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Welcome to the March news letter. Just think, a few more weeks and it will be Easter, where is the year going already? During February both the Basic Drumming and Bell Lyre courses have been completed with a very good result. We have also started taking some more bookings for the summer (see Events Diary) and generally things are progressing well within the band. We have the **Intermediate** and **Advanced** drumming courses starting in March and hopefully by the time we get to the summer we will have a greatly improved performance set to show at events we are doing. I hope you enjoy this month's news letter. Best regards Mark.

## Drummers ready, Here comes the Bride



Drummers Josh Powell and Nick Bowring, smart lads.

February was a special day for one lucky couple, relatives of drummer Nick Bowring were married and as a special present Nick and fellow drummer Josh Powell played as the newly weds came out of the church. I asked them if they played "Beating Retreat?" (it's a joke) Nick told me "it was really good, both Josh and I felt honoured to put our uniforms on and play as they came out of the church". This was a first for any members of the Corps of Drums to be involved in. Maybe we could add weddings to our list of services? I think that it would really add to the special day.

Drum beating for the newly weds



## Intermediate & Advanced Drumming Course Starts March 17th

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## **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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	St George's Day Parade RMA	All members
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Aldershot Victoria Day Parade	All members
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Aldershot Youth Band Contest/Army Show	<b>Event &amp; Dates TBC</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Frimley Green Carnival	TBC
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Ash Community Fun Day	All members
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Sandhurst Remembrance Service	All members

I am already discussing other events that will take part in June and July and I will advise you of these as soon as I have them confirmed.

**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.**

## **Intermediate & Advanced Drumming Course**

As mentioned earlier in this news letter, we are starting our Intermediate and Advanced drumming school on Saturday 17 March. This will be a very challenging course for those taking part but also one where participants should hopefully have some fun as well. Alan Lemon will be running the course and he has put together a very comprehensive course based around Rudiments. Rudiments are of course the very heart of any good drummer and once learnt and practiced will have amazing results in the drummer's technique and ability. I must stress that only 100% commitment will be expected of those taking part and participants will only keep up if they practice. The course will be over 3 main lessons and then a date will be set (on a Sunday) to carry out the final test. This course is open to anyone but as already mentioned you should feel confident that you can give the commitment to practice. The date and times are as follows.

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>1 p.m. to 3 p.m.</b>
	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>3 p.m. to 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>1 p.m. to 3 p.m.</b>
	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>3 p.m. to 5 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>1 p.m. to 3 p.m.</b>
	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>3 p.m. to 5 p.m.</b>

As mentioned the test day will be a Sunday but I need to confirm exact date. I will let you know a.s.a.p.  
Please let either Alan or myself know as soon as possible if you would like to enrol for the course.

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During February one of our band members Josh Thorne attended a week with the Royal Logistic Band, following is his account of the week

# My week with the RLC Band

During half term (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of February) I went on a Look at Life course with the Royal Logistic Corps Band in Deepcut. We had to arrive for 1pm on the Monday afternoon and after a Welcome Brief and a chance to get to know each other ~ (there were 13 of us aged between 14-18 (boys & girls), two boys came all the way from Guernsey!) We had drill lessons later that afternoon. During the week we had to get up at 06:15 every day and went to bed quite late.

On the second day (Tuesday) we had a Marching Band, Full Band and Big Band rehearsals, which was great fun. That afternoon we had to do a 1½ mile run which I did in 13:26min which wasn't bad for my age, if you want to get into

the army you need to do it in 14:00mins, so actually I did quite well. That evening we had a tour of the Army accommodations which weren't that bad. Wednesday we had two full band rehearsals and a mock audition similar to those given to new recruits, (I passed 😊). That evening we had an X-Factor event for the whole band and LAL (look at life) students. On Thursday, we had a day trip to Kneller Hall which is the Royal Military School of Music in Twickenham But in the evening the real fun began what we did was a small exercise when we went into the woods in camouflage, we were also armed with a machine guns (but sadly no ammo ☹). The instructors were really sneaky and when we weren't expecting it they let off thunder flashes

and tracer bullets which scared the life out of us!

On the final day (Friday) we joined in with a Passing out Parade rehearsal. We then watched the real thing. After lunch we joined part of the RLC band and gave our parents a concert before we went home. I had a great week and really enjoyed it, and I can't wait to go again during the half term in October. To go on the course you need to be at least grade five standard or above on your musical instrument.

Josh Thorne  
Drummer & Bugler  
Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



The Royal Logistics Band



The Royal Military School of Music  
Kneller Hall

Josh has been a member of our Corps of Drums since we started in August 2005. He plays the side drum, bugle and Cornet and has helped with the recent bugle school we ran. Well done Josh and thanks for your write up.  
*Mark*

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## March Competition – Word Search

C	Q	A	L	Q	J	P	L	A	Q	H	W	E	D	R	Y	U	I	O	P	P
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The word search has 10 words that have been used in our recent Basic Drumming and Bell Lyre schools. There are 6 that are related to the Bell Lyre and 4 that are related to the Drum. Just find the 10 correct answers and let me have them back by the end of March. All correct entries will be put in to a hat and the first correct answer drawn out will win £10.00

Please enter the competition, if you are not sure try to work them out with other members of the Corps of Drums. *Good Luck*

### **First Parade of the Year – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

As you will have seen from our current events diary, our first parade of the year is the Scouts of Berkshire's St George's Day Parade. As per last year this parade will again be held at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Des has informed me that as 2007 is the centenary year of scouting they are expecting to receive TV coverage. I would think this will be local Meridian and BBC news?

We will need prior to this event to get some marching practice in. Let's make a real effort to make our first parade this year one to remember.

**Almost forgot, both twins are now home and are doing well, I will include some pictures in the next news letter. Mark**

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