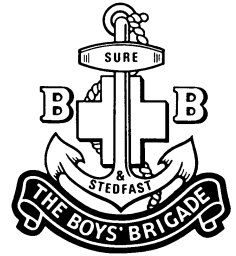


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Notices for week commencing 28th July 2003

Welcome to the last newsletter for this session.

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who helped out regarding the Jumble Sale on Saturday. Whether you delivered leaflets collected jumble, sorted on the Friday, sold on the Saturday or cleared up afterwards, Thanks. We raised the most ever for a jumble sale at £568.

On the subject of thank-you's I would take this opportunity as it's the last newsletter, of thanking all the parents who have helped in whatever capacity throughout the year, either giving lifts, coming along to support events or just encouraging your son to come along on a wet and windy winters evening. We are a good strong Company at the moment, but we musn't get complacent. The numbers of boys in the Anchor and Junior sections are very low, and that will have a knock on effect for us in the Company section in the near future, so we need to recruit urgently. If you know of any parents whose sons are of an age to join the Company, at whatever level, have a word with them and spread the news. There are so few things for kids to do around BHP and I don't want to see the numbers of kids hanging round the street corners increase. when we could offer them a lot more.

Thank you to the staff. At times it can get very frustrating, but the times when things go well more than make up for it; they do for me anyway. Finally, a big thank-you to you, the boys. Obviously without you there wouldn't be a Company, so if you have enjoyed the year, tell others, and if there have been occasions or events that you haven't enjoyed, tell me. We have had 4 boys join the company over the past year just on recommendations from friends already in the Company, and that's brilliant. Lets see if we can continue in that manner.

Camp is just around the corner, and then a well earned month off before we start again on Monday September 15th. During August there are two social events which I would love to see you at. The first is the BB golf day on the 29th August, and the other is a Parents and Boys Vs Staff Social Cricket match that I am trying to organize on Sunday 31st August at Botany Bay CC. If you are interested in either of these let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, have a nice summer break, and I look forward to seeing you again either at the cricket afternoon or in September.

God Bless

Alan Rushbrook
Officer in Charge Company Section



An Appeal

Do you, or do you know someone, who has a hobby, or a skill or talent you feel that the boys may be interested in or could benefit from, or do you have a couple of hours spare a week to help. If so, come and talk to me.

Three members of the current staff are parents whose boys were in the Company, came along to help one evening and have been an asset to the Company ever since. If we are going to be as successful in recruiting as I hope to be, I am going to need more staff and helpers. Don't worry, I'm not going to stick you into uniform immediately, that's not what we need. Help and ideas are.