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Welcome to news letter 25 and Happy Easter to everyone. It is getting closer to our busy period and I have taken on some more events for the Corps of Drums, the main one being the Royal Military Academy's Heritage Day which is on Sunday 17th June, more about that later. March has been busy for the drum section with the Intermediate and Advanced drumming school. Those taking part have started to come together with their drumming and I think we will get the desired result with our drum static's, thanks to Alan Lemon for his hard work. Please could all band members and parents please pay attention to our events dairy as you will see some new events on it. I hope you enjoy this issue of the news letter. Best regards Mark

RMA SANDHURST HERITAGE DAY



As mentioned above, we have been contacted by the RMA Sandhurst who would like the Corps of Drums to take part in the RMA Heritage Day which is to be held on Sunday 17th June 2007. The Heritage Day is an annual event that gives members of the public an opportunity to see the RMA Sandhurst. I attended last year and really enjoyed the day. Entry is free and there are many things to see and do. We have been asked to do a 20-30 minute performance at around 2.30 p.m. and we will perform on the parade square in front

of the main building which is pictured above. Last year many thousands of people attended the Heritage Day so I believe we will have a large audience. I hope to see as many band members as possible for this event. I will issue full details nearer the time.

In Memory – Colin Joseph Garde 1961-2007

I am sorry to advise that Toby Garde's brother Colin passed away on March 16th after a relatively short illness. Many of you will not have known Colin but he had been a supporter of the Corps of Drums since it was formed and always attended as many of our parades as he could. Colin worked in the clothing stores at the RMA Sandhurst for 27 years and was the person who on many occasions arranged for us to get hold of kit that we needed. Our peak caps for example came from Colin. I have known Colin for a number of years and I knew how much he enjoyed seeing our band. I attended his funeral on Wednesday 28th March and was touched to hear that any donations made would go to the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums. I would like to on behalf of the Corps of Drums pass on our sincere sympathy to Toby and his family and would like to say that Colin will be missed.

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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS 2007

Please see below for the events that are currently booked in 2007. There will be many more added as time goes on. Please make a note of these dates. I will update this events diary every month.

Date:	Event:	Comments:
Sunday 22 nd April	St George's Day Parade RMA	All members
Monday 28 th May	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Sunday 17th June	RMA Heritage Day	All members
Saturday 7 th July	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
Sunday 8 th July	Frimley Green Carnival	All members
Sunday 15 th July	Aldershot Youth Band Contest/Army Show	Event & Dates TBC
Saturday 21 st July	Ash Community Fun Day	All members
Sunday 11 th November	Sandhurst Remembrance Service	All members

I am already discussing other events that will take part in June and July and I will advise you of these as soon as I have them confirmed.

Please note: we may require some help with transport for band members at some of the above events. If you would be happy to help us then please let Rose, Lorraine, Linda or Angie know so we can make a list in case we do need help.

St George's Day Parade – Sunday 22nd April

As you know, we have our first main parade of 2007 on Sunday 22nd April. This is the St George's day parade for the Berkshire Scouts and as per last year will be held at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. I have been informed that as 2007 in the centenary year of the Scout movement, it is very likely that that this event will be covered by local TV. I believe that they are expecting two to three hundred scouts, guilds, brownies and beavers to take part so we will have a sizable number to march in front of. Can I remind all band members to attend our practice evening on Monday 16th April as this will be our last opportunity to practice for this event?

ALDERSHOT YOUTH BAND CONTEST

Unfortunately I have advised that the Aldershot Youth Band Contest will not take place this year. As you can appreciate, organising a band contest is a big task and Pete Woods who normally does this can not manage it this year. It is a shame but I fully understand Peter's predicament as I know how much work goes in to organising such an event. Pete has told me that he hopes that it will be back on next year. If any of our readers feel they may be able to offer Pete some help in organising it for next year then please contact me and I will pass your details on to him. As this would have been our main event this year, I think we will put all our efforts in to the RMA Heritage Day as this will give us an opportunity to show off what we have learnt over the past year.

Note to our drummers. Remember to be considerate to other band members when playing. The drum is a loud instrument and you need to play with consideration. Think of the overall sound we are trying to produce. Play with control and if you do you will find your Rudiments sound far better.....

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