



Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

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What's on in the Garrison area :

● Sat 7 May

Grafton Game Fair Family Day at Wilton Water SN8 3SS. Clay shooting, Gun Dog Scurry, Archery, Fun, Food, Trade stalls.

● 7 - 28 May

'When you go Away' - an Exhibition of work by local children. See inside

● Tues 10 May 19:00 - 21:00

Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco. St Andrew's Hall near VCP2

● Wed 18 May 10:00 - 14:00

10AEC Open Day. Details inside

● Wed 18 May 14:00 - 17:00

Car Boot Sale at the Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop

● Thurs 19 May 19:30

Ladies' Night of pampering at Miller's Bar in Bhurtpore Bks in aid of Stop Hunger and Scotty's Little Soldiers. See back page for details

● Wed 25 May 18:30 for 19:00

Tidworth Community Area Awards at The Wellington Academy Theatre.

● Sun 29 May Gates open 12:00

Forces Festival at Double Hedges, Bulford. www.forcesfestival.com

● Sat 4 Jun 20:00

Music from the Carrivick sisters at Shipton B. Tickets : 07877 - 886740

● Sat 11 Jun 14:00 - 17:00

Shipton Bellinger Village Fete Loads of fun for all the family !

● Sun 12 Jun 11:00 - 15:00

AWS Summer Fair at Ordnance House, Tidworth. Attractions will include Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm, Music, Food, etc All welcome

● Sat 18 Jun 19:00

"Mine's a Treble" - 3 comedies in one evening. Shipton B Village Centre. Tickets : 01980 - 846341

● Sun 19 Jun

'Walk for Wards' at Wilton House. 01722-429005 / www.starsappeal.org

● Tues 28 Jun 10:00 - 13:00

"Living & Working in Wiltshire" Fair at the Garrison Theatre, Tidworth. Open to serving personnel, Service leavers and families. To book call 01980 - 603164

● What's on at the City Hall :

Visit : www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Fusiliers bid farewell to their Commanding Officer



1st Bn The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers bade farewell to their Commanding Officer, Lt Col Jim Landon, on 7th April. Riding in a Warrior Fighting Vehicle, he was pulled out of camp by his Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCOs, with Fusiliers lining the route and the Fifes and Drums playing 'The British Grenadiers'.

A few days beforehand, the Regiment had celebrated their Regimental Day, St George's Day, early, before going on Easter leave.

1RRF has been the Land Warfare Centre Battlegroup since moving to Tidworth from Fallingbommel in Germany a couple of years ago, a role which they will be handing over to 2 R WELSH later this year. The Fusiliers will then join 1 (Mech) Brigade and embark on a busy programme of deployments to Canada, the Falklands and BATUS, followed by mission-specific training to prepare for operations in 2013.



Winning - (with style !)

Read more inside ...

FREE Tickets to the Forces' Festival in Bulford on 29th May

Two **FREE** Family Tickets worth £20 each to be won (2 Adults + 2 Children or 1 adult + 3 Children)

Just send your name, address and email address to Drumbeat, either by post or email - to arrive before 09:00 on 16th May 2011. When sending an entry by email, please put "FESTIVAL" in the subject line of your email. Drumbeat's contact details are on the back page.

All entries will be entered into a draw on 16th May and the two lucky winning families will be informed by email.

For more information about the Festival : www.forcesfestival.com

Welcome to the new CO GSU



Lt Col David Barron assumed the appointments of Commanding Officer, Garrison Support Unit and Deputy Commander Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Garrison on 1 April 2011.

Commissioned into the Gordon Highlanders in 1979, Lt Col Barron has served in Belize, BAOR, Berlin and Northern Ireland. He attended the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College and has held staff appointments in HQ Eastern District, HQs 49 and 39 Infantry Brigades, the Army Personnel Centre, Glasgow and the Land Warfare Centre. He has been Chief Instructor of the Mortar Division, School of Infantry and both SO2 Infantry and Commander Command and Staff Trainer (CAST) in Warminster. He comes to this Garrison from Andover where he was SO1 Infrastructure Plans in the Directorate of Infrastructure, HQ LF.

"I am looking forward to getting around and meeting everybody", he told Drumbeat.

The Lashkar Gah Challenge



As part of their training to prepare for deployment to Afghanistan next April, a group of soldiers from 228 Signal Squadron challenged themselves to cycle and row the distance from Bulford to what will become their base over there for six months - Lashkar Gah. During the "Lashkar Gah Challenge", four

teams took to their bikes and rowing machines at four locations : Bournemouth Tesco, Portsmouth Tesco, Swindon ASDA and Bristol ASDA.

The soldiers covered the massive 5,883 kilometres in relay teams, working continuously for 36 hours and have raised £15,000 which will be split between ABF The Soldiers' Charity and the SSAFA Forces Help.

Sergeant Billy Bedford, who was behind the event, said the idea was to focus on what lies ahead. He said: "This was hard work for all those involved but we supported each other and that bond will continue when we go on operational tour to Helmand province next year."

Congratulations !



The Boxing Team from 26 Engineer Regt created history on 14th April at the Combat Sports Centre in Aldershot: not only were they the first Engineer Regiment to

compete in the Army's Inter Unit Novice A Major Units Boxing Championship final, but they also won ! Playing against a team from 4 RIFLES, honours were even at 2 bouts each at half time; the Engineers finally won by 6 bouts to 3, with Sapper Dave Bolton winning Best Boxer and LCpl Charly Dickens winning Most Gallant Boxer.

Captain Colin Willows, Boxing Officer for 26 Engineers, said: "It's a fantastic achievement. All the hard work and long hours put in by the guys has been worth it. 4 RIFLES had some really good guys out there and I'm just so proud that our boys have managed to overcome them and win this Championship".

Welcome Home !



2nd Royal Tank Regiment has returned home to Tidworth after a successful 6 month tour of duty in Afghanistan. Based in Helmand Province with their Mastiff and Warthog Armoured vehicles, they have worked alongside Afghan Security Forces to

provide security for the Afghan people. They have also helped repair schools - and even guarded a rock concert !



In order to enable the Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco to continue at its current location, it is necessary for a licence to be obtained, as follows :

Licensing Act 2003 - Application For A Premises Licence (Sections 17 or 71 of the Act)

Name of Club :- **Tidworth Youth Development Centre**

Postal Address :- **St Andrews Hall, Bulford Road, Tidworth SP9 7RZ**

Statement of Relevant Licensable Activities which it is proposed will be carried on or from the premises :-

Wiltshire Council is applying for the grant of a premises licence for Tidworth Youth Development Centre, St Andrews Hall, Bulford Road, Tidworth, SP9 7RZ. The licence if granted is to enable the following activities to take place : **the provision of entertainment including music & dancing.**

The Licensing Register may be inspected at The Licensing Authority, Wiltshire Council, Browfort, Bath Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2AT between 0900 and 1630 Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

Any representations by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 31 May 2011.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5000

A New Room at the Haig Day Nursery



A new room has been opened at the Haig Day Nursery in Bulford. The "Pooh Bear Room" was officially opened by Kay Capon on 6th April.

Kay has had a long association with childcare in the Garrison area and has been instrumental in setting up many of the facilities which are now available to parents.

"The new room has given us lots more space", Catherine Clifton, the Manager of the Nursery, told

Drumbeat. "It has enabled us to expand from a 46 to a 70 place nursery. We've cleared our waiting list and now have pre-school places available!" Call : 01980 - 672331

Football Crazy !



IRRF held a First Fusiliers/ Newcastle Community Football Coaching session during the Easter holidays, for boys and girls aged 5-16 years.

All participants were awarded a certificate of attendance and there was a free gift for everyone and the chance to win medals and individual player trophies. There was also a prize awarded to the person with the best attitude.

There was an excellent turn out, the weather was on the winning side and a great time was had by all !



10 AEC Open Day
Wed 18 May 2011
Jellalabad Bks, Tidworth
10:00 - 14:00

Fancy learning something new ?

Open to all military personnel and dependants. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to see the wealth of courses that are on offer to you. Call 01980 - 602370

Free Raffle - Great prizes - Win a laptop !

First Aid Success

Eleven 12-16 year olds have recently completed a Paediatric First Aid course at Ordnance House in Tidworth.

The course was organised in partnership between the Army Welfare Service and 4 RIFLES, led by instructor Richard Leigh.

All the people in this group had recently completed an Army Welfare Service babysitting course and had requested First Aid to develop their learning. Well done everyone !

Any young people interested in gaining a first aid qualification or joining in with the next babysitting course should contact Colin on 07769 - 878874.



Thank you to the Engineers ...

An idea from Mark Edmonds, the caretaker of the Tidworth military cemetery, has led to the creation of a more formal setting for the interment of ashes.

Initially, 22 Engr Regt was approached to design it, but because of operational commitments they were unable to build it. 26 Engr Regt stepped into the breach and the work was completed in March. The aim was to not disturb the ashes while the building was taking place and to display the plaques, which were previously flat in the grass, in a better and more attractive way. To mark the completion of the work, flowers were generously donated for all the plaques by Affinity Flowers in Tidworth.



Many thanks to Cpl Lee O'Dwyer and his team from 8 Armoured Engineer Squadron, Sappers Ryan Staff, Anthony Witt and Charles Folly, pictured here at the cemetery with Garrison Commander Colonel Paddy Tabor, Mark Edmonds and the OC 8 AES.

Tidworth in Bloom 2011

The competition is open to all residents and commercial concerns in Tidworth and the judging will take place during the first week of July. Entry forms are available from the Wylde Road Community Centre and the Tidworth Leisure Centre; Winners in both sections will receive a £25 gardening voucher.

For further information please contact Tidworth Town Council at the Wylde Road Community Centre on 01980 - 847390 or email carly.lovell@btconnect.com

Another Concert at the Theatre

Tidworth Community Area Partnership, (TCAP), recently organised a concert for local retired people at the



Tidworth Garrison Theatre. The Band of the Prince of Wales's Division performed music "From Stage and Screen".

"We've been coming to this Theatre for years," one member of the audience told Drumbeat. "We love listening to the Band!"



"When you go away..."

An 'army' of clay figures representing a parent who is absent on operations has been created by school children from the Tidworth and Bulford area. They will be exhibited at the John Creasey Museum, above the Salisbury Library, from 7th-28th May 2011. **Entry to the Exhibition is FREE**



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Listen on Sky Guide 0211
DAB digital radio
and Freesat Channel 786
BFBS Local Reporter : Shirley Swain
Call : 07854 - 094 202
Email : shirley.swain@bfbs.com

Garrison 106.8 FM

Broadcasting to Tidworth,
Netheravon, Bulford and Larkhill
from the new studio in Bulford
Call 01980 - 672277 or Email :
salisburyplain@garrisonfm.com

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 Rd
Community Centre, Tidworth.
Drop in 10:30 - 12:30
Tel: 01980 - 847390 Fax: 01980 - 843265
Email: janet.white2@btconnect.com

TCAP Coordinator

Tony Pickernell
01980 - 602018 / 07765 - 382678

Plastic & Cardboard Rubbish

Skips will be in Wylve Road
Community Centre car park
08:00 - 10:30 11 May & 8 June

Local Member of Parliament

Claire Perry MP, House of
Commons, London SW1A 0AA
London : 0207 219 7050
Constituency : 01672 - 519 198
claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

Ladies' Night

19 May Miller's Bar, Bhurtpore Bks
An evening of pampering, including
Ann Summers catwalk in aid of Stop
Hunger & Scotty's Little Soldiers.
Open to ladies with access to camp.
Tickets £5 from 01980 - 846593 or on
the night. Doors open 19:30.
Ticket incl raffle & glass of bubbly!

Aspire Defence Helpline (24/7)
0845 168 2300 or Mil 96340 2300

DE Housing Information Centre (The HIC)

Call 0800 - 169 6322
Mon - Fri 08:30 - 16:30

Repairs to Army Quarters (24/7)
MODern Housing Solutions Helpline
(MHS) Call 0800 - 707 6000

Emergency Numbers :

MDP 24/7 : 01752 - 553384
MDP TNB : 01980 - 60 3099
RMP : 01980 - 67 2251 & 67 3530
Service Police Confidential Line :
0800 - 616 888
Wiltshire Police : 0845 - 408 7000
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 - 21:00

Telephone : 01980 - 847 140

General Manager : 602030

Outside Pitch Bookings : 603416

Tidworth Library Opening Times

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

Call: 01980 - 843460 or 602568

Café Leisure : Open 9:00 - 20:00

Tidworth HIVE : See HIVE below

Youth Activities : T2A Adventure
Sports Club and Youth Only Zone

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

Local HIVE Information Centres

Tidworth HIVE at the TLC :

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 14:30
Call Nicole : 01980 - 602224

Bulford HIVE at the Beeches :

Mon - Fri 08:30 - 14:00
Call Carla : 01980 - 672420

Larkhill : contact Bulford (above)
HIVE online at www.hive.mod.uk

Larkhill Army Library

Mon-Thurs 09:00-12:30 13:00-17:00
Fri 11:00 - 16:30
The Packway. Tel. 01980 - 845399

Army Welfare Service

Main Office : 01980 - 672105

TNB Garrison Early Years

For information about Pre-School
provision in the Garrison area,
including Job Vacancies.
Bank Key Workers always needed.
Please call Chris : 01980 - 672109
tnbearlyyears@aol.co.uk

Local Children's Centres :

For children 0-5 yrs, and their
parent/carer. Call for details :

NSPCC Ashdown Family Centre

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

Windmill Hill Children's Centre

Wylve Road, Tidworth
Call Carolyn Melvin on 01980 - 843 010

Bulford Children's Centre

Now open 9-3 next to Kiwi School,
Bulford. Activities also continuing
at The Beeches & in Larkhill.
Call Kate Fry 01980 - 632 660

Uniformed Youth Groups

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers
Call Scout Info Centre: 0845 300 1818
Guides, Brownies & Rainbows
Call Karren Madden 01980 - 551088

The Shipton Bellinger Rams FC

Shipton Bellinger Playing Fields
U8s, U9s, U10s, U12s, U13s U16s
New members and volunteer
help/referees/coaches
please contact Sgt Chalky Wiltshire
01980 - 847791 or 07545 - 314049

Tidworth Royals FC

Football training for 4-16 yr olds.
Summer training nights : Tues & Fri
18:00 - 19:00 on Lucknow /Mooltan
sports pitch near Esso garage.
Details www.tidworthroyals.co.uk

Tidworth Saddle Club

Riding instruction available 7 days
per week - all ages, group/individual
For details call 07500 - 868 940

Tidworth Polo Club Wanted :

Grooms: full or part time vacancies.
Experience useful but not essential,
but must be able to ride.
Riders: to help exercise polo ponies -
polo experience not necessary.
Helpers at the stables
Call 01980 602508 (Stables)
or 01980 846705 (Office)

Junior Youth Club at the TLC

For years 5 & 6. Term time Tuesdays
18:45 - 20:15 in the AWS
Community Hall at the TLC
Call Joyce Stretton : 07810 - 771630

Perham Down Youth Club

Perham Down Community Centre
Thurs 19:00 - 21:00 11-17
Call SSgt Welch 01980 603514

Tidworth Youth Centre

St Andrews Hall near VCP2
Mon, Tues & Thurs for ages 13-19
Ludgershall Youth Centre
Andover Rd (next to the CoOp)
Wed & Thurs for ages 13-19
Details from Wendy : 07917 - 174 623

Youth Activities at the TLC starting in May

Street Dance : 10-week courses for
Reception - Yr 6. Call for details.
Fun Sport : 10-week course for 5-8s
Call Joyce Stretton 07810 - 771630

Shotokan Karate

Sundays 15:30 - 17:00 at Shipton
Bellinger Village Hall. Details from
Kev Nicholls 07967 - 418812

Stay with the beat !

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