

# SANDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS

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## News Letter

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Welcome to issue 40 of the news letter. We have had a really busy few weeks but I am pleased to say that all events we have taken part in have gone really well. Not only have we raised some funds, raised our profile, we have also gained 6 new members over the past 4 weeks. July will also be busy for us but at least we will have completed the main events dairy by the end of July. Although from August it will be a bit quieter, we must start to practice new things to make our performances even better. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all band members and their parents for help at the recent events. Best regards Mark.

### RMA Heritage Day 2008

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2008 saw the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums performing at the RMA Heritage Day. This was the second year that the Corps of Drums had been asked to play at this event. This is quite an honour as normally the RMA do not allow other groups to take part as this is their day to show off what the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst is all about. We played two performances with the first being at 1.15 p.m. and we were all surprised at the size of the audience. The organisers of the event were expecting up to eight thousand visitors on the day but they actually had just over fifteen thousand turn up. As per last year, it was very hot but I was really proud of the bands performances. I am sure we will be asked back again at next year's Heritage day?



Drum Major Josh Thorne ready to step the band off.



The band marching during performance one

### New Bugle School Dates Confirmed

For those band members who wish to enrol for the new bugle school, I am pleased to advise you of the following dates in which the bugle school will take place. These will all be held 2-4 p.m.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Obviously we have a few buglers already but I feel they could also benefit by using the school as a refresher course? Please note that the success of any participant will be based on how much they **practice** in between lessons. All participants must understand that they will have to **practice**. Please let me have your name if you are interested?

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# Guns & Drums 2008

After a couple of year's break, Guns & Drums returned this year and proved it is still a very popular event. Organised by the Friends of the Aldershot Military Museum, it is a mix of historical and modern military displays and it was great to be asked if the Corps of Drums would take part. Although we have had a few hot days this year, I have to say that this was the hottest day that we have performed this year, it was really hot. However the band done extremely well and I have had some really positive feed back regarding our performance. I am sure that we will become a regular feature of this event. Well done to all band members that took part.



Band marching down to start point



The band playing on the march

## REMAINING EVENTS DIARY - 2008

Day	Date	Event	Time of Day/Venue	Comments
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Mytchett Fun Day	Most of Day	All members
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Private Wedding Farnham	Afternoon	Selected members
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Parade	Morning Sandhurst	All members

## CORPS OF DRUMS – 2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY

As you would have seen from my recent letters, this year we thought we would do a trip to see the Band and Corps of Drums of Her Majesty's Royal Marines who are performing at the Hexagon Reading on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. As stated in my letter, we will subsidise this event which means that any band member can come along for just £5.00. We will also open this up to band member's families but obviously they would have to pay full ticket price which is £12.50 (after concessions). For those of you who have not seen the Royal Marines band I can only say that you will really enjoy seeing them and band members will be blown away by their Corps of Drums. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come to this event.

## **SANDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS AGM**

**Will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

*We have decided to hold this year's AGM on a Monday evening as I would like all band members and their parents to attend. As you would normally reserve a Monday evening for band then I would hope to see most of you there? Please support the AGM and please make a note in your dairies now.*