

Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"

**News Letter No 13
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Welcome to news letter number 13. We hope you enjoy the news letter each month? We believe it is a good tool to keep everyone up-dated with our progress. Well, April is here and this is the start of a busy few months for the Corps of Drums. Our biggest event though is the Corps "Thank You Concert" which is Saturday 8th April. Hopefully you will all have received your invitations. Please come along and support this event as it is our way of saying thank you for all the support we have received. All band members are getting really excited about it and a lot of hard work has gone in to hopefully making it a great evening of entertainment for you. Please can all members and their parents pay special attention to the Events Diary as some new events have been added? I will issue full information on all events nearer to the event dates. So sit back, make a cup of coffee and enjoy issue 13. Best regards Mark

Saturday 8th April – the Corps "Thank You Concert"

Well the time is nearly here, invitations have gone out, the program is printed and the band is ready to entertain you. This is a very special event for us. Not only to show our appreciation for all the support you have given us, but it will also be the first event we have done in our new uniforms. I would think that you will be really impressed with the way the band will look on the night. I am also pleased to announce that we will have two guest speakers on the night. Firstly, **Mr David Leech of George Potter & Company** will give a short talk on the youth band activity. David spent a number of years heavily involved with the organisation of youth band contests. Secondly, **Cllr Elizabeth North – Mayor of Sandhurst** has kindly agreed to say a few words towards the end of the evening. Hopefully you will find this of added interest on the night.

Although you will have seen from your invitation that the concert starts at 7.30 p.m. I would suggest that you try to be seated no later than 7.15 p.m. You will be able to enter the Community hall from 7 p.m. If anyone is unsure where to find the Sandhurst Community hall, please contact me on either 01252 877212 or 07976 540584 and I will be happy to give you directions.

Please come along, it will be a great evening

**DON'T FORGET, THE CORPS "THANK YOU CONCERT"
SATURDAY 8th APRIL 2006**

Donation received during March.

I am pleased to announce that we have received a donation of £300.00 from the Howard Stilliard Trust. This will be a big help to us and will certainly help to buy something from our remaining wish list. On behalf of the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums, Thank You

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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Saturday 8th April 2006 (evening)	The Corps of Drums “Thank you Concert”	All members
Sunday 23 rd April 2006	St Georges Day Parade (RMA)	All members
Saturday 13th May	2nd Sandhurst Scouts AGM	Evening
Monday 29 th May 2006	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Saturday 3 rd June 2006	Freemasons Open Day	All members
Saturday 10th June	Broadway House	To Be Confirmed
Saturday 1st July	Fleet Carnival	All members
Saturday 15 th July	RMA Freedom of the Borough	All members
Sunday 16 th July	Aldershot Youth Band Contest	All day event
Wednesday 22 nd November	Fleet Street Festival	TBC

NEW EVENTS – PLEASE NOTE

Along with the additional events above, we have been asked to perform for the Yateley Women’s Guild. Although currently a firm date has not been set yet, we are expecting it to be a Tuesday evening and will likely to be the second Tuesday in June? I will confirm this to you as soon as possible.

I am now in a position to confirm some dates when the Corps of Drums will be on shut down, these are as follows.

Easter Monday 17th April

(all members to attend on Monday 10th April as we have to rehearse for the Scouts St George’s Day Parade which is on Sunday 23rd April)

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday Monday 29th May evening practice.

However as you know we are actually performing during the day at the Sandhurst Donkey Derby.

Summer Shut down Dates

Monday 24th July

Monday 31st July

As with most things, some of these shut down dates are ideal for us, however, providing all members continue to practice we should be able to cope with the events that are very close to the shut downs.

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Premier Marching Drums – A Breif Review

Premier 97S Snare Drum



Premier HTS700 HTS Drum



Premier 1049 Snare Drum



As you can see from the above

which are used in

pictures, there are many types of snare drums

Military or marching bands. The three examples above all have their own distinct individual sounds.

The Premier 97S is a side drum that has both bottom snares and internal top snares. This type of drum is favoured by many bands such as the Guards Regiments and the Royal Marines as it give a tight crisp response when played. The Premier 1049 shown above is slightly different to the 1049S drums we use in our band. This is because the 1049 only has a bottom snare fitted where as our ones have internal top snares fitted. Finally we have the Premier HTS700. This is a very high tensions snare drum and is favoured by mainly Pipe bands as it gives a very distinctive popping sound. Premier carries many more modals in their current catalogue and pricing can range from £230 for a 1045 junior drum up to as much as £550 for the 97S modal. If you would like to see the full range of Premier marching instruments then ask me as I have a copy of the catalogue and would be more than happy to show you.

April Competition

This month's competition is regarding the Bell-Lyre. In our Corps of Drums we use a Standard Mayfield model. This month's questions are.

Q: How many Octaves does our Bell-Lyre have?

Q: What Key are the Bell-Lyres we use in?

Don't forget, if you do not know then ask some of your fellow band members, they may be able to help you. As normal, the first correct entry drawn from a hat will win. All completed entries to be given back to me by the end of April.

I am still thinking about what prize to give the winner, but will let you know nearer the time.

Good luck

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