

Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

June 2017

What's on in the Garrison area :

- **3 June 09:00**
Kids Run Free - Marlborough pitches, Bulford. www.kidsrunfree.co.uk
- **10 & 11 June**
Longleat Food & Drink Festival. See details at www.longleat.co.uk/whats-on (Get Longleat tickets in advance online and save up to 15%)
- **Sat 17 June 12:00 - 16:00**
Teddy Bears' Picnic at St Mary's Church, Tidworth. Stalls, activities, Choir. Bring your teddy, plus one to put on the teddy tree. Entry £1
committee2@gems-events.co.uk
- **Sat 17 June**
REME 75 - details inside
- **Sat 17 June**
Royal Signals Corps weekend in Blandford - details inside
- **Sat 17 June**
Amesbury Carnival, Hodder's Field
- **Sat 24 June 11:00 - 16:00**
Salisbury Armed Forces Day at Queen Elizabeth Gardens
- **26 June - 2 July**
Chalke Valley History Festival - new venue this year. Details : cvhf.org.uk
- **Sun 2 July**
Walk for Wards at Wilton House in aid of Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal
- **Wed 5 July**
Army Tug-of-War, Inter-Corps Championships, hosted by 6 ACS Bn REME
- **Fri 7 July 10:00 - 15:00**
A Bristol Scout at Larkhill - see inside
- **Sat 8 July**
Rundle Cup Day - details inside
- **14 - 16 July**
Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford. www.airtattoo.com
- **Sat 15 July 12:00 - 16:00**
Grateley School Summer Fete SP11 8TA
- **Sat 22 July 10:00 - 17:00**
Festival of Archaeology at Salisbury Museum
- **Sat 22 July 12:00 - 22:00**
Tidworth Town Festival at the Wylve Road Community Centre. Free Entry
- **27 & 28 September**
Early Early Christmas Fair in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity

Royal Engineers Athletic Championships 2017

The Royal Engineer Athletic Championships 2017 were held at the Tidworth Oval on Thursday 18 May.

Thirteen Regiments from the Corps competed against each other in different athletic events and the top Regiment this year was 22 Engineer Regiment, with a total of 214 points.



These championships are held annually and used to identify athletes who may be selected to represent the Corps of Royal Engineers at the Inter-Corps Athletic Championships, to be held in June.



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.
- 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

Raising funds for T2a

The Army Welfare Service T2a Alternative Sports Club did a Mile sponsored run last month. The young people involved all completed their mile and raised over £250, which will go towards organising more outward bound sessions for club members. Many thanks to the volunteers and our coach who all continuously strive to engage the children and young people in the running of our club. Well done everyone!!



Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust launches Cyber Advice Service

Working with Wiltshire Police, this charity now offers a new crime prevention service, providing up-to-date advice about online security and how to identify potential risks. This is a pilot scheme launched last month, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, and is completely free to over 60s and those registered disabled.

Increased reliance on computers and the internet for shopping, entertainment and social interaction has led to a rapid growth of online crime which exploits the unwary.

“Computer crime is one of the fastest growing crimes targeting the Over 60s”, explained Wiltshire Bobby Van Director, Jennie Shaw. “The aim of our volunteers will be to visit the client’s home to offer a tailored service to improve their awareness of online security and help them to identify potential risks. Our advisors will also be happy to provide talks and presentations to wider community groups. Raising awareness through education is the key to its success”.

Referrals can be made via www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk, call 01380 861191 or email bv.onlinesafety@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Celebrating St George's Day



For the First Fusiliers, being deployed in BATUS did not prevent them from celebrating St George's Day, the birthday of the Regiment's patron saint. The Fusiliers are part of the temporary staff enabling training on the Prairie for the 2017 season.



Congratulations



The Royal Tank Regiment team has won the 1 Armoured Infantry Brigade Operational Shooting Competition.

Coming a very close second was the team from First Fusiliers.

The next step will be the Divisional Competition!



Wiltshire Lieutenancy gathers in Tidworth

Col James Coote DSO OBE (Comd HQ SW), Col David Carson (Col Cds HW SW) and Lt Col Guy Benson (HQ SW Executive Officer) were privileged to host the Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire, Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton CStJ and the Wiltshire Lieutenancy on 15th May.

Over 30 Deputy Lord Lieutenants attended the Wiltshire Lieutenancy AGM which was held in the Tidworth Garrison Officers' Mess.



They were piped into the Mess where they conducted Lieutenancy business and then listened to an overview of the Army and the developments in the South West by Comd HQ SW.

After a curry lunch the Lieutenancy had an opportunity to meet soldiers from 3 Sig Regt, the R WELSH, RRF, 14 Regt RA and receive briefings on Armoured Infantry (Warrior), the Dismounted Infantry, Armoured Signals (Bulldog) and 105 Lt Gun.

Wiltshire's Big Pledge

5 June - 30 July

Can you hear London calling ?



To celebrate the World Athletics Championships coming to London for the first time this summer, individuals or teams can sign up to one or more of Wiltshire's Big Pledge activity challenges. There are challenges for all ages and abilities - and it's FREE for everyone !

For more information and to register :
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/bigpledge

Wings Over Stonehenge

This is a local Group which puts on regular walks at Larkhill and Stonehenge Airfields for the National Trust. These two airfields were hugely important and the walks around the Stonehenge landscape are led by expert guides who will explain all about these key sites in aviation history.

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 the Stonehenge monument.



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

Larkhill : Wed 28 June and Sat 16 September

Stonehenge : Sat 15 July and Wed 23 August

Rundle Cup - 8 July 2017

Tedworth Park, Tidworth SP9 7AH
01980 - 846705 info@tidworthpolo.com



Rundle Cup Day starts at noon with a celebrity Charity Match in aid of INSPIRE. That will be followed by a Free Fall Parachute display by the REME Parachute Team, and a Pony Club Polo Exhibition Match. There will be the usual picnics, caterers, Champagne and Pimms bars and an exciting trade stand village.

14:30 UK Armed Forces v USA Team will play for the Indian Cavalry Officers Polo Trophy, sponsored by Steria

16:30 The Royal Navy v Army match for the Rundle Cup, sponsored by Hackett

The Royal Marines Band of Collingwood will be playing during the afternoon.

Car Park : £25 in advance / £30 on the day

Reserved Parking : Pitch side - £80 (car & picnic space)
Top bank - £90 (car & picnic space)

Pedestrians : £5 per head - pay on the day
Children under 12 free

Further details & car passes from the Tidworth Polo Club

Royal Corps of Signals Corps Weekend 16 - 18 June

Princess Royal Day Parade & Arena Displays

Blandford Camp, Hawke Square

Bands, White Helmets, Vintage Cars/Bikes,
Refreshment Tents, BBQ, Unit Displays

Party in the Park

Saturday 17 June 18:00 - 23:30

Elizabeth Field, Blandford

Live Bands - Free Entry

Children's Soft Play Area - Fish & Chip
Van - BBQ - Ice Cream Van - Cash Bar

Camping available at the RSA Camp Site



REME 75

Saturday 17 June

11:00 - 23:00

MOD Lyneham Open Day
to celebrate the 75th Birthday of the
Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

The Band of The RIFLES, REME Parachute Display Team,
Enduro Display, Gun Run, Football Final, Obstacle
Course, Fairground, Strongman Competition, Historic
Vehicle Display, Refreshments - and lots more !

REME 75 - Party in the Park

An outdoor musical extravaganza will be the finale to the birthday celebrations. It will begin at 16:30 (gates open at 16:00) after the activities of the day have been completed.

Military Bands - Choirs - Tribute Acts
Headline performance from The Overtones
CSE Events & Entertainment

**Free Entry to all military and civilian personnel
who are in possession of
a printed event ticket and photographic ID
Tickets : www.eventleaf.com/rem75**



Advance Notice of Road Closure in Larkhill

**ROAD
AHEAD
CLOSED**

There will be disruption to traffic on the Packway through Larkhill over the Summer, as a new roundabout is built and new utility services are connected.

This work is in preparation for the construction of around 400 new Service Families houses on MOD land at Larkhill. The new roundabout will give access to these new houses, as well as a new primary school being built by Wiltshire Council and to the existing golf range.

- Temporary lights on the road will control traffic from May onwards.
- The Eastbound highway will be closed from the Packway Garage to the Stonehenge Inn roundabout, from July to August.
- The road will be closed completely from the second week in August until the end of September while the new roundabout is built.
- Traffic lights will be used as necessary after that until the work is completed, hopefully by December 2017.

The Army basing programme will be bringing 4,000 Service personnel and their families to Wiltshire by 2019. The MOD is investing more than £1bn in new facilities and the construction programme covers Service families accommodation, as well as technical buildings and single living accommodation inside barracks. The scope of the Programme also includes improvements to road junctions, such as this, additional pedestrian crossing points and new cycle paths across the whole Army basing area.

Kids Run Free in Bulford !

The launch of this event last month was a huge success ...



KRF Bulford Camp had an amazing launch event thanks to the children and their very supportive parents who encouraged all runners and helped out with the event. 33 children aged from 2 to 11yrs ran a truly remarkable 117.5 km between them, with two children running 7.75 kms each! All the children who took part seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and many achieved a distance neither they or their parents thought possible. 5 children look to achieve their first milestone T-shirt if they at most equal their last effort.

You can register and find more information at www.kidsrunfree.co.uk and find us and follow us on Facebook. We will be meeting on the first Saturday of every month and the next event is 3 June.

Julia's House in Devizes

The charity, Julia's House, has just opened a new children's hospice in Devizes, the first of its kind in Wiltshire.

The opening ceremony was performed by the actor, Martin Clunes, who is a patron of Julia's House, pictured here cutting the ribbon.

The Julia's House charity provides practical and emotional support for families caring for a child with a life-limiting condition.



Tidworth & Ludgershall Link Scheme - Volunteers needed !

The Link Good Neighbour Scheme is a team of local volunteers who offer help with transport to people who are in need, either because they are elderly, disabled or perhaps temporarily in need because of illness. The local scheme is available to anyone living in the Tidworth and Ludgershall area who needs transport for an appointment, a hospital visit or for shopping. It provides a safety net for those unable to access services in other ways, such as by public transport. There is no charge for the Link service, which depends on donations.

Drivers work on a rota basis, through a local coordinator. A mileage allowance is paid to volunteers using their own cars and insurance cover is also provided.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Anne (07717 - 627462 or Tony (01980 - 840722 / 07765 - 382 678)



Claire hands over to Claire at the Beeches Café

Claire Weller, (left), who has been running the Café at The Beeches Community Centre in Bulford for the past 6 years is now moving on - and handing the business on to another Claire ! The café will close as usual over half term and will be reopened by Claire Merritt (right) on 5th June.



The opening hours will remain 09:30 - 13:30, with some new meals and snacks along with firm favourites on the menu.

We wish Claire Weller all the best for the future.

3DSR hosts The Morrison Cup

The Regiments of the Royal Corps of Signals compete every year for the Morrison Cup, an athletics competition inaugurated 70 years ago which usually takes place in the Signals' regimental home in Blandford. This year, however, the athletics track in Blandford is in need of some repair and so the competition was held at the Tidworth Oval, hosted on behalf of the Corps by 3rd (UK) Division Signal Regiment, (3DSR).



"Our people deserve the opportunity to realise individual excellence and understand the power and cohesiveness of team spirit", said Lt Col J Barber, Commanding Officer of 3DSR. "The Morrison Cup represents the culmination of weeks of preparation and hard training by our athletes."

Around 500 competitors from 12 major and minor units, Regular and Reserve, took part in the competition on 4th May, with the Morrison Cup being presented at the end of the day to 11 Signal Regiment from Blandford by Brigadier Anderton Brown, Commander of 11 Signal & West Midlands Brigade.



Metal Detecting on the MOD Estate is not only dangerous and irresponsible but also AGAINST THE LAW



With Permission of the Larkhill Garrison Commander, the Wings Over Stonehenge Group is pleased to present :

A Bristol Scout at Larkhill



The only airworthy example in the world returns to the scene of its Maiden Flight in 1914 and

A unique opportunity to see inside the Historic Lark Hill Flying Sheds

Friday 7 July 10:00 - 15:00

Engine Runs, Chat with the Builders, Photo Opportunities, Illustrated Talks

Wood Road, Larkhill SP4 8QH

Admission : Adults £5, Children (under 12) Free

Limited spaces available. Register in advance : by email rogermgreen@btopenworld.com or call 01980 - 849040

Ex YOUNG KIWI

An exercise with a difference for children from the Garrison and their parents took place during the holidays, organised by 3 (UK) Division Signal Regiment, under the initiative of Major Ganesh Gurung.

The aim was to increase the children's motivation and appetite for learning through a series of positive activities throughout the day, which started with an introduction to



serious subjects such as internet safety, values and standards in an interesting and fun way.

The afternoon was spent in the woods, where the children were shown basic skills to survive in the wilderness, including how to set up outdoor fires and shelters and the importance of hygiene when preparing and cooking food outdoors.

After a fitness session with the Unit PTIs, the day



finished back in the Kiwi diner where each child was presented with a certificate by Lt Col Jim Barber, the Commanding Officer, and Mrs Sandra Sims, Sodexo Service Manager.

Many thanks to everyone from 3 (UK) Division Signal Regiment who had a part in making this day such a success; the children learned some useful skills and had an amazing time !



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Broadcasting to the Tidworth
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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

Citizens' Advice Bureau

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

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

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

Bulford Thrift Shop

Term Time Weds & Thurs 9:30-14:30
in the grounds of the Haig Centre
behind the Canadian Estate

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](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/shiptonbellingerramsfc)

Durrington FC

Girls & Boys - Avon Valley College
Tel. 07917 - 228708 [durrington@
btinternet.com](mailto:durrington@btinternet.com)

Pewsey Rugby Club

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

Shrewton Cricket Club

Adult & Junior cricket. Details : Jim
Nicholson [www.pitchero.com/clubs/
shrewtoncricketclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/shrewtoncricketclub)

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](http://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 !

Deadline for the July edition : 12 June

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