

# Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



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## News Letter

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### Issue 36 – March 2008

Welcome to issue 36 of the news letter. With the clocks changing towards the end of March we can hopefully start looking forward to lighter evenings and warmer weather? During February we started our new basic drumming school which is already showing results and we performed for the Caravan Club which went very well. Our next event will be the Scouts St George's day parade on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Therefore we have several weeks to get our marching up together which we really need to do. It is worth mentioning that our weekly attendance level is still very high which is really good for us as this can be our main gauge to tell us if the band members enjoy coming to the practice evenings, they keep coming back so we must be doing something right? I hope you enjoy this edition of the news letter and any feed back on its content would be most welcomed.

Best regards Mark.

### Caravan Club – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

As mentioned in my opening words, the Corps of Drums were asked to play for the East Hants Caravan Clubs annual meeting. This was held at TS Swifsure's Sea Cadet facility in Aldershot. This was a great opportunity for the newer drummers we have coming through to actually drum during a performance. Typically these new drummers start on parades playing Cymbals which gives them a good understanding of how the band performs and also starts to build their confidence. We commenced our performance with our Bugle fanfare and Drummers Call followed by what has now become our Corps march which is Sarie Marais. The Corps of Drums played for about 25 minutes before receiving a request to play Wipeout. This was certainly a good tune to get everyone's feet tapping and once finished the Corps of Drums received a really good round of applause. On band practice the following Monday, Michelle Andrews who organised the event was pleased to hand us a £100.00 donation from everyone who watched us on the night. Our thanks to Michelle for putting us forward for this event.



Bugle Fanfare and Drummers Call at the start of the Corps of Drums performance



Marching Bells and Bugle player Lyndsey Clark

The £100.00 donation we received for this event will be put towards our new uniform fund.

# Events Diary 2008

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, I handed out an updated copy of our events diary for 2008. Please could all band members and parents complete the front form which will tell me who can attend each event. This is very important as if we are to have a problem fielding enough players for any of the events then it is better that I know now as it will give me time to come up with an alternative plan. Please also note that I stated that the Scouts St George's day parade is Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is a mistake as the correct day is **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**. As you will have seen from the letter, I have now had 95% of the events confirmed which at least gives us a clear understanding of the bands commitment over 2008.

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## **UNIFORM UPDATE**

As band members know, we have had several weeks of re measuring for the new uniforms. This is because the samples that were made had a sizing problem. David Jones our tailor has been visiting the band to double check on all band members' measurements as we need to get the best fitting uniforms that we can. This will be a big investment for us and we need to get it right first time. Due to this situation we now expect to take delivery of the uniforms by mid April

### **Easter Shutdown**

**Please note that we will not hold band practice on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March as this is a bank holiday**

## **Possible trip for the Corps of Drums?**

Lorraine Peters has been in touch with a contact she has in the RMA and we are quite confident that we may be able to get tickets for the Sovereign's Parade rehearsal on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. If this goes ahead it would be a good event for our band members to watch as it will give them a really good idea on how marching should be done. There would be around 600-800 officer cadets on parade along with the military bands. I will keep you updated on this as we would need to get a list together on who could attend. By the way there would be no cost involved for parents.



Officers and Cadets on parade Photograph courtesy of RMA

## **February Competition**

Thank you to everyone who spotted my error in the February competition. For those who have not seen it, it is the spelling of Fall In, I had put FALI IN. As the February news letter was late going out I have extended the closing date for the competition until 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please pass all completed entries to me no later than this new date.