



THE PIRELLI STADIUM ★ BURTON UPON TRENT  
*Registered Charity No 328541*

Burton Albion Football Club, Pirelli Stadium  
Princess Way, Burton Upon Trent

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

I am delighted to enclose herewith the briefing instructions for the 2006 British Drum Corps Championships, which will be held at Burton Albion Football Club.

### **Directions**

Please see attached maps and written directions.

### **Stadium Information - IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE**

The football stadium is located in close proximity to some residential estates. DCUK will NOT permit the playing of ANY instruments within the Burton Upon Trent Council boundaries except for their performance within the stadium. Severe penalties will apply to any individual / any corps not adhering to this instruction. There will be no appeal.

DCUK is currently investigating the availability of rehearsal venues. IF these are successful then they will become designated for the purpose and will be exempt from the above.

Corps Directors are responsible for the behaviour of their members. Please ensure all members are aware of DCUK's Code of Conduct and that respect is shown towards DCUK staff, Stadium staff and residents on the day. DCUK will not hesitate to penalise any member/corps that does not adhere to any of these rulings.

Corps members must take due care when in the football stadium area. Although DCUK has planned the event with the safety of all corps members and spectators in mind, it is not the ultimate responsibility of DCUK for the safety of corps members in the area - this is the responsibility of each individual corps - should any member require first aid then they must be taken directly to the St John's Ambulance staff located in the First Aid Room inside the stand. Alternatively please speak to either a DCUK staff member or stadium steward who will assist you in getting to the first aid room.

### **Coach Parking and Equipment Trucks:**

Parking for coaches and trucks is immediately adjacent to the stadium with the entrance being from Princess Way. Follow the road through the main carpark area to reach the coach and truck park.

If you intend to leave the stadium in your coach or truck please note that the exit ONLY will be via Derby Road. Please pay careful attention to this on the day to avoid any unnecessary congestion in the coach and truck parking area.

Once again car park stewards will be in attendance to ensure the smooth flow of coaches and trucks in and out of the area and will show both coaches and equipment trucks which area of the car park to park. Please do not park coaches or equipment trucks in the main public car park .

Please also ensure that the car park is kept clean and tidy by providing your own facilities for collecting and removing rubbish.

**THE CAR PARK AREA IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PLAYING BY CORPS' AT ANY TIME. Please make special note of this as playing before the event will attract penalties for the day.**

Corps members must take due care when in the car and coach parking area, as this will be a very busy and congested area. It is not the responsibility of DCUK for the safety of corps members in the car park - this is the responsibility of each individual corps.

### Spectator car parking

The stadium provides car parking for up to 450 private cars inside the stadium gates. Entry to this car park is from Princess Way. Disabled parking is available for disabled drivers only - disabled passengers may be dropped off and picked up at the main entrance and the driver will be requested to park in the main car park. Car park stewards will be on duty and will direct cars accordingly. Please note: **DCUK will not accept responsibility for any contents left in cars - although this is a relatively secure area, please ensure all contents of cars are removed from sight.**

### Rehearsal Sites

DCUK is currently investigating possible rehearsal sites within the Burton Upon Trent Borough Council area, but unless notified, ***no Corps is permitted to rehearse anywhere inside the Burton Upon Trent Borough Council boundaries and Corps will be disqualified from competition without appeal if found not adhering to this instruction.***

If Corps have made specific individual arrangements in advance of the day then any such individual arrangements MUST be notified to the DCUK Office immediately with an emergency telephone number to ensure DCUK can contact each corps if necessary on the day of the event.

### Warm-up

There are no areas for warm-ups around the stadium. Corps should plan well in advance for this and note that this applies to ALL sections of the corps including the pit or front line sections.

### Entry / Exit Procedures *Please note these have changed from previous years*

Once corps have parked their coaches and equipment trucks, offloading of equipment may take place and a storage facility for front line equipment is located behind the side stand adjacent to the truck parking area. You should note that without a wrist band **NO ACCESS** can be obtained to any part of the stadium by marching members, staff or spectators - this includes the off loading of equipment into the 'pit equipment storage and toilet areas'. Toilets are also at this location. Please take direction from the DCUK staff on duty on the day.

Pit equipment, as usual, enters from the left side of the arena and there is a hard surface to push equipment along to the front of the arena at which point you MUST lift all equipment onto the pit area and place it into position (please see rule 4a v & vi). Once your performance has finished again all pit equipment MUST be lifted from the staging area onto the hard surface where it can be pushed on wheels along the front of the stand to the exit which is on the opposite side. Please ensure that all of your members and staff are aware of this to avoid any difficulties on the day.

Corps will enter the stadium for performance from the rear left side of the arena and as usual be asked to move to the rear centre upon direction of the DCUK staff at the appropriate time. This year, however, we are asking corps to *exit from the front right* of the arena. This is the same place as the pit equipment will be exiting. Please ensure that your members are well aware of this change which has been put in place to assist with the smooth flow on the day and to avoid any unnecessary use of the pitch. With this in mind you will be asked to leave the pitch over the front line as soon as possible and move onto the hard surface at the front of the stand. Corps will NOT attract any penalties for this on the day.

Please note that a wristband check will take place at both the corps entrance and pit entrance gates.

### Timetable for the Day

Attached is the draft timetable outlining the performance times, intervals and Olympic Retreats. Final placings will be issued after 18<sup>th</sup> September. In order for the day to run smoothly times MUST be strictly adhered to and penalties may apply if corps do not adhere to times given. *Please note that Open Class Finals' times differ from previous years.*

The A Class Champions, Runners-up and Junior Class Champions will be competing in Open Class Finals.

## **Corps Reception**

Corps reception will be situated inside the main entrance to the stadium (see attached map) and will open at 11.30am. Corps Directors will be required to report to Reception when they arrive in order to register and check for any timetable changes. Corps Directors will also be required to bring with them ALL passes for corps members who require access to the stadium on the day. These will be exchanged for wristbands on a strictly one-for-one basis. Please note that individual members cannot exchange passes for wristbands. If any of your Corps are travelling separately then you will have to make arrangements to meet them prior to reporting. The use of passes will not gain entry into the stadium either as a spectator or competitor.

As in previous years please inform the DCUK Office of the exact number of marching members during the week prior to the event. If you have any members who are not marching but will be with your corps please let the DCUK office have their names and ask them to bring a form of identification with them (passport/photo driving licence) on the day. They must come personally with the Corps Director to receive their wristband.

## **Wristbands**

As in previous years these will be issued to Corps Directors on arrival at Corps Reception and on a one-for-one basis for member and staff passes.

You should note that without a wrist band **NO ACCESS** can be obtained to any part of the stadium by marching members, staff or spectators - this includes the off loading of equipment into the 'pit equipment storage area'.

It will be the responsibility of the director to ensure that each wristband is properly affixed to the wrist of its owner. Pass holders without a properly fixed band will not be allowed into the stadium under any circumstances.

**WRISTBANDS ARE TO BE FIXED ONTO WRISTS ONLY AND NOT TO ANKLES.  
*THE COLOUR SIDE MUST REMAIN ON THE OUTSIDE.***

Any pass holder losing their wristband or having this improperly fixed will have to purchase a ticket to access the stadium. Anyone thought to have deliberately tampered with their wrist label will be forbidden access to the ground under any circumstances and will, therefore, be unable to participate.

Please ensure that your staff and members are aware of the rules regarding wristbands and are in no doubt that the rules will be strictly applied throughout the day.

## **Judging Tapes**

These should be handed in at Corps Reception. Please ensure that all your tapes are fully marked with the name of the Corps and the relevant captions. Please also ensure that there are at least two spares and that all have the necessary recording 'tabs' in place.

**Open Class and A Class Corps will need to hand in two set of tapes** to Corps Reception on arrival - the second set will be used for Finals in the evening. Tapes must be clearly marked and spares provided. Completed judging tapes will be available for collection from the Corps Reception approximately 10 minutes after each Corps' performance.

Junior Class Corps are also requested to have a spare set of judges tapes as the Junior Class Champions will need them for their performance in Open Class Finals. These tapes will need to be left at the DCUK ticket desk immediately after the A Class retreat.

## **Individual Performance Video Tapes**

Please note that individual performance videos will *not* be done during the Open Class Prelims.  
*(Previous correspondence refers)*

## **Corps Staff Seating**

During each Corps' performance seating for Corps Staff will be provided on the back row of the stand but please note due to the stand being much smaller than previous years, only a limited number seats can be reserved. We ask that you respect the need for this and that fact that there will be paying supporters in very close proximity to the corps staff.

## **Seating and Access for Competitors**

Seating for competitors is in the very side blocks of the front stand. Please ensure your members are aware that if they chose to sit on the very side blocks of the stand that some of the seats may have been allocated to paying spectators. Under no circumstances may pass holders use the centre blocks unless they have purchased a ticket. Corps members who have purchased a ticket must show their ticket at the spectators' entrance and obtain and wear a spectator wristband as well as their member wristband.

**Please ensure your members are aware of the DCUK code of conduct and show respect to all performing corps.**

Corps members may only sit with parents in the stand if they have purchased a ticket giving them allocated seat number and are wearing the appropriate coloured wristband.

## **'A', Junior & Cadet Classes Olympic Retreat**

There will be one retreat for 'A' Class, Junior Class and Cadet Class Corps. This will be led on by Southern Aurora drumline. Corps must form up to the right hand side of the stadium behind the side stand (corps performance entrance) during the performance of the final Corps in Junior Class Championships. Corps Directors are requested to stand with their corps.

At the conclusion of the Olympic Retreat Corps will play themselves off the field in reverse starting with the Cadet Class. There will be no repeat performances.

## **Open Class Olympic Retreat**

Open Class Corps will be expected to form up to the right hand side of the stadium behind the side stand (corps performance entrance) during the performance of the last corps, i.e., 7.59pm. Please adhere to the report time on the attached timetable. Corps will enter the field in performance order being led on by Southern Aurora drumline. **Corps Directors should join their corps on the field when the retreat has formed and prior to the awards being presented.** This is a showpiece event and it is up to Corps Directors to ensure that corps members behave professionally throughout the retreat whatever the results.

On completion of the retreat Corps will leave the field in reverse order prior to the repeat performance by the 2006 British Drum Corps champions. The second place corps will only be allowed to give a small concert to the Champions - this will be time dependent and at the discretion of the Championships Director. Other Corps must leave the field immediately they are called upon to do so by the marshals.

PLEASE NOTE: The Champion Corps will be asked to give a repeat performance ONLY if time and weather conditions permit. NO warm-up will be allowed due to the booking conditions of the stadium.

**DIRECTORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOUR OF THEIR CORPS MEMBERS  
THROUGHOUT RETREAT**

## **Massed Brass Ensemble**

All Corps have been invited to participate in the massed brass ensemble that will play during Open Class Retreat. Not all corps are participating but for those corps that are, please ensure your members are aware of the following instructions. Corps are to march onto the field for retreat and once all corps are lined up brass members who are participating will be asked to move to the front. Please ask your members to move quickly to ensure Retreat runs as smoothly as possible. The brass ensemble will then be expected to play the National Anthem.

## National Anthem

Brass members participating in the Massed Brass Ensemble will be expected to play the official version of the Anthem. Please ensure that your players are appropriately rehearsed for this piece. Players are expected to be able to play the relevant part for their instrument. It is not acceptable for all players to play the melody!

The Drum Major of Black Knights will conduct the Anthem who will also be conducting the massed brass ensemble. Please contact the DCUK Office if you require a further copy of the National Anthem.

## Long Service Awards

These will be presented during both Retreats as soon as the Corps are mustered on the field. Once the Retreat is formed up Long Service Award winners will be asked to take up position on the front line with Diamond awards to the far right, Gold awards to the right, Silver winners in the centre and Bronze winners to the left (looking towards the stand). Recipients names will be listed in the Finals programme and patches will be given to Corps Directors to hand to recipients after the retreat.

Those due to receive Long Service Awards will be expected to either wear uniform or smart casual dress for staff members. Anyone thought to be inappropriately dressed or in any way unfit for the presentations will not receive their award. Please Note: Nominations for these awards must have been submitted to the DCUK Office prior to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 - previous correspondence refers.

## Professional Video

This year DVDs will once again include all classes on one double DVD. Please ensure that your members are aware that illegal copying of dvds will hasten the point at which a professionally produced DVD will no longer be provided.

**AS EVER THE USE OF VIDEO/DVD CAMERAS AT ANY TIME DURING CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY IS FORBIDDEN AND ANYONE FOUND TO BE BREAKING THIS RULE MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE STADIUM.** *Please ensure that your supporters are aware of this rule.*

Once again dvds can be ordered on the day at the DCUK booster stall and later through the DCUK website or pre-ordered on the DCUK website. The price remains the same as 2005 at £25.00.

## Booster Stalls

There are facilities for booster and trade stalls and they will be located on the inside the stadium at the spectator entrances. There are two separate areas for entry and booster stalls will be located in both areas. Signs will clearly identify which stall is in which area. If your corps wishes to have a booster stall please notify the DCUK Office no later than 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Space is very limited and a place can not be guaranteed after this date. Tables are not provided and you must arrange to bring your own - *one* tressle table per stall. Stalls MAY NOT SELL any sort of food, sweets or drinks nor may they operate raffles.

## Spectator Access

The spectator and member entrances will be via the two side entrance/exit doors nearest seat numbers on tickets. Ticket holders will be issued with a wristband in exchange for their ticket stub at the entrance gate. This label will act as a pass-out provided that it is properly affixed both on exit and re-entry. Improperly fixed labels will not be accepted for re-admission to the ground.

Any Corps with disabled supporters should advise the office in advance so that access to seats/disabled area can be arranged. Such supporters should then report to the DCUK ticket office in the main reception where special access arrangements will have been made.

## Catering

The football stadium is making available hot and cold food and drinks in the two catering outlets in either end of the main stand. Please encourage your members, spectators and staff to avail themselves of the Stadium's catering services, which are very competitively priced. Under no

circumstances can food, bought at other outlets, be eaten inside the stadium. No bottles or alcohol may be brought into the main stand. The catering outlets are licensed to sell alcohol but the stadium has agreed to stop selling alcohol should any problems occur in any area of the stand.

As the catering outlets at the stadium are privately run DCUK does not have any control over their closure time. DCUK has though asked that one outlet be kept open until 8pm, but this will be at the discretion of the stadium and will be closed if not used so please ensure your members are aware of this and if necessary have their own food available.

### **Surrounding Facilities**

The stadium is located on an industrial estate area. A number of amenities including MacDonalds are available on the approaches to the stadium. The town centre is only a few minutes drive away.

#### **THE BEHAVIOUR OF CORPS MEMBERS, STAFF AND CORPS SUPPORTERS IS AT ALL TIMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CORPS.**

Anyone causing problems of any kind in these facilities may expect to attract penalties to their Corps which will be included on the day. Directors are asked to note that the most severe penalty given will be disqualification. Please ensure that your members are aware of this.

Any supporter or member who enters the stadium under the influence of alcohol will be removed from the stadium.

### **Emergency Telephone Number**

Please note that the DCUK Office will be closed from midday on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The DCUK Emergency telephone number throughout this time and on the day is: 07922 022998 (direct contact with Jill Boyington).

### **Referee**

Mark Gutteridge and Diane Suett will act as Referees throughout the event and Chris Gibbs will once again act as Championships Director.

#### **\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTES \*\*\***

### **BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS AND SPECTATORS**

The behaviour of corps members and corps spectators is the responsibility of corps directors. No alcohol or glass bottles are permitted in the stands. Please ensure your members and supporters are aware of this prior to the day. DCUK reserves the right to remove any alcohol or glass bottles from spectators and members and if necessary to request them to leave the stadium. Corps directors will be held responsible for any misbehaviour by members or corps spectators.

### **Age-outs**

It has always been a tradition in Drum Corps that persons ageing out will normally leave behind on the field their hats and shoes. Previous years have seen some members going to ridiculous lengths, which served to bring the activity as a whole into disrepute. In the event that an individual does act in such a manner as to bring the activity into disrepute they and their Corps can expect action to be taken against them. Please help us to see that this is not necessary.

### **Enclosures / Attachments**

- DCUK Championships - Provisional Performance Timetable
  - Map - Burton Albion Football Club Complex
    - Directions to the Stadium

## DIRECTIONS to PRIELLI STADIUM, PRINCESS WAY, BURTON UPON TRENT

Car parking is available at the Pirelli Stadium for 400 vehicles.

### From the M1 (Junction 24) via the A50

Exit the **M1 at Junction 24** and follow the signs for the **A50** (Stoke and Uttoxeter). Keep on this road, heading west until you reach the Toyota Island and the junction with the **A38**. Head south on the **A38** (Burton and Birmingham) until you reach the first Burton turn off. Take this exit (**A5121**) and proceed along Derby Road, passing McDonald's and the Pirelli factory on your right and a BP Garage and Cash & Carry on your left until you reach a roundabout. Turn right at this roundabout into Princess Way and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

### From A38 North (Derby) and M1 North (Junction 28)

Exit the **A38** at the first turning for Burton (North). Take this exit (**A5121**) and proceed along Derby Road, passing McDonald's and the Pirelli factory on your right and a BP Garage and Cash & Carry on your left until you reach a roundabout. Turn right at this roundabout into Princess Way and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

### From A38 South (Lichfield, Birmingham)

Take the second exit for Burton (North). Take this exit (**A5121**) and proceed along Derby Road, passing McDonald's and the Pirelli factory on your right and a BP Garage and Cash & Carry on your left until you reach a roundabout. Turn right at this roundabout into Princess Way and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

### From M1 South (Jct 22) -A511

From the M1, exit at **Junction 22** (signposted Coalville, Ashby, Burton) and stay on the **A511**. You stay on this road for approximately 17 miles, by-passing Coalville and going through Ashby-De-La-Zouch, then Woodville and Midway (This area is littered with speed cameras - so beware!) When you enter Burton, get into the right hand lane at the bottom of **Ashby Road (A511)** going straight over the traffic lights and across the **Trent Bridge**. Staying in the right hand lane, go straight on through both sets of lights at the end of the Bridge, into **Horninglow Street**, straight on again at the next lights (next to the newly built Magistrates Courts), then turn right at the traffic lights underneath the Brewery fly-over, into **Hawkins Lane**. Go through the industrial estate, straight across the mini-roundabout and over the Railway Bridge, once over the Railway Bridge, you will come to a roundabout. Go straight across the roundabout into **Princess Way** and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

### From M42 Jct. 11 (West Mids) & M5 (South West) -A444

Leave the **M 42** at its last exit **Junction 11** (Just past Tamworth) and go onto the **A444** signposted Burton. Stay on the A444 all the way to Burton, going through Overseal and Castle Gresley on the way. On entering Burton, go past the Black Horse and Copper Hearth pubs, straight across the mini-roundabout and you will come to a roundabout with St Peters Bridge in front of you. Turn **right** at the roundabout into **Stapenhill Road (A444)**, which runs parallel to the River Trent, and then turn **left** at the traffic lights onto the **Trent Bridge**. Get into the right hand lane, go straight on through both sets of lights at the end of the Bridge, into **Horninglow Street**, straight on again at the next lights (next to the newly built Magistrates Courts), then turn right at the traffic lights underneath the Brewery fly-over, into **Hawkins Lane**. Go through the industrial estate, straight across the mini-roundabout and over the Railway Bridge, once over the Railway Bridge, you will come to a roundabout. Go straight across the roundabout into **Princess Way** and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

### From M6 North Jct. 15 (A50 Uttoxeter, Stoke-On-Trent) -A511

Leave the Motorway at **Junction 15**, (Stoke-On-Trent South) and follow the signs for **Uttoxeter (A50)**. Stay on this road ignoring the first sign for Burton and continuing along the A50 until you reach the

Toyota Island. Come off the **A50** here and follow signs for **A38 (south)**. Travel on this road until you reach the first exit for Burton on Trent. Take this exit (**A5121**) and proceed along Derby Road, passing McDonald's and the Pirelli factory on your right and a BP Garage and Cash & Carry on your left until you reach a roundabout. Turn right at this roundabout into Princess Way and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

**Railway Station, Borough Road, Burton**

Burton Railway Station is situated half a mile West of the Town Centre, past the Breweries on Station Street, on **Borough Road**. Trains run regularly to and from **Derby and Nottingham** to the North, and **Birmingham** to the South. It's a good twenty-five minute walk to Eton Park from the Station. Out of the station turn **left**, then next **right** into **Derby Street**. Keep going on this road about 1½ miles, straight across the first roundabout by the Derby Turn Pub (left), then immediately left at the next roundabout into **Princess Way** and the entrance to the ground is 300 yards on your right.

