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Welcome to issue 16 of the news letter. Well the busy period is here for the Corps of Drums. Although we had several events during June, July will be a real test for us as we have a very heavy month ahead of us. We have three Carnivals (two on the same day which will be a challenge?) then later in the month we have the Sandhurst Freedom of the Borough day and the Aldershot band contest the following day, an even bigger challenge. However, I am happy that the band seems to have adopted a good and positive attitude to the work load ahead. During June we saw activity with further grant applications (more on this next month) and our first AGM. Thank you to all the parents who supported the AGM. Hopefully for those present, you found the section on what we will be doing over the next twelve months of interest. I think we have a very exciting time ahead of us and more to the point a very enjoyable one? Best regards Mark.

## Freemasons Open Day.

June started off with the Freemasons Open Day, held at the Berkshire Masonic HQ on 3rd June. You may remember that the Freemason's of Berkshire made a donation to us last year which helped with the cost of bugles and as a thank you we agreed to play for them at their annual open day. We arrived in plenty of time to get ready and formed up ready for a short march to where we would play. For those of you who can remember, June 3rd was an extremely hot day which in normal circumstances is great but it can be very uncomfortable for a marching band? However we stepped off and marched, came to a halt and went through our routine. After we had finished we then marched across to the residential care home which is on site to play for the elderly residents who were sat outside. Just prior to commencing our second performance, Michael Hooton kindly made a further presentation to us. This put an immediate smile on my face as he proudly presented us with a cheque for £500.00 (see photos) Afterwards we enjoyed a well deserved cold drink before leaving. A really good job, well done the band.



Michael Hooton and myself along with drummers (left to right) Mitchell Pither, Tommy Hill, Sam Collings and Kevin Garde



The big bass drums and the melodic section go to work



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## CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF REMAINING EVENTS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (morning)	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (afternoon)	Fleet Carnival	All members
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (afternoon)	Frimley Green Carnival	All members
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (mid day onwards)	RMA Freedom of the Borough	All members
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July (all day)	Aldershot Youth Band Contest	All day event
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Whitebourne Care Home	TBC
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	TBC
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Fleet Street Festival	TBC

### IMPORTANT NOTES

**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-September Start Date Looking Good.*

I mentioned last month that we were hoping to start both a bugle and bell lyre school later this year. As advised at the recent AGM, I am pleased to tell you that this will happen and we hope to commence the bugle school starting in September 2006. I would like all interested members to let me know as soon as possible if they would be interested in attending either of these courses. The final format and content is still being worked on but I can say that all members who attend and complete the course will receive suitable recognition for their effort. Please note, it is our intention to teach basic music theory on the bugle course and it will involve participating members learning note reading. Therefore please only apply if you are happy to learn this and prepared to work hard. I hope to have final details with both dates and times when these courses will commence after the summer shutdown.

### HM Royal Marines – Beating Retreat Trip

After many weeks of waiting, we went on our first trip on June 15<sup>th</sup> to Horse Guards Parade in London to watch the Beating Retreat Ceremony performed by HM Royal Marines. This was in honour of Prince Phillip's birthday. A total of 50 people came on the trip and were rewarded by a Royal wave as the Queen drove past us as we waited for the evening to commence. I think for those who attended, you will agree that the Royal Marines know how to put on a professional show. The 42 drummers on parade showed a level of expertise which I do not think could be matched by anybody else in the world. It was truly amazing. It was interesting that several of our band members commented on the bass drum, tenor drums and cymbal section. We have said in the past how important these instruments are, not only in keeping good time but they can really add to the overall visual impact of a band. This is something we can easily add to our band, any volunteers for Tenor drums?

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## LOG ON TO OUR NEW WEBSITE

I mentioned in last month's news letter that Paul Cave (band member's parent) was working on a new website for us. I am pleased to tell you that this is now up and running. The address is [www.sandhurstdrums.co.uk](http://www.sandhurstdrums.co.uk)

Paul is continuing to enhance the web site and this will be an ongoing process, but he has got a lot of information already on it. There are sections for news, photos, events and links. Why not have a look and show your friends, I think you will be pleased with it.

### *A note to Yvonne*

Although band members are aware, other supporters may not be, but our honorary member Yvonne Lacey Stevens is unfortunately currently in hospital recovering from a recent fall. Yvonne has written to me several times and we have visited her so I will keep you updated on her progress. She has passed on her best wishes to all the band and we wish her a speedy recovery. I mentioned at a recent band practice that if any band members would like to visit her then I would be happy to take them. Please let me know and we will arrange a suitable time. Please note that if would only be possible to take a couple at a time.

### *Mayor of Sandhurst makes Presentation of Drum Majors Staff*

As you know, we have been very fortunate since the beginning of the Corps of Drums to have the support of the Mayor of Sandhurst, Cllr Elizabeth North. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, she visited us to carry out the formal presentation of our new Drum Majors Staff (Mace). The Mayor kindly made a donation to us to cover not only the actual cost of the staff but also the inscription which we have had put on it. I commented on the night that we now have something that will be a constant reminder to us of the support she has given us and also something that will become historical over the years. From everyone in the band, *thank you*.



*Mayor of Sandhurst Cllr Elizabeth North presents the new Staff(Mace) to Mark Saunders*

### *White Drums Sticks-Now Available*

**For those of you who have been waiting sometime to buy a pair of the ShawX KP2 White Drum Sticks, we have finally received them. They are on sale on any band practice evening. Price is £9.00 per pair. These are excellent stick's, they are well balanced and also look really good.**

### *Thank You Concert DVD – Still Available*

We still have a few Thank You Concert DVD's available. Price is 14.99 each. If we sell out, don't worry as we can get more copies. Also do not forget we have the two Medina Marching Band DVD's available to us also at £14.99 each. Any of these would make a really nice Birthday or Christmas present.

### *Holiday Season Underway*

With the holiday season fast approaching, I would like to remind you that the Corps of Drums will have a two week shutdown. Please note that our last band practice before the shutdown will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. We will miss the next two weeks and resume on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**.

I would like to wish all band members and supporters a nice holiday .

### *Remember- Preparation is 90% of Success*

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## JULY COMPETITION – WORD SEARCH

After the big response to the June competition, I have decided to do a word search for the July competition. You need to find the eight event names that we have already done this year or will have done by the end of this month.

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The first correct entry drawn from a hat will win a prize. All entries must be received by the end of July. You can e-mail you answers to me at [sparkysaunders@supanet.com](mailto:sparkysaunders@supanet.com)

**Good Luck**



*Toby Garde at the Freemasons Open Day – Saturday 3rd June 2006*

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