

Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"

"Helping with the Development of Young People"

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Welcome to the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" July news letter. I hope you have found previous ones of interest. As with the earlier editions, there is a lot to tell you this month as the momentum continues to grow week by week. June was a busy month for us, we held our Public Information and Official Launch evening, took part in our first school fete and have received financial support, all of these will be covered later in this news letter. Again I would like to thank all supporters of the Corps of Drums. I am still astounded by how much support there is for our new group, I am sure that people can see the overall benefits this activity can offer children and young people and therefore want to associate themselves with a potentially successful project. I strongly believe that we will add something to the community which can only benefit everyone locally as time goes on. Happy reading and best regards, Mark..

THURSDAY 30th JUNE – WHAT A WAY TO START

Thursday 30th June saw the official launch of the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums". We arrived early to get the Community hall ready and waited for our guests to arrive. By 7.20 p.m. we had about 10 people which made us begin to worry but by 7.30 p.m. the hall was packed and we knew then that this was going to be a good night for us. After the initial welcome and introduction to our audience, an overview on the history of the use of the drum in the British Army was followed by full details of what the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" were all about? This was received well but we felt that some of the audience were still a little unclear on certain things we had covered. Any uncertainty was put to bed once the Medina Youth Marching Band marched in to the hall to give their display. Starting with "World in Union" which received a great response from the audience they went on to perform a Drum Static display which was amazing. They played several further tunes before marching off. A question and answer session followed which gave the audience an opportunity to clarify any points they had. After the summary of points discussed during the evening, the audience were invited for refreshments and potential members were given the opportunity to enrol. We were totally staggered by the queue that formed at the enrolment desk. After final analysis we are happy to advise that we now have a membership of 22 members and 3 potential members. This figure far exceeds what we were expecting. So this was the best launch we could have wished for.

Medina Marching Band – Thank You.

On behalf of the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" I would personally like to thank Kevin Hayward and the Medina Marching Band for the support they have given to us so far. To think that they gave their time to come all the way from the Isle of Wight to support our launch and then travel back the same night is brilliant. I along with my Management and Staff team really hope that we can return the favour at some time.
THANK YOU.

And the Winner is?

The winner of our June Competition was Paul Jones from Owsmoor. Well done Paul, you will receive your £5.00 prize shortly. Paul suggested that we do a Word Search on items used in a Corps of Drums. Look out for this in this news letter.

Sponsorship Growing from Local Companies & Individuals

During June the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" has received several donations from local companies. The month started with a massive £1000.00 from SC Johnson (Johnsons Wax) of Frimley who gave the money for new instruments we had asked them for. This was followed by Kings of Sandhurst who agreed to cover the cost of a new Bell-Lyre and has also offered us some Penny Whistles which we hopefully will be able to utilise. On top of this we have been kindly donated a Gazebo from Vulcan Motors which is just what we need for when we are recruiting and promoting the Corps at fetes etc.

We have also received private donations from several people as well. Further details on these will be advised in the near future. So to all the companies and private individuals who have supported us, we would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** for all your help.

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Aldershot Youth Band Contest

For any of you that managed to go to the Aldershot Youth Band Contest on Sunday 3rd July, I think you will agree that it was a very enjoyable day. This was an ideal opportunity to see many youth bands in one go and to see the standards and hard work that they all put in to it. The categories were Novice, Contest, Championship and National. All bands that took part done really well and next year will be interesting as the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" will be there for the first time. By the way, the Medina Marching band won all cups in the National class as they put on an excellent display. Not only was the musical performance they gave outstanding but their overall drill and presentation was excellent as well, certainly a standard we should try to achieve. Well done Medina.

July Competition – Word Search

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C	P	O	O	A	L	F	Q	E	Y	L	A	J	H	R
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Words to find are Drum Sticks, Music, Cymbals, Bass Drum, Side Drum, Mace, Marching Band, Carriage, Roll, Drum Major, Bugle, Flute

In the above Word Search, there are 12 things you may find to do with a Corps of Drums. The first correct entry received back to me will win £5.00. All entries to be returned to me by the end of July and the winner will be announced in the August news letter. Happy hunting

The Corps has an Honorary Member.

I would like to introduce you to the Corps first Honorary Member. Yvonne Laceby Stevens has been a supporter for some time now and has made several generous donations to help the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums". We feel that by making her an Honorary Member is the least we can do to thank her. Yvonne was present at our Official Launch evening and enjoyed it very much. We will ask Yvonne to attend some of our weekly practice sessions so all new members will get a chance to meet and talk to her. Yvonne played in a band during the Second World War and has many interesting stories to tell you. So welcome to the Corps Yvonne.

New Instruments on their way

With the donations received during June, we have been able to place orders for some new instruments. We now have several Bell-Lyres on order which is an area we were slightly weak in. Most instruments that we will need to order are normally on a 4-8 week delivery so fingers crossed that they are with us in time for our start date of Monday 8th August.

MUCH MORE NEWS TO TELL YOU NEXT MONTH SO START LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AUGUST EDITION OF THE SANDHURST & DISTRICT "CORPS OF DRUMS" NEWS LETTER

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