

Battalion Contact Details:-

Battalion Secretary:- Mr P Watts



Circular Secretary:- Mr G Marsh

Wolverhampton Battalion

Monthly Circular

March 2015

Looking Ahead:-

Thu 16 th Apr	Battalion Council, Oakengates
18 th – 19 th Apr	Silver DofE Expedition Training
Sat 25 th Apr	Juniors 10-pin Bowling Competition
Sat 9 th May	Juniors Figure Marching Competition
16 th – 17 th May	Bronze DofE Expedition Theory Training
Sat 23 rd May	Blists Hill, Queen Victoria's Birthday Parade
Sat 6 th Jun	Company Section 6-a-side Cricket Competition
Sat 13 th Jun	Anchors Outing
Fri 3 rd Jul	Juniors Sports
Thu 9 th Jul	Battalion Council & AGM
10 th – 12 th Jul	Silver DofE Expedition Training
11 th – 12 th Jul	Bronze DofE Expedition Training
Thu 6 th Aug	Burwarton Show

In this month:-

Sat 7 th Mar	Battalion Swimming Gala
Sat 14 th Mar	Battalion Bible Quiz
Sat 21 st Mar	Silver DofE Expedition Training Day
Sat 28 th Mar	Company 5-a-side Football Competition

All items for the April 2015 circular to be sent to the Circular Secretary by Wednesday 25th March 2015

Anchors

Anchors Day Out

Saturday 13th June 2015 to Gulliver's Kingdom. Cost will be £20 to include coach, entrance and rides. Deposits of £10pp are required at the April Council Meeting. Any Companies who would like to offer it to Junior boys may do so.

Company Section

Company Section 5-a-side Football Competition

Saturday 28th March, 10 a.m. at the Dormston School, Mill Bank, Sedgley DY3 1SN. Entries please, to Mr Ian Sharp by Saturday 21st March. The costs will be split between all the teams that take part.

Battalion News

Battalion Art Competition

The themes for this year's Art Competition are as follows:-

Anchors – “Noah's Ark”

Juniors and Company Section - “David and Goliath”

Entries should be submitted to Mr Phil Watts at or before the Battalion Swimming Gala on Saturday 7th March.

Battalion Bible Quiz

Saturday 14th March, 10 a.m. at Lanesfield Methodist Church. Entries, please, to Mr Rob Bolton by Wednesday 11th March.

Battalion Swimming Gala

Saturday 7th March, 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre. **No late entries or payment on the night will be accepted.** Please note all swimmers must be able to swim 25 metres without support.

Circular Secretary

Volunteers are sought for the role of Circular Secretary. The current Circular Secretary will be standing down at the end of this session and it is hoped that a replacement can be found before this time, with a view to taking over the role during this session. Interested parties should be fully conversant with the use of email and word processing packages and are requested to contact the current Circular Secretary for details.

Training

Battalion DofE Expedition Training 2015

The Battalion DofE Expedition Training dates have been finalised and were included with the February circular. Booking forms with payment should be submitted to Dave Briscoe to reserve places.

Company News

Blists Hill 'Queen Victoria's Birthday Parade'

Saturday 23rd May 2015. The 1st Blists Hill BB Company has been invited to take part in this special Parade so we need some boys (& possibly girls) to take part in the parade dressed-up as 1900 BB Boys (or Guildry Girls). Those who have attended our Annual Founder's Day Parade, over the years, will know a little about this, but boys in 2nd or 3rd year JS or early years in CS are ideal. The event is taking place in the afternoon. Hopefully, it will be a little warmer and sunnier than the Founder's Day Parades!

Blists Hill is generously offering two free adult tickets for every member taking part, which you can use all day. Members taking part will, of course, also be admitted free. We only have enough uniforms for about 20+ boys so it will be first-come first served. Please let me know numbers as soon as possible because we will have to send out tickets in advance and I need to advise Blists Hill of our participation.

Rob Bolton, Captain 1st Blists Hill Company.

National News

Brigade Conference 2015

This will be held in Wolverhampton, for the first time ever, on the 4 - 6th September 2015. Brigade Conference used to be called 'Brigade Council' and is the annual get-together of BB leaders from N. Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England. We will be using the Novotel and Wolverhampton University for the meetings and Darlington St. Methodist Church for the Sunday Service.

We will need some help before and during the weekend, so please keep your diary free, our Battalion will be in the public 'eye' so to speak. Members to assist with the Sunday Church Service and ideas for Saturday evening 'Black Country' entertainment are needed. We don't need names yet, but if you can help in some way, it will be appreciated.

Rob Bolton, President.