

Drumbeat



Issue 161 Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter October 2010

What's on in the Garrison area :

- **Thurs 7 Oct 13:00 - 17:00**
SSAFA Big Brew at the Lucknow Playing Fields. All welcome !
- **Sat 16 Oct 10:00 - 16:00**
Antique Discovery Day at Wilton House. Have family heirloom valued by experts. Entry £5 for 1st valuation, £2 each further item.
- **Sat 16 Oct 10:30 - 12:00**
Nearly New Sale at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Salisbury. Entry £1 in aid of NCT charity.
- **Sat 16 Oct 19:30**
Concert in aid of H4H. Durrington Walls Wind Band & Tenbury Town Band (visiting from Worcs) at Larkhill Garrison Church. Tickets at the door.
- **20 - 22 Oct Opens 10:00**
Rockbourne Fair at Salisbury Racecourse. Late night opening Thurs (19:30).
- **Fri 22 Oct 19:30**
Salisbury Carnival - an illuminated procession through the city streets
- **Sat 23 Oct 19:30**
"The Lady loves Jazz". traditional & contemporary jazz songs in the ancient church of St Andrew, Collingbourne Ducis. Tickets & info www.standrewsducis.org.uk
- **Wed 27 Oct**
Proms Concert at the Garrison Theatre. Details inside
- **Thurs 4 Nov**
Garrison Bonfire Night
- **Sun 7 Nov**
Tidworth 10K & 3K Fun Run. Tedworth Park. Details inside
- **Tues 9 Nov 19:00 - 21:00**
Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco at the Clarendon Club, Tidworth.
- **Fri 12 Nov**
"Oua Umplute" - a band of gypsy musicians celebrate their grandfather's funeral. A Hog the Llmelght Event at Shipton Bellinger Village Centre. Tapas from 19:30. Tickets 01980-846341
- **Wed 17 Nov 10:00 - 16:00**
Charity Christmas Fair at the Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop. Admission: £3.50
- **4 & 5 Dec**
British Military Tournament 2010 at Earls Court, London. Details : www.britishmilitarytournament.com

Garrison Bonfire Night

Thursday 4th November 2010

Old Carter Barracks, Bulford

- 17:00 Gates open
- 17:45 Guy Fawkes competition
- 18:30 Bonfire lit
- 19:00 Fireworks display
- 21:30 Evening finishes

Tickets : £2.50 on the night - FREE for Under 5s
Please bring the correct change !

Other attractions :

- Funfair and Rides
 - Garrison Radio
 - Refreshments
- Parking available at Old Carter Barracks
Evening organised by 26 Engineer Regiment



The Iraq Enquiry comes to Tidworth

An 'Iraq Inquiry Outreach Day' was held in Tidworth on 14th September, to enable Iraq veterans from all three Services to give their thoughts, insights and feedback to the Inquiry following their experiences in Iraq between 2003 and 2009. The day was hosted by The Kings Royal Hussars, in their Training Wing in Aliwal Barracks.



Commanding Officer, Lt Col Alex Potts is pictured here with Sir John Chilcot, the Chairman of the Iraq Inquiry, and Lt Gen Barny White-Spunner, Commander Field Army.



"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to come to Tidworth and have the chance of meeting a large number of Service Personnel who have served in Iraq", Sir John told Drumbeat.

The Inquiry continues to welcome submissions from Iraq veterans. These can be sent to the Inquiry either via its website (www.iraquinquiry.org.uk) or by post (35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ). Submissions can be made anonymously if required. Please see www.iraquinquiry.org.uk for further information.

Theatre Troops on the Move

Headquarters Theatre Troops held its last parade at Airfield Camp in Netheravon on 23rd September, before moving to Trenchard Lines in Upavon.



Major General Bruce Brealey, GOC HQ Theatre Troops, addressed the military and civilian staff assembled outside the Headquarters building before the flag was lowered by Charlie Smith, the longest-serving Civil Servant at the Headquarters.

HQ Theatre Troops commands the 34,000 military personnel across the British Army who provide support to combat troops whilst on

operations, described by Major General Brealey as "the glue which keeps the fighting formations supplied with all that they need to fight, from postmen to surgeons, from unmanned aerial vehicles to dog handlers and from port operators and railwaymen to bomb disposal".



Tidworth Garrison Theatre Proms Band Concert

by the

Band of the Prince of Wales's Division
19:00 Wednesday 27th October 2010

Sponsored by
Tidworth Community
Area Partnership



Tickets : £12

Call 01980 - 602018 or or 07765 - 382678

Email : TCAPCoordinator@hotmail.co.uk

Farewell ...

The King's Royal Hussars bade a fond farewell to their civilian typist, Mrs Gudrun Riley, at the beginning of September. Her retirement marked the end of 23 years distinguished service, during which she worked within six different Regimental Headquarters in Tidworth. All have found her to be a delight to work with and essential to the smooth running of the unit.

'Gudders,' as she was widely known, started work with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards in Bhurtpore Barracks on 1st June 1987. She subsequently worked with the Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own), the 17th / 21st Lancers, the Queen's Royal Lancers, the Royal Dragoon Guards and the King's Royal Hussars. She also served for a period in Upavon at the Command Secretary's outer office. It has not been all work, however, and Gudders has had opportunity to drive both Challenger 1 and 2 tanks, fire rifles on the Bulford Range complex and to meet Her Majesty the Queen.

Her retirement was marked with a celebratory lunch in the Officer's Mess and the presentation from the Commanding Officer of the King's Royal Hussars, Lieutenant Colonel Alex Potts.



Operational Honours for Garrison Soldiers

The list of Operational Honours and Awards for Op HERRICK 11 was announced on 24th September, with several Servicemen from this Garrison among those receiving awards and decorations for actions during the period October 2009 to March 2010 when they were deployed as part of 11 Light Brigade. Most were based near Sangin in Helmand Province, where they faced some of the most concentrated attacks and highest casualty rates in Afghanistan to date.

Cpl Ricky Fergusson, 4 RIFLES, has been awarded an MC for repeatedly going to the aid of wounded comrades in four different incidents, actions which saved their lives, before he himself was struck by an IED, losing both his legs and an eye.

"Cpl Fergusson represents all that is best in a Rifleman ..." said Commanding Officer, Lt Col Nick Thornton. "It is a mark of the man that he has worked to overcome his injuries with the same fortitude that he has always shown and the award of the MC is a fitting testament to a brave and indomitable spirit. We are immensely proud of him".

Rfn Reece Terry, 4 RIFLES, then only 18, has been awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal for Bravery (QGM). He was the lead man checking for IEDs, across extremely perillous terrain, during a stealthy night-time operation in Helmand which resulted in the capture of an enemy leader and six others, together with a large number of weapons and IED parts. His citation reads, "What Terry achieved on that night was unimaginable prior to the event ... shifting the boundaries of the possible in the minds of his fellow Rifleman".

The late **Rfn Ross Robinson**, 4 RIFLES, has been awarded an posthumous QGM. Following an IED explosion, he ignored his own injuries, continuing to clear a safe path to the casualties, administering first aid and helping to lift them into a helicopter. Back in camp, it was realised that Rfn Ross had spinal injuries which required immediate evacuation to the UK for treatment. Tragically, he was killed on the A303 near Bulford, just 24 hours after he was discharged from the Defence Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court. This picture of him with his baby daughter has been supplied by his family.

Major Richard Streatfeild, OC A Coy 4 RIFLES has been awarded an MBE and three other members of 4 RIFLES, (**Lt Charles Winstanley**, **WO2 Patrick Hyde** and **Cpl Steven Martin**), have received a Mention in Despatches, the oldest form of recognition of gallantry within the Armed Forces. **Rfn Peter Matthews** has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery, (QCB).

Lt Col Nick Thornton, Commanding Officer of 4 RIFLES said, "We are all incredibly proud of the courage shown by all members of A Company in Sangin, and these awards highlight their extraordinary achievements. That they fall



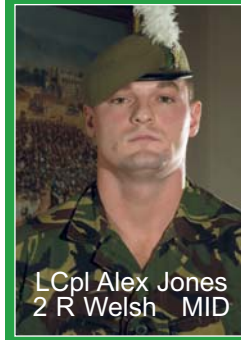
Cpl Ricky Fergusson
4 RIFLES MC



Rfn Ross Robinson
4 RIFLES QGM



Rfn Reece Terry
4 RIFLES QGM



LCpl Alex Jones
2 R Welsh MID



Sgt Paul Howard
2RTR MID



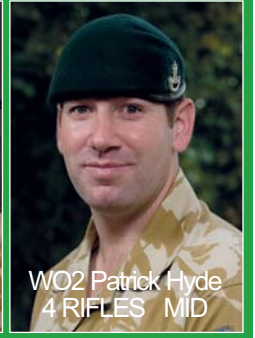
Cpl Steve Martin
4 RIFLES MID



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4 RIFLES MID



Rfn Peter Matthews
4 RIFLES QCB



WO2 Patrick Hyde
4 RIFLES MID

across the ranks is testament to their shared sense of purpose and the injuries sustained by some recipients demonstrate the sacrifice that all were willing to make. We are proud of them all".

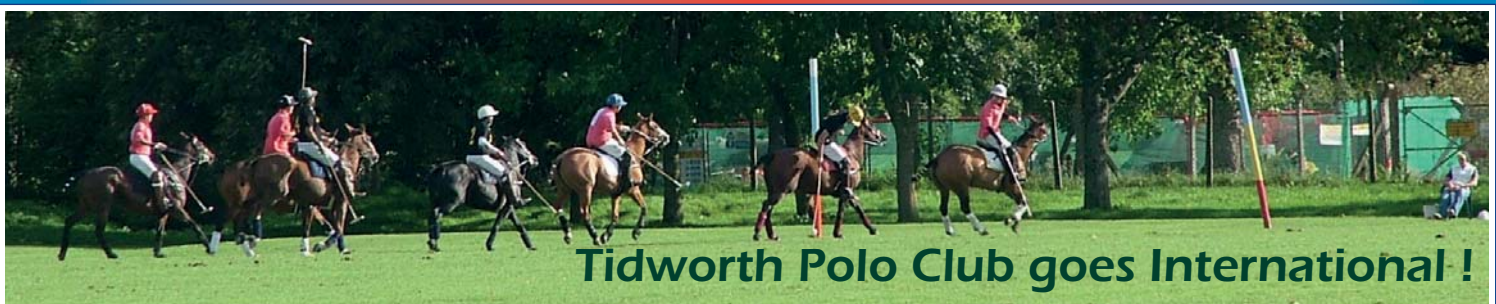
Mention in Despatches has also been awarded to **Sgt Paul Howard**, 2RTR, **LCpl Alex Jones**, 2 R WELSH and to **LBdr Craig Froggett**, 1RHA.

WO2 Justin Searle, 1RHA, has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service (QCVS).



Maj Richard Streatfeild
4 RIFLES MBE

Congratulations to all those who received awards not mentioned or pictured on this page



Tidworth Polo Club goes International !

Tidworth Polo Club recently hosted a practice match for two visiting teams from the Asian Subcontinent : a Sikh team from the Punjab in India, played a team composed of the Crown Prince of Johor and his brother from the Federation of Malasia and two local Tidworth Polo Club members.

The teams were well matched and the result very close, with the Prince of Johor's team winning : 6 1/2 to 6.

The Sikh team went on to play a match against a British Army team at the Royal County of Berkshire Polo Ground, in aid of a charity which supports ecological practices in the Punjab, of which the Prince of Wales is Patron.

Thank you ...

The Carpenters and Joiners from 3 Armoured Engineer Squadron, 22 Engineer Regiment have refurbished six



benches from Tidworth Cemetery which have been used in the Remembrance Garden since 1972. The benches were originally donated by local Regiments 38 years ago and were in great need of some major "TLC" !

Using their trade skills, Sappers Farley and O'Brian stripped the benches down and repaired them, before returning them to the Remembrance Garden in the Garrison Cemetery - ready to serve another 30 years !

Do you have a talent ?

Auditions / Rehearsals

at the Garrison Theatre in Tidworth for people who just love to entertain !

Thurs 14 or Fri 15 October

Thurs 28 or Fri 29 October

Thursdays 18:30 - 21:30 Fridays 09:30 - 15:00

Working towards a Christmas show in aid of the ABF

Call Paul Rhodes on 07910 - 018217 or email ourboysshow@hotmail.co.uk for more information

Support your Town Council



Tidworth Town Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month and all Residents of Tidworth are very welcome to attend these meetings.

"You might want to come along to raise a particular issue - or might just want to see who your local Councillors are and what they can do for you", said Chris Franklin MBE, a former soldier with 1RHA and Chairman of the Council.

Remember, the Town Council is here for everybody !



Sad News for Bluez 'n' Zuz ...

There will be NO Youth Disco in October.

Damage caused to the Clarendon Club and anti-social behaviour from some of those attending the last two discos have forced Wiltshire Police to cancel plans for the Hallowe'en Disco which was to have been held this month.

It is hoped that this cancellation will reinforce the message that such behaviour and actions could lead, not only to the loss of the venue but also to the permanent cancellation of the disco itself.

The next Disco will therefore be held on 9th November.

Tidworth 10K & 3K Fun Run

A sponsored charity run at Tidworth House organised by 1 (Mech) Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (215) in aid of the Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal

Sunday 7 November 2010 at 10:00

Register online at www.starsappeal.org

No entry on the day. Registration closes 29 Oct 2010

Last year's race sold out so please register well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Entry fees : Adults £10, Under 16s (3K only) £7

Free souvenir T-shirt and medal for all participants

For more information call 01722 - 429 005

Bulford Update ...

Bulford Thrift Shop is open temporarily in Kandy Road, but will soon be moving to the Red Shield premises in Picton Barracks. More news soon.

Red Shield Mobile Services will be restarting in Bulford on 4th October, visiting Picton, Kiwi, Ward and Wing Barracks. If you would like the mobile canteen to stop at a particular location, please get in touch with the Red Shield Services to let them know.

Call Cairns and Jean McDevitte on 01980 - 843359

Green Corner

We all know that the World's resources are finite and that the world we live in is directly affected by the actions of mankind.

We, as present custodians of the planet, have a duty to future generations to use these finite resources in a SUSTAINABLE way, in order that there are some left for our children and our children's children.

This new monthly slot in Drumbeat will give a few tips on how we can all do more to help the Planet by :

- Cutting down on waste
- Saving Energy
- Looking after the environment

Starting with : Waste Management

Every year, the UK produces over 430 million tonnes of waste and, despite increased recycling rates, nearly 60% of this waste still goes to landfill. Landfill space is limited and current sites will be full within the next 10 years. Therefore, reducing the amount of waste going to landfill is a NATIONAL PRIORITY.

The Garrison and its main contractor, Aspire Defence, in partnership with Hills Waste, the Local Authority waste disposal company, have been working together since the beginning of the year to improve waste management and increase recycling rates. We are now able to collect and recycle cardboard, paper, plastic and cans in the "Red Top Recyclers", which are provided outside all relevant buildings. As a result, recycling rates have steadily increased and are expected to improve still further.

What next ? Coming soon to offices in the Garrison :

The next stage is to extend the service to INSIDE office buildings, where most waste should be recyclable.

Centralised recycling facilities will be provided at points within your building where you will be able to segregate your waste into recyclable and non-recyclable bins. These bins will be emptied by Sodexo and the waste deposited into the appropriate Hills receptacle.



Celebrations at the TLC



The TLC celebrated the 10th Anniversary of its opening on 26th August and marked the occasion with a day of special events. Stuart McLean, pictured above outside the main entrance to the Leisure Centre, has been involved in managing the TLC since it opened in 2000.

"I am very proud to have been responsible for the TLC for 10 years, in which we have seen 2,000,000 customers pass through the doors", he told Drumbeat. "We have been supported most positively by our partners, Wiltshire Council, the Wiltshire and Army Library Services and the Army Welfare Service. The TLC was the first Army leisure centre to be available to the local community as well as to members of the garrison and it has been hugely successful. We look forward to the next 10 years, under the guardianship of Aspire Defence Services"



Joining the celebrations, the Emergency Services' "Blue Light Day" was held in the grounds of the TLC on the same day, organised by the Tidworth Community Area Partnership, (TCAP). Tony Pickernell, TCAP Coordinator, is

pictured (above) with Winston, the Wiltshire Trading Standards Watchdog mascot.

Firefighters from Ludgershall, who had come to take part in Blue Light Day, received a real emergency call about a house fire in the local area and had to leave - with blue lights flashing! They returned later in the morning to demonstrate how a casualty would be rescued from a vehicle, following a road traffic collision - with Sgt Pete Whatton from the Garrison Provost Staff volunteering to be the "casualty"!



Back in Business !



Courses have resumed at 10 Army Education Centre, which is now up and running in its new premises in Jellalabad Barracks in Tidworth. Officer Commanding, Major Sam Jennings, and her team of Instructors are pictured here outside the entrance to the new Centre.

All Admin staff can now be found in Building 59, just in front of 43 (Wessex) Brigade Headquarters; classrooms, the Tidworth E-Learning Centre and the IERO are now located in Building 62, facing Jellalabad Square.

All telephone numbers and email addresses are unchanged, except those for staff from 12 AEC in Larkhill who have joined us. To get in touch with them, please contact the Chief Clerk on Tidworth Mil. 2370 in the first instance.

The Centre will be officially opened on 7th October.

Larkhill Library Reopens



Larkhill Library reopened at the beginning of September, following a refurbishment. Tanya Tunnacliffe, the Library Clerk, is pictured here with the Chief of Staff DRA, Larkhill Garrison Commander, Colonel JC Campbell.

Now that 12 Army Education Centre has closed and merged with 10 AEC in Tidworth, the Larkhill Library will become an important point of contact for soldiers and dependants in Larkhill.

A tutor will normally be working at the library on a Thursday, to provide the Basic Skills support previously available at 12 AEC, as well as information about educational courses.

The library also has an E-Learning Centre where soldiers and dependants can sign up for a variety of courses, including numeracy and literacy, basic computer qualifications (ICT) and NVQs.

The newly refurbished library can be found on The Packway in Larkhill.

Opening Times : Mon-Thur 9:00-17:00, Fri 12:30 - 16:30, but closed 12:30 - 13:00 for lunch.



Drumbeat Noticeboard



B F B S Forces Radio
To make Radio requests & dedications, call 01494 - 372 786
Visit www.bfbs.com/messages
Listen on Sky Guide 0211
DAB digital radio
and Freesat Channel 786
BFBS Local Reporter : Call Shirley
Swain on 07854 - 094 202
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-Thurs 9:30 - 13:00 at the Wylve Rd
Community Centre, Tidworth
Tel: 01980 - 847390 Fax: 01980 - 843265
Email: janet.white2@btconnect.com

Plastic & Cardboard Rubbish
Skips will be in Wylve Road
Community Centre car park
08:00 - 10:30 13 Oct & 10 Nov

MHS Housing Surgery
Got a problem with repairs to your
quarter ? Come and meet MHS at
the Beeches in Bulford
10:00 - 12:00 20 Oct & 17 Nov

TCAP Coordinator
Tony Pickernell
01980 - 602018 / 07765 - 382678

Job Vacancies
Qualified temporary staff for local
crèches wanted. Term time/AMs only
Details from Laura 01380 - 871798

Job Vacancy
Learning Support Assistant
Call 10 AEC 01980 - 602223

TNB Garrison Early Years
Bank staff for Garrison pre-schools
wanted. Call Chris : 01980 - 672109

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

Library DVDs for hire
From £1.70 for up to a week

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, Wed, Fri 08:30 - 14:00
Call Carla : 01980 - 672420
Larkhill HIVE, Community Centre
Tues & Thurs 08:30 - 14:00
Call Carla: 01980 - 675715
HIVE online at www.hive.mod.uk

Bulford Army Library
Mon-Fri 08:30-12:00 12:30-16:30
Horne Road. Tel. 01980 - 673510

Larkhill Army Library
Mon-Thurs 09:00-12:30 13:00-16:30
Fri 12:30 - 16:30
The Packway. Tel. 01980 - 845399

Army Welfare Service
Main Office : 01980 - 672105

Bulford Children's Centre
The Beeches, Bulford starts 13 Sept
A range of play for children
0-5 yrs, and their parent/carer.
Also in Larkhill (Mon & Wed)
Details Kate Fry 01980 - 677218

Windmill Hill Children's Centre
Wylve Road, Tidworth
Services for 0-5s and their families
Call Carolyn Melvin on 01980 - 843 010

NSPCC Ashdown Family Centre
Drummer Lane, off Station Road
Tidworth 01980 - 846164
Open to all local children and their
families. Call in/ring for more details

Uniformed Youth Groups
Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers
Call Chris Scott 01980 - 591900
Guides, Brownies & Rainbows
Call Karren Madden 01980 - 551088

The Shipton Bellinger Rams FC
Shipton Bellinger Playing Fields
U8s, U9s, U10s, U12s, U13s
and starting U16s in September.
New members and volunteer
help/referees/coaches
please contact Sgt Chalky Wiltshire
01980-603118 or 07545 - 314049

Tidworth Royals FC
U7 - U17 & adults. Helpers welcome
Sat Soccer School 5-7s 13:30-15:00
Tue & Wed 18:00 Both at Lucknow
/Mooltan sports pitch near Esso
garage. Details Shayley 07753-363271

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

Tidworth (Comb Svcs) Polo Club
Matches, Tournaments & Chukkas.
Courses & instruction for all levels.
Spectators welcome Tel. 01980 -
846705 or tidpolo@tiscali.co.uk

Calling all budding rock stars!
Clive's Easylearn Rock School
Wellington Academy
All ages - all abilities
Email tidworth@clivesmusic.com
or call 01256-465815

Perham Down Youth Club
Swinton Welfare Centre
Tues 19:00 - 21:00 11-17
Call SSgt Welch 01980 603514

Kiddy Jingles Music Classes
Mon 10:15 (Babies) 11:15 (Toddlers)
St Michael's Church Hall, Tidworth
Thurs 10:15 (All ages)
Garrison Church Hall, Bulford
Details : Call 01980 - 843064

Jumping Jacks Preschool
Airfield Camp, Netheravon
Open 9am - 1pm for ages 2 - 5yrs
Coming soon Little Jacks for ages
12mths - 2yrs (subject to registration)
For more information
call 01980-628259 or visit
www.jumpingjackspreschool.co.uk

Storybook Soldiers
Being deployed ? Record a story for
your child to listen to while you are
away. Call us at 10 AEC: 01980 602515
storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk
www.storybooksoldiers.co.uk

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