

Drumbeat



Issue 159 Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter August 2010

What's on in the **Garrison** area:

- Sun 8 Aug 13:00 16:00 The Great Charity Duck Race at The Maltings in Salisbury in aid of Age Concern Salisbury District. Details: 01722 - 342 872
- Tues 17 Aug 19:00 21:00 Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco at the Clarendon Club, Tidworth
- Wed 18 Aug 14:00 - 17:00 Car Boot Sale at the Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop
- Thurs 26 Aug 10:00 15:00 TLC 10th Anniversary Open Day celebrations and Blue Light Day at the Tidworth Leisure Centre
- Sat 28 & Sun 29 Aug Beer Festival at the Antrobus Arms Amesbury. Details: 01980-623162
- 29 30 Aug From 9:00 Highclere Castle Bank Holiday Fair and Horse Trials. A donation from every ticket sold will go to the ABF and Inspire.
- Sat 4 Sept 13:00 - 16:00 Tidworth Community 5-a-side Football Festival. Details inside ...
- Sat 11 Sept 12:30 - 16:00 Ducis & Everleigh Village Show. Details inside ..
- Sat 11-Sun 19 Sept 10:30-16:00 At the Abbey Church of St Mary & St Melor, Amesbury: Flower Festival with theme of wedding anniversaries. Organ recital on 16 Sept at 19:30 featuring music with theme of weddings & flowers.
- Sat 18 Sept Scarlet and Gold: A concert by the Massed Bands of The Household Division at the Royal Albert Hall, London in support of Guards' charities. Tickets: RAH www.royalalberthall.com
- Wed 22 Sept 09:30 TidNBul Garrison Preschools AGM Community Hall at the TLC
- Mon 27 Sept pm Garrison Day for serving soldiers' families at Tedworth House. Details at www.soldierscharity.org
- Wed 29 Sept 9:30 16:00 Early Early Christmas Fair at Tedworth House, in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity

Afghanistan Medals for 1 RHA

Soldiers from 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery received their Op HERRICK Medals on 24th July, in recognition of the part they played in Afghanistan between September 2009 and April 2010.



The medals parade was preceded by a display from the Royal Artillery Parachute Display Team, "The Black Knights", and a musical drive from the Kings Troop.

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery deployed throughout all areas of Helmand, tasked to provide Joint Fires support to 11 Light Brigade. The core responsibility of the Regiment was to protect soldiers on the ground with Artillery and Air support. This evolved significantly throughout the tour:

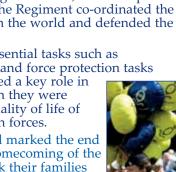
The Regiment became focussed on "courageous restraint", only firing when absolute necessary; this had a positive effect on the people of Helmand who ventured out more and engaged with the soldiers on a daily basis.

During the course of Op HERRICK 11 the Regiment fired nearly 3500 rounds from the Light Gun, over 100 of which were from the direct fire "Dragon Gun". The Fire Support Teams (FSTs) of the Regiment coordinated fast jets, attack helicopters and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) drones to find, track and sometimes strike the insurgent. The Regiment helped to establish and run the brand new Helmand Police Training Centre for new police recruits, helping to bring a coherent, less corrupt police service to Helmand for the first time. The Regiment co-ordinated the battle-space for the busiest military airspace in the world and defended the force against rocket and mortar attack.

Soldiers from the Regiment also undertook essential tasks such as transporting troops, protecting large convoys and force protection tasks throughout Helmand. All these soldiers played a key role in

the recent Operation Moshtarak, during which they were responsible for improving the security and quality of life of the Afghan people and protecting the coalition forces.

The Parade and Families' Day which followed marked the end of the operational tour, celebrating the safe homecoming of the Regiment and allowing them to publicly thank their families and friends who supported them throughout the deployment.







A Memorial to those who have died while serving with 4 RIFLES was unveiled last month, outside the new Regimental Headquarters building in Ward Barracks in Bulford.

Financed by The Worshipful Company of Carpenters, the Memorial has been made of Portland stone and slate by the Building Crafts College in London and erected on a plinth made by Aspire Defence Capital Works. The Unit Project Officer was QM(Tech) Capt Rob Cutler.

"We felt that it was important, now that Bulford is our home, that we should commission a proper memorial to everyone who dies in 4 RIFLES, in whatever circumstances", said Commanding Officer, Lt Col Rupert Jones, after the ceremony. "4 RIFLES was formed just 3 1/2 years ago and sadly, it's been losing people throughout that time, in Iraq, Afghanistan and back here in the UK. The families of all 15 men named on the Memorial are represented here today - one Mother has travelled all the way from Fiji to be here. It is a very emotional day for them."

Lt Col Jones has commanded 4 RIFLES for 2 1/2 years, and left the Unit a few days after the ceremony to go and work in the MOD in London.

"It has been a wonderful experience to command Riflemen", he said.

Music to their Ears

Children from local primary schools were recently invited to a morning of music at the Tidworth Garrison





Theatre. The Band of the Prince of Wales's Division, based in nearby Lucknow Barracks, entertained the children, explaining the role of musicians in the Army and playing a wide range of music - which often had the children swaying in their seats and singing along.

The event was organised by Tony Pickernell, the Tidworth Community Area Partnership Coordinator, who is keen to develop links between local schools.

12th Mech Brigade compete in their Skill at Arms Meet

Soldiers and Officers of 12th Mechanized Brigade took part in their Skill at Arms Meet at Westdown Camp and Bulford Ranges during the week of 14 - 18 Jun 2010. The aims of the competition were to improve marksmanship across the Brigade, identify those genuinely talented shots to represent the Brigade in the Army SAAM held at Bisley and to foster cohesion between units and individuals prior to eventual deployment on operations. Teams from all of the Brigade's units and HQs entered the event, consisting of a four way round robin of March and Shoot, the Association Cup, the Army Hundred Cup and Pistol Match. On the final day they competed in a knock out Falling Plates competition.

After zeroing and practise on the first day, the competition began in earnest. Both the Association Cup and the Army Hundred Cup replicated rural contacts



with the competitors firing at targets over a number of distances in differing scenarios while the March and Shoot involved an arduous two mile squadded speed march carrying 20kg, before firing at the target. In the Pistol Match competitors fired at targets at distances of between 15 and 25m. Finally the Falling Plate competition required the units to



race side by side race over obstacles onto a firing point with the winners proceeding on to the next round.

As can be imagined, competition between the units was extremely fierce however 1st Battalion Welsh Guards emerged victorious overall with their first team enjoying victories

in the **Falling** Plates and March and Shoot and their second team winning the Pistol Match and Army Hundred Cup. 3rd Battalion The Rifles took the



honours in the Association Cup while 2Lt Clarke, 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh, took the award for the Best Individual. Tpr Couling, Lt Dragoons, was awarded Best Young Shot.

In addition to the competition, the event raised £627 from the profits of food sales to be split between the SAAFA and ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

Looking to get some new Qualifications?



New!



Bulford Community Learning Centre

10 Army Education Centre has taken over the provision of courses at Bulford's Kandy Road Training Centre, previously managed by the AFF. (Picture)

In partnership with New College Swindon, a wide range of courses will be available, aimed **New College** primarily at dependants but open to soldiers and civilians on a fill-up basis.

Courses will include Bookkeeping, Sage (computerised accounts), E-Type (touch typing), Literacy, Numeracy and NVO ITÓ Levels 1 & 2.

As a special introductory offer worth £175, there are 10 **FREE PLACES** available on the NVQ ITQ course. It will be "first come first served", so get in touch as soon as you





e Light Day have joined forces of the TLC's opening in 2000 fire engines - Police Cars 000 Pairground rides and Candy Hoss Sports "Tasters" in the Tig Children's Library Reading event wimming and the Hunc!! ALL Free for the Day!!

10 Army Education Centre

Soldiers' Literacy & Numeracy Courses :Do you need a GCSE or equivalent qualification ready to enrol on JNCO CLM?

Call Wendy or Jayne on 01980 - 603045 / 602743

CLM, MA & JOLP: Call Dee on 01980 - 602430

Tidworth Army e-Learning Centre

A Learndirect Centre at 10 AEC, open to soldiers, dependants, civil servants & MOD contractors

Do your course online in your own time, either in the centre, at home or anywhere you have internet access. **Enrol** at Tidworth E-Learning Centre or at the Library at the TLC. Courses include Maths, English, NVQ levels 2 & 3, ITQ1 & ITQ2 (includes ECDL) and other online courses ... Cash-back incentive schemes available!

Call the Tidworth E-Learning Centre on 01980 - 602275

Bulford Army e-Learning Centre

A Learndirect Centre in the 4 RIFLES Training Wing in Ward Barracks, open to soldiers, dependants, civil servants & MOD contractors

Call the Bulford E-Learning Centre on 01980 - 673015

Learning Credits

Soldiers can use their Enhanced & Standard Learning Credits on certain courses. Call Denise on 01980 - 602751

10 AEC is moving!

The Centre in Candahar Barracks will close after duties on 27 August and re-open in Buildings 59 and 62 in Jellalabad Barracks as follows:

- Literacy and Numeracy courses will begin in Bdq 62 on 6th Sept; other courses will resume on 20 Sept.
- Tidworth E-Learning Centre re-opens in Bdg 62 on 20 Sept.
- A limited IERO service will be available in Bdg 62 from 6-17 Sept.

31 Aug - Fri 17 Sept : All gueries to 01980 - 602370 Full service at the new location from Mon 20 Sept. All telephone numbers as before.

Skilled for Health : Join now !

In September, the SfH programme enters its third year of running sessions for Army families. With a free creche and an hour and a half of time for yourself, you are invited to join a small group to look at subjects such as:

Healthy Eating, Exercise, Basic First Aid, Safety in the Home, Well being, Accessing the NHS ...

Further sessions look at a number of subjects such as: Healthy Lunchboxes, Resuscitation, Dental Care for under 5s and Children's early learning years.

With sessions running in Larkhill, Tidworth, Bulford and Warminster ... there is a venue near you!

Sessions start in the week beginning 13 September. For more details call Barbara or Lydia: 01980 - 603 477

Ducis & Everleigh Village Show

Saturday 11 September 2010

Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall & Recreation Ground 12:30 - 16:00

Featuring: The Band of the Prince of Wales's Division

Food, Refreshments & Bar Climbing Wall Old/Classic Cars

Fun Dog Show Children's Dancing Display

Flower & Produce Show

Tae Kwondo Cream Teas Tug of War Sideshows & Stalls **Trade Stands** Crafts

... and much more! Visit our website at www.devshow.co.uk



The Early Early Christmas Fair

In aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity
Tedworth House, Tidworth
Wednesday 29 September 9:30 - 16:00
Details: www.soldierscharity.org

Bulford Thrift Shop Update ...

Bulford Thrift Shop is on the move again and will be reopening in Picton Barracks after the Summer holidays. More news in the next Drumbeat.

Recruiting again: Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Garrison



Out of the Army - or about to leave but wish to continue to serve? Are you under 52 years of age and have served at least 3 years in the Armed Forces?

Join the Military Provost Guard Service (MPGS) Soldiering with Stability

An opportunity to stay in uniform and help protect the Home Base, while at the same time improve the quality of

your family life

The MPGS has a key role to guard our military sites

No liability for operational deployment
 Secure employment with good rates of pay
 The Army is currently recruiting for the MPGS for employment in the Tidworth and Bulford area. Further details, including conditions of service and application

procedures, are available on the Army website: www.army.mod.uk/provost/guard-service/1242.aspx

or call in at your local Army Careers Information Office. Specify that you wish to serve in the MPGS at Tidworth/Bulford

SSAFA Information Point



4 RIFLES
have kindly
produced a
new
information
point for
SSAFA FH
Salisbury
Plain. It has
been placed
in the busy
foyer of The
Hub in Kiwi
Barracks.

where those using the facility will be able to find out what SSAFA FH can do to help all those serving here in the Salisbury Plain area. SSAFA FH is planning to put a further information point in a similar position in Tidworth Camp.

Pictured are Major Baz Melia, Mrs Lucinda Jones, and WO2 RCWO Adrian Curtis.

Crime Prevention Advice

- If you are working or relaxing in the back garden, make sure that any windows and doors which you cannot see are securely closed and locked.
- DO be a nosey neighbour: tell the Police if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood.
- DO NOT approach any suspicious persons. Contact the Police with as much detail as possible, eg: personal descriptions, what clothes they are wearing and registration numbers of unusual vehicles.

A Big Splash for Combat Stress

A sponsored swim organised by Captain Ian Wilkins from 6 CS Bn REME has raised £750 for the charity, Combat Stress.

A dozen swimmers, including Major General Andrew Gregory (DGPers) and Brigadier Justin Maciejewski (Commander 12 Mech Brigade), swam a relay in the

Bulford Swimming Pool, clocking up 1120 lengths, which is 21 miles - the equivalent of swimming the Channel! Many thanks to Lifeguard Luke Nicklen who gave his time freely.



Local Recycling charity wants your old white goods

Replacing your washing machine, tumble dryer, fridge or electric cooker? Please donate your old machines to us so we can refurbish them for families in need Wiltshire-wide and Swindon - Collection Service Call us on 01380 - 720 200 www.refurbiz.org

Wiltshire & Swindon Alliance for re-use of Furniture & Electrical Equipment

BFBS gets another Award!



BFBS Radio and BBC Radio 1 have been presented with a special President's Award at the inaugural RBL "Friends of the Forces Awards" held at the National Liberal Club in London, attended by HRH Prince Harry and hosted by TV presenter, Dan Snow. The Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup, presented the special award to Fearne Cotton from BBC Radio 1 and Richard Hatch from BFBS Radio in recognition of the two broadcasters' inspirational link-up at the end of May.

On Bank Holiday Monday, 31st May, BBC Radio 1 and Forces Broadcaster BFBS Radio teamed up for a very special day, linking live with the BFBS Radio studio on the ground in Afghanistan, across the UK and around the Forces world in more than 20 countries. BFBS presenters Richard Hatch and Jessie Aru at the studio in Camp Bastion linked live with Dev, Fearne Cotton, Greg James and finally Scott Mills from 9am to 7pm, with messages, banter and a slice of Forces life in Afghanistan. And, for 2 hours in the middle of the day, the entire Forces world in more than 20 countries, from the Falklands to Afghanistan, joined for a simulcast, including the UK Forces audience listening to BFBS Radio on DAB, and the wider UK audience on BBC Radio 1. BBC Radio 1 received over 25,000 texts and emails during the 10-hour link-up!

Lt General Sir John Kiszely KCB MC, National President of The Royal British Legion, said: "This award is richly deserved. In putting the British public in direct contact with its Armed Forces on operations in Afghanistan, BFBS and BBC Radio 1 have enhanced the appreciation of our Armed Forces and provided them valuable support, which is what the Friends of the Forces Awards are all about."

Nicky Ness, Controller BFBS Radio, said: "We were really happy to work with BBC Radio 1 on this initiative, connecting the general public with the fantastic Forces audience in Afghanistan and their families in the UK, showcasing the kind of connectivity we achieve on BFBS Radio every day, in the UK and worldwide. Having a station in Afghanistan, manned by Forces' broadcasters who live amongst the audience, know their world and share many of their experiences, adds a huge amount of value to the broadcasting we're able to do and could share with BBC Radio 1. It's impossible to put a price on the morale boost the daily link-up on BFBS Radio on DAB in the UK gives within the Forces' world and we are really happy that BBC Radio 1 helped us communicate that content with the wider UK population, who were so supportive on the day."

Andy Parfitt, Controller, BBC Radio 1, said: "We're delighted that our partnership with BFBS has been recognised in this way. Radio 1 has a strong connection with British Forces as many of them are loyal listeners and this initiative allowed us to make a special connection with the young men and women in Camp Bastion and beyond, allowing them to share some of their extraordinary experiences with other young listeners in the UK - it made for a great day's broadcasting."

Gurkha Shop adds Spice to the Tidworth Shopping Experience



Four Gurkha ex-Servicemen who joined the Army together, have joined forces again after leaving the Army earlier this year to open a Gurkha shop in Tidworth's Station Road.

The shop will be of interest to all "Foodies" in the community, especially all Foreign and Commonwealth Servicemen and their dependants, selling a wide variety of food products from Nepal, Asia, Fiji, the Caribbean and the African states. Customers will also be able to order items that are not on the shelves.

Remembering Fromelles



A soldier killed in the Battle of Fromelles in 1916, the last of the 250 recently discovered in mass graves near the battlefield in Northern France, has been laid to rest in a new Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery dedicated by HRH The Prince of Wales. The ceremony, which took place on the 94th anniversary of the battle, marked the end of a two-year project to give the 250 soldiers a fitting final place of rest.

The coffin was brought from Pheasant Wood, the location of the original graves, on a WWI Mark X General Service Wagon pulled by horses from the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery. The procession made its way through the village of Fromelles and was joined by HRH The Prince of Wales and Her Excellency the Governor General of Australia, Quentin Bryce, along with Chief of the General Staff General Sir David Richards and Lt General Ken Gillespie, Australian Chief of Army. Also taking part in the ceremony were soldiers from 4 RIFLES and 1 RRF from this Garrison, together with soldiers from the Australian Army.

Captain Dean Murch, who commanded the 4 RIFLES contingent, said: "It was an absolute honour and privilege to have taken part in this burial and to show our gratitude to the soldiers that sacrificed everything for our freedom so many years ago".

Of the 250 men recovered from Pheasant Wood, 205 have been identified as Australians (96 by name), three are British and 42 are 'Known unto God'. The identity of the soldier buried on July 19th remains "Known unto God".



Drumbeat Noticeboard



BFBS 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 Wylye Rd Community Centre, Tidworth Tel: 01980 - 847390 Fax: 01980 - 843265 Email: janet.white2@btconnect.com

Plastic & Cardboard Rubbish

Skips will be in Wylye Road Community Centre car park 08:00 - 10:30 18 Aug & 15 Sept

TCAP Coordinator

Tony Pickernell 01980 - 602814 / 07765 - 382678

MHS Housing Surgery

Got a problem with repairs to your quarter? Come and meet MHS at the Beeches in Bulford 10:00 - 12:00 15 Sept & 20 Oct

Job Vacancies

Canteen Assistants Mobile Canteen Driver for the Tidworth Red Shield Centre. Details: 01980-843359 / 07795-164794

AWS Job Vacancies

Part time Bookkeeper - Sage accounts & payroll
Bank Staff for Garrison pre-schools.
Call Chris: 01980 - 673379

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 y - Friday 09:00 - 21:00 Monday - Friday Saturdays 08:00 - 17:00

08:00 - 21:00 Sundays Telephone: 01980 - 847 140 General Manager: 602030

Outside Pitch Bookings: 603416 Library Opening Times: 10:00 - 17:00

Tues & Thurs 14:00 - 19:00 Wed & Fri 10:00 - 17:00 10:00 - 13:00 Sat 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: Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinics,

Counselling Services, Purity Beauty Salon, Hairdressing, and more!

Local HIVE Information Centres Mon - Fri 09:00 - 14:00

Tidworth HIVE at the TLC: Call Nicole: 01980 - 602224 Bulford HIVE at the Beeches : Call Carla : 01980 - 672420

Larkhill HIVE, Community Centre Call Lisa: 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

Army Welfare Service Main Office: 01980 - 672105

Bulford Children's Centre

at The Beeches, Bulford: A range of play for children 0-5 yrs, and their parent/carer. Siblings welcome. Summer Holiday activities at Bulford Larkhill and Amesbury. Details Kate Fry or Alison Leighfield 01980 - 677218 kate.fry@actionforchildren.org.uk

Windmill Hill Children's Centre

Wylye 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 Denise 01980 847005

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 Tel. 01980 -

Swimming instructors wanted

for Pewsey & Tidworth Amateur Swimming Club based at the TLC. New Swimmers also welcome. Mon & Thurs 19:00 - 20:00 Details: 01264 - 791926

Perham Down Youth Club

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

Run in England Running Group

Beginners & Improvers. Every Wed Details from Fi or Lynne: tidworthruninengland@hotmail.co.uk

Squash Coaching 10-wk course starts 3 Sept 5pm - 6pm for 11-12 yrs 6pm - 7pm for 13+ Details: Tidworth Leisure Centre

Street Dance Classes at the TLC

Start 20 Sept 18:15 - 18:55 Reception - Yr 2 19:00 - 19:55 Yr - Year 6 Call: Jo Campling 01980 - 673443

The Drumbeat Office will be moving to a new location at the beginning of September. Telephone and Email will remain unchanged. The new address will be published in the next edition

Stay with the beat I

Deadline for September 2010 issue: 13 August 2010 Drumbeat, 10 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth, SP9 7AY Call Rosemary Meeke on 01980 - 602980 Email: drumbeat_tidworth@hotmail.com

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