



TurnaBBout09: Party in the Church!!!

Boys' Brigade Battalion Chaplain Rev. Lorna MacDougall, John Vaughan (7th Falkirk), Matthew Dick (1st Polmont) and two 2nd Polmont officers: Helen Anderson and Jamie McIntosh organised TurnaBBout09 in Polmont Old Parish Church on Friday 20th March.

After the Battalion asked us to be the organisers, it took six months to plan!

There were 550 boys, officers and invited guests, including Linda Pollock, Church of Scotland Regional Development Officer (whose interview featured in March Life and Work)

With 14 Falkirk Companies as far away as Denny, there were many minibuses and cars. Cars were parked right down Kirk Entry, with some even spilling over to the back of Polmont Co-op. Passers-by must have wondered what was the big event! Members of the congregation kindly agreed to act as car park stewards, helping control the traffic.

The exterior of the Church was floodlit, showing it to its best advantage, with a member of 7th Falkirk piping outside. Once inside, Seniors from 2nd Polmont acted as stewards, ushering Companies to the blocks of pews we had assigned to them. Anchor Boys and Junior Section mainly sat downstairs, while Company Section and Seniors sat in the balcony. We also had an official guest box upstairs!

Securing funding from Falkirk Presbytery and Church of Scotland Headquarters, among others, we were able to hire GBR (Great Big Resources), which provides professional sound and lighting for Christian events.

Everyone received a metal badge (top right) as a memento of the evening.

The evening's line-up was:

George Craig, Managing Director of Falkirk Football Club and 2nd Polmont Queen's Man gave a talk, which involved some audience participation!

The People's Church puppet group told the story of Noah featuring the B.B. anchor

1st Polmont Boys' Brigade band accompanied hymns such as "Days of Elijah"

Erica Bonnar, worship leader at St. Andrew's, Bo'ness led the singing and sang a solo

A Bebo page was created, which you can see at: www.bebo.com/turnabbout09

We must have done something right, as the Battalion has asked us to organise next year's event!

Jamie McIntosh