

# SANDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS

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With a new beginning upon the band it has been decided that the newsletter shall return to keep you up to date with everything going on with the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums. The newsletter will be out every other month and shall ever be emailed to you, or can alternatively be downloaded off our website. Some parades are recorded so clips may be sent with the newsletter when it is emailed out. Within the newsletter you will find information on past and upcoming events, current and up-coming courses which are going to be run by the band such as the new Bagpipe school which is currently being run on a Monday night. We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and that it will help guide you through this new and exciting time with the band!

### Dates for the Diary:

Day	Date	Event	Comments
Sunday	13th November <b>Morning</b>	Remembrance Parade	All Members

Please can all band members let us now as soon as possible if you are unable to do an event.

### New Bagpipe School



"If you let it go maybe it'll stop screaming."

Earlier on this year we applied for a grant from the Berkshire Community Fund to enable us to start a Bagpipe section. After reviewing our application we were awarded £2,250 to cover the start-up cost including a tutor along with the necessary training equipment and one to two sets of bagpipes.

We looked for a tutor and were very fortunate to find Pipe Major Graham Waller who runs the Pride of Murray Pipe Band. Graham was very excited to help us and has commenced lessons on a Monday evening for the seven participants. Progress is taking place although we think it will be at least six months before we are ready to introduce the pipes in to our current Corps of Drums.

Part of this project is to get as many of the participating students to a level of both knowledge and musical ability to then enable us to take

the training over for other members of the band. We think that once the bagpipe section is fully functional it will add a further dimension to what we already have. Good luck to those taking part

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## Summer 2011 with the Band

The summer of 2011 has been quite a busy time for the band and also the Training Band who joined the main Band for the majority of the parades this summer. Over all we have performed at nine parades since the end of May starting with the Sandhurst Donkey Derby on the 30th May. In June we performed at Sherfield on Loddon fete, St Barnabas Church fete and then we finished our June parades with our biggest one of the year at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Heritage day which was well received by the audience and band members.

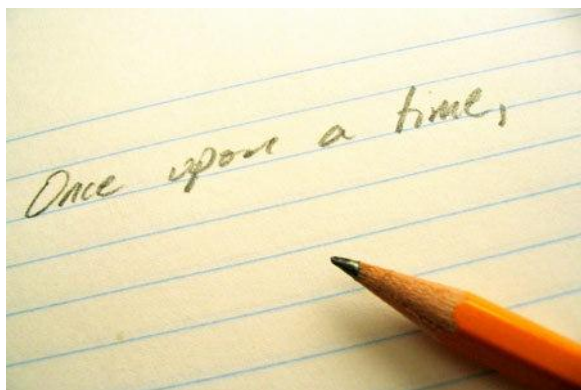


*Band on Parade at the Sherfield on Loddon fete*

In July we just had the one parade which was our yearly procession at the Frimley Green Carnival, which we led for the first year. It wasn't as hot this year as it had been in previous years and the band played very well throughout. August also came with one main event at the Mytchett Fun Day. This was a great day for the fundraising team as we managed to raise a grand total of £768!! If anyone has any unwanted alcohol and would like to donate it to be used for future fund raising events please speak to Mark or a member of the fundraising team.

Just before the Mytchett Fun Day a few members of the Band went to join our new friends, The Royal British Legion Old Basing Corps of Drums at one of their parades in Swallow field as they were short on numbers. We wish to build on this friendship so in the future we can do more joint parades and possible rehearsals with each other. This not only looks good on parade when we have a very large band playing but it is also beneficial for band members as it gives them the experience of playing with a range of people with different musical abilities.

September soon came and so did the end of our Summer season with our last two parades. Our first was at Randel House near Cove for their Summer Fete; our second parade was at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst for the British Limbless Ex Service Men's Association (BLESMA) Charity Ball. We put out our biggest band yet for this parade with a total of 36 from both the main Band and also the Training Band.



Do you want to write an article for the Newsletter?? If so please submit your article in writing or by email to either Mark (address below) or Josh at [jsthorne@ntlworld.com](mailto:jsthorne@ntlworld.com).

If you have any questions about the new series of Newsletters please do not hesitate to speak to Mark or Josh for further information.