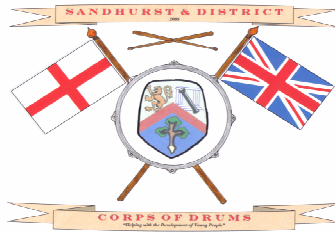


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*Welcome to issue 12 of the news letter. It seems hard to believe that it is nearly a whole year since I first decided to start putting the Corps of Drums together. So much has happened in this time. Every week we progress as a unit and I am always happy after the Monday practice sessions with what has been achieved. The drummers are working on a drum static which I think will be quite impressive, the bell-lyre players are working on new tunes as are the bugle players, cymbalist and bass drummers, all doing well to. March sees our first social event, the **Race Night** which is on **Saturday 4th March** at the Sandhurst Social Club. We have already had a good response to this but please come along if you can and support us. The only charge is £1.00 for each adult male non-member. This is intended to be a social evening and a chance for us to get to know everyone better and to have a lot of fun as well. Please also note later on in the news letter, information about our **Thank You Concert** in April. This is our chance to thank you for all the help you have given us and all band members are looking forward to showing you what they have achieved. I hope you enjoy this news letter? Best regards Mark.*

Box Trailer on it's way

I indicated in last months news letter that we had started the year very well with further support. I am please to announce that we have been donated £1245.00 from the Crowthorne & Sandhurst Rotary Club to cover the cost of a box trailer. It became apparent that we needed something to carry all the kit around in when we have events to go to. The Rotary Club approached me to see what was on our wish list for 2006 and after their monthly meeting I received a phone call to say that they would support

us with this requirement. This will make a massive difference when we are going to events. We have ordered the trailer and hope to take delivery within the next few weeks. Once we have it, Vulcan Motors have kindly donated the cost of having it sign written. This is brilliant as everyone will know who we are when travelling about. Once this is all completed we will put some further pictures in the news letter for you all to see. Thank you very much for this help



Drum Diploma-So far-So good

With three lessons already completed, the drummers who attend our Drum Diploma course are on track for success. It is really pleasing to see the 12 participants improving in leaps and bounds. They have their test day on Saturday 4th March and I am hoping for a high percentage of passes. I have been asked by several other members if we will be doing a further course? Well the answer is yes. We hope to do a second course of lessons later in the year so do not worry if you have missed this one. I will announce all the members that have passed the course in the April news letter.

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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF EVENTS

| Date: | Event: | Comments: |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Saturday 8th April 2006 (evening) | The Corps of Drums “Thank you Concert” | All members |
| Sunday 23 rd April 2006 | St Georges Day Parade (RMA) | All members |
| Saturday 13th May | 2nd Sandhurst Scouts AGM | Evening |
| Monday 29 th May 2006 | Sandhurst Donkey Derby | All members |
| Saturday 3 rd June 2006 | Freemasons Open Day | All members |
| Saturday 15 th July | RMA Freedom of the Borough | All members |
| Sunday 16 th July | Aldershot Youth Band Contest | All day event |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | Fleet Street Festival | TBC |

POTENTIAL NEW EVENTS

As you will see from the above list, I have added the 13th May as we have been asked to perform at the 2nd Sandhurst Scouts AGM. I will only need maybe 8-10 members for this and will advise further information a.s.a.p. I have also been asked if we could visit Broadway House in Sandhurst. This is a residential home for senior citizens. I am currently looking at potential dates for this and again will only need 8-10 members. It is likely to take place on a Saturday afternoon for about 1 hour? Please keep an eye on the events calendar as it will be up-dated each month.

February Competition Winner

As we have had to get the news letter prepared early this month due to the preparation of the invitations for our concert and to ensure they go out early, it has meant that the news letter was completed prior to the end of February and therefore the winner at time of going to print is not known. I will announce the winner of the February competition at the first available practice evening in March.

BAND STORE UP-DATE

As mentioned in last months news letter. We now have the whole of the back room at the Scout hall to use as our band store. The store has now been decorated out and we now have a run of racking along one whole wall. All the drums are now stored on them and it is a lot easier to get them in and out on our practice evenings. The next job is to covert the original band store (the small room) in to a uniform store. This we hope to complete over the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Stuart Thorne for putting me in touch with his friend who gave us the racking.

**DON'T FORGET OUR RACE NIGHT, STAURDAY 4th
MARCH AT THE SANDHURST SOCIAL CLUB.**

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Further Donations Received in February

Along with the Rotary Club donation, the Corps of Drums also received during February the following donations.

£50.00 from Mr & Mrs D. Blake

£50.00 from Mr G. Peters

\$250.00 (£115) from Mr Terry Trower. Terry works for Tektronix who run a community support grant for their employees.

On behalf of everyone in the Corps of Drums, thank you very much for your support.

Saturday 8TH APRIL 2006

As you will have seen, we have sent with this month's news letter, the formal invitations to all parents, supporters and friends of the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums. Please pay attention to the note regarding letting us know who is coming. As per the note, if you are a supporter from a group then please pass this invitation on to all members of your group. We are hoping to see as many of you as we can on the night. The only thing we ask is that you let us know if you are able to attend or not and how many people will be in your party. This is so that we can hopefully ensure we have enough seating capacity.

This is our way of saying thank you for all the support you have given us. All band members are excited and looking forward to showing you how they have progressed since we started.

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM BY COMING ALONG.

As an added incentive for you to come, I promise not to tell any of my bad jokes on the night. (Well maybe the odd one may slip out?)

Uniforms, we are nearly there.

As you know, we have for a number of months been working on the uniforms for all band members. Well I am pleased to announce that we are nearly there with them. We now have all peak cap ready for each member along with white belts. The trousers have been purchased and have been given to the lady who is making the tunics so she can put a red stripe on them. We hope to have the first batch of tunics in the next week. So things are really moving on. We will however need to spend some time fitting out each member. As you know, our Monday night practice sessions are extremely busy and I think that to try and fit the members out would be very difficult. Therefore we will try to hire the hall for a whole day on a Saturday and hopefully give each member a time to come in and be fitted out. I understand that not everyone would be able to make the day we set but at least we could get the bulk of it done in one day? I will advise you of proposed dates as soon as possible. One last thing, Rose and Lorraine issued a letter recently regarding boots. As you know we will not be supplying these so we need to make sure that you have them ready for when the uniforms are completed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding boots then please talk to me. Regards Mark

DON'T FORGET, THE CORPS "THANK YOU CONCERT" SATURDAY 8th APRIL 2006

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These Boots are killing me...



picture by Toby Garde

Practice, a note to members

As mentioned on a recent practice evening, I need all members to work really hard on the new tunes we are learning in preparation for our Thank You Concert. We now only have a few weeks to polish up what we are doing so that we can do the best performance possible for all our guests. Try to remember the following.

*“If you practice every day
You will often hear me say
Your getting better, it’s clear to see
And your hard work pleases me”*

March Competition

*This month’s competition is regarding the Bell-Lyre. In our Corps of Drums we use a Standard Mayfield model.
This month’s questions are.*

Q: How many Octaves does our Bell-Lyre have?

Q: What Key are the Bell-Lyres we use in?

Don’t forget, if you do not know then ask some of your fellow band members, they may be able to help you. As normal, the first correct entry drawn from a hat will win. All completed entries to be given back to me by the end of March.

I am still thinking about what prize to give the winner, but will let you know nearer the time.

Good luck

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