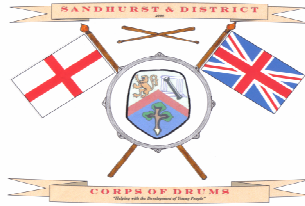


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*Welcome to the February issue of the news letter. It's hard to believe that January has already gone and before we know it, it will be Easter. We had our first event during January which went very well considering we performed after just one rehearsal on the first Monday back after Christmas. Also during January we started both the basic Drumming course and the Bell Lyre school and made presentations from the Bugle school, more on these later. We have to know start planning our routines and practice in preparation for the new season which I think will be very busy for us. I hope you enjoy the news letter. Best regards Mark.*

## **Sandhurst Social Club – Senior Citizens Dinner**

The Corps of Drums first event in 2007 was the Sandhurst Social Club's Senior Citizens Dinner held on Saturday 13 January. The Social club holds this annual event which includes dinner, bingo and disco for the senior citizens and is normally a really big success. This year there were over 60 people in attendance and we were really pleased to be asked back again this year to perform for them. The band members were excited to show them how they have progressed since last year and also to show them our new uniforms. We also used this event to introduce our bugle section and we played an introductory bugle fanfare, Top of the Form and Jalalabad which all sounded really good. Also the drum section played for the first time in public a new drum static which was written by our drum tutor Alan Lemon and call Saunders (after me I think?) All of this along with several tunes went down extremely well with the audience. I would like to make a special mention of our two junior band members shown in the photo below, they are Megan Cave and Damon (Damondo) Pither who are working really hard and are now taking an active role in band events, well done.



Sandhurst Social Club –Senior Citizens Dinner 2007

The Corps of Drums ready to play with Megan Cave (left) and Damon Pither to my right

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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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> or 29 <sup>th</sup> April	St George's Day Parade RMA	All members
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sandhurst Donkey Derby</b>	<b>All members</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Frimley Green Carnival</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Sandhurst Remembrance Service	All members

I am already discussing other events that will take part in June and July and I will advise you of these as soon as I have them confirmed.

**Please note: we may require some help with transport for band members at some of the above events. If you would be happy to help us then please let Rose, Lorraine, Linda or Angie know so we can make a list in case we do need help.**

## **Bugle School Awards**

As you are aware, we run a bugle school last year which was held over a twelve week period. Out of the members who started the school, we only had two who had any basic bugle experience so our bugle instructor Toby Garde had his work cut out. Although there were times during the school when I thought we would not achieve our aims I have to say that everything changed in lesson five when Toby asked the participants to have a go at playing Top of the Form. I have to say that what we stood back and listened to what was quite amazing. Obviously not every note was perfect and some buglers could not hit all the notes; however the overall sound was very good. I carried out the main test with Toby's help on 16 December and finished off the remaining few on the 15<sup>th</sup> January in preparation for the awards to be given out on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The test involved five different test papers which were, *Bugle History & the Instrument, Bugle Care & Maintenance, Bugle Drill, Playing the Bugle & Basic Music Theory and Playing the Bugle & Reading Music*

I am pleased to announce the following people who have passed.

### **Bugle badge and Certificate awards (five papers)**

Josh Thorne  
Kevin Garde  
Gareth Pither  
Jamie Gilliam

### **Bugle Certificate awards (three papers)**

Nick Bowring	Mitchell Pither
Samual Bugden	Josh Powell
Saphie Young	Lyndsey Clark
Aaron Peters	Scott Strzadala
Lewis Trower	Kieran Knott

I am really pleased with the outcome of this course. However I would like to remind all buglers that they can not stop now, they must continue with their practice and keep their bugles clean. Well done to all participants.

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## **Instructor Bugle award**

As you are aware our recent bugle school was run by our bugle tutor Toby Garde who has over the last few months put a lot of work in with helping any one who has shown an interest in playing the bugle. I would like to personally thank Toby for his contribution and as a way of showing our appreciation for his help we have promoted him to Bugle Sergeant. Although we have to date not used a rank system within the Corps of Drums we now feel that it would be a good way to show recognition to those members who have worked hard and have achieved a higher than expected standard. For those members that will receive a rank it will also help develop them as junior instructors which will help us in raising the standard of other members in the band. I will over the next few weeks be putting much thought in to who are likely candidates for these new roles. I hope to announce their names in the next news letter.



*Toby Garde giving a demonstration at the Corps Bugle School*

## **Twins Doing Well**

*As mentioned in last month's new letter, I became a grand father over Christmas to identical twins girls, Ellie and Lily. I am pleased to tell you that they are both doing well. They were moved from the UCH London a few weeks ago and after a short stay in St Peters hospital in Chertsey they are now back at our local hospital which is Frimley Park. I have already mentioned to them that I need further bell lyre players and I received a positive reaction from them (a nappy change) which I have taken as a yes. Although we have a way to go yet I think that they will be home soon. Well done Ellie and Lily.*

## **Basic Drumming & Bell Lyre School underway.**

During January we started our Basic drumming course along with our Bell Lyre school. The basic drumming course is designed for our members who want to learn the basic rudiments of drumming. This course will also put them in a good position should they wish to enrol for the intermediate course which starts in March. The Bell Lyre School is slightly different. The participants will learn about their instrument and how to look after it but mainly will be working on new tunes which we hope to incorporate in to the bands repertoire. The initial reaction to the two courses has been very good and our drum tutor Alan Lemon has been really pleased with the results achieved in the first drumming lesson. Keep up the good work and remember, "practice makes perfect".

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## **Does anyone know a good Graphic designer?**

I would like to ask our readers if any one knows of a good Graphic designer who may donate their time to produce a copy of our emblem. Although we have had our bass drums painted by Keith Nichols I really need to get a good quality hard copy on paper. Once I have this we can use it for all sorts of things. As an example we would like to get some t-shirts with the Corps crest on them which we could hopefully sell to help with band funds. The company I have spoken to about this require a good quality copy to enable them to set their printing and embroidery machines up with. So if you think you can help us please let me know at band practice or contact me on 07976 540584.

### **February competition**

*This month's competition is a couple of questions. Not much I hear you say but they may not be as easy as you think?*

*All you need to do is answer them and return your answers to me by Wednesday 28 February to be entered in to the draw. The first correct answer to be drawn out of the hat will win £10.00*

**Q1: How do you get a Giraffe in a fridge?**

**Q2: How do you get an Elephant in a fridge?**

Go on, have a go.

### **Photo Board –Past Events**



***Members of the Corps of Drums at the Local Network Fund Awards ceremony, November 2006***



***Aaron Peters, Greg Watson and Saphie Young at the Aldershot Scouts demonstration, December 2006***

### ***2008 Calendar, would you be interested?***

As a possible idea, it has been suggested to me that it would nice to have a Corps calendar. Obviously this would be available from say October this year but I think it would be a good way to help band funds and would also make a nice Christmas present. I would like to find out from our readers if they agree? Please let me know if you think it would be a good idea to get one done and may be we could organise something?

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