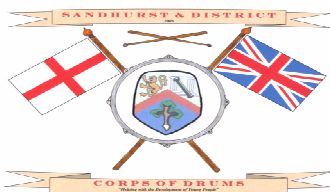


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Hello to everyone and welcome to news letter number 20. Well winter is certainly on the way now with the evenings closing in and colder weather on its way. Christmas is just around the corner (I can't wait) and before you know it will be 2007. Although the band now only has a couple of events left in 2006 we are still working hard in preparation for what is already going to be a busy 2007. I hope you are still finding its content of interest. Best regards Mark.

BUGLE SCHOOL – WELL UNDERWAY

As you know, we started our new bugle school on 7th October and had a very encouraging first lesson. Attending were the 16 band members who enrolled for the course and all arrived eager to start learning. After I gave a brief talk on the safety aspects involved with playing the bugle, Colin Calvert covered bugle care and maintenance followed by all band members learning how to tie the bugle cord on and the drummer plait. Following a short break he then went on to teach bugle drill and within a short time all 16 buglers looked very polished in the way they presented themselves.

Following on from Colin, Toby Garde who is our bugle instructor and tutor for the course

started the buglers off with the first two notes to learn and practice. I observed everyone and was pleasantly surprised on how well everyone had done. Lastly all participants were issued with their brand new silver bugles along with carry cases, bugle cords, practice mouthpiece and cleaning cloths. I will keep you informed on the progress they are making in future news letters





NOVEMBER COMPETITION

After last month's successful word search competition (winner will be announced on 6th November) I have again done a word search for the November issue. This month you need to find the 10 words that are all things that are used every Monday night at band practice. You need to think of each person in the band and what they play as this will help you work out the words. This month's prize will be a **FREE TICKET** for our **Christmas Laser Quest** party which is on **Sunday 3rd December**. Good luck.

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Remaining Events for 2006

Date:	Event:	Details:
Sunday 12 November	Remembrance Day Service Sandhurst	TBA
Saturday 18 November	Santa's Parade Aldershot	TBA
Thursday 23 November	LNF Grant Awards Ceremony	Selected members only

Please note I will issue full details on these events nearer the time. I am only able to take a handful of members to the LNF Awards Ceremony, I will advise those who I need to attend shortly. Please also note that we may be asked to take part in a school show at Sandhurst School on either 18th or 19th December. I will confirm this booking at a later date.

I am currently compiling the events diary that I know about already for 2007. These will be announced in the January news letter.

Band experiment - 28 October 2006

Saturday 28 October saw our first ever band experiment. Currently within the band we have several members that play other instruments. These include Flute, Trombone, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone and Cornet. I was very fortunate to have been introduced to Carl Arkley some months ago. Carl was a former military musician and studied at Kneller hall, he has also taught Clarinet and Saxophone for many years. Carl was more than happy to help run our experiment and also to become involved should we ever decide to expand our current instrument line up. The first thing Carl did was to arrange for each instrument the music for the theme from Dad's Army. We decided to start with this tune as almost everyone knew the tune. After initial introductions we got down and started work. After a short tuning issue, the five participating members started to play but we soon established that due to the differences in the members musical grading that maybe the arrangement was a bit to difficult at this early stage? Therefore Carl soon had a re-think and decided to play a more direct approach to the tune. This allowed our members to play through the tune at what I thought was an acceptable standard. After Carl left we again played the tune but added in the bass drum and side drum which again helped to lift the tune. I felt very impressed with our five members and Carl is going to arrange several more tunes over the next few weeks with a view to trying this experiment again.



***Participating
ready to play
Arkley runs
arrangement***



***members getting
Carl
through the Alto Sax***





Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums

Christmas Outing to Laser Quest – Wokingham

Sunday 3rd December

All band members have been issued a letter regarding the Corps of Drums Christmas outing. We thought that we would do something a little different for the band this Christmas and therefore have booked Laser Quest in Wokingham. Also we felt we would like to contribute to the cost as all members have worked really hard throughout 2006 and therefore the cost is only £5.00 per member. This price will include two games of Laser Quest and also a hot buffet. Please support this event if you can as we feel that everyone will have a really good time.

Please ensure you pay the £5.00 as soon as possible (cash only preferred) to Rose, Linda, Lorraine or myself as soon as you can as we need to confirm numbers to the organisers.

Christmas Shut Down Dates 2006

Please note that we will have a short break over the Christmas period. Please make a note of the following.

Last band practice evening – Monday 18th December

First band practice evening – Monday 8th January 2007

Please also note that we have been asked to play at the **Sandhurst Social Club's Senior Citizen Dinner** again which will be held on **Saturday 14th January**. Please ensure that you complete and return the attendance reply slips that are issued regarding this event as I need to confirm how many members will be attending. I will send a letter out mid November regarding this event.

A note to past sponsors

2007 – Can You Help Us Further?

As many of you know, our plans for the Corps of Drums continue and we have many things that we want to either do or purchase over 2007. I would like to ask all past sponsors who have helped us so far if they would consider further financial help? We are in the process of putting together a wish list and if you think you can help us further then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07976 540584 to discuss further. Any help however small will give us an opportunity to improve what is already a very successful group.

I thank you in advance for your continued support. Best regards Mark Saunders

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