

SANDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS

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News Letter

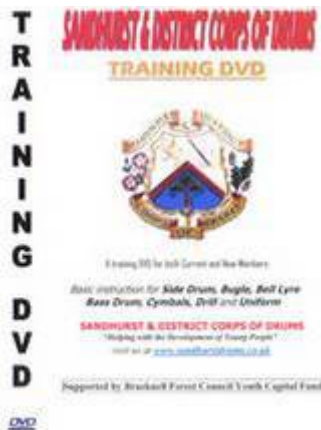
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Welcome (at long last) to issue 46 of the newsletter. I must apologise for not producing one so far this year but it's been a difficult and busy time at home and at band. However, hopefully I am now back on track and you should see the newsletter on a more regular basis. I have decided to do the newsletter on a quarterly basis, editions in January, April, July and October. Therefore the next one after this should hopefully be sent out in July. Inside this issue will be a catch up summary for readers of what the band has been up too in the first half of this year. We have achieved a lot so far and with our busy period approaching there should be plenty to tell you in the next edition. Once again, sorry for the big gap since the last newsletter and I hope you enjoy issue 46. Best regards Mark...

Training DVD – here at last.



After much organising, hard work and last minute touches, the Sandhurst & District Corps of Drums Training DVD is finally finished. We applied for a grant from Bracknell Forest Councils Youth Capital Fund that was awarded to us last September. The money received was to purchase equipment to make our own training DVD. This will be an excellent learning tool for both current and new members to the band. However, we are so pleased with the end result that we will sell the DVD to any other bands or interested individuals, all proceeds will go to general band funds.

The DVD covers all basic elements of the band. Sections include, Introduction, Information, Drumming, Bugle, Bell Lyre, Bass Drum, Cymbals, Drill and Uniform. There is even a bonus section where the Corps of Drums plays several tunes. The DVD is available to band members for £10.00 and we hope to offer it on eBay for £19.99. I think you will be impressed with it.

New Pith Helmets used on Parade

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we took delivery of our new white pith helmets in December. They are intended only to be used on special parades and therefore we are likely to use them 4-5 times a year. However, everyone really wanted to try them out so we wore them for the first time at the Sandhurst Social Club's Senior Citizens Dinner back in January. All people attending thought they looked really good. The picture to the right is off the Sandhurst Residents Association magazine showing the Corps of Drums. The SRA supported us with a donation towards the cost of the helmets.



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Ex Band member Nick Bowring Passes Out

Early January saw ex band member Nick Bowring Pass Out at HMS Raleigh to become a full time member of Her Majesty's Royal Navy. Nick was one of the first members to join the Corps of Drums way back in 2005 when we first began. He had shown a keen interest towards the Royal Navy for some time and in October 2008 he travelled up to Scotland to begin his 9 weeks basic training. He excelled during this time and in January 2009 his parents Julie and Rob were extremely proud to be at his Passing Out parade. Below are pictures of Nick and also the actual parade where the Royal Marines Band played for all cadets passing out. Well done Nick, we are proud of you also. (Please note that the date showing on the photos is incorrect)



Is that a slight smile on your face Nick?



Nick is in there somewhere

PLEASE NOTE MY NEW MOBILE NUMBER

After 20 years in my job, they decided to make me redundant. Oh no I hear you cry? Well don't worry; it has at least given me a chance to do the newsletter. However as I had a company mobile which had to be given back I now have a nice new pay as you go. Please could you all make a note of my new number which is 07751 754981.

Current Events Diary 2009

Day	Date	Event	Comments
Monday	25 th May Afternoon	Sandhurst Donkey Derby	All members
Saturday	6 th June Morning	St Barnabas Community Fair	All members
Saturday	13 th June Afternoon	Masonic Open Day - Sindlesham	All members
Sunday	14 th June All day	RMA Heritage Day 2009	All members
Saturday	11 th July Morning	Fleet Carnival TBC	All members
Sunday	12 th July Afternoon	Frimley Green Carnival	All members
Monday	31 st August All day	Mytchett Fun Day TBC	All members
Sunday	8 th November Morning	Sandhurst Remembrance Day Parade	All members

Please note: I have now had confirmation that the Aldershot Victoria Day Parade will now be held on 5th September. As I will be on holiday (as will many band members) I have declined this event this year. Hopefully we can take part in 2010?

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2009 – the Corps of Drums story so far

January



As previously mentioned, our first performance in 2009 was at the Sandhurst Social Clubs Senior Citizens Dinner. As always, we received a warm welcome from everyone who attended the dinner. This year we made a slight change and involved the audience with a sing along to Winter Wonderland. This went down very well and added to a drum display, a drum solo by Drum Sgt Jamie Gilliam and our play list made this a very enjoyable event. We were donated the money they raised in their raffle which was as always a big help to our band funds.

February



Towards the end of February we started filming the Training DVD. We booked the scout hall for the whole weekend and arrived early on the Saturday morning to set up the backdrop and do some test filming. Behind the camera was James Robertson who applied for the Youth Capital Fund grant and Paul Cave who is our IT support for the band. We managed most of the filming in one take but I made most mistakes and we had couple of times were we could not stop laughing. For those who see the DVD then I have to confirm that being on TV does add 10-20lbs to your weight (well that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it). During February we also performed again at the Sandhurst Social Club who put another Ghurkha Community evening on. Unfortunately we could not get ready at the scout hall and in the end had to get ready at my house which was a bit of a tight fit as we had 24 band members and their parents, however we managed to get ready and even had a warm up in the house. Good job I warned the neighbours.

March

During March we completed the filming of the DVD. We also held an additional Bell Lyre practice to establish who could play the various tunes, as we need the Bell Lyre section to be much stronger this year.

April

April was quite a calm month. With Easter falling in April this year we only held a couple of band practice evenings. However I think the highlight for most band members was receiving their Easter Eggs from us on the Monday before Easter. We did not take part in the annual Berkshire Scouts St George's Day parade this year, as they were unable to book the Church at the RMA.

May

During May we finished off the Training DVD. This was a lot of work for Paul, as he had to edit the DVD and get a final copy prior to running off a quantity of finished disks. I also had to design the cover and the booklet insert and then do a large print run. However I am really pleased with the final product. Towards the end of May we will take part (weather permitting) at the Sandhurst Donkey Derby. This event has been cancelled in May for the past two years due to heavy rain; let's hope we are OK this year.

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MEGGER WORD SERCH COMPETITION

To end this issue of the newsletter I have put together a word search based on the Training DVD. Within the word search there are 21 words. These are words that make up the 10 section headings, the 6 tunes the band plays and also the 4 key people who put the DVD together. Lastly there is the DVD title. So as to not make this too easy for you, I have not listed the words this time. Obviously if you buy a copy it should be easier for you? What are the prizes I hear you ask? Well as this is a hard one I have decided to give a bumper prize.

The prize will consist of, a copy of the Training DVD worth £10.00, a pair of Spirit White Drum Sticks worth £10.00 and £10.00 cash. The draw will be made towards the end of June. Please pass your completed correct answers to me as soon as possible. **Good luck**

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