



Quiz Competition



82 teams took part in the First Round at Battalion level. Thanks to Lurgan Battalion who hosted the Final in Hill Street Presbyterian Church Hall, Lurgan at the end of October. The Final was very close and results were as follows: Winners, 1st Armagh • Runners-Up, 5th Coleraine • 3rd Place, 2nd Comber

Better Together!

40 Officers attended the Junior Section Conference in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church in November. The sessions were all taken by experienced 'local' Officers. Practical activities, workshops and discussion groups all made up a very busy and beneficial day. Games, Ideas for Think and Do activities, Introduction to CRED Activities for JS and Christmas Craft Ideas were all covered in practical, interactive sessions. Many thanks to the BB staff from 1st Hillsborough, along with their church catering team, who facilitated the day. The feedback from the Conference has been very positive and confirmed that those who attended benefited greatly from it.

Potted Sports

The Spring Competition 2015 is 'POTTED SPORTS'. Each Battalion will hold a Heat with the winners from each Battalion taking part in the Northern Ireland District Final which will be hosted by Londonderry Battalion on **Saturday 28 March 2015** at 2.00pm in Kilfennan Presbyterian Church Hall. Details of Battalion Heats will be available from your own Battalion who will be responsible for organising and running the Heat.

NO PREPARATION or PRACTISING is NECESSARY

RULES...

1. Each Section may enter 1 team which consists of 6 boys of Junior Section age (P5/6/7). Please note that a maximum of 6 boys may be brought to the competition.
2. Each team should be accompanied by an Officer. Officers will be asked to assist with the supervision of one of the challenges.
3. PE Kits should be worn during the competition. T-shirts advertising alcohol should not be worn.
4. For the Battalion Heats there will be 8 Potted Sports Challenges. The number of challenges in the Final will depend on the number of teams competing in the Final.

Swimming Gala 2015

The Swimming Gala will be held on **Saturday 21 February 2015** in the Orchard Leisure Centre, Armagh at 2.00pm (*check-in and start times will be confirmed on programme*). An Entry Form is enclosed which must be returned by **Monday 2 February 2015** to NI Headquarters at Newport.



ENTRIES: Age-limits are as follows...
 GROUP A 9 years or under on 1 July 2015 (P5 school age)
 GROUP B 10 years or under on 1 July 2015 (P6 school age)
 GROUP C 11 years or under on 1 July 2015 (P7 school age)

RULES:

1. Boys may swim in ONE age-group only – Anchor Boys and Boys under 8 years of age are not permitted to take part.
2. Boys may only compete in TWO out of the three individual events within their own age-group. It is not possible to swap events on the day of the competition.
3. Each Junior Section may enter ONE Relay Team of 4 Boys, with each Boy swimming one length of the pool Freestyle.
4. All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee of 80p per Boy for each individual event and £1.50 per Relay Team.
5. The CLOSING DATE for entries is **Monday 2 February 2015**.
6. Officers should ensure that Boys are entered in the correct age-group.

A programme will be sent to the Officer-in-Charge of each Swimming Team.

AWARDS: Medals will be presented to the Boys/Relay Teams with the 1st/2nd/3rd fastest times in each event. The Northern Bank Cup will be presented to the Company with the highest points in the competition.

5. Team will rotate round each of the Potted Sports Challenges. The time period for each challenge, both in the Battalion Heats and in the Final, will be 4 minutes.
6. The scoring system will be on a points basis, based on the number of entrants ie. if there are teams competing then the winners of each challenge will get 8 points, 2nd will get 7 points, 3rd 6 points etc. The overall winners will have the highest points score. In the event of a tie for the overall winner, the team with the greatest number of 1st places will be declared the winner.
7. The Final will be confined to the winners of Battalion Competitions. Battalion finalists should be notified to Sharon Mackey, by Battalion reps to the NID JS Committee, not later than **Monday 9 March 2015**.

Junior Section Big Day Out

Thank you to those who returned the form expressing an interest in attending the BIG DAY OUT at Ganaway on **Saturday 9 May 2015**. In order that all those attending are able to participate fully in the activities, we have set a maximum number able to attend. A Registration Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. The event will run from 10.30am - 4.00pm with a rolling programme of Activity Zones throughout the day.



GANAWAY ACTIVITIES ZONE | ON THE BEACH INFLATABLES ZONE | ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR | SPORTS ZONE | TURN UP & TAKE PART ZONE | FOOD ZONE

Please note the following:

1. Sections wishing to attend should complete the Registration Form and send it along with payment to NIHQ at Newport as soon as possible.
2. Places are unable to be reserved by telephone/e-mail.
3. Places will be allocated only when both the form and payment have been received.
4. All those who returned the expression of interest form are required to return the Registration Form.
5. Places will be allocated on a first come basis until all places have been filled or until the closing date of **Monday 30 March 2015**.
6. It is anticipated that we will be oversubscribed; it is important that Registration Forms are returned early to secure places.

Musician of the Year



This annual competition will take place on **Saturday 17 January 2015**. Results will be available on www.bbni.org.uk following the competition.



Five - a - side Football

The closing date for Battalion Finalists for the Five -a-side Football Competition is **Monday 30 March 2015**. Battalion reps to the NID JS Committee will have the Entry Forms and details. The Final will be held on **Saturday 24 April 2015** at the Eddie Irvine Complex, Bangor.

Craft Workshop - Under 11s

Newport, Monday 26 January 2015, 7.30 pm

Book by Mon 12 Jan 2015 - *Please download the booking form from the NI Downloads page.*



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Please notify us if you change any of your contact details so we can update our database.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14 January 2015

NID JS Committee Meeting 8.00pm at Newport

Saturday 17 January Musician of the Year

Templepatrick Presbyterian

Monday 2 February

Closing date for Swimming Gala Entries

Saturday 21 February Swimming Gala

Orchard Leisure Centre, Armagh

Monday 9 March

Closing date for Spring Competition Entries (Battalions)

Saturday 28 March

Spring Competition Final Potted Sports
Kilfennan Presbyterian Church

Monday 30 March

Closing date for 5-a-side Football Entries (Battalions)

Saturday 25 April

Five-a-side Football Final
Eddie Irvine Complex, Bangor



Saturday 9 May

Junior Section BIG DAY OUT
Ganaway Activity Centre

Wednesday 20 May

NID JS Committee Meeting 8.00pm

Enclosures:

1. **NEW!** CRED Competition for Juniors
2. Swimming Gala Entry Form
3. Big Day Out Registration Form
4. Craft Workshop Booking form



This symbol means the form is available to download from the BBNI website at www.bbni.co.uk/niforms.htm

Please e mail

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to join our main e news mailing list to receive our latest news and deadline reminders.

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The Object of The Boys' Brigade: 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.