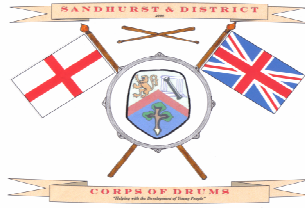


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Welcome to everyone reading news letter number 18. Well, summer is nearly over, the nights are beginning to draw in and I am sure it will not be long before we are seeing cold weather and I would think lots of rain? Now that most of our members are back from their summer holiday's it is time for the Corps of Drums to get down to some hard work in preparation for next years engagements. We have a lot to look at over the coming months?

We need to start looking at what we do and refining much of it. There will be new tunes to learn, stick drill for the drummers and the bass drum section will be improved with the introduction of tenor drums. Along with all this, our bugle school starts in October with bell lyre and further drum courses from January. So a lot to do but I am sure that based on what we have achieved over the last twelve months we should be able to cope.

Best regards Mark.

Good News - Yvonne back home

As you are aware, our honorary member Yvonne Laceby Stevens has spent several months in hospital after a serious fall. I am very pleased to tell you that Yvonne is now back at home and is on the mend. We visited her recently and she is in fine spirits and passes on her best wishes and congratulations to all band members for their hard work during the summer. While in hospital we presented her with a copy of our Thank You Concert DVD but Yvonne advised that she did not have a DVD player, therefore as soon as she arrived home we purchased one for her and have installed it for her. She can now watch the DVD which has put a big smile on her face. She has also written a very nice thank you letter which any band member can read (ask me to show it to you). Well done Yvonne and we hope to see you at the Yateley Town Women's Guild event on September 12th. It's good to have you home. From everyone in the band, welcome home.

DONKEY DERBY GOES WELL

After the cancellation back in May due to bad weather, Sunday 28th August saw the Sandhurst Donkey Derby take place. This time we had good weather and it was actually quite hot for most of the day. The Corps of Drums performed in the main arena at 3 p.m. and received yet another good response from the local audience. Our fund raising team worked hard during the day and after a final count up we made £105.00 profit which was not bad for a few hours. We also had some interest from new potential members, many of which had not seen us before. Well done to everyone who took part on the day and we have already been invited back for next years Donkey Derby.



Band waiting to perform, Drum Major has some serious hat problems I think?

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CORPS OF DRUMS – DIARY OF REMAINING EVENTS

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Comments:</u>
Tuesday 12 th September	Yateley Town Women's Guild (Yvonne Lacey Stevens)	Letter given out
Saturday 14 th October	Make Poverty History	Confirmed (Details to follow)
Wednesday 22 nd November	Fleet Street Festival	TBC

BUGLE SCHOOL – DATES CONFIRMED

As all members will hopefully be aware, we will be running a bugle school commencing in October. Letters regarding the bugle school have been given out and reply slips have been returned from some members. If you would like to attend this course then please let me know as soon as possible. As mentioned to members, this course will require you to learn some basic music theory including note reading and will obviously require you to practice between lessons. The course is free; we just need your commitment to learn. Following are the confirmed dates of the course. All dates are Saturday afternoons and should be a lot of fun for those attending. Full course content will be displayed on the next available band practice night.

7 th October	2-4 p.m.
21 st October	2-4 p.m.
4 th November	2-4 p.m.
18 th November	2-4 p.m.
2 nd December	2-4 p.m.
16 th December	2-4 p.m.

Bell lyre and drum courses – dates confirmed

Further to the bugle school, we will also be running a bell lyre course and also further drum tuition. Both these courses will commence in January. The drum course as you will see will be pitched for different abilities which hopefully will encourage some of our newer members to enrol on the course. Again, further details will follow over the next couple of months.

Bell lyre School:

20 th January	2-4 p.m.
3 rd February	2-4 p.m.
17 th February	2-4 p.m.
3 rd March	2-4 p.m.

Drum Beat:

<u>Basic</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Advanced</u>
20 th January 2-4 p.m.	17 th March 1-3 p.m.	17 th March 3-5 p.m.
3 rd February 2-4 p.m.	31 st March 1-3 p.m.	31 st March 3-5 p.m.
17 th February 2-4 p.m.	21 st April 1-3 p.m.	21 st April 3-5 p.m.
3 rd March 2-4 p.m.	5 th May 1-3 p.m.	5 th May 3-5 p.m.

Please ask me any questions you may have regarding these courses

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