

THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN
NORTHERN IRELAND
JUNIOR SECTION
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QUIZ COMPETITION

There was an increase in entries for this popular competition with 82 teams taking part in the First Round at Battalion level. Thanks are extended to West Ulster Battalion who hosted the Final in Newtownstewart Parish Hall at the end of October. The Final was very close and results were as follows:

Winners: 4th Newtownabbey

Runners-Up: 1st Ballylinney

3rd Place: 1st Ahorey

JS OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

"Come....."

Fraser Boyd from 25th Stirling was the Guest Speaker at the Junior Section Conference held at Killead Presbyterian Church in November. A number of local Officers also took part. The very thoughtful opening and closing devotions were led by Stephen McNie, Assistant Minister in Killead. Practical activities, workshops and discussion groups all went to make up a very busy and beneficial day. Games, Ideas for Worship, Ideas from Websites, Singing for Fun were all covered in practical, interactive sessions. A very useful Come & Share session in which participants brought along and demonstrated programme activities they had used was much appreciated by everyone. Many thanks to the BB staff from Killead Presbyterian along with their church catering team who facilitated the day.

JS MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

There were 40 entries for this annual competition which is due to take place on Saturday 11 January 2014. Results will be available on www.bbni.org.uk following the competition.

SWIMMING GALA

The Swimming Gala will be held on *Saturday 22 February 2014* in Larne Leisure Centre. An Entry Form is enclosed which must be returned by Monday 3 February 2014 to NI Headquarters at Antrim (please see address on Entry Form)

SPRING COMPETITION 2014

The Spring Competition 2014 is **PUZZLE POWER**. Each Battalion will hold a Heat with winners from each Battalion taking part in the Northern Ireland Final which will be hosted by Ballymena Battalion on Saturday 29 March 2014 in 1st Ahoghill Presbyterian Church. Details of Battalion Heats will be available from your own Battalion who will be responsible for organising and running the Heat. A team will consist of 6 Boys who will take part in 8 puzzles/challenges. Please see the enclosed Information Sheet.

Closing date for Battalion entries is Monday 10 March 2014.

JUNIOR SECTION 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

A Northern Ireland JS 5-a-side football competition will be held this session. Each Battalion will be responsible for organising a local competition with the winning team going through to the NID Final which will be held on Saturday 10 May 2014 at the Eddie Irvine Complex, Bangor. A copy of the rules can be downloaded www.bbni.org.uk (downloads section)

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