

UPDATE



WINTER 2024/25

Safer Recruitment & Good Governance

The new processes introduced in May where Company Captains, in the majority of circumstances, use the PVG ID Checking Form to submit the information required by BB Headquarters to process an online PVG application for a volunteer appear to be working well. Company Captains should be aware that the PVG Checking process at Brigade UK will only start when the LREG1a form is received.

When the LREG1a form is received, prospective new Leaders will be added to OBM with a Pending status against their Role. Once all the necessary PVG checks are complete and the prospective Leader completes the mandatory E-Learning Modules the Role description will change to either Lieutenant, Warrant Officer, Helper, Residential Activity Helper or Staff-Sergeant and they will be available, if approved by the local Kirk Session to start work in the section.

Church of Scotland Data Cleanse Project

Your church's Safeguarding Coordinator will have received information about a data cleanse project initiated by the Church of Scotland. The purpose of this project is to ensure that local congregational Safeguarding Registers (SG7) are completely up to date.

To help your Safeguarding Coordinator prepare, it would be beneficial to provide them with an updated list of all Boys' Brigade Leaders currently listed in Online Brigade Manager (OBM). It is important they know which individuals are actively involved in regulated work, as new legislation prohibits keeping individuals on the congregational register unless they are currently engaged in such work. The law now forbids retaining names on the register "just in case" they might help again in the future.

Proactively addressing this will not only assist their efforts but also enhance your relationship with the congregation.

E-Learning

The Board of Trustees monitor the uptake of the mandatory Brigade UK E-Learning Modules as part of good governance processes. Thanks are due to the 379 fully registered Leaders involved in weekly programmes who have completed this exercise. We are at 99.5% compliance which is a great improvement from the 70% figure last year.

November / December 2024

Glasgow Remembrance Parade



18 Young People from 6 Companies represented the Battalion at the Cenotaph in George Square. 8 of the group acted as Wreath-Bearers for the Lord Provost's VIP group. We have received positive feedback from the organisers for the support we provided on the day.

Company Management Training



Replaces Captain's & OIC Training

Saturday 23rd November, 9.30am - 5.45pm, at Battalion HQ, £15 per person.

Open to any BBUK Captain's/ Leaders in charge who have fully completed the registration process. Feel confident in your role as Captain or Leader-in-Charge; Recognise your responsibilities in creating a safe environment in the Company, including Safeguarding and Managing Risk; Know where to find the resources and support available to deliver quality youth and children's work in the Company; Understand how to establish and maintain positive working relationships; Identify and manage the development and sustainability of the Company.

Try Out Tuesday Indoor Archery

For Company and Seniors, Try Out Tuesdays give an opportunity to try a sport you might not normally do. Come along on December 3rd, 7pm - 9pm, to try Indoor Archery, £5 for a team of 3, or £2 for individuals. Booking required.

Badminton Championships



Our Company (P7-S2) and Seniors (S3-S6) Badminton Championships take place on Thursday 5th December, 7pm start, at Glasgow Club Scotstoun. Please let us have names of those taking part by Wednesday 4th December.

Squad Drill Competitions

Premier Squad and Championship Squad Drill Competitions, Friday 6th December at Battalion HQ, open to all Companies in the Battalion, the requirement is a squad of 12. Premier is a drill paper your squad can practice in advance, Championship is unseen, you receive it a few minutes before you take the floor.

The Anchors and Juniors Pantomime is Saturday 7th December, arrive for a 2pm start at Clincarthill Church, it's £7.50 per ticket. Hopscotch Theatre are coming along to put on Cinderella, their pantos have always been popular, it lasts about 55 minutes. To book visit our cademy site or contact the Battalion office.

Anchors Colouring



Entries for the Christmas Colouring Competition should be submitted by Wednesday 18th December.

January 2025



We are holding an overnight residential for Junior Sections on Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th January. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities - games, crafts, puzzles and a sleep! Booking is open £35 for Juniors / £45 for Leaders.

Try Out Tuesday Volleyball

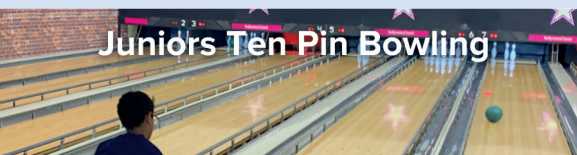
For Company and Seniors, Try Out Tuesdays give an opportunity to try a sport you might not normally do. Come along on January 14th or 28th, 7pm - 9pm, to try Volleyball, £5 for a team of 4, or £2 for individuals. Booking required.

Building Your Skills Course (for President's Badge)

Sunday 19th January, 1.45pm - 4.30pm at St John's Renfield Church, £9 per person. Young People (in S3 or older) should attend a Building Your Skills course as part of the work towards their President's Badge, we have another on 16th February.



Tuesday 21st January, 7.30pm, at Battalion HQ. This event enables NCOs or Senior Boys to participate in a Drill Competition where they 'take' the squad and it is their ability and clarity of Command which is judged. The paper is available on the website.



Juniors 10 Pin Bowling takes place on Saturday 25th January, 10am at Hollywood Bowl at The Quay. With six players in a lane, a game takes about an hour, £6 per player. Booking by 20th January, so we have enough lanes available.

Skills for King's Badge Course

Sunday 26th January, 1.45pm - 5.15pm at Battalion HQ, £9 per person. Young People should attend a Skills for King's Badge course at the start of their KB work, we usually run this course three times during the session, this is the third.

Company & Seniors Table Tennis

Table Tennis Singles Championships for Company (P7-S2) and Seniors (S3-S6) on Monday 27th January, 7pm at 44th Glasgow BB Halls, Dundee Drive. Entries by Monday 20th January.



February 2025

Try Out Tuesday Pickleball Doubles

For Company and Seniors, Try Out Tuesdays give an opportunity to try a sport you might not normally do. Come along on February 4th or 25th, 7pm - 9pm, to try Pickleball Doubles (it's like Tennis with wooden bats), £5 for a team of 2, or £2.50 for individuals. Booking required.

Anchors Lego Morning



The Second of this sessions Anchors Lego mornings, Saturday 8th February, 10am - 11.30am, at Robroyston Church, £6 per Child. Come along for some Lego fun, with various builds and challenges and time to be creative. Contact the Battalion Office to book.

Battalion Council Tuesday 11th February 2025 Battalion HQ Ibrox Parish Church

We're inviting all Leaders & Young People in Battalion Companies, and members of any Battalion Committee or District Council to join us for the February meeting.

This is a great opportunity to come together, share ideas, and have your say on things that impact our Battalion's work in the community. We'd love to see your Company represented and get everyone's input!

Building Your Skills Course (for President's Badge)

Sunday 16th February, 1.45pm - 4.30pm at Bearsden BB Hall, £9 per person. Young People (in S3 or older) should attend a Building Your Skills course as part of the work towards their President's Badge, this is the last of this sessions BYC Courses.

Juniors Kurling



Saturday 22nd February at Battalion HQ, 2pm - 3.30pm, with some coaching followed by a competition. There are four players in a team, sections can bring more than one team. You can bring along fewer than four Juniors and join up with another section on the day. Please let us know by Wednesday 18th February if you plan to take part.

And also... Holiday Leadership Training, online in two parts on Wednesdays 26th February and 5th March. Company, Small Company & Limited Squad Drill Competitions on 7th March. Campcraft Course on Sunday 27th April. Dates to be confirmed for Company & Seniors Chess, Cross Country and 5-a-side Football.

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