



## 2<sup>nd</sup> POLMONT BOYS' BRIGADE NEWSLETTER APRIL '09



### COMPETITIONS

Thanks to the Company Section boys who represented the Company in the **Cross Country** Championships. Held in February in Callendar Park, a special mention to Craig Mitchell, who came third in the Junior individual category.

The **Chess** Competition was held in Denny Westpark Parish in February. Thanks to the Junior Section and Company Section boys who participated. A special mention to Paul Marshall, who won four out of his five matches.

Congratulations to the JS and CS **swimming** teams, led by Jamie Lockhart who took part in the Battalion gala. Every boy who took part reached the finals and Jamie came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Westquarter Trophy (the 200m Open Freestyle Event).

Also to the Junior Section who competed in the **Maze Marching** Competition, coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to all the boys; they practised so hard for it.

In its 125<sup>th</sup> Year, Boys' Brigade U.K. has pledged to raise £125,000 for CHAS. In October B.B. Scotland organised a collection at its Glasgow Cathedral Celebration Service, while Falkirk & District Battalion will uplift an offering at TurnaBBout in late March. Closer to home, 2<sup>nd</sup> Polmont plans a sponsored Munro climb and Canal walk (more information in the next issue of Twinspire). To let the boys learn where the money they raise will be going, we invited a speaker from Robin House, our local hospice. She showed a video of the children who use the facilities and told us their stories.

### CHARITY

### COMPANY NEWS

Jamie Lockhart and Darren Paterson successfully completed their **Queen's Badge** in February. After attending a Completion course, they will officially receive their badge on Parents' night in May. As part of the badge, candidates must research a charity using a choice of presentation methods. Darren designed a poster about Cancer Research, where he volunteered during the summer, while Jamie spoke about UNICEF to the Company Section aided by PowerPoint slides and video clips.

The annual **Anchorboy Fun day** was held in Larbert Old Parish in January. Activities included potted sports, crafts and a visit from the Science Boffins! There was a double page spread featuring photos of 2<sup>nd</sup> Polmont boys in the Falkirk Advertiser. A copy can be seen in the Church Hall on the Anchorboy's notice board.

Jerome runs a **Bible quiz** at the Company Section on Fridays. Boys are split into two teams, while Officers and helpers make up a third team. Each week answers begin with the same letter from the alphabet. The results have been very close, with the winning team constantly changing! Watch out for the winner in the next issue!

#### Important Dates

<b>April</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anchor Boys and Junior Section Parents' Night
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Scottish Queen's Badge Completion Course
<b>May</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Company Section Parents' Night
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	BB/GB Closing Parade & Service

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