



## Information

### Diary Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015    Battalion Executive  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2015    Youth Leadership Part 2 Training  
10<sup>th</sup> February 2015    AB/JS Activities Meeting

### 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) Registrations must be done for the safety and protection of both staff and children.

### Battalion Subscriptions

Please note that Battalion Subscriptions are being mailed out this week to all companies which you should receive by the weekend. Full information is provided on your letter but please make contact if you have any queries.

## Forthcoming Events

### JS Indoor Football

Entry forms have now been issued for this event which will be taking place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The indoor Football will be held at Meadowmill between 1pm and 5pm. Entry forms are now available and you have until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to return your entries to the office. For full details please read the entry form.

### CS&S 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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Penicuik North Kirk. The Compass Drill will commence at 7.30pm followed by the NCO Drill at 8.00pm

### CS&S Badminton

The Badminton Competition is being held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015 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. Full information is provided on the entry forms which must be returned no later than 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### JS Quiz Night

The popular JS Quiz night takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Portobello and Joppa Church Halls in Joppa. Teams should consist of 4-6 boys and even if you don't have enough participants please do still come along and become part of a composite team for the evening. Entry forms are now available for this event

## JS Figure Marching

This years' JS Figure Marching event will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> March until 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. After the success of previous years the event is being offered so that you can pick your date between the 2 weeks given and for the judges to visit your own halls at a time to suit your company. Please submit your entry forms no later than 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Information can be found on the Website.

## Battalion Cross Country

This years' Battalion cross country event takes place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Holyrood Park, will be coming out within the next week at which point they will also be added to the website. Please note this is an earlier than normal date due the Nationals being brought forward to 7<sup>th</sup> March for this year.

## Battalion Activity Weekend

A Battalion Activity Weekend is planned to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at Craggan. A mix of activities will run over the weekend. If you are interested in attending please notify the office. Full information is available on the website or from the office. The cost of the weekend will be £10 per individual and includes activities, accommodation, travel and meals.

## Forthcoming Training

### Youth Leader Training

This years training will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March (only for those who require First Aid Training). There will be no costs for Part 1 and 2, however those doing the first aid section will incur a maximum charge of £20. Sign up for training by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### Holiday Leadership Training

Holiday Leadership training is taking place at Pollock Pavilion on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 12.45 – 5.15pm approximately. Entry forms are already available for this and should be completed and returned by the required deadline.

### First Aid Training

A number of people have asked about the first aid training for this session. We hope to have this run on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March and we are currently in the process of booking a trainer. Further details and entry forms will be issue in the near future

## Battalion Shop & Office

### Shop Hours

We continue to have a number of individuals turning up outwith shop hours and without prior arrangements being made. Although we do have staff onsite most hours of the day this does not mean we operate a 24 hour service and without prior notice being made for out of hours requests, this also can have a significant impact on the staff members schedules.

Please reiterate the shop hours to all staff and parents, and that appointments should be made outwith these times:-  
Monday – Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

## What's been happening in our Battalion?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Dunbar Christmas Outing



1st Dunbar Company Section headed off to Urban Paintball in Leith for their Christmas outing. Eleven boys transformed themselves (for the evening only, hopefully) into merciless warriors who neither asked for nor gave any quarter. Their Captain made the mistake of joining in the fun, only to find out that it was just the boys who were provided with body armour. He's now the proud owner of several nice round black and blue marks on various parts of his body.

## Some Other News

### Change of Name...

Some of you have noticed a change of name for our administrator and have been questioning this, no we have not replaced Pamela, but we are pleased to announce that Pamela and Ellis (our onsite administrator/caretakers) got married on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014. It was all kept very quiet and a big surprise to everyone upon returning in January.

## News from Scottish Headquarters

### Scottish National BB Camp

After a gap of many years, and to commemorate the 130th Anniversary of the first Boys' Brigade camp, BB Scotland is planning a national camp to be held at Dumfries House in Ayrshire from 9th-16th July 2016. It will be a canvas camp for up to 300 members and we hope some of those who attend will be 'first-time' campers.

Whilst our plans are at an early stage, we are on the lookout for six volunteers (one from each district) to head up one of the sub-camps. We also need members for the central camp committee to take the lead on Finance, Logistics and a Quartermaster. The Scotland Committee has appointed Alan Aitken, from Inverclyde & District Battalion, as Central Committee chair. If you are interested in getting involved, or know of someone who can help, please contact Alan directly via email at [aaaaitken@fsmail.net](mailto:aaaaitken@fsmail.net) and ideally by 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### Funding Opportunities

A massive £350 million-worth of cash is available to Scots third sector groups via a new online resource launched recently. [Fundingscotland.com](http://Fundingscotland.com) brings together over 800 different funders enabling users to track down funding they need to make a difference in their communities. The ambitious project is the first time diverse sources of funding have been brought together in one resource. Once registered, users can search for funds and filter their searches by a variety of criteria, such as local authority area, amount or even types of fund (i.e statutory, grants, trusts.)

### WMF Picnic Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Save the Date

Plans are in hand for another World Mission Fund Picnic – this time it will be at Carronvale on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June and will have a Caribbean theme to link in with this session's appeal. More details to follow but you may want to put the date in your diary now.

Why not take a look at this year's appeal? <http://www.worldmissionfund.org.uk>

### Prayer Points by David Scott

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

- Please pray for Steve Dickinson, Brigade Secretary, as he steps down from his role in BB due to ill health.
- Pray for God's leading and preparation as the Brigade Executive seek a replacement for this role.
- Pray for the new leaders training in January. Give thanks for God's continual provision of leaders in BB.
- Company focus – 55th Edinburgh (Morningside Parish Church), 56th Edinburgh (Davidson's Mains Parish Church), 61st Edinburgh (North Esk Parish Church)

### New Year Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.  
We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.  
Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.  
To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.  
To teach others to love by loving them.  
Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.  
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.  
That we could share Love with others.  
Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,  
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.

I say it again, we rejoice!

In Jesus name,

Amen.

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### 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.

### 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.

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### Next Edition

The next edition of 'The HuBB' will be issued around 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015. 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 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 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.