wilson@boys-brigade.org.uk

The Scottish Conference will take place on 16th January at the Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue St Marys Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SU from 10.30 – 4.00pm. The event is free and a buffet lunch will be provided.

To book a place please contact Rhona Drummond rhona.drummond@boys-brigade.org.uk

YLN Madrid Trip

Next year's European adventure for Young Leaders will take place in the Spanish capital Madrid. The three-day two-night trip is open to seniors and young leaders up to the age of 25. Please email niall.rolland@boys-brigade.org.uk for further information and keep checking YLN on facebook too <https://www.facebook.com/YLNScotland/>

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Our next Scottish Conference will be held at Bankfoot, Perthshire on Saturday 5th March 2016. The conference is open to all BB leaders and the Scotland Committee is particularly keen that all Battalions are represented. During the day we will be highlighting a number of new initiatives and running various workshops. Booking information will be available in the New Year but please save the date. The previous conference was a great success and it would be great to have you with us!

Burns Supper

Our Burns Supper is always a great way to celebrate the Bard in excellent BB company. Please try and company along to the next one on Monday 25th January at Carronvale House. For £15 you can have an enjoyable evening and also help raise funds for Carronvale. More information from Irene Davidson. irene.davidson@boys-brigade.org.uk

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:

For our Battalion staff – for guidance, wisdom and direction in their roles.

Vision and direction for those that lead The Boys' Brigade at National, Regional, Battalion and Company levels.

Pray that our leaders will continue to be uplifted and encouraged as they serve the Lord through BB. Give thanks for the expectant hope we have in the birth of Jesus.

Company focus – 41st Edinburgh (Duddingston), 48th Edinburgh (Penicuik), 53rd Edinburgh (Colinton Mains)

At this time of year, we especially remember BB members that have passed away during the course of the year. We thank God for their faithful service to the Brigade and Church, and their witness in the local community.

Other Information

Leader Registrations

All Company individuals working, assisting and helping to run Sections must be registered. Captains and staff are requested to ensure the relevant paperwork is completed. It is your responsibility to ensure this has been done. Forms are available at www.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm

Contact Us

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Change of Details

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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Next Edition

The next edition of 'The HuBB' will be issued around 15th January 2016. If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion please email it to office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk by Thursday 7th January 2016 at the latest.

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.