

Drumbeat



Issue 136 Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter September 2008

What's on at a glance...

- **Thurs 4 Sept**
Heritage Open Day at Wilton House. Free Entry to House and Garden www.wiltonhouse.co.uk
- **Tues 9 Sept 19:00 - 21:00**
Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco at Clarendon Junior School
- **11 & 12 Sept**
French & Continental Market at Salisbury Market Square
- **Sat 13 Sept**
'Rock for Heroes' Concert Cancelled
- **Wed 17 Sept**
Ludgershall Military Half Marathon
Details inside ...
- **18, 19, 20 Sept**
'Music on Fire' Music and fireworks at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Gates open at 4pm. In aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. Tickets : visit www.musiconfire.com or call 0871 297 0077
- **Wed 24 Sept 9:30 - 16:00**
The Early Early Christmas Fair at Tedworth House in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund
- **Wed 1 Oct 19:30**
"Normandy 1944 - Normandy 60 years on." A lecture by Professor Richard Holmes at the Garrison Theatre. More details inside ...
- **Sat 11 Oct 10:00 - 16:00**
Music Technology Workshop at Shipton Bellinger Village Hall. Find out about making music, recording & production from a leading DJ - and take home a CD !
Tickets 01980 - 846341 or 843373
- **Tues 14 Oct 19:00 - 21:00**
Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco at Clarendon Junior School
- **Wed 22 Oct 14:30 & 19:00**
Proms Concert at the Garrison Theatre with music from the Band of the Prince of Wales's Division.
Box Office Tel. No. 01980 - 602390
- **Sun 2 Nov 10:00**
Tidworth 10K and 3K Fun Run
More details inside ...

Taking Care of our Community ?



Is this the best we can do ?



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And we like to call ourselves "The Best"?

The photographs on the cover of this issue of Drumbeat demonstrate that we simply do not deserve this title when it comes to looking after the Estates on which our families live. Drumbeat normally focuses on positive aspects of Garrison life, but in this issue I have no hesitation in highlighting our collective failure to look after our home environment, particularly the wholly unacceptable level of fly tipping taking place.

Garrison Headquarters works with Units, Defence Estates, the Ministry of Defence Police and Modern Housing Solutions to clear up bulk rubbish dumped on an almost daily basis across the Garrison Estates. But this would not be necessary were married personnel to discharge their responsibilities as both soldiers and citizens. There is no need to fly tip. Yes, it might take some effort to arrange bulk rubbish collection or visit the local recycling centre but by not doing so we damage our environment and community well being. We do not accept such conduct on operations and there is no reason why we should behave any differently here at home. Such ill-discipline is damaging our reputation locally; and it is no good saying that the civilian housing estates are just as bad. I have been to see them and they are not.

Over the next month Garrison Headquarters will be working with Units to clear up the Garrison Estates. Thereafter I expect all married personnel to take greater pride in their community; keep gardens clean and tidy, pick up litter, dispose of bulk rubbish correctly and encourage others to comply with these simple social and military norms.

Colonel Richard Aubrey Fletcher
Deputy Garrison Commander

Shipton Bellinger has the answer !



Soldiers from 6Bn REME organised a Tidy-Up Day in Shipton Bellinger last month. This Army initiative was aimed at fostering community spirit between military families, their civilian counterparts and outside agencies such as the police, parish and local borough councils.

Pictured above, Cpl Les Langley, LCpl Craig Richardson and WO2 John Cragg from 6Bn REME are joined by local residents Andrew, Sally and Jasmine Jones, PCSO Rachel Cassells (Hampshire Police), Kristal Solly (Tesco's Community Champion) and Cpl Mark Webb (RMP Crime Reduction Officer).

The Battalion is Neighbourhood Sponsor for the village and has several personnel living there.

"It is good to have interaction with the local community", Cpl Les Langley (4th from left) told Drumbeat. "I shall be living here for 3 years and my children will be using the facilities in the village. As soldiers, we are used to treating wherever we are as home and we should all have a responsible attitude to the communities we live in".

Stars Appeal
A sponsored run across Salisbury Plain to raise funds for the Salisbury District Hospital Heart Appeal.

Principal Sponsor
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Join us and raise funds for the Stars Appeal's current major campaign:
Caring 4 Kids campaign
Raising £1 million to create a new Children's Centre at Salisbury District Hospital. Helping local children get better, or support the rehabilitation of your child.

Tidworth 10k & 3k Fun Run/Walk/Toddle

Great new routes starting from Tidworth House

Free souvenir t-shirt and medal for all participants

Register online at www.starsappeal.org
or call 01753 499999 for an entry form.

2nd November 2008

Monday to the day. Registration closes Oct 28th.

Entry Fees: Adults £10, Under 16s £5

Organised by: The Garrison & Household Rights and Legal Support Unit (GHRU)

Supported by the **Salisbury Journal**

Also associated by: South Coast Insurance, GARRISON FM, The Garrison, Garrison Community Centre, Garrison Primary School, Garrison Secondary School, Garrison Community Centre.



Who's Knocking at the Window ?

This popular competition on Garrison FM, in conjunction with Castlegate Windows, has been running since February. Listeners hear a mystery voice which they have to identify and phone the radio station to have a chance of winning £10. Every day the voice remains a

mystery, the 'prize pot' accumulates by £10 a day, or £50 a week. The latest voice proved to be difficult to guess, remaining unnamed for nearly 5 months until he was finally identified by Hazel Whitham, who works in the Budgets Dept of 3 (UK) Division in Picton Barracks.

Breakfast Show host, Stu Campbell presented Hazel with her winnings at the Station's new studio on Marlborough Road in Bulford Camp. Hazel was delighted, saying, "I'm in the money - I'm so excited I'm going to take the rest of the day off !"

And the Mystery Voice which had everyone guessing for so long ? It was Douglas Adams, the creator of 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy'.

Tune in every morning at 07:20 and 09:20 to take part in the competition !

New Junior Ranks Single Living Accommodation completed in Perham Down



All 22 Engineer Regiment and 26 Engineer Regiment soldiers are now housed in new, permanent, Z-scale accommodation following the handover of the final Junior Ranks Single Living Accommodation block (JRSLA) in Perham Down last month.

This is the first 'accommodation village' to be completed under Project Allenby/Connaught. It comprises 18 JRSLAs and four 8-man houses which, together with the new SNCO Mess, provides 760 soldiers with their own en-suite rooms.

Our picture shows Col Richard Aubrey Fletcher (Deputy Garrison Commander), Michael Ward (ADCW Works Director), Lt Col Andy Noble (CO 22 Engr Regt) and Doug Weidner (Project Manager, MoD Project Allenby/Connaught) at the handover ceremony in Swinton Barracks.

Other buildings already in use within the barracks include the training wing, 3 refurbished technical buildings, an obstacle course, a new guardroom/armoury and a gym, which were all delivered early to meet operational requirements.

The Super Diner is still under construction, along with the Regimental Headquarters, which will be handed over in 2009. The only accommodation yet to be completed are the Officers' Messes which are listed buildings.

The soldiers are delighted with their new rooms, with more choosing to stay here at the weekends!

Starting soon at Ordnance House

New Activities for 9-12 year olds :

A Gardening Project : Mondays 16:30 - 18:30

A Cooking Project : Thursdays 16:30 - 18:30

New Wednesday Youth Session

for young people aged 12+ 19:00 - 21:00

Volunteers Needed to help !

Help from Volunteers with expertise in the areas of cooking, gardening and computers would be welcome.

Please contact AWS Community Development Worker, Colin Wheaton, on 01980 - 602398

Colonel Grumpy's Coffee Bus Coffee Shop

at The Beeches Families Centre in Bulford

An exciting new community venture offering a meeting place for all to enjoy

Open : 09:15 - 13:00

Tuesday - Friday

News from Netheravon



Helicopters ...

WO1 Ron Watkins and WO2 Jeff James, from 7 Regiment AAC (V) based at Netheravon, regained their position as the British Helicopter Open Champions last month. Over the last six years WO1 Watkins has held this title five times, teaming up with WO2 Jeff James as the other member of this triumphant crew for the last four years. This year's competition included Navigation, Precision flying, Slalom and Fender events, flown around the Cotswold area and at Calcot Manor, Tetbury.

(Picture) WO1 Ron Watkins and WO2 Jeff James with their winning trophies.

The 7 Regiment AAC (V) team has now been selected to be part of the British Team for the forthcoming 2008 World Helicopter Championships at Eisenach in Germany and Ron Watkins has also been appointed the Chief Coach.

... and Parachutes !

The Joint Service Parachute Centre at Netheravon was host to the Armed Forces Parachute Championships last month. During the 7 days of the competition, the 36 teams had to contend with high winds, low cloud and rain and much of the jumping had to start at 0600 hrs to make the most of scant 'blue sky'.

The Championships were open to both serving and reserve members of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air



Force and, amid plenty of friendly rivalry, the competitors participated in various skydiving events : Formation Skydiving, Free Flying, Accuracy and Canopy Flying.

Picture : The Royal Signals Formation Skydiving team

The Wiltshire Victoria County History

Present

A Lecture by

PROFESSOR

**Richard
Holmes**



Professor Richard Holmes FRSE FRGS

"Normandy 1944 - Normandy 60 years on"

at

The Garrison Theatre, Tidworth

1 OCTOBER 2008 7.30pm

Refreshments served from 6.30 pm

*"Briefings were held at
The Garrison Theatre
to officers of
1st and 29th (US)
Divisions, destined
to land at
Omaha Beach"*



Richard Holmes is Professor of Military and Security Studies at Cranfield and the Royal Military College of Science and one of the BBC's most popular television presenters, having presented eight BBC TV series

Applications for tickets, £12 single or £22 double, to John Haring, 21 Chatham Road, Tidworth SP10 2SD. Telephone 01299 712997. Email: johnharing@btinternet.com

4 RIFLES Soccer Camp



Sixty-seven very enthusiastic children took part in the FA Soccer Star Challenge in Bulford last month. This is the third year in a row that Sgt Chalky Wiltshire, 4 RIFLES, has organised a Football Summer camp, with coaches drawn for the most part from 4 RIFLES.



(Inset) Lt Col Rupert Jones, Commanding Officer, presents the trophy for the best overall player during the week to Frankie Grieveson.

News from Storybook Soldiers

Since we started 18 months ago, over 700 soldiers have recorded stories for their children to listen to while they were deployed. All these stories have been edited by our dedicated team of volunteer editors from the military community here in the Garrison.

We now have recordings coming in from all over the UK, Northern Ireland, Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan and The Falkland Islands. These recordings are being made for us by our Recorders in Education Centres, Libraries, in Units themselves and sometimes by BFBS or Garrison Radio.



Soldiers from 3 Bn REME based in Paderborn, on exercise during the Summer on Salisbury Plain with 3 Cdo Bde, took time to come to Tidworth to record stories for their children

before they deploy to Afghanistan later this month.

BBC Radio 4 has recently made a programme about Storybook Soldiers called, "Once Upon a Time on the Front Line", featuring soldiers deployed on operations who have recorded stories and their families. The programme is scheduled to be broadcast around the world, soon on BFBS Radio 2.

If you are about to deploy and would like to record a story for your child, just get in touch with the Storybook Soldiers team in Tidworth : Telephone 01980 - 602370

Email : storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk

Website : www.storybooksoldiers.co.uk

or call in at 10 Army Education Centre in Candahar Bks

Ludgershall Military Half Marathon 2008

Wed 17 September

Hosted by 26 Engineer Regiment at Corunna Barracks in Ludgershall, the 2008 Royal Engineers Half Marathon is open to all Units in the Garrison area, including any attached civilian MOD employees.

The race will include individual and team competitions and ALL standards of runners are welcome.

Entry forms are available from Unit Gyms and more information can be obtained from :

Capt Rudd Tel. 94342 3752
Email. darran.rudd908@mod.uk

WO2 Powell Tel. 94394 8265
Email. philip.powell664@mod.uk

Bulford Garrison Health Fair

Monday 29 September 09:30 - 15:30
Nuffield Hall (Bubble Gym), Kiwi Barracks

"A great opportunity to learn about issues that may affect your health"
Sexual health, Smoking, Weight Management, Alcohol and Drugs, Male and Female Cancers, Oral Hygiene, Mental health and much more ...

Chlamydia screening available all day for 16-24 year olds
All Soldiers, Officers and families welcome

Tidworth 'Drop in' Smoking Cessation Service

Every Wednesday from 12:00 - 14:00
at the Super diner in Bhurtpore Barracks

Free advice, support and nicotine replacement therapy
You are 4 times more likely to succeed by using this service. No appointment necessary

For further information, contact Capt Barbour on x 3015

Innovation through Challenge

Salisbury Plain was host to the final of the MOD's 'Grand Challenge' last month, the first major MOD competition of its kind. The aim of the competition was to inspire and encourage new technologies to find solutions to the problems faced on a daily basis by Britain's Armed Forces on active operations.

The Challenge : to produce a system with a high degree of autonomy able to detect, identify, locate and report the position of a wide range of military threats within an urban environment.

23 teams with backgrounds in industry, universities, colleges and schools took up the challenge, launched in November 2006. Of those teams, 11 reached the Grand Challenge, which took place over a period of 10 days at Copehill Down, the Army's purpose built FIBUA on Salisbury Plain - 10 days which saw some of the worst weather conditions we have had on the Plain this year ! 7 teams reached the final, competing for the RJ Mitchell Trophy, named after the designer of the Spitfire aeroplane which earned legendary status for its decisive role in the Battle of Britain.

Vehicles designed and created by the teams included futuristic-looking flying saucers, buggies and mini-helicopters and all were set the task of identifying a range of 'threats' planted in the village, such as marksmen, vehicles mounted with heavy weapons, roadside bombs and armed militia.

The winner was Team Stellar with their entry, 'Saturn', an integrated system comprising one high flying and one mini UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle), and a UGV (Unmanned Ground Vehicle) able to relay information from visual, thermal and radar sensors to a control station on the ground, using sophisticated communications systems.

"I am extremely pleased", said Stellar Team Leader Julia Richardson. "We are thrilled, we worked very hard and it is a fantastic result."

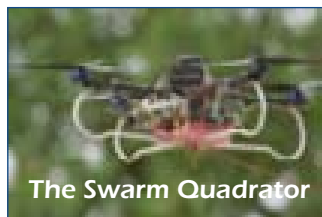
In addition, Team Swarm was awarded the prize for the "most innovative idea" after designing a multiple autonomous quadrator (flat helicopter with four rotors) called Owls, capable of flying in swarms, allowing them to view the area from all angles using high resolution visual cameras. Also, Team Thales was awarded a prize for "best use of national talent" for their use of a mini helicopter fitted with daylight and thermal imaging technology alongside two custom built ground vehicles.



Stellar UAV



Stellar UGV



The Swarm Quadrator



Thales UAV



Thales UGV

The MoD will now carefully consider whether the technologies demonstrated in the final of Grand Challenge are able to be incorporated into future frontline kit for the Armed Forces.



Cycling for Heroes !

A team of 7 cyclists from The King's Royal Hussars have cycled the 877 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in just 5½ days. Each team member cycled the full distance, (not in a relay), and the average leg length of 146 miles per day was further than the longest leg of this year's Tour de France, whilst on day 4 the team cycled 175 miles.

The team of Capt Angus Tilney, Capt Mark Brightwell, WO2 'Frenchie' Childes, Sgt Jeff MacParland, Sgt Ian Smith, Tpr Jamie Blay and Tpr Max McBride, were supported along the route and made overnight stops in campsites. 6 members of the team completed the challenge; Sgt Jeff MacParland was forced to retire after a high speed crash landed him in Exeter hospital for a night. Otherwise the team battled through severe aches and pains, scaling the undulating topography and often cycling into fierce headwinds to arrive at John O'Groats 132 hours after they had started. To date, the team have raised over £4000 for Help for Heroes.

The Early Early Christmas Fair

in aid of The Army Benevolent Fund

Wednesday 24 September

9:30 - 16:00

Tedworth House, Tidworth

Admission £4 (£3 after 2pm)

Free Parking New Restaurant

Over 80 stallholders - some old favourites and 46 new ones - Raffle

This is the biggest annual fund raising event for the ABF throughout the country - remember to bring your cheque book !

Want to be in a Panto ?

The Larkhill Amateur Dramatics Society (LADS) is planning to put on 'Aladdin' on the 22, 23 and 24 January 2009.

LADS is open to all - soldiers, families and their friends. There will be opportunities to act, sing, dance, help backstage or do 'tech' stuff !

Auditions will be held on Tues 9 - Wed 10 September. Rehearsals are planned to start on Tuesday 16 September and run through until the performance date.

If you are interested - or know someone who might be - please contact :

Amanda on Mil. 94322 5687 or Civ. 01980 - 845687

Mort on Mil. 94321 8584 or Civ. 01980 - 628584





Drumbeat Noticeboard



B F B S Forces Radio
 Radio requests & dedications
 Call : 08701 2021 21
 (calls are charged at the national rate)
Website : For overseas commands and Northern Ireland visit www.bfbs.com and go to the "Dedications" page.
 Or by email : requests@bfbs.com
 Also on Sky Guide 0211

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 - 84 1047

Plastic & Cardboard Rubbish
 Skips will be in Wylve Road Community Centre car park
 08:00 - 10:30 20 Aug, 17 Sept

CTP Employment Fair
 Wed 24 Sept 11:00 - 16:00, Ascot
 Over 120 companies will be provide Service leavers with ideas for future careers, training options etc.
 Call 94222 3338 for more details

Career Transition Partnership
 RRC Tidworth : 01980 - 602689

War Pension/AFCS Advice Day
 at the Regional Resettlement Centre, Tidworth
 25 Sept, 16 Oct, 27 Nov
 More information : 0117 - 971 8446

TDT Recruitment
 A not-for-profit company of TDT for local jobs opportunities
 3 Melksham House, Wylve Rd, Tidworth. Ken Ling 01980 - 840 222

AWS Job Vacancies
 Qualified Nursery Nurse needed at The Haig, Bulford. Call 01980 672331
 Full & part time childcare job vacancies in the Garrison
 Call Chris on 01980 - 673379

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

Defence Estates Housing Information Centre Service
 Call 0800 - 169 6322
 Mon - Fri 08:00 - 16:30

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

Neighbourhood Police Surgery
 Wed 3 Sept 15:30 - 16:30
 Tesco Store, Station Road, Tidworth

Emergency Numbers :
 MDP : 01980 - 60 3099
 RMP : 01980 - 67 2251 & 67 2334
 Wiltshire Police : 0845 - 408 7000
 Police Emergency : 999 or 112
 Crimestoppers : 0800 - 555111

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
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 Videos and DVDs for hire
 From £1.50 for up to a week

Coffee Carousel :
 Open 7 days a week from 9:30
Tidworth HIVE Opening Times :
 Mon - Fri 09:00 - 15:00
 Call Carol Morris : 01980 - 602224
 Website : www.hive.mod.uk
Purity Beauty Salon :
 Mon-Sat 9:00 - 20:00 Call 07958-911928
Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries :
 Physiotherapy : 07768 - 737 646
 Sports Therapy : 07796 - 230 571

Bulford HIVE
 Mon & Wed 12:00 - 15:30
 Tues, Thurs & Fri 8:30 - 12:30
 at The Beeches Families Centre
 01980 - 672420

Storybook Soldiers
 Being deployed ?
 Away on a long course ?
 Record a story for your child to listen to while you are away.
 Phone us at 10 AEC : 01980 602370
storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk
www.storybooksoldiers.co.uk

Job Vacancy
 Maternity cover at Micro-Tots Crèche in Bulford. More details from Claire Cox at the AFF Training Centre. 01980 - 673195/2981

Job Opportunity
 Volunteer needed to run the Thrift Shop in Tidworth. One day a week.
 Contact Chris on 01980 - 673379

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

Windmill Hill Children's Centre
 Wylve Rd Community Centre, Tidworth
 Services for 0-5s and their families
 Call Kay Capon on 01980 - 843 010

Uniformed Youth Groups
 Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers
 Call Arthur Kendrew 01980 - 597 341
Guides, Brownies, Rainbows
 Call Connie Patrickson 01980-629851

Tidworth Youth Centre
 Mon & Tues 18:30 - 21:00 13+
 St Andrew's Hall opposite the Oval
 Call Sarah Pearce 01980 - 842748

AWS 9 - 12s Youth Club
 AWS Community Hall at the TLC
 Tues 18:15 - 20:15 9-12s
 Call Joyce Stretton on 07810 771 630

Football Club
The Shipton Bellinger Rams
 Under 9s, Under 10s and Under 14s
 Shipton Bellinger Playing Fields
 New members and volunteer help / referees / coaches please contact Sgt Chalky Wiltshire 01980-673474 (day)/01980-846570 (pm)

Tidworth Residents' Forum
 20 Oct 08 19:00
 Wylve Road Community Centre
 Up to date reports about what is happening in the town

Youth Activities
T2a Adventure Sports Club
Group X Drop-in Youth Club
Youth Only Zone & Project Night
 For details call TLC : 01980 - 847140
Get Kickin' Tidworth Astro Pitch
 Mon 19:00 - 20:30 All Ages

Perham Down Youth Club
 The Grapevine £1 per session
 Tues & Thurs 19:00 - 21:00 11- 17
 Details : SSgt Welch 01980 603514

Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco
 9 Sept 08 19:00 - 21:00
 Clarendon Junior School, Tidworth

Bulford Youth Club
 The Beeches Families Centre
 Mondays 5-8s 16:30 - 18:00
 Wednesdays 9-12s 18:00 - 20:00
 Call Tonia Hopkins on 07785 357065

Army Library at 10 AEC
 Candahar Barracks, Tidworth
 Mon-Fri 09:30 - 13:30 Tid Mil 3043
Bulford Army Library
 Ward Barracks, Bulford Camp
 Mon-Thu 9:00-16:30 Fri 9:00-12:30

AWS Families Centres
 Ordnance House, Tidworth: 602398
 at Tidworth Leisure Centre : 602191
 The Beeches, Bulford 01980 - 672088
AWS Main Office : 01980 - 672105

Stay with the beat !
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