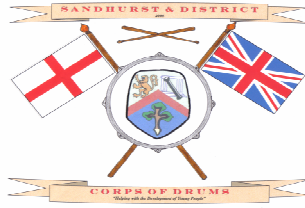


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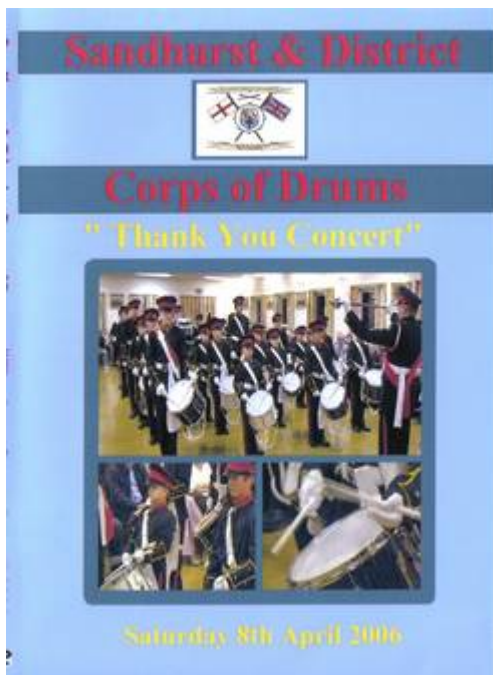


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Welcome to the June issue of the news letter. As we start to hit our busy period, we continue to progress in preparation for a very busy June and July. Starting in June, our first event is the Freemasons of Berkshire Open Day on 3rd June. Following on we have various demonstrations during June all of which will be good practice for the carnivals and band contest which are in July. Since the Thank You Concert, we have added 6 new members to our books which now allow us to field (with instructors) a band of 34, which is a very good number. Also during June we have our first band outing which is the trip to Horse Guards Parade in London to see HM Royal Marines "Beating Retreat". At the time of writing this news letter we only have 2 places left to fill, currently 48 people are going so a big thank you for supporting this event. Also I am pleased to tell you that the Thank You Concert DVD is now available, more on this later. So, as with previous month's news letters, there is still plenty of exciting things to tell you. I hope you enjoy Issue 15. Best regards Mark.

Thank You Concert DVD – Available Now



After a lot of hard work by Phil Elliott, we now have the Thank You Concert DVD available to supply. The cost is £14.99 each and will be available on any band practice evening from 5th June. Alternatively, you can order by post (please add £1.00 p&p) using the DVD order form with this news letter. I have watched this many times now and can honestly say that I am very pleased with the final copy and I am sure that you will be as well. Although there were some mistakes on the evening, this is an accurate record of the events that took place on 8th April 2006, and I believe you will enjoy watching this time and time again.

As far as band members are concerned, you should watch this and see if you can pick up on things that can be improved? (I already have a list) and then we can work on improving and making things better in our next performance.

I have to say that each time I have watched it I have felt the same as I did on the evening, Very Proud.

Sandhurst Donkey Derby – Cancelled

After continued rain for many days the Donkey Derby Committee made the unfortunate decision to cancel the Donkey Derby planned for 29th May. The fields that are used have become very water logged and with an expected attendance of over ten thousand people on the day they felt that a lot of damage would have been caused to the fields. However, all is not lost as they have reset the date for Sunday 27 August 2006. Please note that there is a possibility that we will now be asked to play and therefore I think we will add to the events diary just in case. I will confirm this to you as soon as possible.

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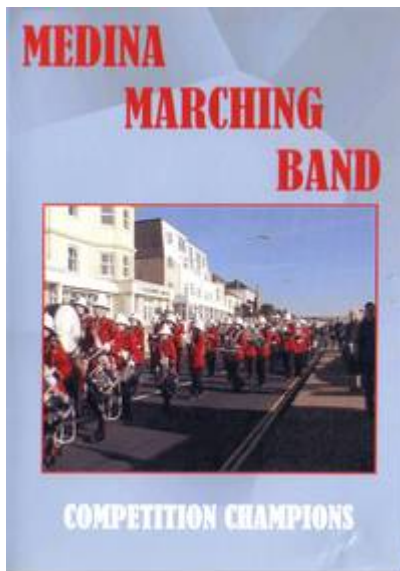
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MEDINA MARCHING BAND

As many of you know, we owe a lot to the Medina Marching Band from the Isle of Wight for their support to our band. Their excellent display at the public information evening certainly made people aware of the standard that can be achieved in our activity. I really hope that we can work together in the future and hopefully I will be seeing Kevin Hayward later on this year to discuss ideas on how we can work together in the future.

The Medina Marching Band has been going for some time and differs from us as they have a full band instrumentation line up. However, their Corps of Drums section is really good and has many very professional drum static's available to show at any event they undertake. As our members will know, the effect on an audience is amazing when drum static's are used in the correct way. This could be an area they could help us with? I am very lucky to be in possession of two of their DVD's which show the band in different ways. Firstly there is the Competition side of their performance ability. Secondly there is the Concert side. Following are the two DVD's which are now available to order from us. Kevin is more than happy to send copies to me to forward on to you should you like one. The cost is £14.99 each and ordering information is on the enclosed order form.

Medina Marching Band – Competition Champions



This is how competitions should be done. With full performances which took part in Birmingham and Totton, this DVD gives you an insight in to the youth marching band competition world.

You will appreciate the work that goes in to preparing for such competitions and also the high standards that can be achieved.

Some great tunes are played on this DVD including Thunderbirds, World in Union and Musket Fife and Drum.

A great drum static is shown and pay attention to the Drum Major, some really fancy Mace work.

This DVD is well worth seeing and something I think you would watch many times.

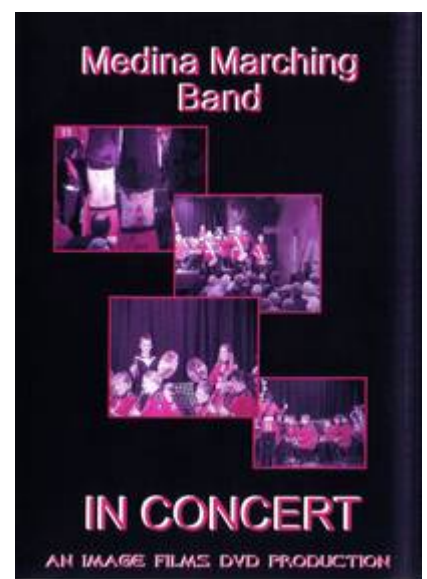
Medina Marching Band - In Concert

This is your chance to see the Medina Marching Band in concert. Many excellent tunes on this DVD, including H.M Jollies, Killaloe, Final Countdown, Highland Cathedral (with pipes) and many more.

Also as an added bonus, there is a display from four Guardsmen which I think you find quite interesting and amusing?

Both of these DVD's are available to order (please allow up to 28 day's for delivery.

Please note that if you would like to order the Medina Marching Band DVD's please make cheques payable to the "Medina Marching Band"



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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Saturday 3 rd June 2006 (afternoon)	Freemasons Open Day	All members
Saturday 10 th June (afternoon)	Broadway House	Selected Members
Tuesday 13 th June (evening)	Yateley Towns Women's Guild	Selected Members
Saturday 1st July (morning)	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
Saturday 1st July (afternoon)	Fleet Carnival	All members
Sunday 9 th July (afternoon)	Frimley Green Carnival	All members
Saturday 15 th July (mid day onwards)	RMA Freedom of the Borough	All members
Sunday 16 th July (all day)	Aldershot Youth Band Contest	All day event
Sunday 27 th August	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	TBC
Wednesday 22 nd 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.

JUNE COMPETITION

I have decided to carry over the May competition in to June as some members have commented that they have had trouble trying to do it. As mentioned, you will find all answers on the web (try putting in youth marching band in to your search engine) don't forget you have to be in it to win it?

Q: The Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums has recently been affiliated to two organisations. You need to tell me who these are? A clue is in this news letter. However I need to know what the full names are of these groups. You may need to refer back to previous news letters to help you?

Q: We are entering the Youth Band contest at Aldershot on 16th July. This is run under the TYMBA ruling system. You need to tell me what TYMBA stands for?

Q: There are several youth marching band associations. You need to give me two youth band organisation names? This sounds hard but just look on the web.

The first correct answer drawn from the hat will win. Prize this month will be a surprise.

Good luck...

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New Web Site on its way

You will very shortly be able to look us up on the Worldwide Web. I am pleased to announce that Paul Cave (new member's parent) has very kindly offered his services to us to build a web site. Paul has already registered a domain name and I will be sitting down with him in the near future to discuss the site's content. There will be pictures, information on both our band and events we have booked and also links to other areas of interest.

This will be a real bonus for us as it will help to get our name known in the youth marching band world. I will keep you updated to when it is fully ready so you can then show all your friends.

New Corps Crest

For some time I have wanted to review our current crest and find someone who could help with the design of a new crest/emblem. Fortunately I was introduced to Keith Nicholls. Keith has for many years been the main UK drum painter who undertakes to Emblazon drums with military crest's and battle honours. This is a very impressive art and Keith is self taught. Currently Keith is painting the new Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums crest on to two bass drums. We hope to take delivery of these within the next 2-3 weeks and will certainly have them in time for the Sandhurst Freedom of the Borough day and Aldershot band contest in July.

The crest that Keith has designed is very impressive and once we have the drums we will take a picture which will hopefully be in the July news letter.

AGM – WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

Although we only started our weekly practice sessions last August, the Corps is officially now one year old; this is because our constitution was adopted in May 2005. Therefore we will be holding our first AGM ON Wednesday 28 June at the 2nd Sandhurst Scout hall. We hope to start at 8.00 p.m. and I would think that it will last for about an hour or so. I would very much like all parents to attend if possible along with all band members as this will be an ideal opportunity to let you know how we have done in year one and also what plans and projects we are working on for year two. Please make an effort to support this important evening.

Regards Mark

Aldershot Youth Band Contest – Bands Taking Part

Listed below are the bands that will be taking part in this year's youth band contest on July 16th. As you will see we are placed in the novice class which has five entries currently.

Novice:

Northampton Scouts
Sandhurst & District COD
TS Alacrity
TS Swiftsure
Enfield District Scouts

Contest:

Stanleys Own S&G
Bodicote RBL

Championship:

Haverettes MB
Burgess Hill MB
Talbot COD
17TH Tonbridge S&G
Redhill COD

National:

Romford RBL
Militaire of Bar & Dag
Syston S&G Band

Our timings are, pre-inspection at 10.50 a.m. and our performance must commence at 11.10 a.m. As you know, this will be our first youth band contest and it will be a learning experience for us all. However, I believe that if we pay attention to our appearance, drill and overall image (along with the music of course) we could do very well?

Over the coming weeks we will start to prepare you for this event so be prepared for some hard work.

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