

## **THE CORPS OF DRUMS OF THE ROYAL WELSH**

Today's Corps of Drums is a result of an amalgamation on 1st July 1999 between the 3rd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers (V) and the 2nd Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales (V).

The Corps consists of members based in Hightown Barracks, Wrexham (Hightown Detachment - HD) and Raglan Barracks, Newport (Raglan Detachment - RD). Currently they retain their previous Regimental cap badges; they can be easily identified with the Black Fusilier Caps (HD) and the White Colonial helmet (RD) famously associated with the defence of Rorke's Drift, which was brought to the big screen in the film 'Zulu'.

Sergeant (Drum Major) Andy Jones assumes responsibility for the Corps who can amass 20 members when all are fully available.

The Corps has performed at various prestigious events both at home and abroad including Military Tattoos, State functions and Civilian events. In 2007 they performed with the Regimental Band of The Royal Welsh at the world-renowned Sydney Opera House Australia, to much acclaim. They have also toured extensively to countries including Canada, Belgium, Holland, France, Jersey and the Isle of Man.

Nearer home they have performed at the Royal Variety Performance 2005 in Cardiff's Millennium Centre, the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show in Builth Wells and regularly can be seen at the home of Welsh Rugby in the Millennium Stadium for Wales' International Rugby matches.

They continue to perform solely as a Corps and with the Regimental Band of the Royal Welsh on many engagements both Military and Civilian throughout the year.

All of the members are volunteers and have to juggle a hectic schedule of engagements with their full time employment in civilian life.

To find out more about the Corps of Drums, or if you are interested in becoming a member, please visit the website at [www.royalwelshband.com](http://www.royalwelshband.com)