

FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

Two of the main sources of income for our Company are the subscriptions from our members and the profits from the sale of goods from the Webb Ivory catalogues. The former are now due, and this is a gentle reminder for those who have still to pay; the fees have been held at last year's rate (i.e. £15 for Anchors and £25 for other sections, with an option of a £40 payment for all the boys in one family).

In order to avoid last minute difficulties and disappointments, we have decided to simplify the operation of the Webb Ivory catalogues again this year. We shall only be placing one order with the suppliers (in mid-November), with delivery expected by the end of that month. Consequently, the last date for submitting orders will be Friday 13th November – the catalogues will be circulated prior to the October holidays and we shall issue reminders once we return in November. Please support us in this valuable area of our work.

GIFT AID

As a charity, we are able to recover money from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of income such as boys' membership fees, surplus on Webb Ivory sales, etc. If you pay Income Tax, have you signed one of our Gift Aid forms?

If not, why not?

AND FINALLY

If you find it helpful to have a list of our Sections and adult leaders (so that you can be aware of who and where we are each Friday) – here it is!

ANCHORS – (P2 - P3) : East Hall Wormit, 6.15 – 7.15p.m.

Mrs. Eleanor Owen (Officer-in-Charge), Mr. Ross Husband.

JUNIORS – (P4 - P6) : Kirk House Complex, Newport, 6.00 – 7.20p.m.

Mr. Philip Owen (Officer-in-Charge), Mr. Colin McCowan.

COMPANY SECTION – (P7 - S3) : Kirk House, Newport, 7.30 – 9.30p.m.

Mr. Philip Owen (Officer-in-Charge), Mr. Raymond Allerton,

Mr. Graham Johnston, Mr. Bill Lindsay, Mr. Neil Rowley.

SENIORS – (Age 15 - 18) : Kirk House Complex, Newport,

7.30 – 10.00p.m. Staff as Company Section.

We also have two Joint-Chaplains - Rev. Jim Connolly of Wormit Parish Church and (from 30th October) Rev. Stanley Brook of Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland.

In addition, as Company Captain, Philip Owen is in overall charge of the Company. He can be contacted on 01382 543034 (Mob. 0770 908 5798) or philip.owen@talktalk.net.



1ST NEWPORT / WORMIT COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Summer has long since disappeared, and we are now well into our current Session. This Session has not been as hectic as last year, but it's not often that an organisation like the Boys' Brigade celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding (on 4th October 1883). We undertook a number of special activities last year and there is a brief report later in this newsletter about one of the final events. We are looking forward to another session of activity both within and outwith our Company.

ANNUAL DISPLAY & PRIZEGIVING

Last year was different in that we actually held **TWO** Annual Displays, with the more recent being the traditional end-of-year climax to our activities in May. Our Guest of Honour was Tom Boyle, the Brigade's Scottish Director. Based at BB Scottish HQ in Larbert, Tom was the senior member of the BB's full-time staff in Scotland and we were honoured and delighted that he was able to attend our event – especially since he retired at the end of the following month, after a lifetime in the Brigade as a boy, leader, and member of the full-time staff. Mrs Boyle presented the attendance prizes, badges and special awards. Boys from the various Sections performed activities which showed some of the work they had been doing during the past Session. Probably the highlight of the evening was the presentation of **FOUR** President's Badges (the second highest BB award) to Fraser Hutcheson, Andrew Lindsay, Alex Sexton and Calum Williamson.

ENROLMENT SERVICE

Our annual Enrolment Service is due to be held on Sunday 4th October in Wormit Parish Church – the 126th anniversary of the founding of the Brigade! Our Chaplain, Rev. Jim Connolly, will conduct the Service during which the boys, leaders and congregation will all renew their commitment to the BB, thereafter we will receive our membership cards for the current Session. It is hoped to hold a march-past in Riverside Road following the Service.

ANCHOR BOYS

After a couple of years of low numbers, we have unfortunately reached the stage where no new members have joined us and, with last year's two remaining members being promoted to the Junior Section, we are now in the unfortunate position of having no Anchor Boys at all. Despite issuing flyers and speaking to boys at the local primary schools, the disappointing lack of response has been the result. We will make another approach to the boys in P2 & P3 after the October holidays and hope and pray that we will be able to ensure the ongoing future of our local Company for a few years more.

NEW COMPANY CHAPLAIN

Following the move of Rev Kenneth Pryde to Foveran in January, Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland has been searching for a new minister (and a new Chaplain for our Company). Following a comparatively brief period (in Church terms), the next minister has been appointed and it is expected that Rev Stanley Brook will be inducted on 30th October. This joyous event will unusually be held on a Friday, and we have decided to cancel our meetings for that evening to allow boys and leaders to attend the Service and show support for him. It is hoped that BB members attending will wear uniform and, by sitting together, we can promote our organisation to those attending. Rev Brook had experience of the BB while Minister at Menzieshill Parish Church in Dundee, though his subsequent charges in Edinburgh and Callander were not so fortunate!

HALLOWE'EN

The Induction Service mentioned above unfortunately coincides with the Friday when we would have been holding our Junior Section Hallowe'en Party. Fortunately, Wormit Parish Church has come to our rescue (even if it was by coincidence)! On Saturday 31st October there will be "Reclaiming Hallowe'en" – an evening full of fun, games, prizes, and is open to all children. While there is also a fancy dress theme, there is a stipulation that no "scary" costumes are allowed – children are encouraged to come dressed as a book character or a super hero. The fun starts at 6.30pm and runs until 8pm in the East Hall, Riverside Road.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Here are some of the forthcoming activities (or inactivities) which we have planned for the next few months. The details are fairly definite, but confirmation or changes will be given via e-mail and to the boys concerned nearer the time.

Sunday 4 October	Enrolment Service	Wormit Parish Church
Friday 16 October	No B B Meetings	School Holidays
Friday 23 October	No B B Meetings	School Holidays
Friday 30 October (prov)	Induction of Rev S Brook	Newport C of S
Saturday 31 October	Reclaiming Hallowe'en	East Hall, Wormit
Saturday 7 November	Outing to Edinburgh Zoo	
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Service	Newport C of S
Friday 13 November	Last date for returning Webb Ivory catalogue orders	
Saturday 21 November (prov)	Fife Anchors Fun Event	Glenrothes
Friday 18 December	Christmas Parties	Usual Venues
Friday 25 December	No B B Meetings	School Holidays
Friday 1 January	No B B Meetings	School Holidays
Friday 12 February	No B B Meetings	School Holidays

In addition there will be other items, such as Company Section national competitions, various BB competitions and events, etc., details of which have still to be arranged.

125 SPORTS WEEKEND

As one of the final events in Scotland to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Boys' Brigade, a weekend of sports coaching was organised by the BB in Scotland for Company Section boys. This was held at SportScotland's National Training Centre at Largs. Despite a little rain prior to our arrival, the weather was very kind to us and our nine boys had a thoroughly enjoyable time, being introduced to new sports (on land and on water) and developing their skills in some existing ones too. The range from archery to yachting (via basketball, football, orienteering, etc.) was greatly appreciated by all who attended and there are rumours that this may be repeated in the future. Thanks are due to the parents who kindly assisted with transportation to / from Largs.