**COMPANY REPORT 2014/2015**

After another busy year we once again look back on 2014/2015 aim to take things on a step in the 2015/2016 session

**In our Anchor Section.**

Once again led by Louise Moran , they have enjoyed some fun things on a Friday evening. Learning some science, and making slime and studying chemical reactions.

They had some healthy eating sessions and learned to make their own healthier options for snacks.

They looked at sports and learned various ball skills and started some basic marching in preparation for moving up through the Brigade.

Some of the boys took part in the Battalion 10 pin bowling outing at the start of the year and really enjoyed it. Well done to James Walsh for getting the best score out of our Anchor Section.

We have been helped this year with a rotation of Young Leaders from the GB who have made it possible to provide our varied programme and worked really well with all our boys A huge thanks to each of them for spending their free time helping us.

We've had an increase in members this year, and it's made everything run more smoothly. However we have now promoted half our section up to Juniors, so will be a small, quiet bunch come September, with plenty of space for new boys and new Leaders!

**In our Junior Section.**

As in previous years our Juniors have enjoyed another good year. Numbers have remained constant and so they have continued to enjoy lots of activities. As usual they have had a Gym Session once a month joined by our friends from 4th Hillingdon. We have taken part in the Battalion 5 a side football tournament.

They had their annual trip up to London for the Lord Mayor’s Show again joined by our friends from the 4th this was followed by a visit to the imperial War Museum, finishing up with the fireworks on the river and a McDonalds tea as usual!

In December the boys were part of the procession through the town for the turning on of the Christmas tree lights outside Uxbridge Station.

The boys took part in the Battalion Bible quiz and of course the other main competition of the year, the Battalion Figure Marching competition. Since the start of the year the boys had been working hard on their marching, something that they enjoy doing and it shows. The boys have done well in this competition, winning it for the past two years, so this year they were going for the third. Unfortunately it was not to be as they came a very close second (Only 1 point in it). Never the less they were all brilliant as usual. Well done to Edward for leading the team so well. We have four boys leaving the Juniors this year so it will more or less be back to the drawing board but there are still a few very capable boys left who can show the new boys the way.

In May they had our annual Sleepover along with the girls and again enjoyed some good weather, this year visiting Hampton Court for the day. Another trip that was enjoyed by everyone.

This year the Juniors we will be saying goodbye to four of our boys, Nathan, Edward, George and James who are all being promoted into Company Section and we wish the all the best as they hopefully continue their BB journey.

We will be welcoming James, Luke, Elijah, George and Daniel into Juniors from the Anchor Section and we hope that they will enjoy your time there.

**Our Company and Senior Sections**

have had a good year, although very small in numbers, with just 5 boys in total. They’ve continued with their Discover (Company Section) badge programme. The boys designed & created their own local Monopoly board; they started building some airfix models and of course continued to fly our helicopters!  The boys also visited Creams (the local ice cream parlour) on a few occasions. Raghav, our senior, has worked hard to complete his Queens Badge and his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Level.

Our nominee for a Jack Petchey Award this year was Tyler. He asked for the money allocated to the Company (£200) to be used for purchasing some electronics equipment such as ‘Raspberry Pi’ (The **Raspberry Pi** is a tiny and affordable computer that you can use to learn programming through fun, practical projects). It is the intention that these and other activities will enable the boys to have more interactive and fun evenings! He will receive his medallion from The Mayor of Hillingdon at Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall in March.

Both our Company and Senior Sections look forward to September when they will be joined by the newly promoted boys from Junior Section. We welcome them and hope the enjoy their time with us.

**In the Company Together** we held our annual Sponsor Day Challenge. This year we raised money for the Riding for the Disabled Association. We visited 8 Sporting venues in the day. Once again Mr Hollaway organised our route. With all the money collected in we realised a total of £550 and have sent off a cheque to the South Bucks group of the RDA. A big thank you to all who were involved in raising the money.

Our coffee mornings have again helped with our Company funds and a thank you goes to everyone who helped by making cakes for us to sell, and especially to Noelia Bowman and Claire and Andrew Hook who gave their time to help out in the kitchen.

We again collected Sainsbury’s Active Kids vouchers, managing to get together about 2700 in all. These have now sent off to be exchanged for some more equipment. The boys will see what we get at the start of the next session. Thank you to everyone for shopping at Sainsbury’s! We also finished off the year with another successful display together with the Girls’ Brigade.

At our last Church Parade in July we planted a shrub (Christmas Rose) and fixing our replacement plaque to once again mark the centenary of the Boys’ Brigade. We also finished the session with our usual end of session Family Barbeque together with the GB.

Finally I pass on my thanks to everyone who has been involved with us over the past year. Thank you to all the staff, Louise, Graeme, Alan, and Denise for all they have done over the past year, to Peter Coles and Derek Nickolls for giving up their time once a month to come down and take gym for the boys, and also to Graham Hinton who has continued this year in mentoring Raghav through his Queen’s badge and continues to instruct our Duke of Edinburgh award group in their expedition training and trips.

My thanks also goes to all parents for your support throughout the year, for bringing the boys along on a Friday evening and for getting them to various activities. I consider our company very lucky that we have parents who support us the way that you do. Thank you too to our chaplain Nick and to members of Christ Church for your support and prayers throughout the year.

**THANK YOU ALL.**

We now look forward to the 2015/16 session and all it brings.

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