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Welcome to issue 37 of the news letter. I can not believe that it was three years ago this month that I first started making a list of what I needed to do to start the Corps of Drums. The band has come a long way since then and we celebrate our third anniversary on 8th August this year. We held our first practice evening on 8th August 2005 and the only thing that I can say has not changed is how busy it is on a Monday evening at band. We still maintain a band membership of 31 players (excluding adult staff) with another 4-5 young people interested in joining us? I would like to get to 40 players this year if possible. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank everyone who has returned their event attendance list to me. I can already start to see where we may have problems this year and please can I ask those who have not returned it to me to do so as soon as possible. Once I have them all back I then make plans to cover any areas where we have a problem. I hope you enjoy reading this month's edition of the news letter. Best regards Mark.

Drum School Showing Results

As you know, we recently started a drum school for beginners and also a refresher course. We have now held four out of the five lessons and I am pleased to say we are seeing some very good results. All basic rudiments are being shown by Alan Lemon and Jamie Gilliam. What has pleased me the most is that the participants improve between each lesson?

This means they must be practicing which is exactly what we want them to do. It is very easy to just attend the lesson and try to fake their way through it but this is obviously not what we want. All band members should take note of this as you need to continuously practice otherwise you will go backwards. We will be holding our last drum lesson on 12th April and all participants

will receive a certificate to say they attended the course. Keep up the good work.



Ghurkha evening confirmed

As some of you are aware, I have been talking for some time about a possible event involving the Ghurkhas from Sandhurst. I am pleased to advise that this event has now been confirmed for

Thursday 8th May. The event will be held at the



Sandhurst Social Club in the evening.

Basically around 50 Ghurkhas from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst will

hold a dinner there and we have been asked to perform for them during the evening. This will be a really good event as I already know how much they are looking forward to hearing us play. If possible I would like to field at least 20 players on the evening, so please will all band members let me know if you would like to take part. I expect that we will be asked to play around 8 p.m. but I will confirm all details nearer the time. This will be a great opportunity for us to strengthen our relationship with the RMA Sandhurst.

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Future band members – training underway

You may remember that I am a Grandfather? Well, identical twins Ellie and Lily Saunders have already shown an interest in music. Therefore I thought I should introduce them to the instruments we use in the band in preparation for them joining in a few years time, what do you think?



Lily on bell lyre & Ellie on side drum



Reverse rolls – could they be multi instrumentalists?

Band Contest expected back in 2009

Some band members will remember the Aldershot Youth Band Contest that we took part in a couple of years ago. Well it looks like it will take place again next year. I received a letter requesting the return of the band cups we won in 2006 and it also stated that they hope to hold it in 2009. This is good news as the competition is a great way to help raise a bands standard. I would hope to have this confirmed later in the year so we should be able to build this in to our 2009 events diary early on which will be good as we will need to put a lot of additional practice in for it. I have now had the two cups we have been holding engraved and I will get a picture of them in the next news letter. For those who were not in the last band contest, we actually won three cups but one was shared with another band. (Check out previous news letters on our website)

New Bugle School

I have been asked by several band members if we are going to run another bugle school? Well the answer is yes. However, due to fitting in with our busy events diary I think it will not start until September. I do not want to keep having long breaks in between lessons as this will slow the learning down. We have found it is better to have a two week gap between lessons as this give the participants long enough to practice what they have be shown at each lesson. Although the course is some time away, I am very keen to see how many band members would like to attend the course? Please could you let me know if you would like to take part as I need to ensure that I have sufficient bugles for everyone who takes part?

**NEXT EVENT – ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE
SUNDAY 20th APRIL**

Kevin on the mend.

I mentioned to all band members a few weeks ago that Kevin Hayward from the Medina Marching Band had been involved with a nasty accident at work. Rose and I visited him over Easter and I pleased to tell you that he is on the mend. However it is likely to be few more months before he will be able to parade with his band?. Get well soon Kevin, from everyone at the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums.
