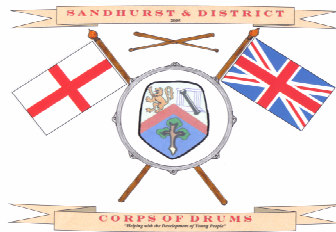


Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums"



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Welcome to the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" August news letter. There's a lot to talk about this month as there has been much activity in many areas of the Corps of Drums. As you are all aware, we start our weekly practice sessions on Monday 8th August which is what we have all been working towards. Therefore I have dedicated a separate sheet to this as it will be a very busy night and I need you all to understand what will happen on our first evening. I would like again at this stage to thank everyone who has helped me over the last 3 months. What has been achieved since my decision on April 17th to form the Corps of Drums has been incredible and I am extremely grateful for all the support I have received. I can't wait to get going on Monday 8th August and I hope all new members are looking forward to our first evening which will be the start of something which I hope will continue for years to come. Best regards Mark...

CORPS EMBLEM NOW DESIGNED

As you hopefully will have noticed from the top of this news letter, we now have an emblem designed which will be used on all correspondence relating to the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums". This emblem will also be used on our drums once it has been fully refined and I have found a suitable company to produce it. It is worth noting how it is made up. Firstly, we have the top and bottom banners which show our name, we then have crossed drum sticks which are above the drum head. Within the drum head you will find the crest of Sandhurst. The crest of Sandhurst represents the Berkshire Lion (top left) the steps of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst with a Sceptre across them (top right). Underneath the red chevron, you will see a tree. This represents the Trees of Windsor forest and although not very clear, the bottom of the tree has a yellow mark. This represents the yellow sand of Sandhurst. Our emblem also shows our motto "**Helping with the Development of Young People**" along with 2005 which is the year we were formed. I have shown this to various people and they all agreed that it looks good. I hope you agree.

The Corps WINS AWARDS

I am pleased to announce that during July, we received notification that the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" had been successful with financial awards we had applied for. These are the "Awards for All" which is a National Lottery grant scheme and they have awarded us £4991 and we have also received a grant from the Co-operative Community grant scheme which is £486. This now means that I have been able to order many new instruments which I hope to have within the next month or so. Added to this, we are to receive over the next couple of week's cash donations from the Sandhurst & Yateley Roundtable, the Sandhurst Residents Association, and the Berkshire Masonic Charity. I have also been advised that several people have made donations into the Mayor's Charity which we will receive at a later date, one of which is from the Sandhurst Donkey Derby Committee. This as you will hopefully agree is a massive boost to morale and confirms that people can see the benefits that we will hopefully be able to supply to the local community. I along with the Corps Fund Raising team will continue to seek further financial support as we still have a long way to go to achieve our wish list of both instruments and uniforms.

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TIP FOR AN EVEN SUNTAN – TRUE OR FALSE?

After much thought on how I could achieve an even suntan whilst on my summer holiday, I came up with the Mace Tanning method. To achieve this form of tanning you have to be prepared to be looked at in a funny way while you are on holiday. Basically I took my Drum Majors Mace with me and practiced marching up and down the beach. This gives two advantages, firstly you practice your marching and secondly you get an even suntan. The down side to this method is you do look very strange and you have to put up with lots of silly comments from other holiday makers. Do you think this is true or false?

EXPERIENCED HELP STEPS FORWARD

Due to various articles in the local news papers over the last couple of months, we are now in the fortunate position to have three ex- Corps of Drums drummers step forward that are willing to assist me with tuition. I would like to introduce to you the following people who you will see at our weekly practice sessions from time to time.

Colin Calvert - Royal Marines

Peter Taylor - Grenadier Guards

Lee Symons - Devonshire & Dorset Regiment

These people have a wealth of experience which they are only too pleased to pass on to our members. So once we are up and running I will invite them to come along and help us in all areas of what we will be trying to achieve.

Last months Competition winners...

Thank you very much to everyone who entered the July competition, We had a good response and all entries came back almost together. Therefore I have decided to award prizes to everyone who returned correct entries. Following are the winners.

First Prize and winner of £5.00 is Mitchell Speechley

Runners up who will receive £2.50 each are Josh Thorne, Abi Leete, Liam Mcintosh, Ben Partner, Gareth Pither and Saphie Young

Prizes will be given out on Monday 8th August

AUGUST COMPETITION

This month's competition is two questions. When you see military bands you may have noticed that the drummers have two white ropes hanging underneath their drums. You have to tell me what these ropes are called and what were they used for?

All entries to be returned by the end of August and the first correct entry picked out will receive a £5.00 prize. *Good Luck*

I need your help

Would you like to contribute to our monthly news letter? If so please let me know. I am looking for silly jokes, short articles on why you wanted to join the Corps of Drums or anything relevant or interesting. This could be on marching bands you have seen and what you thought of them etc. Don't forget, as a member of the Sandhurst & District "Corps of Drums" you have a say and we really want you to be part of it.

The Corps has a Mascot

Last month I announced that we had our first Honorary member who is Yvonne Laceby Stevens. This month I would like to announce that we now have a mascot for the Corps. I would like to introduce you to Shannon Garde. Although Shannon is only two years old, she has shown an amazing interest when ever she has seen and heard our band. We will get a small uniform for her and encourage her to take part in fetes etc as time goes on.

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FIRST PRACTICE SESSION

MONDAY 8th AUGUST 7 P.M – 9 P.M.

With our first practice evening only a few days away, I would like to give you an idea on what we need to cover on our first night.

This will be a very busy night

I will need to do a roll call and an introduction to all new members. This will cover what we need to try and achieve over the coming weeks, staff introduction, health and safety and various other things.

At 8 p.m. the Mayor of Sandhurst Cllr Elizabeth North will arrive as we are going to be presented with a cheque for £1000 from the Sandhurst and Yateley Round table and also £250 from the Sandhurst Donkey Derby Committee. We are expecting at least a photographer from the local press. I am also hoping that we can include all members of the Corps of Drums for any photos that are taken.

However, we will at some stage in the evening get the instruments out and let everyone have a go.

As you will appreciate this will be a busy night so it is important that everyone understands this.

I am really looking forward to meeting and working with all the new members and I hope that this will be the start of something that will continue to grow over the coming years.

Good Luck and see you on Monday 8th August.

Best regards

Mark