

Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



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+++++ **MERRY Christmas** +++++

Merry Christmas and welcome to the December issue of the news letter. I can not believe that another 12 month's has gone, this year although not as busy with events has still been very busy in other areas of the Corps of Drums. We have achieved a great deal again this year, much in preparing for 2008; new uniforms underway, new instruments purchased and band member numbers still growing. I already have about seven events booked for 2008 and I will let you know more about them early in the New Year, so I think next year will be hard work for us all but I think we should have some fun. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the Corps of Drums this year, with out the support of it's members, parents, staff and management committee the Corps of Drums could not exist. I would like to wish every reader a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Very best regards Mark.

Remembrance Sunday Parade

As you are aware, we were asked again this year to take part in the Sandhurst Remembrance Sunday Parade. This event is growing every year in Sandhurst and this year the organisers advised that around one thousand people took part or attended the service. This is a very good turn out for a local community; I believe it may have been more if the weather had been a bit better? I would like to thank all band members for their professional approach to this event which I was very pleased about as Remembrance Sunday is such an important parade. In particular, on behalf of everyone from the Corps of Drums, I would like to thank **James Robertson** for doing such a good job in laying our wreath, well done James, you made us all feel very proud.



James Robertson marching forward to lay our wreath.

Remembrance Sunday Parade
11th November 2008



Bell Lyre section looking good



Drum Major Josh Thorne leads
The Corps of Drums

Last practice evening before Christmas is Monday 17th December 2007

First practice evening after Christmas is Monday 7th January 2008

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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> |
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| Friday 7 th December | Uplands School Christmas Fair | All members (5.30 p.m. meet) |
| Monday 17 th December | Last Practice evening before Christmas | |
| Saturday 5 th January | Private Event | Selected member |
| Monday 7 th January 2008 | First Practice evening of 2008 | |
| Saturday 12 th January 2008 | Sandhurst Social Club Senior Citizens Dinner | All members |

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.

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| January 5 th | Private event (selected members) |
| January 12 th | Sandhurst Social Club Senior Citizens Dinner |
| April 20 th or 27 th | St Georges Day Parade (Scouts) |
| May 29 th | Sandhurst Donkey Derby (Bank Holiday Monday) |
| 1-7 th June | Bracknell Voluntary Week |
| Saturday 21 st June | Aldershot Victoria Day Parade |
| June 15 th or 22 nd | RMA Heritage Day |
| July 4 th | College Town School Summer Fayre |
| July 5 th | Ash Fun Day |
| July 6 th | Aldershot Band Contest (there is a strong possibility that this will not take place?) |
| July 13 th | Frimley Green Carnival |
| August 25 th | Mytchett Fun Day (Bank Holiday Monday) |
| 20 th & 21 st September | Royal Berkshire Show Weekend |
| November 9 th | Remembrance Day Parade & Service |

First Social Event – A Great Night

As I have mentioned on many occasions, when we set up the Corps of Drums we wanted to develop a culture where everyone felt part of the band from it's members and parents to all the supporters we have. Well on Saturday 24th November we held our first social event for parents and supporters. We were very fortunate that Tom Clay who has supported the band from the start offered his excellent curry making service and freshly cooked a meal that most restaurants would be proud of doing. After a very enjoyable meal, we attacked the skittle alley which was lent to us by Nikki Partner and we even managed to drink quite a few pints from the barrel that was donated by Gary Peters. Everyone commented that they enjoyed the evening and we hope to hold further social events throughout 2008.



Hello it's Toby



Tom has a well deserved Guinness



we even wore Christmas Hats