



# Glasgow Battalion Update

Session 2011/12

December

## Seniors Uganda 2013 Project Announced

The Battalion Executive has approved a project that will see Senior's and Young Leaders from Glasgow participate in a trip to Uganda in 2013. Some members of Council will have heard about the proposed visit at the October Battalion Council meeting but for those who missed that night details are shown here. Ross Stewart, Senior Activity Convenor, shared his thoughts with Council on this specific project and the wider work of the group; 'The Senior's Activities Committee exists to provide all Seniors across Glasgow Battalion access to a range of diverse, stimulating and enjoyable activities that are perhaps not available through their individual Company programs, the trip to Luwero Community Projects (LCP) a charity established with the vision of creating a church, school, clinic, farm and orphanage in the village of Kiryanyonza, Uganda seeks to further this aim. In 2008 and again in 2010, members of the 182nd Glasgow Company travelled to the Luwero District of



Uganda to support the work of Rev. Gabriel Kijjambu, founder of LCP. Work in Luwero is plentiful and varied, ranging from manual labour to water collecting and harvesting. The initial thoughts for 2013 are to assist with the construction of a weather station. Throughout the trip the young people involved will be presented with opportunities to develop their skills in communication, leadership and teamwork whilst sharing in Ugandan worship, teaching within the school and delivering a range

of sports education classes. Undertaking a trip to Luwero will provide our Seniors and Young People experiences that they will carry with them through completion of their Queen's Badge, Youth Leader Training and beyond.'

For details on how members of your Company can become involved see the Seniors Activity Update on Page 4

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### Events in January

15th	Building Your Skills Course
16th	Badminton Championships
18th	NCO's Drill Competition
21st	JS Ten Pin Bowling
28th	Seniors White Water Rafting

## Duke of Edinburgh Battalion Group.

20 Leaders from 12 Companies attended a meeting held at the Tiso Glasgow Outdoor Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 to launch a Battalion Group that would offer assistance in delivery of the Expedition element of the award. This will allow

members who are working towards President's Award and Queen's Badge an opportunity to look at gaining additional awards. Plans are in place to have a monthly group training initiative where Companies can take advantage of the expertise

within the Battalion and beyond. Gary Kirkpatrick of the DofE Award is on a 6 month secondment to work with the 4 uniformed youth organisations and assisted with the presentations.





# Queen's Badge News

Preliminary registration forms have been issued to Company Captain's for the Queen's Badge Residential course at Auchengillan from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The course is limited to a maximum number of 78 Boys and early reservation of places is advised as the course is expected to be filled to maximum capacity. This year, all Queen's Badge books are to be checked for completeness by the Battalion

Office by the end of February before attendance at the Residential Course is authorised.

This is in line with Brigade requirements following a review last session.

The Queen's Badge presentation ceremony for this session will be held on Thursday 24th May 2012 in the Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers.

Full details of our Guest of Honour will be confirmed early in 2012



# Training



For the first time the committee has offered courses on a Saturday for both "Skills for Queen's Badge" and "Building your Skills". There has been a very high demand for these courses and both advertised Saturday courses have been over subscribed. After reviewing the Saturday "Skills for Queen's Badge" course

with its modified programme, the committee is likely to move towards running two Saturday "Skills for Queen's Badge" courses next session. A similar review is due to take place shortly following on from the "Building your Skills" course held at the end of November.

Feedback would be appreciated from Leaders about the changes.

The next courses are Building Your Skills on Sundays 15th January and 12th February and Skills for Queen's Badge on Sunday 5th and Tuesday 7th February.



# Leader Registration & PVG

Existing leaders due to be re-registered in 2011/12 do not need to submit any re-registration forms to Felden as their records will automatically be up-dated. Please advise leaders to retain their existing leader registration cards.

# Solo Piping & Chanter Contests 2011/2012

### Solo Chanter

- 1<sup>st</sup> Scott M<sup>c</sup>Pherson 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Duncan 128<sup>th</sup> Glasgow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ewan Walker 231<sup>st</sup> Glasgow
- Uniform Award
- Lewis Duncan 128<sup>th</sup> Glasgow

### Solo Piping

#### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ewan M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow

#### Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ewan M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin 145<sup>th</sup> Glasgow  
(President's Piper)

Four boys took part in this year's competition, two less than last year. The number of Companies represented was also down from 5 to 3. As with the solo instruments contest it is important that the profile of this contest is raised. Again, there are Companies that have pipers within them and where these Companies are known to the music panel convenor a targeted approach will be taken to encourage participation.



## Moderators Medal

The Moderator's Medal is a new competition organised by the Church of Scotland which will be held annually. It is to encourage young people to think about spirituality, faith and belief. For the 2012 award the theme is the Olympics. So you could try reflecting on competition, co-operation, peace, celebration, determination, hard-work, fair play or achievement!

Entries can come from young people aged 10 to 18 living in Scotland. From individuals or groups of up to

four people. Welcome from any young person(s) regardless of his/her faith or religious tradition. Entries can be connected with a school, youth club, church youth group, Boys' Brigade etc

Entries can come in any format

**Artwork:** Paintings, drawings, posters, photographs, etc

**Writing:** Essays, scripts, dialogues, articles, interviews, poetry, etc

**Media:** Short films, podcasts, music, presenta-

tions, etc (up to four minutes long)

The closing date for entries is 31st March 2012.

There are three age categories: 10-13, 14-15 and 16-18. With prizes in each age of £100 for the winner or winning group, book vouchers for the winning teams school or youth group and of course The Moderators Medal, there are also prizes for two runners up in each age.

For more information see The Church of Scotland website or download the Moderators Medal flier from the Battalion web site



## Brigade Scotland News & Events

### Burns' Supper

Scottish HQ are holding a Burns Supper at Carronvale on Monday 23rd January, at 7pm. During the evening there will be a 3 course meal, speeches, recitals and other entertainment. Tickets are priced £14.50, for more details or to book tickets speak to Irene at Carronvale, 01324 562008



### Scottish Conference 2012

Brigade Scotland are holding a Scottish Conference for leaders in Scotland titled "*Making a Difference to those who Make a Difference*" it is open to all Company Officers and Under 26 leaders and is being held at Bankfoot Church Centre in Perthshire on Saturday 10th March, 10.00am - 5.00pm.

Key highlights of the day are the launch of a major Impact Study on the work of the Brigade; an introduction to the new Brigade President; the Premiere of a new promotional DVD for Scotland; workshops on Recruitment, Sharing Faith, Programme & Support; a chance to have your say on the new Brigade Development Plan; and a Market Place, with ideas to help support your programme and activities.

Numbers are going to be limited so book early to reserve your place. The cost for the conference is £5 which includes access to all sessions, a light lunch and other refreshments. Assistance with transport from Perth station is available.

For more information about this event contact Alan Hunter at Scottish Headquarters, 01324 562008.

The 2012 Scottish Conference will review the impact the organisation has had on the lives of young people and the wider community, provide ideas and support for your existing work and give you an opportunity to have an input into the way forward for The Boys' Brigade over the next 5 years.

## Brigade UK Insurance

Battalion HQ have received some comments regarding the Insurance Document issued to Companies following payment of Brigade Capitation Fees.

A change in dates shown on the paperwork suggested that insurance for December 2011 was being paid twice, as last year's document covered Companies until the end of December 2011. Brigade UK have confirmed that this is an internal document which has been changed to fit in with the statistical return process (as all forms and payments are due 1st December) and is not the certificate produced by the insurers.



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# Solo Instruments Contest 2011/2012

## Sticks and Pad

1 <sup>st</sup>	Stuart Walker	79 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter M <sup>c</sup> Kay	145 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonathan Fisher	145 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow



## Brass: Senior

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Yarrick	9 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Cornet)
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## Solo Instrument

### Intermediate

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacob Williams	212 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Piano)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Wilson	25 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Violin)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jacob Murray	45 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Saxophone)

### Senior

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jordan Rankin	231 <sup>st</sup> Glasgow	(Glockenspiel)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Wilson	25 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Violin)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryan Hendry	25 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Clarinet)

### Open (Musician of the Year)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jordan Rankin	231 <sup>st</sup> Glasgow	(Glockenspiel)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Wilson	25 <sup>th</sup> Glasgow	(Violin)
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Year on year comparison sees the same number of boys taking part this year as 2010, although the number of Companies has increased. The introduction of a "sticks and pad" competition was well received with 3 boys taking part. The decision to introduce this level was made to give Boys who have been learning pipe band drumming but have not yet achieved the standard to play on a drum the opportunity to compete. It also enhanced the correlation between contest and training opportunities provided by the Battalion. This will be added to the entry form for next year. Entry numbers are still low and the music panel are certain that there must be a number of musicians within the Battalion that are not participating. Plans to run a bugle and brass structured learning course, similar to the already established piping and drumming course are being progressed with the objective of reviving this tradition within the Battalion and boosting the number of competitors for future events.

## Battalion Communication Channels:

Headquarters are looking at a number of initiatives to ensure all Battalion members receive updates on events, meetings and competitions relevant to each section.

We already have a Facebook page along with specific entries for Senior Activities Groups.

We are planning to co-ordinate updates by email, web and Facebook as well as introducing text message facilities.

This has already worked well in trials and we are keen to move things forward in 2012.

This will require up to date mobile contact numbers to be provided to HQ and this will be facilitated by both an online service and by forms distributed in January.

**Battalion Interests Competitions**

Photography  
Poetry  
Creative Art  
Creative Writing

Enter by  
27th January

## Seniors Activities Update

The next Seniors activity will be White Water Rafting on Saturday 28th January 2012. This is on the River Tay, the cost is £27.50 per person. If you have any interested Seniors they should text 'Rafting' plus their name and Company number to 07761 815436. They can join the Glasgow Battalion Seniors group on Facebook to keep up to date with Seniors activities.



**Seniors**

**White Water Rafting**

Saturday  
28 January 2012

Glasgow  
Battalion Seniors  
on Facebook  
for more info