

# Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



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## News Letter

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Happy New Year and welcome to the first news letter of 2008. I hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the break, I know I did. Well, 2008 starts with our first event on Saturday 12 January at the Sandhurst Social Club. This is always a good event but we never have much time to prepare for it, so straight in at the deep end again? 2008 promises to be very busy for us. I have put together an initial events diary which is the best information I have currently. I will update this as I receive more information but can all members and parents please take time to look at it as some of them can only work if I have enough members to attend the events. Please note that the Newbury Show event will be on both the Saturday and Sunday, I appreciate this is a big commitment for everyone but we will get a good donation for taking part. I hope that the Corps of Drums continues to grow throughout 2008 and hope that we can raise our game and become even better than we are now. Best regards Mark

### UPLANDS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

As you know, we attended the Uplands School Christmas Fayre during December. Uplands School is the first place that the Corps of Drums played at when we were setting the band up, so it was nice to be invited back to play for them. However it was a bit of a challenge as we had to meet at 5.30 p.m. on a Friday evening which was a challenge for the parents who had to get the band members there. Still, through heavy Friday night traffic we all arrived more or less on time and were ready to play by 6 p.m. We started with a short march to lead Father Christmas in to the school hall and then quickly moved to our position on the stage. The hall was packed and there were quite a few surprised faces when we started to play, mainly because they did not realise how loud we were going to be. After several tunes we wished everyone a Merry Christmas and played out with that old Christmas classic, Jingle Bells. The school e-mailed me to thank us for helping them and on the night they raised £2,800 which made it their most successful Christmas Fayre ever. Well done everyone who attended.



The Corps of Drums getting ready to play



The Cymbal section at work

**NEW UNIFORMS NOW ON ORDER - EXPECTED DELIVERY IS 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**Please Remember- Our first event is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
The Sandhurst Social Club's – Senior Citizens Dinner**

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## **CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS 2008**

Please see below for the events that are currently booked in 2008. 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.

<u><b>Date:</b></u>	<u><b>Event:</b></u>	<u><b>Comments:</b></u>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	First Practice evening of 2008	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	Sandhurst Social Club Senior Citizens Dinner	All members
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	East Hants Caravan Club	All members
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April or Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	St George's Day Parade RMA	All members
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June or Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	RMA Heritage Day	All members
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	College Town School Summer Fayre	All members
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Ash Fun Day	All members
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Aldershot Youth Band Contest TBC	All members
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Frimley Green Carnival	All members
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Mychett Fun Day	All members
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September And Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Royal Berkshire Show	All members
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday Parade	All members

**Please note: I am awaiting confirmation of a couple of events and also lease note that the Royal Berkshire Show is both the Saturday and Sunday, I am hoping we can arrange transport for the band on this event?**

### **SAD LOSS FOR THE CORPS OF DRUMS**

I am sorry to advise that our Honorary Member, Yvonne Laceby Stevens passed away on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Yvonne was a very strong supporter to the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums and always showed a great interest in the band and its members. Yvonne herself played Cymbals in a military band many years ago and was really pleased that we started the Corps of Drums. She felt it was a great way to give children and young people something different to focus on and always looked forward to reading the news letter to see what we were up to. I will miss her very much as she always had many words of encouragement for me. I announced this news to all the band members during December and they were very shocked to hear this news. I would like to pass on our thoughts to all of Yvonne's family and friends and would like to say that we will all miss her very much.



Yvonne receiving her Award of Support