

## Information

### Diary Dates

25<sup>th</sup> April 2017

6<sup>th</sup> May 2017

14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Battalion Executive

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beating Retreat

AS & JS Museum of Flight Visit

CS Pitch & Putt

## Limited Edition – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Badge

The Boys' Brigade Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion

Beating Retreat 60th Anniversary (1957-2017) Badge

It's a momentous occasion and to mark the 60th Anniversary this year a special Anniversary Badge has been designed.

Beating Retreat ceremony on The Esplanade, Edinburgh Castle, Saturday 6th May 2017 at 8pm.

Support the Battalion and buy a limited edition Beating Retreat 60th Anniversary Badge for £3.00 from Battalion HQ.

Badge size: Diameter 25mm.

Thank you for your support.

To order email: [finance@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:finance@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk)



## Forthcoming Events

### AS & JS Museum of Flight Visit

A fun filled afternoon is planned for all Anchors and Juniors to go and visit the Museum of Flight, there will be lots to see and do and a short service to start the afternoon off.

All groups will be given a timetable to follow on the day, to ensure all have the opportunity to get the best experience.

### CS & Seniors Orienteering Competition

This event takes place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May starting at 6pm at Hillend.

The event is split into 2 age categories with distances suitable to these groups.

Full details are available on the website along with the Entry forms.

The cost of the event is £2 per child and £4 for leaders/helpers. Full information along with consent and entry forms are available on the website.

**Closing Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Closing Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### CS Drill Event

New format to the event this year, to simplify things and make it easier for all companies to participate. This will take place in your own halls on a date that you choose and when you feel your company is ready simply video the Drill and submit it to the office.

So all you require is a minimum of 3 participants of any age, and some form of video camera.

The entry forms along with full information and specifics can be found on the website.

Closing Date for Submissions: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### JS Fun Golf Event

A fun mini golf event has been planned and we invite all junior section members to come along. The event will take place at Adventure Golf Island in Dunfermline on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The venue has an indoor and outdoor 18 hole mini golf courses, so no matter the weather this event will go ahead.

This is a fun day out so no experience required.

Cost £3 per child

Please ensure each child has a completed consent form before participating in the event.

Transport should be arranged by the Company Leaders/Parents, who can also join in the fun if they wish at a cost of £7.50.

Free and secure parking is available onsite.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2017

### CS & Seniors Pitch & Putt

Back for another year, the Pitch & Putt Event will take place at Bruntsfield Links Short Hole Course on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with a start time of 6:15pm.

This is open to all CS members even if you do not have a golf background you can still come along and join in.

If you wish to enter please complete the booking form which is available on the website.

**Closing Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### CS & Seniors Athletics

his sessions Athletics Event takes place slightly earlier than normal and will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with a start time of 6.30pm at Pinkie Playing Fields in Musselburgh.

Entry Forms and information are available on the Battalion Website.

Closing Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Guard of Honour Parade & Service

The Battalion has again been asked to provide a Guard of Honour for the Lord High Commissioner HRH The Princess Royal, prior to the Church of Scotland General Assembly worship on Sunday 21 May 2017 at St Giles Cathedral.

As this is an honour to be invited to and part of we would be delighted for all our Companies to look at participating in this event.

The Guard of Honour Parade participation invite is also open to all Scottish Battalions, with many having joined us in the past.

### CS Hillwalking Taster Day

The Battalion are offering a Hillwalking Taster Day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which is open to all Companies in the Battalion but would be perfect for those who do not already participate in such activities or for companies who do not have staff trained in this area.

Although this is a fun learning day out where all can learn new skills across the day, Staff should ensure that keen participants are aware of the requirements for such an activity.

Numbers will be limited so please if you are interested act

Entry Forms are now available on the Website.

**Closing Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

fast and get your entries in.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.

**Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

## Event Results

### Scottish BB National Cross Country Championship

This year's National Cross Country Championships were held at Bellahouston Park on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and hosted by Glasgow Battalion. Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion were represented by 3 Juniors, 4 Intermediates and 1 Senior. Teams required 4 runners to compete for team awards and I am pleased to announce our intermediate team lifted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medals after a countback with Airdrie & Coatbridge District. Our last counter finishing ahead of Airdrie's counter (32<sup>nd</sup> to 33<sup>rd</sup>).

All the boys gave of their best but a special mention must go to Michael Swinton (25<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh Company) who took the Individual Silver Medal only 30 meters behind the Senior Champion, James Gillon from Wishaw & District (a Scottish International Runner).

Thanks to Currie Kirk for the use of their mini bus and a special thanks to Bill Brown (65<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh) for being our driver.

#### RESULTS

JUNIORS			INTERMEDIATES			SENIORS		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Inverclyde	30pts	1 <sup>st</sup>	Stirling	40pts	1 <sup>st</sup>	Glasgow	29pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glasgow	46pts	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glasgow	67pts	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wishaw & District	48pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dundee & Angus	60pts	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edin, Leith & District	94pts	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Airdrie & Coatbridge	62pts

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL			INTERMEDIATE INDIVIDUAL		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel McCombe	41 <sup>st</sup> Edinburgh	14 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron McCombe	41 <sup>st</sup> Edinburgh
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Dickson	10 <sup>th</sup> Leith	21 <sup>st</sup>	Murray Blair	48 <sup>th</sup> Edinburgh
40 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Fraser	10 <sup>th</sup> Leith	27 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Reid	
			32 <sup>nd</sup>	Rowen Marwick	48 <sup>th</sup> Edinburgh

SENIOR RACE: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Michael Swinton from 25<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh

Report Provided by  
Eric Fisher

## Forthcoming Training

### Queen's Badge Information

Queen's Badge - Completing Candidates

As you plan for Parent's Night; a reminder that, if you have Boys completing Queen's Badge this session, you need to apply to Carronvale for the Badge using the Queen's Badge application form. This form must be countersigned by one of the Advanced Awards Advisers (Andy Ralston or Lindsay Stein), or the Queen's Badge Organizer (Kenny Young).

If you have not already done so, in order to save postal delays, if you are not able to have this done in person, please

complete the form, and send it along with a stamped envelope and cheque (payable to "The Boys' Brigade") to your adviser.

There are a few pieces of work outstanding in order for candidates to complete. Your adviser is aware of requirements, and these should be completed and verified at the earliest opportunity; and arrangements made with your adviser to have the book and form signed off.

The annual Certificate Presentation will take place in Edinburgh on the evening of Wednesday 7th June. Full details will be provided nearer the time.

#### Queen's Badge - New Registrations

If not already done so, please apply as soon as possible for the President's Badge. The application form is submitted to Carronvale, and requires to be countersigned by Alan Summers.

A Battalion Queen's Badge Candidates' Meeting will be arranged in May. This is open to all new and existing Queen's Badge Candidates. New Candidates should have had the opportunity to review the requirements prior to attendance.

## Brigade Matters

### Trooping the Colour

#### Trooping The Colour - Saturday 17th June 2017

The Boys' Brigade has been allocated 250 places to stand in a special youth enclosure to watch the Trooping of the Colour, the official celebration of HM The Queen's birthday to be held in London on Saturday 17th June 2017.

If you would like to bring a group then please send the following information to [jayne.thorne@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:jayne.thorne@boys-brigade.org.uk) :

- **Name of Company**
- **Number within the group**
- **Group leader's name, address and mobile on the day**
- **Names of all adults in the group.**

Please note that this is an opportunity for young people and therefore all groups wishing to attend must consist predominantly of young people. Adult only groups will not be permitted into the youth enclosure.

**Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Successful Companies will be informed.**

[For further information about Trooping the Colour see The official website of The British Monarchy](#)

### Expedition & Outdoor Leadership

Please note the course for BB leaders takes place 12th – 14th May at Carronvale House.

The training course leads to the awarding of the Certificate in Expedition and Outdoor Leadership for all those who wish train young people in Expedition skills, and/or supervise Expeditions. To find out more and to book your place, please contact Irene at Scottish HQ – [irene.davidson@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:irene.davidson@boys-brigade.org.uk) or call 01324 562008.

### Juniors 100 Sleepover

As part of the BB Scotland events to mark Juniors 100, Glasgow Science Centre will again open its doors to Junior Section members on the night of Friday 3rd November. More information will be sent out to Junior Section leaders very soon.

A reminder that there is a dedicated web page to the year of celebrations here <http://leaders.boys-brigade.org.uk/juniors100.htm> Should your battalion be organising its own special event, please do let Scottish HQ know.

## Craggan Bookings

2018 Bookings are now open

Due to the popularity of the centre this year it is highly recommended that you book your dates as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

2017 Available Dates:

28<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June  
13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August  
20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August

For later dates please contact the office or visit our website.

## Other Events and Interests

### Parents Night /Display Ideas

SHARING'S CARING!

PARENTS' NIGHT / DISPLAY IDEAS WANTED

Have you any fresh, innovative Display items that would suit Senior, Company, Junior or Anchor Boy Sections? What are you doing this year? What did you do last year?

I would be grateful if you would email your ideas, scripts, pics and even YouTube links to [david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk) so I can produce a Display Resource with tried and tested items.

### Important Safeguarding Update

An important letter from the Brigade Secretary is on its way to all Captains/Correspondents announcing an important reinforcement of Brigade regulations in relation to registering BB Leaders. We have printed an extract from the letter below. Please do not shelve this letter but act immediately – Captains / Correspondents need to take action now to ensure all adults working in their Company are registered with BB as a matter of priority. Please note the following important change that could impact your ability to run sections from September and requires your urgent attention now: From 1<sup>st</sup> September a prospective leader will not be permitted to work in the Company until the registration process is complete.

You can access the relevant leader registration forms on the Leaders website in the Downloads section under Forms. Until the person completes Youth Leader Training (including KGV1) you register them as a Helper or Warrant Officer using LREG1. Once training is complete you then use LREG6 to notify Membership Services of the change of appointment to Lieutenant or Captain for example.

Please don't hesitate to contact David Scott, Development Officer ([david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk); 0131 551 1200 option 3) or the Membership Team ([membership@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:membership@boys-brigade.org.uk); 01442 231 681 option 4) should you have any questions or queries re this.

### Is your Chaplain Registered with Brigade?

Please check that your Chaplain is registered in Online Brigade Manager (OBM) and act accordingly to register them if they are not. Occasionally UK HQ, Scottish HQ or ELD HQ may wish to communicate directly with your Chaplain to keep them informed of ongoing work and issues in BB. Unfortunately the names and contact details of a significant number of Chaplains are missing in OBM. You can access the relevant leader registration form (LREG5) on the Leaders website in the Downloads section under Forms.

Please don't hesitate to contact David Scott, Development Officer ([david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:david.scott@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk); 0131 551 1200 option 3) should you have any questions or queries re this.

## BB Supplies - Display & Presentation Orders

As we approach display time and presentation of awards, can you please, where possible email your requirements to [finance@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:finance@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk) in advance in order that I can ensure items are in stock prior to you making a journey to the Supplies Depot at Pollock Pavilion. I shall then confirm when your order is ready to collect.

The full range of trophies, medals and badges are available, but stocks go quickly at this busy time.

To view items please click on the following link: <https://shop.boys-brigade.org.uk/catalogue.aspx?cat=20>

## Prayer Points

Please give thanks for...

- answered prayers
- blessings received in advancing Christ's Kingdom at Company, Battalion and Scottish HQ level
- freedom and safety to meet in our Companies and Churches

Please pray for...

- all those preparing to go on BB awards / DofE expeditions over the spring and summer months
- annual Parents' Nights / Displays – that our love for Christ will be evident to all the young people, parents/carers and guests
- new leaders – that God will raise up a new wave of volunteers to take on leadership roles in BB Scotland
- annual camps – for the planning and preparation work going on to make these happen
- Company focus – 67<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh (St David's Broomhouse Parish Church), 1st Kirkliston (Kirkliston Parish Church), and 1st Leith (North Leith Parish Church). 10th Leith (South Leith Parish Church), 19th Leith (Granton Parish Church), and 20th Leith (Newhaven Parish Church)

## 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](http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk/forms.htm)

### Contact Us

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T: 0131 551 1200 | E: [office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk)

### 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.

### Like us on Facebook & Follow us on Twitter

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.

### Connect with Us



[www.thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](http://www.thebb-edinburgh.org.uk)

### Next Edition

The next edition of 'The HuBB' will be issued around 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. If you have anything you would like considered for inclusion please email it to [office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:office@thebb-edinburgh.org.uk) by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at the latest. Items submitted after this date will be included in the following month.