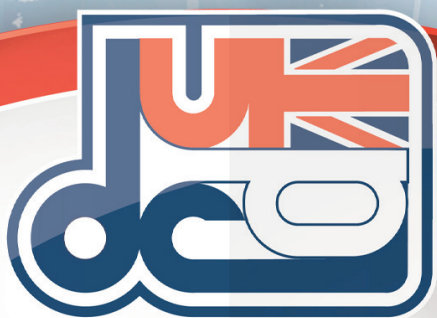




2023

The Home of British
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Drum Corps United Kingdom

BRITISH DRUM CORPS

CHAMPIONSHIPS

2023



British Drum Corps - Roll of Honour

CADET CLASS CHAMPIONS

1996 Squires
1997 Black Knights
1998 6th Hove Scouts
1999 Phoenix Guildford
2000 37th Kingswood Cadets
2001 Concord
2002 Southern Aurora
2003 Encore Cadets
2004 Black Knights Cadets
2005 37th Kingswood Cadets
2006 37th Kingswood Cadets

JUNIOR CLASS CHAMPIONS

1997 Avengers
1998 North Star
1999 The Statesmen
2000 Forgemen
2001 1st Ibstock Scouts
2002 Stafford Lancers
2003 Concord
2004 Senators
2005 Staffordshire Knights
2006 Staffordshire Knights
2009 6th Hove Scouts B
2010 Kidsgrove Scouts Jnrs
2011 Kidsgrove Scouts Jnrs
2012 Kidsgrove Scouts Jnrs
2013 Kidsgrove Scouts Jnrs
2014 Thurrock Marching Brass
2015 Concord AllStars
2016 Concord AllStars
2017 Concord AllStars
2018 Concord AllStars
2019 Thurrock Marching Brass
2020 No competition*
2021 No competition*
2022 No competition

A CLASS CHAMPIONS

1985 Concord
1986 Waterlooville
1987 Kenilworth Corps D'Elite
1988 British Gypsum
1989 Caversham Ambassadors
1990 No competition

1991 New Surrey Raiders
1992 Valiant
1993 Black Knights
1994 Saxon Shadows
1995 Free Spirit
1996 Cadence
1997 Poynton Commodores
1998 6th Hove Scouts
1999 Guardsmen
2000 The Statesmen
2001 Forgemen
2002 Squires
2003 Phoenix Coventry
2004 Phoenix Coventry
2005 Southern Aurora
2006 Concord
2009 Staffordshire Knights
2010 Cheshire Cadets
2011 Revolution Show Corps
2012 Beeches
2013 Revolution Show Corps
2014 Liberty
2015 The Pacemakers
2016/17 No competition
2018 The Pacemakers
2019 The Pacemakers
2020 No competition*
2021 No competition*
2022 No competition

OPEN CLASS CHAMPIONS

1980 Dagenham Crusaders
1981 Dagenham Crusaders
1982 Dagenham Crusaders
1983 Green Lancers
1984 Imperial Knights
1985 Blue Barons
1986 Conquest Alliance / Dagenham Crusaders
1987 DCUK: Conquest Alliance
 BDCF: Concord
1988 DCUK: Southern Knights
 BDCF: Concord
1989 Blue Eagles
1990 Blue Eagles
1991 Blue Eagles

1992 Blue Eagles
1993 Senators
1994 Blue Eagles
1995 Blue Eagles
1996 Blue Eagles
1997 Senators
1998 Sunrisers
1999 Cadence
2000 Senators
2001 Senators
2002 Southern Aurora
2003 Senators
2004 Senators
2005 Senators
2006 Black Knights
2009 Kidsgrove Scouts
2010 Kidsgrove Scouts
2011 Kidsgrove Scouts
2012 Kidsgrove Scouts
2013 The Company
2014 Kidsgrove Scouts
2015 The Company
2016 The Company
2017 The Company
2018 Kidsgrove Scouts
2019 Kidsgrove Scouts
2020 No competition*
2021 No competition*
2022 Beeches

NATIONAL JUNIOR CLASS

2007 Black Knights Cadets
2008 Kidsgrove Scouts Jrs

NATIONAL OPEN CLASS

2007 Poynton Commodores
2008 Poynton Commodores

INTERNATIONAL OPEN CLASS

2007 Kidsgrove Scouts
2008 Senators

** In 2020 and 2021 no events took place due to COVID

DCUK Family Tree

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Welcome

On Behalf of the DCUK and MPAUK management teams we hope you all had a great Drum Corps United Kingdom season and welcome to our 2023 Yearbook. Thank you for your support and patronage throughout the summer season as we continue to build back our activity after the effects of the COVID pandemic

We returned to Coventry and Butts Park Arena, home to our hosts Coventry RFC, for the second time for the British Drum Corps Championships this year. The move to a slightly smaller venue last year was a difficult one but given the post pandemic climate and to help give the corps and the audience a better connection along with more intimate feel to our special day it was felt that the venue more suits our needs. We hope you feel the same.

The Corps who performed this year worked hard for many months throughout the summer in perfecting the shows that have entertained us at the DCUK regional events in Coventry and Hinckley and Championships and is a testament to their resolve and dedication that they have come through the pandemic and its lockdowns and then out the other side with a renewed vigour and passion to give of their best.

Our thanks as always go to the Directors, Staff and Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps you saw and heard performing in competition this summer for their support for our activity and their commitment to Drum Corps.

Thanks also go to all of you, the dedicated fans and supporters who made the trips to our three events and have been in the stands supporting the Corps throughout the season.

We were also very proud to bring to you, at the British Championships, and in association with our partner Drum Corps International (DCI) - Drumline Battle™. Our 2023 competition featured a return battle between two Drumlines, Revolution & Beeches, to see who would win the title of Drumline Battle Champions 2023 - and the title went to Beeches. Our thanks go out to our

Drumline Battle participants and to John DeNovi from DCI for his help, guidance and continuing support of Drumline Battle and SoundSport here in the UK.

So... our showcase event - the British Drum Corps Championships - as we all know there really is nothing like Drum Corps and there is certainly nothing like Drum Corps under the floodlights. Those who attended this event experienced an unrivalled night of pure Drum Corps for the Drum Corps enthusiast. Thanks must go to all those involved with our hosts in Coventry for their help and support in facilitating our ability to run Championships at such a fantastic venue.

We would also like to extend a big thank you on behalf of us all to the many back room staff and alumni who worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that all our events ran smoothly and also thanks to Beeches for running the two season shows this year.

Win lose or draw for everyone involved or associated with Drum Corps United Kingdom, the conclusion to the 2023 DCUK summer season lived up to expectation with close competition and congratulations to our 2023 Champions, Beeches, and also to East Coast Elite and Revolution for a close run contest for 2nd and 3rd place

In closing it's worth noting that we believe that all in all DRUM CORPS in the UK is alive and kicking. We might not be as big and as vibrant as we would all like but it's still here and those who are doing it are giving it their all. All in all we hope you had a great summer watching some Drum Corps and catching up with some dear friends and colleagues from years gone by.

And so 2023 comes to an end but we look forward to seeing you next year for DCUK 2024


DCUK Management Team



DCUK 2023 - Timetable

| Open Class Prelims | | Score | Position |
|--------------------|------------------|-------|----------|
| 16.30 | Revolution | 71.50 | 3 |
| 16.55 | East Coast Elite | 73.65 | 2 |
| 16.42 | Beeches | 80.85 | 1 |

Interval

| Open Class Championships | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| 19.00 | 3 Revolution | 73.10 | 3 |
| 19.25 | 2 East Coast Elite | 75.00 | 2 |
| 19.50 | 1 Beeches | 82.70 | 1 |
| 20.15 | DrumLine Battle |  | |
| 20.30 | Olympic Retreat | | |

2023 Season Summary

| | Coventry 09 July | Hinckley 9 Sept | Prelims 24 Sept | Finals 24 Sep |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Beeches | 69.050 | 76.750 | 80.85 | 82.70 |
| East Coast Elite | 58.500 | 70.200 | 73.65 | 75.00 |
| Revolution | 59.000 | 69.200 | 71.50 | 73.10 |
| Liberty | 51.500 | 60.200 | - | - |

DCUK - Hall of Fame

| | | | | | |
|------|---|------|------------------------------|------|---|
| 1995 | Chris Gibbs Russell Malley Roger C Steele MBE | 2000 | Keith Mann Mike Newman | 2012 | Nigel Brown Rob Swindells |
| 1996 | Ivan Balchin Bob Hewlett | 2002 | Diane Suett Alan Thompson | 2017 | Joe Fitzpatrick John Johnson Mark Mayes |
| 1997 | Mark Gutteridge | | Ian Lyall | 2018 | John McNamara |
| 1998 | Glyn Boyington Mick Moss | 2004 | John Swindells | 2019 | Eddie Hendle Jason Oates |
| 1999 | Veronica Hope | 2005 | Douglas Caldwell | 2020 | Michael Blackford |

Beeches Performance Ensemble

BIRMINGHAM

Corps Director: Andrew Dallison
Drum Majors: Charlotte Reardon,
Mark Jeffrey & Clive Williamson
Established: 1974

THE HUNGER GAMES

May the odds be ever in your favour .

Beeches celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2024



East Coast Elite

CLEETHORPES, NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

Corps Director: Tony Jex

Drum Major: Fiona Jex

CLUEDO

The Capture theme

Theme from Dragnet

British Grenadiers

Figaro

The Great Escape

The Lord is my Shepherd

Amazing Grace

Toxic

Libartango

La Cumparsito

ECE are very pleased to be back on the competitive field in 2023. We would like to thank everyone who has continued to follow us over the past year and congratulate our new members for their first season with us. We hope our supporters, spectators and the other Corps have enjoyed watching our production evolve in 2023.

Thank you to DCUK for their ongoing support.



Revolution

QUEENSBURY, WEST YORKSHIRE

Corps Director: Oliver Richardson

Drum Majors: Georgia Biggs &

Evie Clayton

Established: 1980

LEVEL UP

Travel beyond the furthest shadows, and there you will find an ancient golden crown, retrieve it!

The show is split into different levels, with different missions, listen to the voice overs & you want to join in.

The music has been written by Shane Murray, and visual by John Crabtree.



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and all who share their passion for the Drum Corps art form.*





So, just what does it take to be a Judge?

The four fundamental qualities a Judge should possess are:

- Integrity.
- Expertise, both in the Activity being judged and in the art of judging.
- The ability to apply both the above in difficult and pressure type circumstances.
- The ability to evolve, and even re-invent oneself where required, as the activity being judged evolves.

The effectiveness, integrity and reputation of the judging team absolutely relies on each judge's ability to remain neutral, fair, and well balanced for all competitors. This requires constant dedication to fundamental judging behaviours:

- Knowing the standards, and expectations, for judge conduct.
- Always maintaining the standard.
- Predicting areas where those standards could be difficult to maintain.
- Sensitivity to areas where those standards could appear to be compromised.
- Being courteous and maintain professional management of 'slippery slopes'.

Because judges are typically experts in their field, they are often also Arrangers, Designers, Instructors etc, and while the role and expectations of the judge can vary depending on the philosophy of the system being applied, it is imperative to remember that serving as a judge is quite different than serving as a Program or Technical Consultant. The differences between Judge and Consultant being:

JUDGE

- Someone appointed to decide in a contest, with the experience to give a meaningful opinion.
- Forms an opinion after careful consideration, to form an opinion of a particular unit in comparison with others.

CONSULTANT

- Someone who gives professional advice or services
- Advises to give an opinion or suggestion to someone about what should be done.
- To recommend or suggest something, including to give information to someone).

The following judging rules will always apply:

- Whilst the 'Instructor Hat' can be taken off and put back on as necessary, the 'Judges Hat' is always on 24-7.
- As a judge any casual conversations with Directors and Instructors must always remain professional, even if they are your good friends.

So, a final thought to conclude on 'What it takes to become a Judge', once you become a judge, a judge's hat never really comes off, so all judges in the DCUK Judges team must be ready and willing to do just that.

So...

On behalf of the 2023 DCUK Judges Team, we hope you all had a great 2023 season and enjoyed and savoured this special experience. And to all the Judges, a huge thank you for your commitment, energy and passion shown over this season.

Audience, Competitors, Helpers, Judges, Management and Staff, we hope you all had a blast!

Ivan Balchin DCUK Judges Chairman

JUDGE ALLOCATIONS FOR FINALS 2023

Thank you to the all the Judges who have judged over the 2023 season:
Ivan Balchin, Douglas Caldwell, Lee Court, Barry Davis, Tony Lees, Ian Lyall, Russell Malley, Ken Mansfield, Tony Patrick, and Gary Roylance

Field Brass – Gary Roylance

Field Percussion – Lee Court

Ensemble Music – Ian Lyall

Field Visual – Ivan Balchin (Chief Judge)

Ensemble Visual – Russell Malley

Colour Guard – Tony Lees

Music Effect – Douglas Caldwell

Visual Effect – Ken Mansfield

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