



44th GLASGOW COMPANY THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The 44th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade is affiliated to Cardonald Parish Church
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Dear Parent

I welcome your son (back) to the 44th.Glasgow Company Section. A special welcome goes out to all boys who are attending the Company Section for the first time.

FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS

The Company Section meets on a Friday night from 7:40 pm to 9:55 pm and on Sunday mornings from 10:00 am to 10:30 am in the church halls of Cardonald Parish Church. Membership of the BB is dependant on attendance on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. A collection is taken at Bible Class for the work of the BB overseas. If your son attends another church (of any denomination), he should ask me for a form and a church attendance card which should be shown to me at the monthly captain's inspection. Only boys with good attendance at Bible Class/church will be eligible for promotion and the award of the President's Badge and the Queen's Badge.

Company activities will continue each week until the end of March with the exception of the October school holiday week (Sunday 16th, Friday 21st, and Sunday 23rd. October), Christmas and New Year. Boys should bring shorts, a top and trainers with them each Friday evening for physical activities.

ACTIVITIES

Weekly activities with the exception of swimming and Saturday football are all held in Jubilee House. Probable activities and times based on last year are as follows:

Saturday	9:00 am	Football games (meet at Aldi)
Sunday	1:00 pm	Table Tennis
	7:00 pm	Band
Monday	6:30 pm	Club/Inter Squad or Swimming (once per month)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Football
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Table Tennis (Team)
Thursday	7:45 pm	Badminton

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The costs of running the company last session amounted to just over £8,000 - this included Jubilee House running costs, mini-bus running costs, company upkeep, football costs of £900, insurance and capitation fees of £2,500. Subscriptions last session amounted to just under £3,000. The shortfall of over £5,000 was made up from other sources of income such as our annual November ceilidh, boys packing shopping bags at Asda and Morrisons and our annual March quiz night/disco.

As support from parents for the ceilidh and quiz night continues to improve, we will hold the subscription at £50 - which is now due. Capitation fees to insure boys and to pay for the organisation of the BB nationally are paid from this sum thus the 44th receives only £35 of the £50. If it assists family budgets, a first instalment of £25 is payable within one month of joining the company (i.e. by the end of September) and the remainder by the end of January. If any parent is likely to experience difficulty in paying the subscription, please contact either Duncan Kerr (883 9755) or myself in confidence. If you are a taxpayer and complete a **gift aid form** (attached), we can reclaim 50 x 28p from the Inland Revenue and use this money for the benefit of your son. This costs you nothing and provides the BB with a significant sum of money

OBJECT *The advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness..*

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

A **parental consent form** is attached and should be returned at the next meeting - boys are not insured for BB activities until a completed consent form is returned.

It is my intention to communicate with you on a regular basis throughout the session with regards to the activities that are happening within the Company. My preferred method of communication with you is via e-mail so I would be grateful if you could supply an e-mail address as part of the consent form. I would also encourage yourself and your son to visit the Company web site on a regular basis to keep up to date with Company events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 30 September	Quiz for P7 - S3 P4-P6 Activity Night	Uniform for those attending the quiz	Meet at Jubilee House at 7:15
Sunday 30 October	Founder's Day Parade	Cardonald Parish Church	11:15 am service Boys meet 10:30am
Sunday 13 November	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Cardonald Parish Church	10:45 am service Boys meet at 10:00am
Saturday 26 November	Fund-raising Ceilidh	Ralston Community Centre	7:30 pm

A letter/e-mail will be issued in October regarding the ceilidh and you are asked to support this event which is designed to keep down your son's subscription.

CHILD PROTECTION

The company have to work in accordance with the Church of Scotland Child Protection Policy. Accordingly we shall try to ensure that there are two people over 16 years of age at each activity. There may however be occasions when this is not possible.

I hope your son enjoys his time in the BB. I along with the rest of staff look forward to working with your son for what we hope is another successful session.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at either the above e-mail address or telephone number if you have any questions relating to Company Section activities.

Yours sincerely

Stuart MacOnie
Captain