

Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



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Welcome to issue 29 of the news letter. Although we are well in to the summer now it does not seem like it with all the rain we have been having, however the weather has been good to us at our recent events. July was a busy month for the band with several fetes and carnivals which were very successful events. August now will be a little quieter as the Donkey Derby has now been cancelled totally for this year but we do now have a booking for the August Bank Holiday Monday (see events diary). However we do have a fairly busy September to look forward to so no time for the band to rest on its past success? Also during September we will be holding our AGM. I would like at this point to say thank you to all the parents who have taken their children to the various events so far. Although there is a lot of hard work by the staff and management committee to organise these events we could only stand a chance of success if the band members can get to them, so thank you all for transporting them. I hope you enjoy this issue of the news letter.
Best regards Mark

Corps of Drums – Recruitment Open Day

As a way of recruiting potential new members into the band, we are going to organise an Open Day. I need to book the Scout hall or the Community Centre so that we have it for a whole day and therefore I can not give a confirmed date at present. However my thoughts are that it is likely to be either late September or early October? The idea behind this is to basically

recruit new members. However it would be open to anyone who would like to come and see what we are all about. If any band members have any friends that may have an interest in joining the band then please bring them along on a Monday practice session, or give me their contact details and I will call them. If however they would like to wait until the open day then that's OK.

Although we will not need all the band to attend the open day we will need to have members on hand to talk to potential new recruits and to also give demonstrations throughout the day. Once the date has been set I will start working on Flyers and Press Releases so that everyone locally will be aware of it. We will call our open day **"Building for the Future"**

Carnival Season 2007

July was the start of the Carnival season and the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums took part in both the Aldershot Victoria Day parade and also the Frimley Green Carnival. Later in July we performed at the Ash Fun Day.



Aldershot Victoria Day parade – Saturday 7 July 2007

We were very fortunate with the weather on both of these events as we had seen a lot of rain during the week prior to these events. The Frimley Green Carnival I felt was a much better performance.

Not only was the marching by the Corps of Drums better but a lot of people commented on how good the band sounded. The Corps of Drums received an excellent response from the crowd on both days and by attending both of these events meant that we have been able to add a total of £300.00 to our band fund through the donations received from the organisers. Therefore, once again we can say we had a very successful weekend.

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PICTURE GALLERY

Aldershot Victoria day parade



Frimley Green Carnival



Ash Fun Day



**SANDHURST & DISTRICT
CORPS OF DRUMS
AGM – WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEmber**

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please can all parents remember that subscriptions for July, August and September are due NOW. Subscriptions are the life line for the bands running costs. PLEASE ensure you have made your payment

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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.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Wednesday 1 st August	Scout Event	Only 5 members required
Sunday 26th August	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	CANCELLED
Monday 27 th August	Mytchett Fun Day	All members
Saturday 8 th September	Watchetts School Fete	Not yet confirmed?
Friday 14 th September	College Town School 100 th year Celebration	All members
Tuesday 18 th September	Sandhurst Scout Demonstration	Not yet confirmed?
Wednesday 26 th September	Band AGM	Members & Parents
Saturday 6 th October	Sponsored Walk	Everyone
Sunday 11 th November	Sandhurst Remembrance Day Service	All members.
Saturday 1 st December	Santa Parade – Aldershot	TBC

Please Note: I will confirm both dates and times on the newly added events as soon as I receive confirmation of them.

POTENTIAL EVENT DATES FOR 2008

I would like to tell you of potential dates for 2008. I know it's early to give these dates and you must note that they will have to be confirmed at a later stage; however I am confident that most of them will happen on the dates I am giving you.

April 20 th or 27 th	St Georges Day Parade (Scouts)	
May 29 th	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	
June 15 th or 22 nd	RMA Heritage Day	
July 5 th	Ash Fun Day	
July 12 th	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	
July 13 th	Frimley Green Carnival	
July 20 th	Aldershot Band Contest	(this may be on July 13 th if the contest goes ahead? If so then I think we may have to turn the Frimley Green Carnival down?)
August 30 th	Mytchett Fun Day	
November 9 th	Remembrance Day Parade & Service	

NEW LNF GRANT AWARDED

I am pleased to advise that during July we received notification that we had been successful with our application for a further Local Network Fund grant. This was for a total of £6,871.00 which will be used to provide funding for our Drum Display School and also to purchase new 97S Premier side drums. I will in the next news letter advise you of the dates for this new drumming school. The objective is to build a first class drum section which is capable of performing drum static's and show pieces which will further add to our performance capabilities.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

As you know, our main funding raising event this year was to be the Sandhurst Donkey Derby which was cancelled due to wet weather. Therefore we have had to make alternative arrangements. As you will have seen from the events diary, we are now going to take part in the **Mytchett Fun day** on the **August Bank Holiday (Monday 27th)**. We will have a fund raising stall and dependent on how many members we can get to play we may do a full arena performance. As this is the tail end of the holiday season we may only get a few members? If this is the case then we will play in front of our stall. Either way it should be a good opportunity to raise funds and raise the profile of the Corps of Drums.

We have also booked a date to hold the Corps of Drums 2007 Sponsored Walk. This year there will be a twist to the 5 mile walk. Don't ask me what it is as we want to keep it as secret as possible? Sponsor forms will be available shortly and hopefully we can raise a good amount of money? Can I say at this stage that you please ensure that anyone sponsoring you will actually pay on you for completing the sponsored walk? Last year we had a few people who never paid the band members what they had pledged?

Hopefully we will also be doing a Christmas raffle again later in the year. We are already testing the water for a social evening for parents (adults only) and we have also started working on ideas for the Corps of Drums Christmas member's bash.

So what are we raising funds for you may ask? Well as you know, we have an on going battle with uniforms. So we have spent many months' looking for a new uniform supplier and we have found one. However, the improved quality that we are looking for does come at a price. Typically we will have to pay around £200.00 for a tunic and trouser set. Based on the amount of current members and spares that we will need the total amount we need is quite high. We have been putting some funds aside for this project but we do need to raise further money to help pay for the new uniforms. Therefore any support you can give to our fund raising team and fund will be gratefully appreciated.

NEW UNIFORM FITTING EVENING

As mentioned above, we are going ahead with new uniforms. Our new supplier who is based in Birmingham will be visiting us with his Tailor on either Monday 16th or Monday 23rd September to measure all current band members. This will take most of the practice time we have. Therefore nearer the time I will request that some band members attend slightly earlier than normal so that we can stagger the measuring work. It will be very important that all band members attend this as if they do not then it could result in them not getting a new tunic. I will keep you updated on this and confirm which evening it is as soon as I can. Regards Mark

Please note: The uniforms will not be specifically tailored to each individual. They will be fitted so they can be used for other members as they grow.

NEW CORPS OF DRUMS POCKET BOOK

Over the next few months I will be putting together a pocket book which will be issued to all current members. The idea of this is so that all members have a book which covers all basic information regarding being a member of the Corps of Drums. This will include information on the various instruments we use, drill and general discipline rules that are important to follow. It will be intended to be used as a reference point for all areas of the band. If any band members have any inputs on additional things that could be included then please let me know as soon as possible.

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