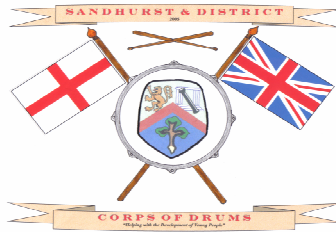


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Welcome to issue 11 of the news letter. What a start to the year we have had already. In the first couple of weeks back after the Christmas break, we have held an intense rehearsal on the first night, successfully performed at the Sandhurst Social Club and started the Drum Diploma course. Our Fund Raising has kicked off with a massive boost (more about that in next month's issue.) So I am already thinking that this year will be a good one for the Corps of Drums and hopefully we can improve on our already successful group. I hope you all enjoy this month's news letter and I think you will find it of interest. **Best regards Mark**

Corps First Full Engagement - Well Received (see photo on page 4)

Saturday 14th January saw the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums undertake their first full band engagement. This was to be a real test for our band members as many of them had never performed in front of an audience before. Many were nervous (mainly the Drum Major – me) but we had to do our best and entertain the Senior Citizens at their annual dinner which was held at the Sandhurst Social Club. We arrived on time and while the band was getting ready, I went in and spoke to the audience to explain who we were and what we are all about. At 8.15 p.m. the doors opened and the band marched in. Once we had checked our dressings we kicked off with a fine rendition of *Farmers Boy* followed by Ode to Joy. This was very well received and we went on to play several other tunes which all went down well. During the tune *Jalalabad*, drummer Jamie Gilliam marched out and with some assistance took his place on the stage to get ready to

perform his drum solo. Jamie showed the audience the Mummy - Daddy role (open to close roll) which is used to develop our drummers roll capability. He then went on to demonstrate a drum beating for the tune *Scotland the Brave*. This was a good example to show the audience as it has many of the rudiments of drumming built in to it. After a great round of applause he re-took his place with the band before they played *Highland Cathedral*. We then woke the audience up with a full frontal attack of *Wipe-Out*. The band then marched off playing to *Auld Lang Syne* and a massive round of applause was heard from all over the club (even from the members in the other bar). After the band left, I returned to the club to be told that the club's Committee had been selling raffle tickets and everyone was more than happy for the proceeds to be given to the Corps. I was asked to go up and collect the money which once counted came to **£163.00** you can imagine the smile I had on my face. So to conclude, I believe that we had a complete success for our first full outing out. **Well done to all band members.**

Going Once, going twice, sold?

Chelsea FC signed shirt – auction information on page 2 of this news letter

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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Saturday 8 th April 2006 (evening)	The Corps of Drums “Thank you Concert”	All members
Sunday 23 rd April 2006	St Georges Day Parade (RMA)	All members
Monday 29 th May 2006	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Saturday 3 rd June 2006	Freemasons Open Day	All members
Saturday 15 th July	RMA Freedom of the Borough	All members
Sunday 16th July	Aldershot Youth Band Contest	All day event
Wednesday 22nd November	Fleet Street Festival	TBC

Please note that the provisional booking for the Fleet Street Festival showed an incorrect date in last months news letter, the correct date is Wednesday 22nd November.

I will also need to arrange for some extra practice sessions for some of these events and will notify you nearer the time. Full details on times etc will also be notified to all members as the event is coming up. It is very important when committing to events that I have a good understanding of which members can attend. Therefore please would all members and their parents check this list and please notify me if you are aware of any event that you will be unable to attend. *Thanks Mark*

Chelsea FC signed football shirt – Pre Auction Offer

Have you ever wanted to own something different? Would you like to own a piece of football history? Well if the answer is yes to these questions then we may have something of interest to you. The Corps has been very fortunate to have been donated by Mr Kirk Scott (Angie’s husband) a triple signed Chelsea football shirt which has three of the greatest Italian football stars to have played. These being **Gianfranco Zola, Gianluca Vialli** and **Roberto Di Matteo**. What we have is a framed **COORS** sponsored Chelsea shirt with these three signed autographs. Our intention is to try to auction it on either e-bay or ChelseaFC.com but would like to offer it to our members first. I believe that it would be dated around the 1997 season which would be the year they won the FA Cup. On initial research we believe that a reserve/starting price would be around £300.00. If any members/supporters to the Corps would like to put an offer in then please contact me a.s.a.p. If this is sold there will be an added bonus to whoever buys it, I will be happy to sign it as well (you never know, it might be worth something in years to come?)



1997 FA Cup winners – Chelsea FC

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Corps Affiliates to Youth Groups

After some research and several telephone conversations, we are now proud to announce that the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums has become an affiliated member to **BACYP – Berkshire Association of Clubs for Young People**. Also through our membership, we automatically also receive affiliation to **NACYP – National Association of Clubs for Young People**. This is good news as our membership will give us if required access to various support programs for not only our band members, but also staff training, support with child protection issues, Management Committee support and many other useful help. Although this is still early days for the Corps, we want to continue to build an organisation which has strong foundations to ensure that it is around for many years to come, and with this latest affiliation we believe we will now have any necessary support that we may require over the coming years to help us achieve this goal.

Corps Honorary member receives award

On Monday 12th December, the Corps held its last practice session before the Christmas break. As many of you will know, we also held our Christmas raffle on this night and as a special part of the evening we invited our **Honorary Member – Yvonne Laceby Stevens** to visit us for the evening to inspect the band members and also to hear them play. For those of you who may not be aware, Yvonne has been a strong supporter to the Corps for a long time now. We wanted to recognise this support and to show our appreciation somehow. Therefore we decided to present to her the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums – Award of Support certificate. I had great pleasure in presenting the award to Yvonne and the speech she gave afterwards was very much appreciated by everyone involved with the Corps. We would all like to say that we are very proud to have her on our side. *Well done Yvonne.*

Presentation of Award of Support – December 12th 2005



February Competition

This month's competition is based around instruments within a Corps of Drums. Simply get all three questions correct and win £5.00 (open to all current band members under the age of 18)

Q: What is another name for the Bell – Lyre?

Q: What are the three types of drums you could find in a Corps of Drums?

Q: How many Paces (when marching) do two x 3 Pace Rolls represent?

All entries to be returned to me by the end of February. First correct answer drawn will win the prize.

New Band Store Coming

For those of you who do not know, we have now taken over the whole of the room where the current band store is located. This is a really good move for us as it will enable us to set up a professional band store. We will be able to put a racking system in to store all the drums and there will be enough space to also use it as a training area on the nights when we need to split up in groups. If any supporters are able to donate or put us in touch with someone who may have some racking they no longer need then please contact me on 07976 540584.

Regards Mark

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Sandhurst Social Club – Senior Citizens Dinner Saturday 14th January 2006



Presentation of the Co-operative Group Award – Fair Trade Evening December 1st 2005



Band member Saphie Young receives the award on behalf of the Corps from representatives of the **Co-operative Group**. Far left in the picture is **Silvia Trevis** who organised the evening.

RACE NIGHT – SATURDAY 4th MARCH

*Hopefully many of you may be aware of our planned Race Night which is to be held at the Sandhurst Social Club on **Saturday 4th March 2006**. If you are interested in coming then please let us know how many will be in your party. This is a free event apart from a small charge of £1.00 but this only applies to Male Non Members of the Social Club. We will use six wooden horses and two large dice which will be used to establish which horse moves and how many spaces. You will also be able to place a £1.00 bet on a horse and odds will be worked out by Angie and her team. I have been to several of these events and they are really good fun. **Please support** this event and come along. It is important to let us know if you are as I have to supply the Social Club with a list of guests.*

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