



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS PERIOD!



Welcome to the 2nd edition of the BK Bugle!

Throughout the month of December and the end of November the Black Knights have been busy raising money and the profile of the organisation in the local area of Gravesham. This has included performances at school fetes, Gravesend town centre, outside a number of local supermarkets in Gravesend and Dartford, Bluewater, and a last minute performance arranged outside Woodville Halls.

Many thanks to all those who offered up their time to help with playing carols, giving out leaflets, and collecting money. The total amount of money raised has been

approximately £2500.

This will go a really long way to help make sure Black Knights offers the best possible equipment and services to its membership.

A huge thank you must also be made to the following companies for their hospitality and the opportunity to perform at their stores;

- Marks and Spencer (Bluewater and Dartford stores)
- ASDA (Gravesend store)
- Morrisons (Northfleet store)
- Sainsbury (Dartford store).

A further thank you to Gravesham council for allowing the organisation to perform in Gravesham town centre, Painters

Ash Primary school and Cobham Primary School.

A final well done and thank you also needs to be said to Paul Richards who organised the busy Christmas schedule excellently.

Once again, thank you to all those who helped during the Christmas period.

The Black Knights would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



CHANGE OF DIRECTOR...

Ken made the difficult decision to stand down as corps director following changes in his personal circumstances, which would have made it very difficult to commit his time and effort to running the corps. Rus will be taking over the role with immediate effect.

Rus has been involved in the Marching Band / Drum Corps activity in the UK since 1983 and has been involved in Black Knights since 1994. His first action was to appoint two other directors to work alongside him, and they take the shape of Steve Muzio and Paul Richards, whom together with Rus have worked for the past year as the Black Knights Development Team.

In that time they have managed to raise the profile of Black Knights both inside and outside the UK marching arts activity, arrange high profile gigs such as the Pasta Hut TV Commercial, Samsung Omnia Internet Commercial, and a performance with Leona Lewis at the opening of the new Westfield Shopping Mall in London. They have also established the BK Kids Music Club, which continues to grow week on week.

Steve will now take on the position of Assistant Corps Director as well as continuing his role as the Youth Development Officer for Black Knights and Paul will continue as the Chairman of the Trustees, but will also now be the Chairman of the new BK Supporters Association.

We are very happy with the progress the organisation has made and look forward to ensuring Black Knights continue to offer it's members great experiences in years to come.

We'd like to thank Ken for his hard work throughout his tenure and wish him and his family well for the future. We look forward to seeing him at rehearsals throughout 2009.



BK Kids Music Club Christmas Party!

The BK Kids Music Club continues to grow from strength to strength. It now has over 30 kids taking part in the club form week to week. December saw the year finish with a Christmas party where all the kids won a prize and were able to watch a live band perform some Christmas tunes for them. The children of the Kids Club responded by singing some of the songs they have been learning back to the members of the band. The Kids Music Club is now closed for Christmas and will start up again on the first Tuesday of January (6th).



Dates for your Diary:-

18th January; Wintercorps Performance @ WGUK contest, Crawley

8th February; Wintercorps Performance @ WGUK contest, Colchester

15th March; Wintercorps Performance @ WGUK contest, Burgess Hill

4th April; Wintercorps Performance @ WGUK Championships, Brentwood

17th—19th April; Senior Corps Spring Camp

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2009 taking great shape!

The beginning of the 2009 sees another really busy time for the Black Knights. The Senior Corps are putting together an indoor Drum Corps show where they will be performing at various winterguard shows in the coming months. The music being performed is the classic Drum Corps piece "Malaguana".

The Corps have a very tight time frame in which to put the show together and it is thought this bite-size Drum Corps show will evolve throughout the winter months. Check out the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter for where and when you can catch this indoor drum corps experience.

Starting in 2009 the Senior Corps will also begin learning their 2009 summer show. This year the music is taken from the hit film "Moulin Rouge". The music will be arranged by Joe Rodwell through consultation with Rus Rogers and Steve Blakeley.

The Cadet Corps will also begin learning the music for the 2009 summer show. The music for the Cadets will be taken from the "Lion King".

The Kids Club will also be having fun every week with a theme of "Music from around the World!".

As you can see 2009 is shaping up to be another successful year for the Corps.

If you want more info on anything to do with the Black Knights in 2009 then please get in touch.

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A NEW LOOK FOR BK!

As you can see from this edition of the BK Bugle the organisation has rebranded itself with a new logo. The logo is based on the old 1990's BK logo of a knight chess piece but done in a new stylish way. This is an important step forward in achieving a new identity for the Black Knights organisation.

Merchandise will soon be available with the new look logo. More information about will be released soon.



New BK Logo 1



New BK Logo 2

BK Performance Academy... another new program for BK!

January will see the start of another new program for BK. This is another idea generated by the development team coming to fruition. When the development team was set up at the end of 2007 it set one of its goals was to bring the focus of the corps back to being one of a home based Corps. The Senior Corps is delighted that it has made itself such an attractive option for so many who have grown up in the Drum Corps activity. However, to ensure the sustainability of the Black Knights for years to come the organisation needs to design new projects which will attract others from the area of Gravesend and Dartford. The first step in this process was setting up the Kids Music Club. This was done in August and has proven to be a huge success at getting more people involved with the Black Knights.

The next step in this evolution is to step up another project aimed for older children and adults. This will take the shape of the BK Performance Academy. This will take place on a Tuesday after the Kids Club and Steve Muzio (who leads the Kids Club) will also lead this project. More information about this project will be released soon, however, if you have any questions please drop Steve an email on kidsclub@blackknightsuk.com or call 07789057490, or just ask at the next BK event/rehearsal you are at.