

Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



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Welcome to issue 30 of the Corps of Drums news letter. I would think that most of you have now had your summer holidays and I hope that you all had a good time. School starts soon for most of our band members so good luck in your new term and new schools? August turned out to be another successful month for the Corps of Drums. We attended our earliest ever performance, the Scouts Sunrise Ceremony where we met at the Sandhurst Memorial Park at 7.30 a.m. I thought I loved the sound of the bugle and drum but have to say that I think I am more of an evening man when it comes to loud music, still it did wake me up. We also attended the Mytchett Fun day which was a total success, more on that later. Our Fun raising team had another good month with donations from the **Dr Howard Stiliard Memorial Fund** and **Toshiba UK**, both of these along with the money raised at the Mytchett Fun day will go towards our new uniform fund. September is another busy month for us, not only for the Corps of Drums but also we will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 26th September, anyone who receives the news letter is more than welcome to come along. I hope you are still enjoying the news letter, we are approaching a circulation of 100 each month and it is still growing. Enjoy this one, best regards Mark.

New Drums Arrive – thanks to the LNF Grant

As you are aware, I announced last month that we were awarded a new grant from the Local Network Fund to purchase new drums for our drum display section. We will also run a new course where we will teach new displays to our drum section but more importantly, we will encourage our members to think up their own displays. This should be an exciting exercise as it will give all drummers taking part an opportunity to be creative and put any of their ideas forward.



Pictured on the left is the Premier 97S snare drum which we have purchased. As you can see, this is a top of the range instrument and we will keep these just for parades and displays, therefore keeping them in tip-top condition. For our smaller drummers who use the 1047S drums, we have also purchased Nylon hoops as fitted on the 97S which we will convert some of our 1047S drums so that they all match. We are hoping to start the new cause in early October and will run it over a twelve week period.

We are also purchasing Dress Cords for the drummers, all other band members need not worry though, we will be purchasing Dress Cords for them also just as soon as we have raised further funds. I think you will agree that our new drums should look and sound really good.

**SANDHURST & DISTRICT
CORPS OF DRUMS
AGM – WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
FULL DETAILS IN THIS NEWS LETTER**

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PICTURE GALLERY

Scout Sunrise Ceremony – 100 years of Scouting



(7.30 a.m. not the best time for photos?)

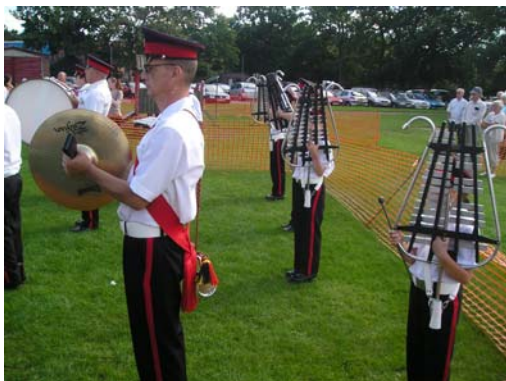
Mytchett Fun Day



The Corps Stall - £268.00 raised on the day



First performance in front of our stall



Only trouble with Bell Lyre's – you can not see the player's faces



Drum Major Josh Thorne – fancy Mace work

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.

Date:	Event:	Comments:
Friday 14 th September	College Town School 100 th year Celebration	All members
Saturday 15 th September	Watchetts Dog Show	Selected members
Tuesday 18th September	Sandhurst Scout Demonstration	not yet confirmed?
Wednesday 26th September	Band AGM	Members & Parents
Saturday 6th October	Sponsored Walk	Everyone
Sunday 11 th November	Sandhurst Remembrance Day Service	All members.
Saturday 1 st December	Santa Parade – Aldershot	TBC

Please Note: I will confirm both dates and times on the newly added events as soon as I receive confirmation of them.

POTENTIAL EVENT DATES FOR 2008

I would like to tell you of potential dates for 2008. I know it's early to give these dates and you must note that they will have to be confirmed at a later stage; however I am confident that most of them will happen on the dates I am giving you.

April 20 th or 27 th	St Georges Day Parade (Scouts)	
May 29 th	Sandhurst Donkey Derby (Bank Holiday Monday)	
June 15 th or 22 nd	RMA Heritage Day	
July 5 th	Ash Fun Day	
July 12 th	Aldershot Vicoria Day Parade	
July 13 th	Frimley Green Carnival	
July 20 th	Aldershot Band Contest	(this may be on July 13 th if the contest goes ahead? If so then I think we may have to turn the Frimley Green Carnival down?)
August 25 th	Mytchett Fun Day (Bank Holiday Monday)	
November 9 th	Remembrance Day Parade & Service	

NEW UNIFORM FITTING EVENING

As mentioned above, we are going ahead with new uniforms. Our new supplier who is based in Birmingham will be visiting us with his Tailor on either Monday 16th or Monday 23rd September to measure all current band members. This will take most of the practice time we have. Therefore nearer the time I will request that some band members attend slightly earlier than normal so that we can stagger the measuring work. It will be very important that all band members attend this as if they do not then it could result in them not getting a new tunic. I will keep you updated on this and confirm which evening it is as soon as I can. Regards Mark

Please note: The uniforms will not be specifically tailored to each individual. They will be fitted so they can be used for other members as they grow.

SANDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS AGM

Wednesday 26th September 2007

As mentioned previously, we will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 26 September. This will be held at the 2nd Sandhurst Scout hall starting at 8.00 p.m.

Please note that this is open to all band members and parents and I would be very grateful for your full support in attending. We will obviously cover the previous year but will also talk about things we are planning for the next twelve months. If any other readers of the news letter would like to come along then we will be more than happy to see you.

After the AGM there will be Cheese and Wine available (for the adults) and other refreshments for the band members.

Please could you let us know if you will be attending as we need to ensure we have sufficient refreshments for everyone? I look forward to seeing there. Best regards Mark

Please note: If you have any questions that you would like answered at the AGM then please ensure that I receive your correspondence by the 12th September. You can either write or e-mail your questions.

Hands Across the Water



The Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums



The Medina Marching Band

It may only be a few miles across the water but it is really good to have an association with the Medina marching band from the Isle of Wight. As you know we met with the Medina marching band earlier in the year to hold drum, bell lyre and bugle workshops. This proved to be a very successful and enjoyable day for everyone and I really hope we can arrange further trips to the Isle of Wight to meet up with them. On a personal note, I think there is a great deal to be learned from other bands and it's a shame that many youth bands seem not to want to work with other youth bands. I am really pleased that we have a good relationship with the Medina marching band and hope that we get an opportunity in the future to invite them over to us? I would also like to congratulate them for what seems to have been another successful year. You can read and see more on the Medina Marching Band by visiting their web site which is www.mmband.org.uk

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