



1st Scone Company

Company Section Information

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Website & Email

Details of events are posted in the Company Section Diary on the company website at www.sconebb.org.uk/cs. Please check this weekly to ensure you are aware of any last-minute changes that may have been made to plans.

In addition, we occasionally send out emails to ensure that information given to Boys has reached those at home. If you have an email address please include this on the annual consent form.



Annual Consent Form and Subscription

The annual consent form covers a Boy under the Brigade insurance scheme and he cannot attend unless a completed copy of this form has been returned, signed by a parent/guardian.

If your details change over the course of the session, you must notify us as soon as possible, so our records are kept up-to-date

The annual subscription goes some way to meeting the financial obligations our Company has to the Battalion and the Brigade. This session, in an effort to reduce weekly administration, weekly collection will be incorporated into the Company Section subscription, which will be £50 per Boy.

Annual subscriptions can be paid as per: 1 payment of £50 by 16 September; **OR** 1 payment of £30 by 16 September followed by 1 payment of £20 by 17 February (see below for details of how to make payment).

Payments

Starting immediately, we will no longer accept payment by cash (other than for Tuck Shop). Payments can be made by:

- cheque to "Scone BB Company Section", writing Boy's name on reverse
- OR
- transfer into 87-44-01 70692063 (Lloyds TSB) using Boy's name as a reference

In both cases, it is recommended that you complete an online deposit receipt at www.sconebb.org.uk/payment. This way you will receive notification when your payment has been received.

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Uniform

The uniform for Company Section Boys is a BB shirt, tie and belt with dark school trousers, dark socks and dark shoes – all of which must be clean, of course. Optionally a Brigade issue National Emblem (a saltire) may be purchased and sewn on the right sleeve.

We keep a small stock of shirts, ties and belts which are issued on a first come first served basis. If you require an item of uniform please complete a uniform request form, which is available on a Friday evening or from the website at www.sconebb.org.uk/files/?path=Forms/Uniform%2FOrdering

Only on very rare occasions during the session will Boys be told that they are not required to wear uniform to a Company Section meeting night and an entry will be made in the Company Section Diary on the website to confirm this. If in doubt, wear uniform! Badges are part of uniform and must be worn with uniform.

Sports Kit

Boys usually wear their uniform for no more than half an hour before being given the opportunity to change into sports kit for the remainder of the evening.

Care of Property

Boys are responsible for their own belongings and should bring a suitable bag in which to keep their clothes. Boys are required to treat the personal property of others, including equipment belonging to the Company and other hall users, with respect and in a manner that does not cause potential damage.



Occasionally items of clothing are mistakenly taken home by other Boys or left in the halls. In such circumstances it is helpful if clothing bears the name of its owner.

The Company and Officers accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property that has not been treated with due care by the owner or another Boy.

Expensive or cherished items, including clothing, should not be brought to Company Section.

Start/Finish Times

Company Section starts at **7pm prompt**. The halls will be open from 6:55pm and Boys should not arrive and expect entry before this time. Parents/guardians are not required to accompany their son(s) into the halls but Officers will be available at this time to answer any questions.

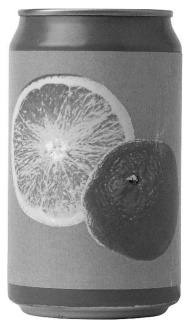
Company Section finishes at **9:30pm**. Parents/guardians who are meeting Boys should do so promptly and are welcome to wait in the foyer of the hall if they arrive a little early.



Tuck Shop

Boys will be given the opportunity to buy snacks and juice from the tuck shop at a suitable time during the course of an evening.

To reduce the spread of litter throughout the halls and prevent open cans of fizzy juice being knocked over and soaking a carpet, all items purchased at tuck shop must be consumed only in the small hall or taken home unopened.



Suggestions for tuck shop items are welcome but we cannot deliver on all suggestions as tuck shop only opens one day a week and sweets come in large quantities with expiry dates!

Competitions

Boys will be given the opportunity to take part in various Battalion events and competitions as well as National competitions. Details of these will be posted in the Company Section diary on the website (www.sconebb.org.uk/cs).

If Boys put their names down to take part in these competitions it is important they attend, as organisers and other teams may be impacted and the company may still be liable for entry fees.

It may be necessary to charge participants a small fee to cover expenses, including transport. In these instances details will be given at the time Boys put their names down.

Discover Programme



In Company Section we have been using the Discover programme since its national launch in 2007. In order to gain all awards offered under the Discover programme Boys aged up to 16 years must participate in all the different aspects of the programme.

Gaining Points

Discover is based around three zones: community; recreation; skills. There is a badge for each of these zones:



Community

7 points



Recreation

10 points



Skills

7 points

The number of points shows how much work a Boy must do in each zone in order to gain the badge – 1 point is gained by taking part in 1 hour of activity.

Another dimension is added by breaking the zones down into subzones:

Community

Christian Faith

International

Local & National

Nature & Environment

Recreation

Christian Faith

Health & Lifestyle

Outdoor & Adventure

Sports & Games

Skills

Christian Faith

Creativity

Interests

Life Skills

A minimum of 1 point (that's 1 hour of activity) must come from each subzone, and a maximum of 4 points (that's 4 hours of activity) may come from any subzone (this only affects the recreation zone).

Compass Badge

To get Boys started, once they have achieved 2 points in each zone they will be awarded the Compass badge (shown right).

The Compass badge may only be awarded once during a Boy's time in Company Section.



Zone Badges

Having gained the required number of points in a zone, a Boy will be awarded level 1 of the badge.

Additional points are not carried over into the subsequent session - once a Boy has gained a zone badge (recreation level 2 for example) he will not be eligible to gain points towards the next level of that badge (e.g. recreation level 3) until the following September.

In order to gain all three zone badges in a session, a minimum of 24 hours participation is required.

Discovery Badge

Having gained each of the zone badges (at any level) during a session, Boys in their second or subsequent year of Company Section gaining a further six points from any zone and subzone (taking their total to 30) will be awarded the Discovery badge (shown right).



The Discovery badge may not be gained in the same session as the Compass badge.

Important Notes

Each week a varied programme of activities will be offered to Boys covering all three zones (where staffing levels allow). It is the responsibility of each Boy to track their progress and make decisions about which activities they should take part in.

Periodically a report will be printed and given to Boys showing their progress.

Boys' participation in activities is recorded by completion of a register for each activity. It is the responsibility of each Boy, not the staff, to ensure his name is written **legibly** on these registers!

Bible Slot

At the start of a Company Section evening, the staff take it in turns to lead a 5 minute Bible Slot. This counts towards a Boy's Christian Faith points:

- provided a Boy's attendance is at least 50% between 1 September and 31 January, he will be awarded half a point for Christian Faith in **each** of the zones (a total of 1.5 points over all three zones). This will be awarded after the last Friday in January.
- provided a Boy's attendance is at least 50% between 1 February and 30 June, he will be awarded half a point for Christian Faith in **each** of the zones (a total of 1.5 points over all three zones). This will be awarded after the last Friday in June.

Service Badge

Boys will gain a service badge at the end of the session if they:

- arrive on time for 75% of Company Section evenings*
- and
- achieve an average inspection mark of at least 80 for the session
- and
- attend at least one of our two annual Church Parades



* although Company Section may meet during School holidays, Boys are not penalised for absence on such evenings

Wearing Badges

Badges should be worn whenever uniform is worn, unless you are explicitly told not to.

There is a specific way in which badges should be worn, as shown below:



Right Arm

(the arm you salute with)



Left Arm

Note that only the highest award gained in Anchors or Juniors may be worn with Company Section uniform, i.e. if the blue Anchors badge was gained then the red and green should not be worn.

You've worked hard to gain your badges and you have to look after them!

When you gain the next level of a badge you will be required to return the lower-level badge or pay £1.

Periodic checks will be made of badges and you will be charged for replacement of lost badges and armbands.

Marquee Building

Although we collect an annual subscription from our Boys, as well as making money at our Christmas coffee morning, we still need more money to fund the activities we offer and to buy equipment. For this reason we hire out our two marquees for parties, weddings, fairs, etc.

These marquees do not build themselves! We need volunteers to assist in transporting, building and dismantling. Our hire season runs from May to August, in which time we have in the region of eight fee-paying hires.

In the last couple of years the support we have received from parents has dwindled and as such it is becoming increasingly difficult to take bookings for our marquees.

Please consider the fact that without marquee bookings to bolster our income the financial burden of running the section and company can only be passed to parents!

If you would be available to assist us with one or two (or more) marquee hires, please make enquiries with any of the Officers. On-the-job training is given!



MARQUEE HIRE

for further details or to book
contact Stan McMillan on 01738 551560
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The basic hire charge is a very competitive £180*
* depending on distance and duration

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