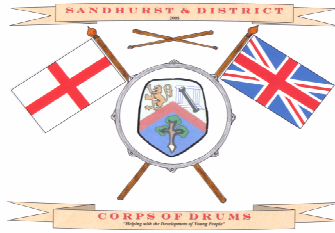


Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"

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Welcome to the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" October news letter. It's hard to believe that this is news letter number 7. Well, summer has passed and we are now in autumn, the clocks go back later this month and before long it will be Christmas (I can't wait). It's been a very busy last couple of months, we have increased membership and have progressed more than some of you may have realized. I would like to thank all members for their attendance since we have started. During our initial learning period it is important that you attend as many of our weekly practice sessions as possible as we have a great deal to learn. As mentioned in last months news letter, we have some objectives set for between now and Christmas and we need to work hard to meet them as we have our first official booking for Saturday 14th January and I would like as many members as possible to take part. So keep up the enthusiasm and practice over the coming months and I am sure we will get there Best regards Mark...

METROPOLITAN POLICE HELP THE CORPS

Thanks to Lee Symons sharp eye, we managed to apply to the Metropolitan Police force for some drums that they no longer required. Lee saw on the Police Intranet an advert advising that due to the Metropolitan Police Corps of Drums disbanding some years ago and there were no plans to re-launch it, that they wanted to dispose of their instruments to a youth band. We applied to them in writing and were awarded 4 drums, carriages and sticks. This was an excellent result as we were only one of five groups who were awarded anything. A total of nineteen groups applied for instruments so I think we done very well. We have now cleaned, repaired and serviced these drums and we are quite happy with how they have turned out. ***Well done to Lee..***

Instruments on their way

After many months on order, we are now seeing the instruments coming in. We now have all Bell-Lyres, a set of marching bells, bass drum and some of the side drums (you will see these once cases are in). We hope to have the new carriages and remaining item within the next 2-3 weeks. Once we have all items it will make our practice evenings a little easier as we then will have enough drums to go around.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE THIS MONTH

It only seems like yesterday we were collection subscriptions from you, however we are now in the next quarter and you will be receiving shortly a letter requesting subscriptions for October, November and December. As we are now in our first full quarter the amount due is £27.50 each member. Please can I request that you pay your subscriptions promptly to either Angie, Rose, or myself as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Regards Mark

Did you check the website?

Did any of you take a look at the Sandhurst Town Council website? The web address is www.sandhurst.gov.uk if you type in the web address, click on clubs and then click on Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums you will see various pictures and also it now has some text. Have a look and show your friends.

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WHERE'S MY UNIFORM?

"Where's my uniform" I hear you asking. Well although I have mentioned it before, we are still in the process of finalising the design of the tunic and also securing reliable sources for the other items. I would hope that within the next 1-2 weeks we will place an order for the tunics. These will be hand made and will take several weeks for the order to be completed. The lady who is going to make them for us will visit us on one of our practice evenings to take measurements from all members which will enable her to start work. However, we are still short of having all the necessary funds to buy everything now so we will have to do some fund raising over the next month or so to raise enough money to cover the cost. The total cost we need to find is £4,500 which will enable us to order enough uniforms so we have some spares to swap around as you grow out of the one which is issued to you. We will need to charge a deposit when the uniform is issued which will be fully refundable if you leave (providing the uniform is returned in good condition) Once we have the uniforms we will either call a parents meeting or issue a letter explaining the deposit and why we need one. Please bear with us as I am sure you will be impressed with what we are trying to achieve with uniforms.

SPONSORED WALK – COMING SOON

As part of our fund raising objectives, we are currently working on dates to hold a sponsored walk. We are looking at the end of October or beginning of November and it will be held on a Saturday afternoon. We think at this stage that it will be a 6 mile walk. We will be giving a prize to whichever member raises the most money. Once we have a date confirmed, we will issue each member with a sponsorship form which will explain what we are raising the money for, along with our charity number. Please support this as much as you can as it will help with the uniform fund.

EVENTS DIARY SO FAR

Although we have not been formed very long, we already have several dates booked for various events. Please can you make a note of these in your diary. Please also note that on a couple of them I will only need a few of our more experienced members.

Saturday 15 th October 2005	Make Poverty History Day	selected members only
Thursday 1 st December 2005	Fair Trade evening	selected members only
Saturday 14 th January 2006	Sandhurst Social Club	all members
Monday 29 th May 2006	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	all members
Saturday 3 rd June 2006	Freemasons Open Day	all members
Saturday 15 th July 2006	RMA Freedom of the Borough Parade	all members

I am confident that this list will grow over the next few months. All events will be confirmed to you with full information nearer the time.

Also I will need to hold some additional practice sessions for some of these events as we need to be as prepared as possible. These are likely to take place on Tuesday evenings and/or Saturday/Sunday afternoons. I will advise you of any additional practice dates as soon as possible.

DON'T FORGET, CHECK THE WEBSITE OUT

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Donations received during September.

September proved to be another encouraging month for sponsorship donations. Linda and Lorraine on our fund raising team have been writing lots of letters to see if we can find further support for the Corps of Drums. They have received a very good response so far and have received £100 donations from **The Rotary Club of**

Crowthorne, Panasonic UK, Nortronics, and Wanner International. On top of this we have received £100 donation from **Denise Thornton** from Worthing (Rose's sister) who held a car boot sale. These latest donations are a really big help to the uniform fund and we would like to thank them all for their support. Further to these donations, we have also been given a Colour combination TV/DVD player from **Toshiba UK** which we will use for training purposes.

Can you contribute to the news letter?

Hopefully, members find this news letter interesting. It is a good tool to keep everyone updated with what is happening and how we are progressing. Have any of you thought about making a contribution in the next issue? If so, why not write to me with your ideas. You could write about things you enjoy in the Corps of Drums or maybe you may have questions regarding the Corps of Drums which we can answer for you. Don't forget, this is your news letter.

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION WINNER

After the massive response to the September News letter Competition, I am pleased to announce the winner. The £5.00 prize for September goes to Ben Partner. **Well done Ben.** Hard luck to the other members that entered. Pleas try again in this issue, you have to be in it to win it.....

It's the way I tell them

Q: What is the name of the planet inhabited by video recorders?

The Planet of the Tapes

Q: What do you call an alien pop girl band?

The Space Girls

Q: Knock, knock..... who's there?.....Tai Ping.....Tai Ping who?

Tai Ping these jokes is making my fingers ache!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

I know you do not want to think about Christmas yet but it is not that far away now. Our fund raising team have decided to hold a Christmas raffle and will be selling tickets from next month. You will be able to buy them from Lorraine or Linda at any of our practice evenings from November. Prizes are still being sorted out but any items you are able to donate towards the raffle would be a big help. All proceeds will go towards uniforms and instruments which are still on our wish list. Please support this if you can.

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OCTOBER COMPETITION

This month's competition is a word search. Within the boxes below are 10 items that will form part of your uniform (when you get it) No clues this time, remember all entries must be returned to me by the end of October. Prize this month will be a surprise.

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Wanted

By the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums.

3 Bell-Lyre players, 1 or 2 more Cymbal players

If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for these positions, then bring them along to one of the Corps of Drums Monday night practice sessions.

Alternately, give me their name and address and I will send them information

YOUR DRUM MAJOR NEEDS YOU

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