

## 125 YEARS OF BOYS' BRIGADE IN ST PHILIP'S

The 25<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh Boys Brigade Company is currently celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



The Company was formed by Dr Andrew Balfour as the 1<sup>st</sup> Portobello on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 1888 and was initially located in the Mission Hall of St Philip's Church in Pipe Street before moving to the current church halls. The Company was incorporated into the Edinburgh Battalion in 1905 when the designation changed to the 25<sup>th</sup> Edinburgh (Portobello) Company. We are the oldest company in the Edinburgh Battalion.

We are celebrating a long history of positively impacting the lives of thousands of children and young people in the local community.

Our Anniversary celebrations started with a party at St Philip's on 30th August for all boys and their families. We had pipers from the 61st in Musselburgh, live music and a BBQ with over 200 in attendance.

The following evening was our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Brunton Hall in Musselburgh where we sold the magical number of 125 tickets! This was a fantastic evening where the guests ranged from our current S6 boys to ex-members from the 1940s. It was a proud evening for all involved with the company.

Next up was a visit to Blackpool for the Junior and Company section.

The most recent event was the church service at St Philip's, which I must admit was a pretty emotional service for me personally and certainly some others within the congregation who have had links to the Company over the years.

We have other events planned including a couple of special camps.

There have been a lot of changes during our 125 years in Portobello and Joppa, but the constant factor is that we know the difference that young people make to their community and the enormous potential that each one of them has. So here's to the next 125 years.

We would love to see some new boys, so if you would like further information, email [the\\_25th\\_bb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:the_25th_bb@yahoo.co.uk). Or just come along.

Anchor Boys (P2 - P3) 6.30 to 7.30 Tuesday evenings  
Junior Section (P4-P6) 6.30 to 8.00 Thursday evenings  
Company Section (P7-S6) 7.30 to 10 Friday evenings

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