

## **1st Kirkintilloch Boys' Brigade Company Section**

Our new session is now underway and we are pleased to welcome the new recruits from the Junior Section along with Ben & Josh who have returned after a short absence from the company, they are all enjoying the new opportunities and challenges of the Company Section also Angus who has transferred from a BB company in Aboyne Aberdeenshire, we hope they will continue enjoy their time with us. We have 15 boys on the roll with a regular attendance of 12- 14 boys on a Friday night, this we are pleased to say is an increase on last year's numbers, but there is still plenty of space for any boys in P7 through to S6 who would like to join us.

We are also pleased that Craig Lowe has safely returned from his trip to Bangladesh and that despite a short bout of illness he found the trip enjoyable and enlightening and that although small, there is a flourishing Christian Witness in the area he visited.

Once again we have split the Company into three squads with Callum, Lee and Dean as our Squad Commanders. Our monthly squad competition is now underway, with the medal for October being won by Squad 3, but there still six more months for the other two squads to close the gap.

National Competitions are now underway and we took part in the Masterteam and although our young team didn't win they gave a good account of themselves, scoring a max 10 in one of the rounds, enjoying the experience and especially the buffet at the end and hopefully can put the experience to good use in the Battalion Masterteam. We are waiting to find out our opponents in the second round of both the badminton and Table Tennis in the next few weeks, also the national 5 a side competition in early December.

Badge classes are now underway and Battalion Competitions are due to start shortly. Over the next few weeks we will be practicing for the drill and PE competitions which will be held soon after the Christmas Break.

A number of the officers, helpers and boys from across all sections supported the Poppy Scotland appeal by selling poppies in Kirkintilloch in the lead up to Remembrance Day. This continues to be a very rewarding experience as the two hour sessions flies by as people of all ages always eager to donate to this wonderful charity, this year our collection alone raised £492.06.

We recently were visited by Robbie from the Gideon Society, where he took our God Spot and presented each boy and officer with a Gideon's New Testament Bible embossed with the BB Crest and with the BB prayer inside the front cover.

Once again, with you support, we hope to be delivering Christmas Cards across Kirkintilloch and Lenzie. Our post box will be in the hall vestibule from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, we are asking for a donation of 30p per card.

For more information on the Company visit our web site at [www.1kirkintilloch-boys-brigade.btik.com](http://www.1kirkintilloch-boys-brigade.btik.com) or find us on Facebook.