

Drumbeat



Issue 236

Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

August 2017

What's on in the Garrison area :

● Sun 6 August

Wessex Country Fair at Wilton House
in aid of the Salisbury Hospice charity

● Sun 6 August

Boscombe Down Aviation Collection -
sit in the cockpit of a fast jet, model
show & craft stalls

● Fri 11 August

The Golden Eagle Jazz Band at The
Auction Centre, Netherhampton
Road, Salisbury SP2 8RH

● 12 - 13 August

Kite Festival at Old Sarum - learn
how to fly a kite and watch
demonstrations

● Sat 19 August 11:00 - 16:00

Wiltshire Wildlife's Festival of Flight at
Blakehill Farm Nature Reserve,
previously a WW2 military airfield.
Cricklade SN6 6RA

● 27 - 28 August

Mediaeval Jousting at Old Sarum

● Wed 30 August

Devizes confetti battle, firework finale

● Sat 2 September

Fusiliers Families Fun Day - contact
UWO for details

● Sun 3 September

T1 Music, BBQ & Hog Roast at
Cholderton Charlie's Farm iao
charities, incl Stars Appeal

● Thurs 7 September 9:30 - 14:00

National Employment & Careers Fair
at Tidworth Leisure Centre
www.bfrss.org.uk

● Sat 9 September

Annual Barn Dance at Cholderton
Charlie's Farm 01980 - 629 438

● 16 Sept - 13 Jan 18

Terry Pratchett exhibition at Salisbury
Museum

● 26 & 27 September

Early Early Christmas Fair in
Tedworth Park. In aid of ABF The
Soldiers' Charity

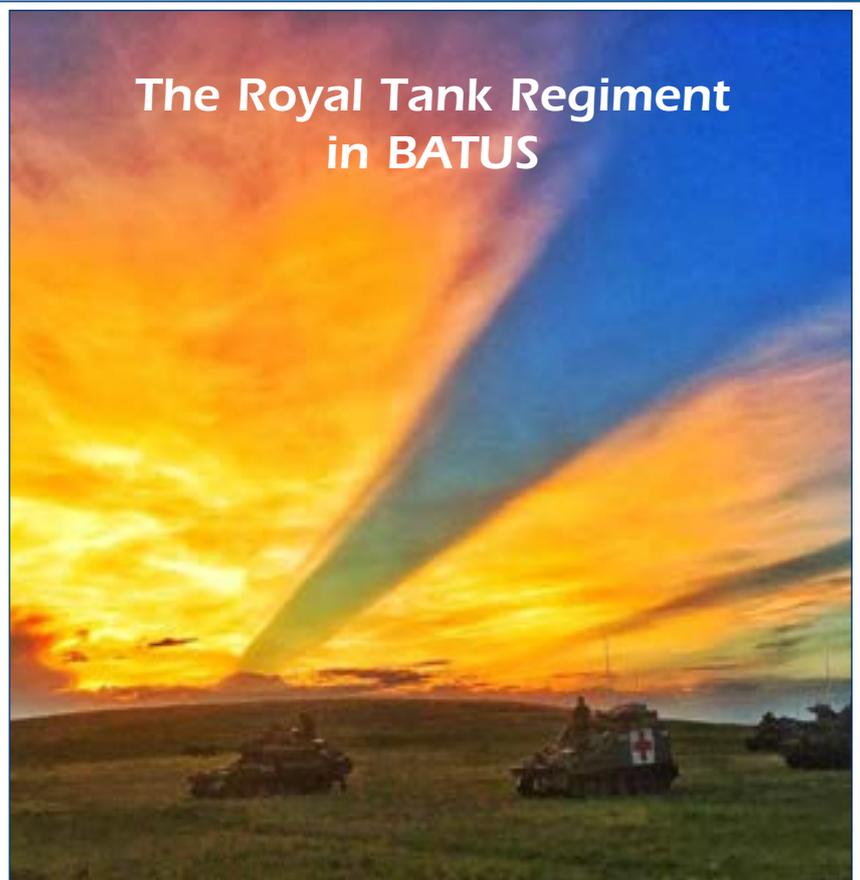
● 2 - 7 October

"Round the World in 80 Days" at
Salisbury Playhouse, direct from the
West End. Tickets : 01722 - 320 333

● Thurs 12 October 09:00 - 16:45

Army Servicewomen's Network
Conference in the Churchill Lecture
Theatre at the Royal Military
Academy Sandhurst

The Royal Tank Regiment in BATUS



CYCLOPS Squadron RTR has been out in BATUS, acting as the enemy Tank Company on both PRAIRIE STORM 1 & 2. Using their ability and skill during the two exercises, and despite being on unfamiliar vehicles without a stabilised gun and often at night, the crews managed to keep both Battle Groups on their toes !



Stay with the Beat this Summer !

The Division hosts visits from NATO Allies

During the past month, 3rd (United Kingdom) Division has been delighted to receive visits from its counterparts in Italy and Germany.

On 17th July, General Officer Commanding 3rd (UK) Division, Maj Gen Borton, welcomed his Italian counterpart, Maj Gen Lamanna, General Officer Commanding (ITA) Friuli Division.



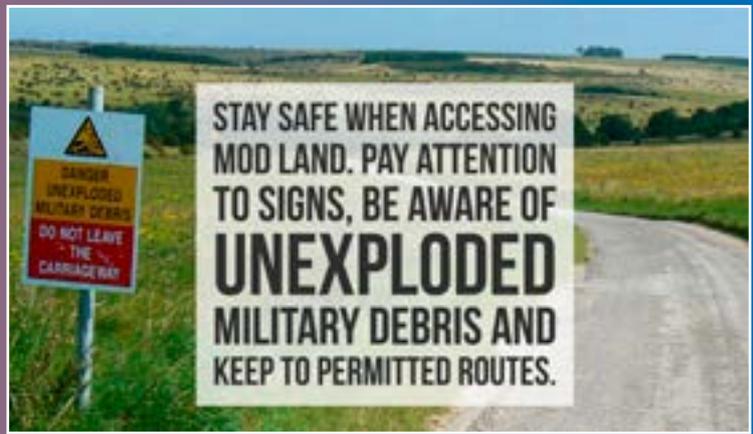
On 25th July, HQ 3rd (UK) Division hosted a visit from GOC 1st (GER) Panzer Division, Major General Laubenthal.



Later that day, Maj Gen Laubenthal visited Y Coy First Fusiliers and soldiers from the Royal Tank Regiment for an infantry and armour demonstration on Salisbury Plain.



Visits like these provide a good opportunity to strengthen relationships with our NATO allies and develop ways of working together.



Fire Safety does not stop when you leave your House !

Here are some top tips from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service :

Tents

- Allow at least 6m spacing between tents and caravans and ensure they are away from parked cars to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
- Don't smoke inside tents.
- Never use candles in or near a tent - torches are safer.
- Keep cooking appliances away from the tent walls and never cook inside a small tent or near flammable materials or long grass; they can all set alight easily.

Caravans

- Fit and test a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector in your caravan.
- Make sure the caravan is ventilated, and never block air vents, to avoid a build-up of poisonous gases.
- Take special care when cooking - don't leave pans unattended.
- Turn off all appliances before you go out or to bed.
- Make sure ashtrays are made of a material that can't burn or topple over, and never smoke in bed.
- Don't dry clothes over the stove.
- Remove any litter and rubbish near the caravan to reduce the risk of fire spreading.

Open Fires

- Open fires should be downwind, at least 10m, from any tents.
- Clear dry vegetation, leaves etc. to form a circle of earth around the fire.
- Build a stack that will collapse inwards whilst burning.
- Do not leave fires unattended.
- Make sure that fires are fully extinguished after use.

If a fire should break out

- Call the fire and rescue service and give the exact location.
- If you're able, give a map reference. If this is not possible a landmark such as a farm or pub will help them locate you.
- Never throw cigarette ends out of a car window - they could start a fire and ruin surrounding countryside. Grass and forest fires spread rapidly.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire. Take them home or put them in a waste or recycling bin.

If you discover a fire

- Do not be tempted to investigate.
- Leave the area as quickly as possible and call 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service.
- Do not return unless the fire and rescue service tells you that it is safe to do so.

Rundle Cup Day 2017

It was a hot polo contest in many ways as the sun beat down on a 4,000-strong crowd for the annual skirmish between the Royal Navy and The British Army - a sensationally sizzling day of polo and entertainment!



The Inspire Foundation Charity match opened the day with the Jockeys and Eventers showing their newly found skills of playing polo.

The REME Parachute team then dropped in to say hello from 7000ft with 12 parachutists giving a skilful display, before the stars of polo

future took to the pitch to put on the most exciting display of pony club polo.

After lunch, the Combined Services Polo Association (CSPA) took on the visiting team from the Republic of South Africa. Just as it looked like the Republic of South Africa were going to run away with it the CSPA team found the ignite button with Brigadier Piers Hankinson, who hadn't picked up a polo stick in a year, putting two goals through in the last minute leaving the final score CSPA 6 South Africa 4 ½.

The Hackett Rundle Cup was pure polo warfare - a thrilling and nail-biting match from the beginning (the first goal was scored after only about 20 seconds!) to the end when, despite the Army scoring the final goal of the match, the Navy were victorious with just half a goal in it.

New School : building begins

St Michael's Church of England Primary School in Figheldean will be relocating to Larkhill and building has recently begun on the new school buildings, near to where the new quarters will also be built.

Last month, pupils from the school, part of Salisbury Plain Academies, joined the Right Rev Edward Conway, Bishop of Ramsbury, in a turf cutting ceremony to mark the start of work on the eagerly awaited new school.

The new building, which is costing £6.9 million, will accommodate up to 420 pupils and include a 60 place nursery.



"This is such an exciting time: a new school of this size and calibre is a resource for the whole of our community, our partner schools and colleagues but, above all, it is the future for our children. Salisbury Plain Academies is delighted that the Bishop and so many guests have joined us to mark the beginning of that future," said CEO of Salisbury Plain Academies, Helen Mathieson.

The new school will be open by September 2018 ready for the rebasing of Army families back to Larkhill.

FREE Family Pottery Experience

The Beeches Family Centre, Bulford

Monday 14th August : Make your own pottery and learn the techniques of ancient potters

Monday 21st August : Create outdoor kilns to fire your pots, plus learn some basic metalwork techniques

Places are limited and must be reserved at www.bit.ly/FamilyPotteryExperience

The Longest Day ...

On 24th August, members of the South West Cadet Training Team from Netheravon will be undertaking the Longest Day Golf Challenge at Upavon Golf Course, to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

The Challenge is to walk and complete 4 rounds of golf and all 4 players are required to walk all 72 holes of golf. They estimate it will take them around 14 hours !

The are aiming to raise as much money as possible for the charity and would welcome any donations :

www.justgiving.com/SouthWestCTT

Invictus Athletes : Training for Toronto

Some of the powerlifting athletes from the UK Team competing at the Invictus Games in Toronto in September came to Tedworth House's Phoenix Centre gym last month, to be put through their paces to ensure they are mentally and physically prepared for the Games, which will take place from 23 - 30 September.



306 hopeful wounded, injured and sick (WIS) Service Personnel and Veterans trialled 11 sports for one of the 90 places available on the UK team. The rigorous selection process was based on the benefit the Invictus Games will give an individual as part of the recovery, combined with performance and commitment to training. Being involved in sport brings significant physical as well as mental health benefits which have a positive effect on the athletes' everyday lives.

The UK delegation to the Invictus Games is once again being made possible by a partnership comprising Help for Heroes (H4H), the Ministry of Defence and The Royal British Legion, supported by Jaguar Land Rover and The Endeavour Fund.



The Beeches community café

Bulford's own Child-Friendly Community Café
Everyone welcome

Opening Times : 09:30 - 13:30 Monday - Friday

Freshly prepared and cooked Breakfast and Lunch Menus
(Small portions for small appetites, healthy options and
gluten-Free alternatives available)

Ice Cream Sundaes and Fresh Home Baked Cakes

Indoor and Outdoor play areas

Relaxing Lounge with soft play

Find us in The Beeches, Bulford Road, Bulford SP4 9BT

Like us on Facebook for pictures, information and
upcoming events : "The Beeches Community Café"

Rugby Tots

Classes for girls and boys aged 2-7 years
Tidworth, Salisbury & Amesbury

07985 - 788 069 phil@rugbytots.co.uk

www.rugbytots.co.uk



Clarendon Pupils perform at the Playhouse

Around 100 Year 3 and 4 children from Clarendon Junior School performed "The World of Roald Dahl" at Salisbury Playhouse last month, as part of the theatre's Beginners Please programme for primary schools.



Pupils and teachers have been participating in creative theatre workshops exploring imaginative responses to some of Roald Dahl's best known books, including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The BFG, George's Marvellous Medicine and

Matilda. On 3rd July the children presented the production they had devised at the Playhouse. They also performed popular songs such as Toni Basil's 'Hey Mickey' and Queen's 'We Are the Champions'.

"The children had a truly amazing time," said Venessa Mott of Clarendon Junior School.

The Beginners Please programme this year has involved more than 800 children from 19 different schools and the Playhouse is now taking bookings from schools for the next school year, with a version of the programme specifically for rural schools.

Salisbury Playhouse also runs a weekly youth theatre group, Stage 65, at the Wellington Academy in Tidworth and a new hub will be launched at Avon Valley College in Durrington soon. For more information contact Alexandra.Martyn@salisburyplayhouse.com



Bulford Community Learning Centre

**English & Maths Functional Skills Courses for
Adults aged 19+**

These qualifications are useful to you if you :

- Don't already have GCSE Grade C English & Maths
- Need GCSE Maths/English, but aren't quite ready for it and need a stepping stone approach
- Want to learn alongside other like-minded adults
- Want to open doors to Further Education, get the job you want or help your children with homework

Levels 1 & 2 available - Level 2 is comparable to GCSE

Autumn / Winter 2017 Course Dates

English : Weekdays 10:00 - 13:30

11-22 Sept, 30 Oct-10 Nov, 4-15 Dec

Evening English : Tuesdays 18:30 - 21:30

19 Sept - 12 December

Maths : Weekdays 10:00 - 13:30

25 Sept-13 Oct, 13 Nov-1 Dec

FREE Careers Advice from a National Advisor once a month

For more information, further course dates or to enrol, call Claire on 01980 - 672981

Email : bulford-clc@hotmail.co.uk

**or call in to the office in The Haig Centre, Bulford,
between 09:00 - 13:30**

Wings Over Stonehenge

This local Group puts on regular walks at Larkhill and Stonehenge Airfields for the National Trust. The walks around these key sites in aviation history are led by expert guides.

The Larkhill walk covers the early flying pioneer period between 1909 - 14, and the Stonehenge walk explains the extensive WW1 RFC and RNAS flying activity that took place within a stone's throw of Stonehenge.



Booking is essential - via the National Trust website : www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Larkhill : Sat 16 September

Stonehenge : Wed 23 August

Community Messaging

What is it ?

- Get FREE messages from your local police officers about policing and crime matters in your area, by email, text or voicemail.
- You can choose which organisations to receive messages from and the type of information you receive.
- Currently, messages are being sent by Wiltshire Police and by Wiltshire and Swindon Neighbourhood Watch. This may extend to other watch schemes and partner agencies in the future.
- You can reply to messages from your local officers to help them better police your area, such as by responding to police appeals for information.
- You can also join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area, or request to start a new one.

How do I get involved ?

- Sign up online by visiting www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk or complete an application form at your local police station.
- You can change your preferences or unsubscribe to the system at any time, either by logging in to your account or emailing communitymessaging@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Building a WW1 Tank ...

Archaeologists from the Operation Nightingale programme have built a replica First World War tank after unearthing an original WW1 tank (Tank 796 [D23]) during an 8-day archaeological dig at Bullecourt in northern France in June this year.

The group located a large section of the track of the tank, several of its six pounder shells, part of its driving chain, and other elements which could be armour. The track had parts of the original colour scheme still surviving : unlike the sepia-toned images of the war, the tank was more of a British racing green in colour - somewhat inappropriate given the top speed of 4 mph attainable by

this 28-ton behemoth!

The discovery was discussed at the Chalke Valley History Festival, where artefacts from the excavations were on display alongside the Heritage



Harvey Mills

Lottery-funded replica tank, based on tank 796 from Bullecourt, which was made by the team at the Help for Heroes Recovery Centre Tedworth House.

"It was profoundly moving so see British military veterans, including former tank crew, recovering the remains of their ancestral past and ethos", said Richard Osgood from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation who was the archaeological lead for the project.

Dickie Bennett of Breaking Ground Heritage (BGH) who facilitated the project said :

"Breaking Ground Heritage was set up to support Operation



Nightingale in providing wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans alike the opportunity to take part in credible and meaningful archaeological and heritage projects to promote recovery or assist in the transition from service to civilian life.

"Bullecourt was the latest of several Great War excavations that the team had been part of and the first project in which veteran members of



the project mentored the newer members in archaeological techniques ... Veterans have so many transferable skills that are compatible with the heritage industry. For a soldier, sailor or airman, archaeology can be more than just an interest, it can also a viable career option."

Meeting HRH Prince Charles

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion The Mercian Regiment are carrying out ceremonial and public duties during June, July and August at Buckingham Palace, St James's Palace, Windsor Castle and the Tower of London.

During a visit to HRH The Prince of Wales in the gardens of Clarence House last month, one particular Mercian was on his very best behaviour : regimental mascot, Private Derby XXXI, a Swaledale ram, may have been tempted, but left the Prince's flower beds untouched!



The Prince of Wales has been the Colonel in Chief of the Mercian Regiment since the Regiment's formation on 1st September 2007. Since then he has visited each Battalion on numerous occasions and he was keen to meet the men from C Company of the 1st Battalion who are conducting the Queen's Guard so close to his official residence within St James's Palace.

The Mercian Regiment is an armoured infantry battalion equipped with the Warrior Fighting Vehicle. As well as being highly trained infantrymen, the majority of Mercian soldiers also hold Warrior qualifications as drivers, gunners or commanders.

During the last year, soldiers from 1 MERCIAN have deployed to the Falkland Islands and to Ukraine to provide training to the Ukrainian Armed Forces; they have also taken part in the Army Warfighting Experiment testing, providing feedback on a range of new equipment being evaluated for the British Army. Following this Public Duties commitment, the soldiers will return to their core role with a Warrior live firing training package.

Roadworks & Travel Information

The Packway in Larkhill :

14 August - 26 September 2017 : Full highway closure in both directions between the Packway Garage and the Stonehenge Inn roundabout. Residential properties and the Packway Garage will be accessible via the diversion routes, which will be clearly marked.

September - December 2017 : The road will be open to two-way traffic, controlled by traffic lights.

Bulford :

The Bulford Droveaway, from the bottom of the Canadian Estate to Bulford Village, will be closed for roadworks from 9th August for 3 days.

Tidworth :

There will be overnight repairs to bridges over the A303 over the next couple of months, with temporary traffic diversions through Tidworth and Ludgershall while the work is being done.

Expect delays and leave extra time for your journey while roadworks are taking place.



Drumbeat Noticeboard



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Castledown Radio

Broadcasting to the Tidworth
Community Area on **104.7 FM**
email : studio@castledownradio.info
or call : 01264 - 841047

Tidworth Town Council

Mon-Fri 9:30 - 13:00 at the Wylve
Road Community Centre, Tidworth.
Drop in 10:30 - 12:30
Tel : 01980 - 847390

townclerk@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk
www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

TCAP Coordinator

Tony Pickernell, Wylve Road
Community Centre, Tidworth
01980 - 840722 / 07765 - 382678
www.tidworthcommunityarea.info

Tidworth Citizens' Advice Bureau

Wylve Road Community Centre,
Wednesdays 10:00 - 15:00

Rubbish & Recycling

For details about collections, visit
www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Army Welfare Service

Main Office at the new Garrison
Theatre : 01980 - 656789 (Mil. 5789)

AFF Wiltshire Coordinator

Carol Morris : 07527 - 492 783
wiltshire@aff.org.uk

Bulford Community Learning Centre

A wide variety of courses available
For details call Claire 01980 - 672981

Aspire Defence Helpline (24/7)

0845 168 2300 or Mil 96340 2300

Defence Housing Service :

Repairs to Quarters, Furniture,
March-in/outs, Improvements
Call the **CarillionAmey Helpline** on
0800 707 6000

Allocations : Please apply online via
the Defence Intranet

Further details www.gov.uk/dio/sfa
or www.carillionamey.co.uk

Emergency Numbers :

RMP : 01980 - 67 2251
& 67 2241

Service Police Confidential Line :
0800 - 72 72 72

Wilts Police (non-emergency) : 101
Police Emergency : 999

Crimestoppers : 0800 - 555111

Plain Watch : 01980 - 67 47 00

Tidworth Leisure Centre

TLC Opening Times

Monday - Friday 09:00 - 21:00
Saturdays 08:00 - 17:00
Sundays 08:00 - 20:00

Telephone : 01980 - 847 140

Outside Pitch Bookings : 651 416

Tidworth Library Opening Times

Mon, Wed & Fri 10:00 - 17:00
Tues & Thurs 14:00 - 19:00
Sat 10:00 - 13:00

Call: 01980 - 843460 or 650568

Paula's Café : Mon-Sat 9:00 -18:00

Youth Activities : Climbing, T2A
Adventure Sports Club, Red Hot Gym
Club, Showoff Dance, Swimming
Lessons - Call the TLC for details

Also at the TLC : Counselling,
Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinics,
Purity Beauty Salon, Hairdressing, etc

The Beeches Community Café

Bulford 09:30 - 13:30 Mon - Fri
Breakfast & lunch menus, cakes &
ice cream, child friendly, play areas

Salisbury Plain HIVE at the TLC

Mon-Thu 8:00-4:30, Fri 8:00-15:30
Margaret & Tracey 01980-650 224
www.salisburyplainhive.blogspot.com

TNB Garrison Early Years & Play

Sessional and all day care for 0-5s
Afterschool & holiday clubs for 4-13s

www.tnbearlyyears.org

Tel Barbara Sealey on 07436 - 070904
or email ec@tnbearlyyears.org

Local Children's Centres :

Activities for children 0-5 yrs, and
their parent/carer. Call for info :

NSPCC Ashdown Family Centre

Drummer Lane, off Station Road,
Tidworth. Call 01980 - 846164

Windmill Hill Children's Centre

Wylve Road, Tidworth SP9 7QR
Activities in Tidworth, Perham Down
and Ludgershall Call 01980 - 843 010

Bulford Children's Centre

Next to Kiwi School. Activities also
at The Beeches and in Larkhill.
Call 01980 - 632 660

Tidworth Mums at the TLC

Wed : Crafty Monkeys 10:00 - 11:30
Tues & Thurs: Soft Play 10:00 - 11:30
Fri : Play Monkeys 10:00 - 11:30
for parents & children up to 5 yrs
www.tidworthmums.co.uk

6th Wiltshire Kiwi BPSA

Baden Powell Scouts for ages 5+
Thursdays 18:00 - 19:30 in the Cadet
Hut, Ward Barracks, Bulford.
Tel. 07788 - 244 636

Tidworth Town FC

Girls & Boys - Humber Lane,
Tidworth. Tel 07872 - 565650
secretary@tidworthtownfc.co.uk
www.tidworthtownfc.co.uk

The Shipton Bellinger Rams FC

Shipton Bellinger Village Centre
www.clubwebsite.co.uk/shiptonbellingerramsfc

Durrington FC

Girls & Boys - Avon Valley College
Tel. 07917 - 228708 durrington@btinternet.com

Pewsey Rugby Club

1st & 2nd XV's and a youth section.
Contact Mick Haynes 07584 577901
mick.haynes638@mod.uk

Kids Run Free

First Saturday of every month at 9am
on the Marlborough Sports pitches,
Bulford. www.kidsrunfree.co.uk

Swimming Lessons

Clear Water Sports at Bulford Pool
07544 - 384604
www.clearwatersports.co.uk

Tidworth (Comb Svcs) Polo Club

Courses & instruction for all levels.
Call 01980 - 846 705 or
Email info@tidworthpolo.com

Tidworth Garrison Saddle Club

Riding instruction available at
Tidworth Equitation Centre.
www.tidworthgarrisonsaddleclub.uk

Tidworth Garrison Golf Club

Discounted rates & flexible
membership for Armed Forces.
Call 01980 - 842301 for details.
www.tidworthgolfclub.co.uk

Kiwi Divers SAC

Garrison Scuba Diving Club
Every Tuesday at Bulford Pool
Email kiwidiversecretary@gmail.com

Perham Down Judokwai

Swinton Barracks Gym
Thursdays 19:00 - 20:30
01980 - 651110 / 07766 - 827 114

Perham Down Youth Clubs

Tuesdays at PD Community Centre
Junior Youth Club 18:00 - 19:30
Senior Youth Club 19.30 - 21.15
Contact Jenni on 07786 - 395 067

Military Wives Choirs

Bulford : The Salisbury Plain Choir
Thursdays 7pm Kiwi School
Tidworth : The Tidworth Choir
Thursdays 7pm St Michael's Church

Stay with the beat !

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