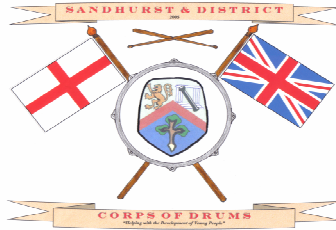


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Welcome and a Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you all had a really good Christmas. I hope 2006 is a good for the Corps of Drums as I hope and expect it to be? Although we have only just started back after the Christmas break we already have to turn our attention to the Sandhurst Social Club's Old Folks Dinner on Saturday 14th January. This will be the first outing for many of our band members and I think they will all enjoy it. Once this event is out of the way we then have to start increasing our play list and continue our marching practice in preparation for the Corps of Drums "Thank you" concert in April. Although it seems a long way away, it will creep up on us very quickly so we need to fully focus and work hard over the coming months. So I hope that everyone who is connected with the Corps of Drums finds 2006 a very successful year.
Best regards Mark.

SPONSORED WALK-MOST MONEY RAISED

I mentioned in last month's news letter that we hoped to have raised in excess of £1500.00 for the 4 Plus 1 sponsored walk, well I am pleased to inform you that the total ended up at £1721.50 which is a brilliant result for us. The Mayor of Sandhurst, Cllr Elizabeth North who joined us on the sponsored walk will forward the money she raised from the Mayors charity fund, which we will receive later on in the year. I also would like to inform you that Nick Bowring raised the most money as a member, a total of £265.00 and was awarded with a Corps t-shirt and a pair of Potters white drum sticks as a prize. I would like to thank everyone who raised money for the sponsored walk and I will be buying the uniform trousers shortly along with further instruments that we need. *Well done everyone*

Drum Diploma

I have received a good response for the Drum Diploma course which commences later this month. The confirmed dates are as follows. All lessons start at 2 p.m. and finish at 4 p.m.

- Lesson one – Saturday 21st January*
- Lesson Two- Saturday 4th February*
- Lesson Three- Saturday 18th February*
- Lesson Four- Saturday 4th March*

All members who have enrolled for the course should come with their drum sticks and be ready to work hard. Don't worry if you can not make the course this time, we hope to arrange a second course later in the year.

Instructional Tape.

Some of our members have asked if it is possible to put on tape some of the tunes we play to help them when practicing at home. This is something that I have wanted to do for some time and therefore I am currently organising some recording equipment to enable us to produce a tape. It may be easier to put what is recorded on to a CD as most of you may have CD players? This will take a little time to get together so please bear with me. I hope to have at least the side drum and bell lyre playing on the tape and I hope to cover every tune we currently play.

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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS

Following on from last months news letter, please see below an up-dated Corps of Drums Diary of events. This has been up-dated this month to reflect the Corps of Drums “Thank you Concert” and two further events.

Date:	Event:	Comments:
Saturday 14 th January 2006 (evening)	SSC Old Folks Dinner	All members
Saturday 8th April 2006 (evening)	The Corps of Drums “Thank you Concert”	All members
Sunday 23 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 23rd November	Fleet Street Festival	TBC

Please note the two newly added events highlighted in bold at the bottom. 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 member 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

DECEMBER Competition Winner

Thank you to those of you who entered the December competition. The answers are as follows (also in order of parade)

Grenadier Guards, Scots Guards, Irish Guards, Welsh Guards and Coldstream Guards.

And the winner who will receive a £5.00 prize is Mitchell Speechley who had the first correct answer drawn from the hat. We also received the correct answers from Ken Blanchard who was the person who donated the drums from the Metropolitan Police, unfortunately Ken is over 18 years of age so does not qualify for a prize, however I would be more than happy to buy him a drink when we meet.

As this month is a cut down news letter there is no competition for January, however there will be another one next month.

FIRST CORPS SOCIAL EVENT BOOKED

As mentioned in previous news letters, we really want to get some social events arranged not only for members but for parents and supporters as well. I am pleased to announce that our first social event is booked for Saturday 4th March and will be held at the Sandhurst Social Club. We hope to have a **Race night**. This will be great fun for anyone who wants to come along. Basically there are six wooden horses on a race track and you throw very large dice to decide which horse moves and how many spaces. You will be able to place a small bet which adds to the excitement. I will advise full details in the February news letter. I hope you will be able to come along to it.

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