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Welcome to issue 28 of the Corps of Drums news letter. As you know our June events were messed up slightly by bad weather which resulted in the Sandhurst Donkey Derby being postponed yet again and the new date is now August (see events diary) However, we did attend the RMA Heritage Day which was an complete success, more on that later. During July we enter the carnival season with various events booked for the band. Once these are over then we start to have a slightly quieter period where we can start to work on new things and continue to make further plans for our development. We have also had a very good month with donations to the Corps of Drums as we have received donations from the Crowthorne & Sandhurst Rotary Club and the Crowthorne Trust which will be a really big help with our new uniform fund. I hope you enjoy this edition of the news letter (although a little late this month) Best regards Mark

RMA Heritage day – Sunday 17th June 2007

Sunday 17 June saw the Corps of Drums biggest event this year. With over 6000 people in attendance on the day it was our biggest audience to date. It also marked another milestone for the band with our new Drum Major, Josh Thorne leading the Corps of Drums for the first time. We felt very honoured to be invited to play at this event as normally outside organisations are not normally present. The Heritage day is intended to give people an insight in to the history and also current activities of the Royal Military Academy. Therefore we felt we had to perform to the highest standard we could. We held an additional practice session at Eagle House School on the day before to really practice our marching. Like most practice sessions, things did not go well? We worked hard to get everything ready but I came away thinking (and praying) that we could get it right on the big day. For those of you who did manage to attend the Heritage day I think you will agree that we did.



Drum Major Josh Thorne leads the Corps of Drums for the first time

We assembled on the playing field and marched round to the starting point. This was a bit of a task in it's self as we had to negotiate getting round and past many people. However we managed it and when given the signal we started our performance. Bugle Fanfare and Drummers Call were played and then Drum Major Thorne stepped the band off. I positioned myself at the rear of the band and I have to say that the feeling of seeing the band from a different position made me fully appreciate how good they looked and sounded.

The picture on the right shows the Corps of Drum coming out of a counter march. They then halted to play our static performance in front of a very large audience who really responded well to the band. We played in total for just under half an hour which may not sound long but considering our repertoire is still limited it was a long time. Also as soon as we halted the sun came out and it was very hot. At the end of our performance we received a massive round of applause and then we marched of to Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines.



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When I returned home, I e-mailed W02 Mark Wilson who is the RMA Band Master to thank him for inviting us to play and say that I hoped he was happy with our performance. The following day I received his reply which said “*at our meeting on Monday morning it was agreed that the whole day was a resounding success as was the performance by the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums. So much so that the RMA have asked for your details to be held in their Engagement folder as it was suggested that you be invited to participate in next years event*” I believe we could not have hoped for a better response. Well done to every band member.



The Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums – RMA Heritage Day Sunday 17 June 2007

CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS 2007

Please see below for the events that are currently booked in 2007. 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.

Date:	Event:	Comments:
Saturday 7 th July	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
Sunday 8 th July	Frimley Green Carnival	All members
Saturday 21 st July	Ash Community Fun Day	All members
Wednesday 1 st August	Scout Event	Only 5 members
Sunday 26th August	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Tuesday 11th September	Sandhurst Scout Demonstration	TBC
Friday 14 th September	College Town School 100 th year Celebration	All members
Sunday 11 th November	Sandhurst Remembrance Service	All members.

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