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Merry Christmas and welcome to Issue 49. You're probably sitting there thinking, 'Hang on wasn't the next issue going to be in January, well due to the band being so busy it has been decided that we should have one this month as well. I'm sure you will find this an exciting read with all that's been going on recently with the band. Please note that band finishes on the week of the 12th December for Christmas and will be back on the week of the 9th.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Josh

Dates for the Diary:

Day	Date	Event	Comments
Saturday	14 th January Evening	Sandhurst Social Club Dinner.	All Members

Please can all band members let us now as soon as possible if you are unable to do this event.

The 'Almost Sober' Jazz Quartet hit the Canterbury Music scene by Storm



As many of you know I (Josh) am currently studying a Music degree at Canterbury Christ Church University in Kent. Well this year my friend Jamie Rogers and I decided we would set up our own Jazz Quartet in September, well once we found our Drummer and Double Bass player the ball was rolling. We now already have about five paid gigs lined up and have been recorded in TV studios and many more are on their way!

Due to the diverse range of jazz which we play (anything from Trad Jazz / Dixie Land to Modern Jazz) we are able to play for many different events, covering everything from conferences, dinner parties, corporate events, weddings, and stage concerts. Who knows where the future may take us.

Our main gig this coming year will probably be at the 'Sounds New Contemporary Music Festival' where we will be playing for a drinks event for all of the sponsors and directors of the festival; these may include the President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, Musicians Benevolent Fund, Arts Council England and the Chamber Music Trust.

We hope to be recording a CD soon so if anyone would like a copy please let me know and I will be able to give you some more information once we have done it.

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Remembrance Sunday:

November the 13th saw a large attendance for the Sandhurst Remembrance Parade in which the Corps of Drums took part. The weather was kind to us this year and the Corps of Drums played very well. Mark received many positive comments from people and also received a nice Thank you letter from the Town Council. The Corps of Drums was very proud of both Saphi Young and William Dalwood who laid our wreath; they both approached their wreath laying duty with extreme professionalism and made us very proud of them. Also on parade was Olivia Doran who was playing in her first parade with us and also members of Training band who all did extremely well. I asked Mark for his view on the parade and he told me “this is now our seventh year doing the Remembrance parade and I can honestly say that in my opinion it was our best to date. I was very impressed with the way the band sounded and had a tear in my eye when Saphi and William laid the wreath. I would like to say a big WELL DONE to everyone who took part”. Some pictures have been posted on our Facebook site, why not take a look...

Andy McBride:

For those band members present on Monday 14th November, I think you will all agree on how good Andy McBride who visited us to demonstrate his Pipe band drumming style was. Andy is going to help our drum section over the coming months by holding a series of drumming workshops. Andy is the lead tipper for the Pride of Murray Pipe band and is a professional percussion tutor. He is an expert in many drumming styles including Pipe band, American rudimental drumming and the Swiss Basal style. Andy also gave a demonstration of Back Sticking which is a drumming style in which you use the back end of the stick to create drumming patterns. We will hold the workshops to cater for both our less experience drummers and also for our more advanced drummers. We hope to hold the first one in February and Mark will confirm the dates as soon as possible. These added to the Medina Marching band workshop scheduled for January should hopefully make a big improvement to what we already do.

Practice:

Mark has asked me to mention a few words on practice. He told me that practice will be a big thing for ALL band members next year “The instructors cannot make the band members practice, what we have to do is try to Motivate the band members to want to practice. If everyone in the band just took 20 minutes a day to practice they would all see a big improvement on what they do.” Mark also said, “if everyone increased their practice time they would not only improve but would enjoy our Monday evening sessions a lot more”. Please can all band members start thinking on how they can build in some practice time in to their daily routines? I would hope some of you may remember what I said to you before I left for university, “Don’t practice till you can get it right, practice it till you can’t get it wrong!”

Recruitment:

The Corps of Drums is going to greatly increase its recruitment program in 2012. Mark will talk to all band members on how they can help to recruit. There will be new recruitment post cards done, visits to local junior schools and planned Open days. All band members can help with these things as and when they come up, if you would like to help to recruit new members please speak to Mark who will help you and supply you with the necessary tools.

Events Diary 2012:

The Corps of Drums has already got 15 events booked for next year. Mark will issue a letter soon with the dates and events and can I ask all band members to try and attend as many events as possible. Although band member numbers are growing we need to ensure that we have the correct mix of both new and experienced players at each event. 2012 will be a very busy year for us as on top of the booked events we will be holding the workshops, additional practice sessions and hopefully our trip to the Isle of Wight to see the Medina band.

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Halloween: October 30th was a very scary night at band. All members made a big effort to dress up for Halloween, there was even a Witch and a Wolfe serving tuck. A competition was held for the best dressed person and the winners were Megan Cave and Richard Lindsay.



Also a special thanks goes to Amy Saunders who made the cupcakes in the picture on the left and made a total of £53 for the band!



‘Band Member of the Year’

Please can all band members remember to hand in your nomination slips for ‘Band Member of the Year’ by the 5th December at the latest if you haven’t already! (more on this in next month’s newsletter)

Facebook

If you haven’t already join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=139419684029>



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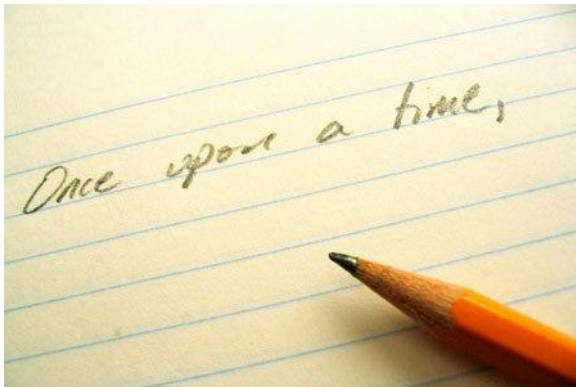
Puzzle Busters

Here are the answers for both the Sudoku and the Crossword from last month's newsletter.

Look out for more Puzzles next month!

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Do you want to write an article for the Newsletter?? If so please submit your article in writing or by email to either Mark (address below) or Josh at jsthorne@ntlworld.com.

The deadline for January's newsletter is 24th December.

If you have any questions about the Newsletters please do not hesitate to speak to Mark or Josh for further information.