

2nd Enfield Boys' Brigade Company

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Notices for week commencing 9th September 2002

WELCOME BACK!!!!

Welcome back all of you to the 2002/2003 session. I hope you had a nice summer, and those of you who took exams past them all.

I hope that this session will be as successful as past years have been. A special welcome to the lads who have come up from the Junior Section. I know it must seem a bit strange and daunting to you, especially as you who have started at your new school as well, but don't worry. Take the whole thing as an opportunity for meeting new friends and experiencing new challenges. If you have made new friends at school, why not bring them along to BB? We always need new members.

Please read this newsletter, and pass it on to your parents. In it I will try to give brief news about the coming weeks activities, as well as the results from the past week. If you have anything that you would like added to the newsletter, please let me know and I will include it wherever possible.

OK, on with the notices

Town Show

This coming weekend is the Centenary of the Enfield Battalion, and we will be taking part in both the Town Show and the Parade on Sunday. Come along to visit the BB marquee at the show and bring a friend. On the Sunday morning, I want EVERY boy at the hall at 9:45 a.m. No excuses. We shall be travelling up to the Tesco's on Southbury Road and marching through the town from to Christ Church. Marching with us will be all the other Companies in the Battalion, as well as the London District Brass and Bugle bands, so it will be a large parade. FULL UNIFORM and polished shoes please.

Uniform

If any of you need items of uniform please send in the sheet that I sent to your parents last week. You will be expected to wear the uniform, without bits missing, at each parade night unless otherwise informed.

Fall in times

You will have seen that the new times are as follows. Year 7 boys must be at the hall at 7p.m. for basic drill. Their finishing time will be 9p.m. all other ranks are expected to be at the hall by 7:20, take your coats etc. off by the Church Parlour ready to fall in to parade at 7:30.

Badge classes

I will be reviewing the badge class system soon, so if anyone has an idea for something that they would like to learn, (within reason), let me know and I will see what we can do.

Service awards

To qualify for your Service Award badge at the end of the year, the following criteria must be met. At least 75% attendance on a Monday, plus attendance of Church Parades, and 100% attendance of Battalion Parades

There is a special award for boys with 100% attendance throughout.

Football

Last season we finished well, and with the help of new players and a new kit I would like to see us do even better. One problem we do have however is help on Saturdays for transport etc. until we get the mini-bus situation sorted out, we need help from parents with transport. Also, if one of the parents could spare a couple of hours most Saturdays to help Mr Rees run the team, I know that he would be most grateful. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can offer help on a regular basis.

We will also be doing football training, and later on in the year gymnastics on Thursday nights, 7:15 at the Hall. All members of the team are expected to attend to guarantee your place for the match on Saturdays.

Drum Corps

If any of you fancy learning how to play the drums, or an instrument for that matter, please see me afterwards.

I am securing the skills of a qualified drum instructor to teach the boys. Ultimately I would love to see the Second Enfield band back in action, so if you want to learn to play the drums or an instrument, now's your chance.

Camp

Camp next year has been booked for Saturday 2nd to 9th August, and this year we are going abroad...well, the Isle of Wight to be precise. Please reserve that date in your diaries.

This coming week

Sunday 15rd September

09:45 a.m. meet at hall for Battalion Parade

Monday 16th September

Parade Night

Thursday 19th September

Football Training. 7:15p.m. at the Hall. All team members to attend plus any others that wish to come along.

Football Managers meeting is also on this night. Time and venue to be confirmed.

If you have any questions about the above, or on any other relative matters, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

God Bless

Alan Rushbrook

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