

About Us (some information for you to keep)

We Are The 1st Kirkintilloch Company

Part of St. Columba's Parish Church

All Sections meet on Friday Evenings as follows:

Anchors: - 6:15 – 7:15pm; Juniors: - 6:45 – 8:15pm

Company & Seniors: - 7:30 – 10:00pm

Details of special events will be notified

Rules

Boys are expected to attend regularly, be punctual and keep the other rules of the Section.

Subscriptions

Boys pay a subscription which is currently £15 Annual and a weekly collection as follows: - Anchors: - £1 weekly; All other sections £2 weekly.

Uniform

Can be ordered via the company (a small postage charge is required) or from one of the BB supply shops in Paisley; Stirling or Motherwell; addresses & opening times available from the Brigade web site www.boys-brigade.org.uk/ or online from BB supplies at <http://shop.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Specific information on programmes in which your child is involved can be obtained from the Officer in Charge of his Section who is:

Anchors:- Lorna MacLaren; Juniors:- Fraser McCallum

Company:- George G. Kidd.

In addition parents or guardians can always speak to the Captain:
Allan Geekie

If there are special matters of concern which you feel cannot be dealt with by any Section Officer you can always contact the Minister or the Church safeguarding officer via the Church Office on 0141 578 0016 (mornings only)



1st Kirkintilloch Company

Information Booklet for Parents & Guardians

See also Company web site:

www.1kirkintilloch-boys-brigade.btik.com

or our Facebook page

www.facebook/1stkirkintillochbb

or the National Brigade web site:

www.boys-brigade.org.uk

The Boys' Brigade

The **Boys' Brigade** is a long established Christian Youth Organisation (founded in 1883) which provides a wide range of activities for young people. Companies are normally based at a Church and the leaders are normally drawn from the Church. Although the BB is a Christian organisation it welcomes boys who may have no Church attachment. However, part of the purpose of the BB is to promote Christian values and present the Christian message but it is for the individual to decide what they wish to believe. Thus boys from other faiths are welcome but parents and guardians should understand the place of the Christian message in the programme.

The BB is also a uniformed organisation and although uniform is not worn at every meeting there are times when members will be expected to wear it. We try to keep the uniform as up to date as we can and find that it helps develop a group identity in which the boys can be proud of their appearance.

We will be pleased to welcome your child into the appropriate section of the Company. We realise that he may join with enthusiasm but from time to time his interest might wane and he will need encouragement to continue. We look for parents & guardians to provide that encouragement and support. We believe that the programme we offer assists the personal and social development of young people and therefore as a national organisation we see ourselves in partnership with others involved in the life of our young people.

Meanwhile the various Section staff within the Company will be willing to provide further information.

The Object of The Boys' Brigade is: -

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.

Motto: Sure & Steadfast
Hebrews, Ch. 6, V 19 (AV)

1st. Kirkintilloch Boys' Brigade

As the number would suggest 1st. Kirkintilloch BB is the oldest company in Kirkintilloch and is part of the Strathkelvin Battalion. The company began on 22nd January 1892 as part of the Free St. Andrew's Church. Between 1894 and 1927 the company has a turbulent history with more than one period of inactivity over the years. On the 3rd. November 1927 it was reformed this time as part of St. David's Ledgate Church.

1969 saw the union of St. David's Ledgate and St. Andrew's this union created the new Church of **St. Columba's** which then became and still is home to the 1st. Kirkintilloch Company.

At 1st. Kirkintilloch we aim to continue the work of the BB by offering all an interesting, varied and challenging programme of activities.

At 1st Kirkintilloch we operate at all sections of the Brigade;
Anchors; Juniors; Company & Senior

Membership of each section is available in the age ranges as follows:

Anchors: Age P1– P3

Juniors: P4 – P6

Company: P7 – 15 years of age

Seniors: 16 – 18 years of age.

As mentioned we are part of St. Columba's Parish Church which is part of the Church of Scotland. The Church runs a Sunday Club for children of Anchor and Junior Section age groups, this meets on a Sunday morning at the same time as the morning service at 10:30am to which all boys would be made welcome.

