

# SANDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS

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Hello! and welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Newsletter series, The Band has been very busy since January as you will soon realise. Band member numbers have been increasing and the amount of workshops that have taken place for members, whether that be from instructors or visiting bands such as the Medina Marching Band has also been increasing! It also looks as though it is going to be busy summer with the events diary filling up FAST! As Mark always says the band is going from strength to strength every week, so the sky's the limit let's not stop here!

- Josh

### Dates for the Diary:

Please find below the **THIRD ISSUE** of our current events diary for 2012. Please note that the ones in **BLUE** have either been added or changed and confirmed. Please ensure that you destroy the previous issue and work form this one. I will issues further changes as we move forward.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS	EVENT STATUS
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Drum Workshop-Andy McBride	Drum section ONLY	Confirmed
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Drum Workshop-Andy McBride - TBC	Drum section ONLY	TBC
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Drum Workshop-Andy McBride - TBC	Drum section ONLY	TBC
Sunday	1st April (TBC)	St Georges Day Parade – RMA Sandhurst	All members	TBC
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	Medina Band Isle of Wight trip and workshop	All members	Confirmed
Saturday (evening)	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal British Legion Farnborough Open day (Evening)	Selected band members	Confirmed
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members	Confirmed
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Ball Sandhurst	All members	Confirmed
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	RMA Heritage Day	All members	Confirmed
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sandhurst Freedom of the Borough March and Fun Day	All members	Confirmed
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Crowthorne Carnival	All members	Confirmed
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup> July (TBC)	Frimley Green Carnival	All members	TBC
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> August (TBC)	Mychett Fun Day	All members	TBC
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> September	Private Wedding	Selected members	Confirmed
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Sandhurst Remembrance Parade	All members	Confirmed

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

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

The Corps of Drums started 2012 with their first event which was the Senior Citizens dinner held at the Sandhurst Social club. Although we needed to cut the number of band members down for the event this year we still had 20 players on the night. The audience was very impressed yet again with our music and Mark received many positive comments from them. The Social club donated £120.00 to us and we also received a personal donation of £30.00 from one of the guest on the night, so £150.00 for an evening's work was a great start to 2012.

### **Andy McBride Drum Workshop**

As all drummers are aware, we also have the Andy McBride drum workshop booked for **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. This will be a very different workshop to the one run by the Medina band as it will be split in to two parts. The morning session will be for the new and less experienced drummers while the afternoon session will be for those drummers who have more experience. The workshop will be based on technique and rudiments and we are sure that everyone will benefit from the day. Please can all drummers make the effort to attend this workshop as we have a real opportunity to learn from a first class Pipe band drummer.

### **Bell-lyre section, the biggest yet...**

The Bell-lyre section is now the biggest the Corps of Drums has ever had. We now have nine players and still have a possible two new Bell-lyre players looking to join the section. Mark is really pleased by this as we have in the past had to rely mainly on Amy, Greg and Saphi. However, as the Bell-lyre section continues to improve it will mean that we will still be able to attend many events even if our key players cannot make them. Mark would like to thank all Bell-lyre players for their hard work and commitment to making our band better. Well done

### **Practice, Practice, Practice**

How can we make our Corps of Drums better? Well the main thing that everyone can do is try to practice more. We have and will continue to get first class tuition for all areas of the band and we MUST ensure that we continue to practice what we have been shown. We have a real opportunity this year to make a massive leap forward with our standard but it will only happen if all band members buy in to what Mark is trying to achieve. For those drummers who attended the Medina workshop I think you will agree that their drummers have a really close relationship with each other and they really work as a team. Why is this you may ask, well it's because they all want the same result and they are all working towards the same goal and that is to continually IMPROVE.

Let's make 2012 the year where the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums jumped forward in their overall performance standard.

### **New Members**

As you will know, since returning after the Christmas break, we have had seven new members join us. This is six in the Corps of Drums and one new member in training band. This is fantastic as we need to continually look for new members. However, this means that we must all make the effort to help them, encourage them and make them all feel welcome. We hope to recruit further members this year and I know that Mark's goal is to have 50 band members by the end of 2012. Everyone can help with this by talking to their friends to see if they have an interest in joining and also with some of the other recruitment ideas that Mark has. There may even be a Recruitment Incentive scheme later on in the year for current members. Watch this space.

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## Medina Marching band Drum Static workshop

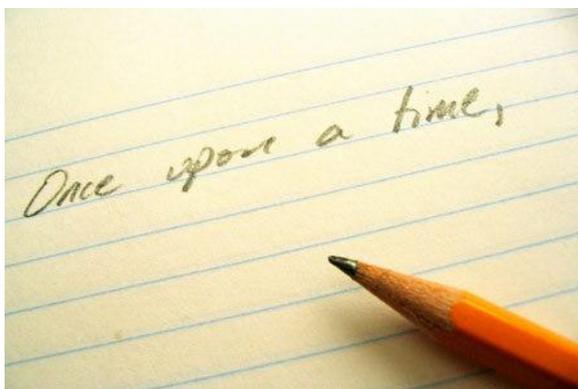
We held our first drum static workshop on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January in association with the Medina Marching band from the Isle of Wight. Ten drummers from the Medina band came over to show us a new drum static which we hope to use later on in the year. In total we had 22 drummers in the hall all working to achieve the same goal. Mark was very pleased with our drummers who really worked hard on the day and Kevin Hayward who runs the Medina band was also very impressed with our attitude and effort on the day. When we watched the Medina drummers demonstrate the drum static we felt that it may be too complex for us to learn, however with the way they showed us and how they broke the display down to understandable levels made it achievable for us. This will be the start for what we hope will be an on-going development program for our Corps of Drums and as you are aware we have a visit to the Medina band booked for April 15<sup>th</sup> where all band members will get an opportunity to play with a full marching band. Well done to all the drummers who attended especially our younger drummers who really tried their best. We now need to practice what we have been shown until we can get it to a first class standard.



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The deadline for January's newsletter is 24<sup>th</sup> March.

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