

Drumbeat



Issue 202

Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

July 2014

What's on in the Garrison area

- **Thurs 3 July 10:00 - 15:00**
"Living and Working in Wiltshire"
Transition Fair at the TLC
- **5 & 6 July 9:30 - 18:30**
Colchester Military Tournament in aid
of ABF The Soldiers' Charity
- **Sat 5 July 12:00 - 16:30**
Country Fair with an Alice in
Wonderland twist at Wilton Windmill,
www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk
- **Sat 5 July 18:30 - 21:00**
An evening of mediumship & life
reading at Wylve Road Community
Centre iao Help for Heroes. Entry £5
- **Wed 9 July**
World War One : Free talks at Tidworth
Garrison Theatre - details inside
- **Sat 12 July**
Rundle Cup at Tidworth Polo Ground
- **Sat 12 July 11:00 - 16:00**
Salisbury Fire Station open day - old &
new vehicles, music, children's rides,
'have a go' opportunities, refreshments
- **Tues 15 July 19:00**
Open Air 'Treasure Island' at Enford
Village Hall. Tickets 01980-670501
- **Thurs 17 July 19:00**
Garrison's Got Talent at the Tidworth
Garrison Theatre iao ABF The
Soldiers' Charity.
- **Sat 19 July 11:00 - 16:00**
Barrow Clump archaeology open day
- **Sat 26 July 10:00 - 17:00**
Tidworth Town Festival at Wylve Road
Community Centre : street food, chilli
eating competition, music & dance
shows, Town crier competition, bouncy
castle, children's rides. All welcome
- **Wed 30 July 10:00**
Wiltshire Remembers the Great War.
Service at Tidworth Military Cemetery
- **4-9 August**
"Oh What a Lovely War" at Salisbury
Playhouse Tel. 01722 - 320 333
- **Tues 23 & Wed 24 Sept**
Early Early Christmas Fair iao ABF
The Soldiers' Charity in Tidworth Park.
- **Wed 24 Sept 14:00**
Garrison Soapbox Derby
- **26-28 Sept**
KRH Open Weekend
- **Sat 27 Sept 16:30 - 20:30**
Military Musical Pageant on the Tattoo
Ground, Tidworth. FREE event



Units on the move...

As part of the Army Rebasing programme, 1st Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment will be leaving Bulford and moving to Woolwich. The move will be completed by the end of this month.

1st Bn The Mercian Regiment will be arriving in Bulford from Catterick and will be in place by 28th July. They will be parading their Colours and holding a families day on 19th September.



3rd United Kingdom Division returns to Normandy for D-Day 70



Great War Commemoration

You are invited to attend a county-wide First World War Commemoration Event on Wednesday, 30 July at 10am at Tidworth Military Cemetery.



This event will be for communities across the county to come together to mark and commemorate the sacrifice made by 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire during the First World War. Each fallen soldier will be represented on a named cross – the names researched, and the crosses produced by Wiltshire school children. Each cross will be placed on a wall of remembrance which will provide the focus for this special event.

This event is open to anyone who wishes to attend the service of remembrance and reflect on the huge sacrifice made by so many from Wiltshire. Please extend this invitation in your local community as there is the capacity to host up to 10,000 attendees at the cemetery and we recognise that many people will want to participate and show their personal respect for those who lost their lives.

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain. There are 417 First World War graves many of them Australian or New Zealand servicemen, 106 Second World War graves and 40 war graves of other nationalities.

Parking will be adjacent to the cemetery and refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you on the 30 July, and to welcoming you to the commemoration event.

Kind regards,

**Jane Scott OBE, Leader Wiltshire Council and
Brigadier Piers Hankinson, 43 Wessex Brigade**

Registration Now Open

Registration now open for the Tidworth 10K run and 3K fun run, starting and finishing in Tidworth Park. The event raises money for the Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal and will be organised with the help of the Royal Tank Regiment.

Visit www.tidworth10k.co.uk for details



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WiFi coming soon

Servicemen living in military accommodation will soon be able to benefit from the WiFi service being installed by Media Force at 40 sites around the country, in addition to the wired-in broadband service which is already available. "Technology moves very quickly and we recognise that there is a major demand for services on the move through smart phones and tablets", said Jason Lloyd of Media Force.

In this Garrison, the new WiFi system being installed in conjunction with Aspire Defence is almost complete and the new service will have some unique selling points for soldiers :

- No long term contracts;
- Can sign up for a day, month, week or year;
- Can be suspended if on operational deployment;
- Can choose wired, wireless or both at no extra cost;
- Can use multiple devices simultaneously;
- No "line rental" to pay;
- The account can be used wherever MediaForce have service without having to change details;
- A fully fibre supplied service between buildings, providing guaranteed speeds.

**For more information, please contact :
Media Force Helpline on 0300 103 0300
Aspire Defence CIS Support Team on Bulford Mil. 3933**

Wingsuit Competition

The Army Parachute Association at Netheravon recently held the first competition in a new World Series in Wingsuit Performance flying. The competition also included the first British National Championships in Wingsuit Performance flying and Artistics.

During the event British competitor Tony Uragallo set a new World Record for distance flown in a wingsuit, achieving 4.2km in a 1,000 metre vertical competition window.



Team Azure exits the plane

In the Artistics Competition, first prize went to Team Tutti Frutti : Captain Mel Dando and team mates Nicky Young and Kevin Tucker.

The next major competition at Netheravon is the Armed Forces Parachute Championships in August where all Services are represented, competing against each other in multiple disciplines.

Skydive for Charity !

Fall for the Fallen 5-7 September Netheravon Airfield

The Army Parachute Association is holding a Tandem Event in aid of BLESMA, where the aim is to do a tandem skydive for every soldier lost in the Afghanistan conflict. Jumpers may be joined by their families and friends to



enjoy a BBQ and other family activities with the BLESMA Trans4mers, the amputee skydivers.

Are you up for the challenge ? Contact the APA on 01980 - 628 250 to book your place and receive a welcome pack.

Veterans of D-Day honoured, 70 years on



A D-Day veteran returns to Sword Beach

Troops serving with 3rd (UK) Division have returned to Normandy to commemorate the D-Day landings, exactly 70 years after the formation led the assault on 'Sword Beach' on 6 June 1944.

Veterans of the Normandy campaign - the youngest in their late eighties - joined the Bulford-based troops at ceremonies on Sword Beach and the city of Caen, as well as at a number of other inland towns and villages over the weekend of the 70th anniversary.

Dressed in their uniform of old regimental berets and navy blue blazers weighed down with medals, the veterans were welcomed by the French as returning heroes with warm handshakes and standing ovations.

British 3rd Division parade at the historic Château de Caen



4 RIFLES at Pegasus Bridge



Under unbroken blue skies, the Division was represented at a series of colourful yet intimate parades. The Royal Artillery conducted a Service of Remembrance in front of the 3rd Division Memorial at La Brèche d'Hermanville. Meanwhile 4 RIFLES led the vigil at Pegasus Bridge.

In central Caen, the Chief of Staff, Colonel Zac Stenning, laid a wreath at the division's impressive red and black triangle memorial as a regimental piper played a lament from the castle ramparts. It was followed by a ceremony in Hérouville-Saint-Clair where residents named a town square after a soldier who landed with 3rd Division at Sword beach.

And just before dusk on 6 June, a service in the British cemetery at Hermanville-sur-Mer ended 'D-Day 70' with a choir of schoolchildren from the village singing the French and British national anthems before laying a rose at every headstone.

Addressing a large group of old soldiers at the British Memorial Garden in Caen, Major General James Cowan, the General Officer Commanding, said:

"Once again the eyes of the world are focused on Normandy. We take strength from the memory and example set by those who lived through the horrors of 1944.

Veterans at the Service of Remembrance in Caen



Maj Gen James Cowan at Sannerville on 7 June

Town square in Hérouville-Saint-Clair named after Private Stanley Gilchrist



Signallers from 3 DSR at the British Memorial Garden in Caen



"We never forget our wonderful veterans - who enabled the freedom of Europe, and in doing so contributed so much to the history of this region. And we pay respect to the former D-Day battlefields that continue to shape who we are today."



Children lay roses at British headstones in Hermanville War Cemetery

Living and Working in Wiltshire & Swindon Transition Fair



Thursday 3 July
10:00 - 15:00

Tidworth Leisure Centre

Nadder Road, Tidworth
Open to Service Leavers, Families, Serving Military Personnel, Reservists & Veterans

Jobs - Housing - Health - Schools - Welfare
Want advice, support, information? Look no further!
Admission FREE

The Great War: Opening Shots



Tidworth Garrison Theatre

Wed 9 July - throughout the day

A series of **FREE** talks by published military historians

- 09:30 - 10:30 Peter Hart
"Ready for War 1914"
- 10:45 - 11:45 Lt Col Graham Parker
"The Royal Flying Corps 1914"
- 12:00 - 13:00 David Kenyon
"We'll do it! What is it? Cavalry of the BEF 1914"
- 14:00 - 15:00 Steve Roberts "Mons 1914"
- 15:30 - 16:30 Richard Broadhead
"Wiltshire in The Great War"

Free Employment Support

Helping Military Spouses & Partners understand how to get the job they want

15 - 17 July 2014 at The Haig Centre, Bulford SP4 9NJ

- Discover the career that suits you
- Advice on coping with change
- Help with searching and applying for jobs

For more information and to book your place on this FREE course :

www.rblilifeworksfamilies.co.uk

Tel. 0800 319 6844 Email lifeworks@rbli.co.uk

Families LifeWorks is run by Royal British Legion and is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant (LIBOR) Fund

WYLYE VALLEY 1914



26 - 27 July Codford, near Warminster
Further details : www.wylyevalley1914.org.uk

Rundle Cup

Saturday 12 July 2014

- 12:00** Celebrity charity match in aid of Inspire charity
Free Fall Parachute display
Pony Club Exhibition match
- 14:30** The Combined Services will play a visiting team from South Africa, for the Indian Cavalry Officers' Polo Trophy, sponsored by Steria
- 16:30** The Royal Navy plays The Army, for The Rundle Cup, sponsored by Hackett.
- Champagne & Pimms bars
 - Trade Stand Village
 - The Band of HM Royal Marines Commando Training Centre
- Tickets for Parking & Entry : 01980 - 846705 / www.tidworthpolo.com

Barrow Clump Open Day

Saturday 19 July 11:00 - 16:00

Free Entry - No need to book - All ages welcome

Discover amazing archaeology this summer at Barrow Clump, a Bronze Age burial mound and Saxon cemetery being excavated by injured soldiers as part of Operation Nightingale.

- Witness the archaeological excavation
- Come face to face with Saxon warriors
- Handle replica Saxon artefacts with Wiltshire Museum
- Meet Channel 4's Time Team favourite, Phil Harding
- Take part in activities for the whole family

For more details contact Laura Joyner on 07872 - 419 331 or email l.joyner@wessexarch.co.uk

How to find Barrow Clump : Drive north on the A345 from the Amesbury junction of the A303, crossing one roundabout. Turn right at the 'C' tank crossing and follow signs to the parking area. Please note that the site is a 15 walk from the parking area. Limited spaces are available at the site for those with walking difficulties.

The Early Early Christmas Fair

in aid of **ABF The Soldiers' Charity**

Tues 23 and Wed 24 September

Tedworth Park, Tidworth

More details soon



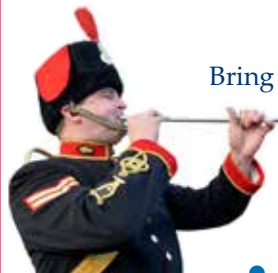
Musical Military Pageant

Saturday 27 September 2014

Gates open at approx. 16:30 hrs

A celebration of Army music with a Firework Finale on the Tattoo Ground, Tedworth Park

FREE ENTRY



Bring a picnic to enjoy in the park* while listening to a celebration of Military Music from 6 Army Bands - one of the largest military musical events in England this year!

Including :

- A reflection on the Great War
- Military Wives Choirs
- Fireworks
- Concluding with a pop concert

(*Sorry, no BBQs please - food & refreshments available)
Further details as they become available can be found on the Drumbeat website and Facebook page

Coming soon ...

A new cycle path is being planned, between the Garrison and Wiltshire Council.



The first section will run from The Wellington Academy to Perham Down and will be built by the Royal Engineers, to Wiltshire Cycleway standard.

It is hoped that the work will begin in late Summer/early Autumn this year.

Wiltshire Citizens' Advice Volunteers needed



Learn new skills.
Gain confidence.
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To join us, or to find out more,
visit : www.cabwiltshire.org.uk or
email : volunteer@cabwiltshire.org.uk

Making a Difference ...

Volunteers from Aspire Defence Services, Sodexo, MUJV and Tidworth Town Council gathered at the Old Mortuary Chapel in Tidworth on 30th May, to carry out some refurbishment work. The old broken metal fence from the front of the graveyard was removed, the surrounding woodland was thinned out and the graveyard itself was weeded and woodchip paths were laid. The day was planned by Andrew Bennett from Aspire Defence. Many thanks to the combined team!



AWS Summer Activities

The Army Welfare Service will be running a programme of activities during the Summer holidays. In addition to sports and play sessions for all ages, there will also be some extra projects and trips.

Tidworth Leisure Centre - Call Joyce on 07810 - 771 630

28 Jul - 1 Aug Community Mural Arts Project
Fri 1 Aug Creative Ecology Wiltshire - Film, dance & drama at the Garrison Theatre

12 & 13 Aug Two T2A planned days out
18 - 22 Aug Germany Residential

The Beeches, Bulford Call Amy - 07785 - 357 065

28 Jul - 1 Aug Nature/Survival week for 7-11s
6 Aug 'Splash' - Wild Wiltshire Day
31 Jul, 7, 14, 21, 28 Aug Family mornings with Wiltshire Wildlife

Larkhill - Call Emma on 07900 - 262 106

A Good Deal for Soldiers at the Garrison Golf Club

The tree-lined fairways and gently undulating course of the Tidworth Garrison Golf Club are a welcoming sight for all its members. The Club is proud of its military origin and connections, (it was originally designed by Harry Shapland Colt in 1908), but is equally proud to now be a modern members club where all are welcome, with thriving Junior, Ladies and Senior sections.

The beautiful layout allows the golfer the illusion of having the place all to themselves and the higher ground offers several opportunities to take in striking views over Salisbury Plain, with pheasant, partridge and even deer making an appearance, emphasising the Colt trademark of a course that seems to emerge seamlessly from the landscape.

Visitors are welcome at the Club, with discounted rates for members of the Armed Forces. Green Fees are reduced from £32 to £20 upon production of a military ID card and, during the month of July 2014, you can also claim a free drink before or after your round.

Flexible annual membership for military personnel is also available, giving you free lessons with a PGA professional when you join, refunds if you are posted and reduced fees the following year if you are away on exercise.

Come in for a chat if you would like to discuss joining the club or call our friendly team on 01980 - 842 301.

Tee times can be booked at www.tidworthgolfclub.co.uk

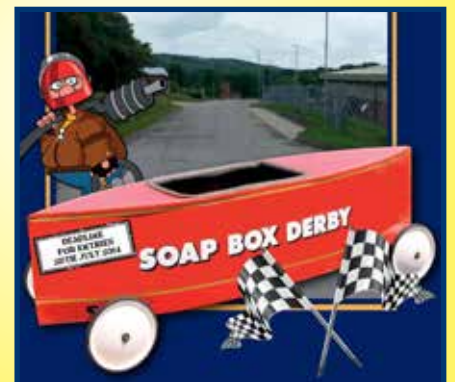
Be Fast & Furious ! Garrison Soapbox Derby Wed 24 September 14:00

£100 Entry Fee per vehicle
in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity

For rules and applications, please contact your Quartermaster, the Garrison Management Team or the Aspire Helpdesk

**Deadline for Entries :
30th July**

(Late entries will be considered)



£5 All Proceeds to ABF
The Soldiers' Charity

Garrison's Got Talent

17 July 2014

Doors open 1830

Tidworth Garrison Theatre

Ticketing & entry
information via
Unit Reps



Drumbeat Noticeboard



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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
Email : carly.lovell@btconnect.com
www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Rubbish & Recycling

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

TCAP Coordinator

Tony Pickernell - new office at
Wylve Road Community Centre
01980 - 840722 / 07765 - 382678
www.tidworthcommunityarea.info

AFF Salisbury Plain Coordinator

Carol Morris : 07527 - 492 783

Local Member of Parliament

Claire Perry MP, House of
Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Please call to make appointment at
local surgery : 01380 - 729 358
claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

Army Welfare Service

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

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

DIO Ops Accommodation :

[www.mod.uk/
servicefamiliesaccommodation](http://www.mod.uk/servicefamiliesaccommodation) or
contact the **HASC** (Housing Allocations
Service Centre) in Aldershot.
0800-169 6322 Mon-Fri 08:30-15:00

Repairs to Army Quarters (24/7)

MODern Housing Solutions Helpline
(MHS) **Call 0800 - 707 6000**

Emergency Numbers :

RMP : 01980 - 67 2251 & 67 3530
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
General Manager : 650 030

Outside Pitch Bookings : 651416
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 650568

Paula's Café : Mon-Sat 9:00-18:00

**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**

Bulford Thrift Shop

Term time Weds & Thurs 9:30 - 14:30
In the grounds of the Haig Centre

Local HIVE Information Centre

**Salisbury Plain HIVE at the
Beeches Family Centre, Bulford**

Mon - Thurs 9:00 - 16:00
Fridays 8:00 - 14:30

Call Nicole & Chris : 01980-672420
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Local Children's Centres :

Activities for children 0-5 yrs, and
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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 Kate Fry 01980 - 632 660

Poppies Daycare Nursery

Aspire Business Centre, Tidworth
Call Helen on 01980 - 846 699

The Shipton Bellinger Rams FC

Shipton Bellinger Playing Fields
[www.clubwebsite.co.uk/
shiptonbellingeramsfc](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/shiptonbellingeramsfc)

Tidworth Town FC

Girls & Boys U8-U14 (sch yrs 2-8)
Humber Lane, Tidworth
Tel 07872 - 565650
secretary@tidworthtownfc.co.uk
www.tidworthtownfc.co.uk

Durrington FC

Girls & Boys - U7 (academy) U8-U12
Training Weds & Sats at Avon Valley
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-228708 / durrington@btinternet.com

Pewsey Rugby

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Community Touch Rugby in the
Summer - Tues 7pm.
Contact Mick Haynes 07584 577901
mick.haynes638@mod.uk

Tidworth (Comb Svcs) Polo Club

Courses & instruction for all levels.
01980-846705 or tidpolo@tiscali.co.uk

Tidworth Riding Club

Riding instruction available
Sat - Thurs every week. All ages &
abilities - groups/individuals
Call Vickie Angelo 07500 - 868 940

Military Wives Choirs

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

Aliwal Barber

RTR Welfare Centre, Aliwal Bks
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 13:00
No appointments necessary

Job Vacancies

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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

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for the August edition : 11 July 2014
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