

# Drumbeat



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## The Royal Welsh welcome their Colonel in Chief



Her Majesty the Queen marked St David's Day by visiting soldiers of 2nd Bn The Royal Welsh Regiment in Lucknow Barracks. The Queen became Colonel in Chief of The Royal Welsh when the new regiment was formed on St David's Day last year and this was her first visit to them.

Her Majesty presented leeks to the men on parade and addressed them saying, "I shall follow your progress with the closest interest and my thoughts and prayers go with you all as you face the challenges ahead".

2 R Welsh will be deploying to Iraq in May as part of 1 (Mechanized) Brigade. The Commanding Officer, Lt Col James Swift, will lead the Royal Welsh battlegroup which will be based in Basra city.

After the parade, the Queen was shown the newly-built single soldiers' accommodation and later met wives and families in the Garrison Theatre.

## Guards and Cavalry train together



The Kings Royal Hussars will be leaving their Challenger Battle tanks behind in Tidworth when they deploy to Iraq with 1 (Mechanized) Brigade in May.

C Sqn will be working with A Sqn The Household Cavalry in Maysan Province where they will be engaged in border patrols and anti-smuggling operations.



Men from B Sqn, Kings Royal Hussars

B and D Squadrons will be based in Basra city where B Sqn will be working alongside the Irish Guards. B Sqn is pictured here, training with the Irish Guards on Salisbury Plain.

## 12 Mechanized Brigade prepares to deploy ...



At the end of this month, units from this Garrison will be amongst those deploying with 12 Mechanized Brigade to Afghanistan on Operation HERRICK 6.

228 Signals Squadron from Bulford and 26 Engineer Regiment from Ludgershall will deploy alongside 19 Regiment Royal Artillery from Larkhill, The Light Dragoons, 1st Bn, The Grenadier Guards, 1st Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment and 1st Bn, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters.

12 Mechanized Brigade will be taking over from 3 Commando Brigade, Royal Marines, in early April. British troops are deployed in Afghanistan in support of the United Nations-authorized, NATO-led mission: the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

"We will be based in Helmand Province in the south of the country and our job will be to provide security and stability in support of the legitimate authority of the democratically elected Government of Afghanistan", Brigade Commander, Brigadier John Lorimer told Drumbeat.

Place names such as Kabul and Kandahar are familiar to us merely as the names of barracks and roads in the Garrison. However, time and history have a different meaning for the Afghan people; they have a long memory and have heard the stories about their great-grandfathers and their great-great-grandfathers fighting the British in those places more than a century ago.

"Cultural and religious differences, challenging climatic conditions, unfamiliar, harsh terrain and the potential intensity and tempo of operations all indicate that this will be a challenging tour for all ranks, irrespective of cap badge, not least because none of the soldiers have been to Afghanistan before", Brigadier Lorimer continued. "I think that is what the families of soldiers deploying on Op HERRICK 6 need to understand - and anything they can do to support us will be wonderful and very well received.

"There is a comprehensive support network in place for the families, coordinated by the Brigade HQ Team and Unit Rear parties. I am particularly keen to draw attention to the 12 Mechanized Brigade website called "Op EMBRACE" which can be found on ArmyNet. It will be a useful site where families will be able to read news of what we are doing over there; it will also contain welfare information, contact numbers and details of how you can keep in touch. It also covers the 12 Mechanized Brigade units that are deploying to Iraq this year, such as the King's Royal Hussars. (Families visiting ArmyNet sign on as guests of the serving soldier, online at [www.armynet.mod.uk](http://www.armynet.mod.uk)).

"The most important thing is to keep talking to us", Brigadier Lorimer concluded. "Keep the news coming, whether it is by letter, e-bluey, internet, email or telephone - but keep the communication going. We'll be working very hard out there and there is nothing better than to be able to take 5 minutes out to read a letter from home!"



## Royal Military Police We're here to help !

Theft of property, both military and personal, from barrack rooms or quarters, at home or in Theatre, is a concern for all of us.

Many of our Garrison Units will be deployed on operations this year and to help combat crime - and the fear of crime - while they are away, the Royal Military Police will be operating 'Op SAFE HOME'.

Many thefts can be prevented if the appropriate steps are taken by individuals to secure their possessions.

### Advice to Units ...

158 Pro Coy RMP runs 1-day crime reduction courses for key unit personnel. These courses provide practical advice to soldiers prior to deployment, in Theatre and on Rear Party. Units please contact Sgt Udale for further information - contact details below.

### Advice to Families ...

**Patrols** : Foot and vehicle patrols will be conducted throughout the quarters areas during the deployment period, in conjunction with the Ministry of Defence Police and Wiltshire Police. Please contact the RMP if your quarter is going to be empty for any period of time (Good Neighbour Scheme).

**Information packs** : All deploying units will receive an information pack to be distributed to all their families, containing information on the Good Neighbour Scheme, property marking advice, quarters security advice and emergency/ useful contact telephone numbers.

UWOs please contact Sgt Udale for further information.

**Briefings** : Upon request, 158 Pro Coy RMP can attend Wives' Clubs or coffee mornings to provide information about home security, self defence awareness, etc.

**Youth Activities** : For example, the monthly Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco, provided in conjunction with Wiltshire Police. Details on the Drumbeat noticeboard page every month.

**SFA Survey** : 158 Pro Coy RMP will conduct a survey of married quarters estates to help identify any policing concerns.

**For help and advice about any of the above, please contact the RMP Crime Reduction Officer, Sgt Mark Udale, on 01980-673530 or 07850-609837**



## Collingbourne Cricket Club

Friendly village club offering cricket to all standards. Wiltshire League Div 2 & Div 6, Savernake Forest League and Sunday afternoon "friendlies"

Anyone interested in playing cricket on a regular or occasional basis is invited to come to Indoor net practice 19:30 - 21:30 Castledown Sports Centre

Fridays 30 Mar, 13, 20, & 27 April

**For details, call Club Secretary Karl Rogers 01264 - 850700 or visit [www.collingbournecricket.co.uk](http://www.collingbournecricket.co.uk)**



## Want to give up ? Help is at hand !

**OEM Health Centre, Tidworth 01980 - 602640**

**Bulford Group Practice 01980 - 672376**

**or at your doctor's surgery**

## Army Welfare Service can help

The Army Welfare Service, (AWS), provides a comprehensive, professional, specialised and confidential welfare service to all single, married, regular, TA and reservist soldiers and their families. The service is also extended to ex-serving soldiers, where the issue arises from their military service.

Based in Horne Road in Bulford, the AWS covers the Tidworth, Netheravon, Bulford, Shipton Bellinger, Upavon, Perham Down and Ludgershall areas and provides two specialist services to the Garrison :



### Personal Support :

The sorts of issues Personal Support can help with are relationship problems, child care matters, the effects of illness within the family or difficulties arising from separation due to operational requirements. If you are not able to visit the office then please telephone the number below and a home visit will be arranged within a few days.



### Community Support :

AWS provides Community Centres, Pre-school groups, Youth Clubs and activities for young people during school holidays - in fact, just about everything the service community requires !

For further information please call in,  
or telephone 01980 672105 or (Mil) 94321 2105  
or visit our web site at [www.army.mod.uk/aws](http://www.army.mod.uk/aws)

## Thank you ...



The first Army Steeplechase competition, held last Autumn in Tedworth Park, raised £1200, through participants' own individual sponsorship, for the APTC Garden of Remembrance in Aldershot and The Army Benevolent Fund. In the picture, the organiser of the event, Captain (MAA) Rick Young APTC, presents a cheque for £900 to Colonel Tony Moorby of the Army Benevolent Fund.

This very popular event will be held again later this year, so watch out for details in Drumbeat !

## Sponsored Bike-athon

In aid of SSAFA Forces Help

15 April 2007 26, 18 or 13 miles on roads & tracks in the Tidworth to Netheravon area - or a 6 mile walk around Tedworth Park for non-cyclists !

Rolling BBQ all day & Crèche for participants' children.  
Call Capt Rick Young on 07789 - 541126 for more information and sponsor forms, etc

## We're sorry you're leaving ...

Sue and Anthony Foster from the Salvation Army Red Shield Services have been well known members of the Garrison for more than 10 years. In their own unique, cheerful and imaginative way, they have run the Red Shield café, the mobile canteen, the JAM Club and have organised festivals and children's services at St Michael's Garrison Church - to mention only a very few of their achievements !



Sue and Anthony will be leaving at the end of the month to take up a post on the Falkland Islands.

## The Beeches Families Centre

Noah's Ark Crèche & Pre School (Under 5s) 01980 673479

Bulford Youth Club 01980 672088

5-8s Mondays 16:30 - 18:00

9-12s Wednesdays 18:00 - 20:00

13+ Thursdays Coming soon !

'Doodles' Parent & Toddlers Group 01980 672088

Tues, Wed & Thurs 09:30 - 12:00

'Time for You' from the Rural Needs Initiative 01672 513010

Fridays 10:00 - 11:30

Dance Classes New ! 01980 551141

Ages 4 - 6 Tuesdays 15:15 - 16:00 Creative

Young Wednesdays 18:30 - 19:30 Salsa

7+ to Adult Thursdays 15:15 - 16:15 Pop & Jazz

HIVE Information Centre 01980 672109

Tues & Thurs 09:00 - 13:00

Hair Dresser : Curl up and Dye 01980 590020

Tues - Sat 09:00 - 19:00

Beautician 01980 597679

Appointments only Tuesdays 09:30 - 17:30

Coffee Mornings : 1st Monday each month 10:00 - 12:00

with Phoenix cards, Usborne Books, etc 07785 355428

Café : coming soon !

## Ordnance House Families Centre

Junior Youth Club 01980 602398

5-8s Term time Mondays 17:00 - 18:30

Coffee Mornings 01980 602398

Term time Wednesdays 09:30 - 11:00

Messy Mitts 01980 602398

Term time Thursdays 13:00 - 14:30

Beauty Therapist

Appointments only Call Stella on 07745 239182

Any spare good quality used toys or old sofas ? Please get in touch with Ordnance House : 01980 - 602398

## Storybook Soldiers



Separation can be one of the most difficult things to cope with when Units are deployed.

Adults at least know the reason for it; children, however, sometimes do not understand why Daddy or Mummy isn't there to read them a story at bed time like usual.

To help maintain the contact between deployed parent and child, 'Storybook Soldiers' is an exciting new venture launched recently by 10 Army Education Centre.

Come along and record a story for your child and the Storybook Soldiers team will produce a professional story disk, complete with sound effects, music and a special message from you, which your child can listen to as often as he or she likes.

For more information, come along to the Education Centre in Candahar Barracks, Tidworth, call Helen on 01980 - 602370 / Tid Mil. 94342 4631 or visit [www.10aec.army.mod.uk](http://www.10aec.army.mod.uk)

## Gifted and Talented ...

Instructor Officers Lt Marcelle Wright and Lt Rebecca Wegener from 10 Army Education Centre in Tidworth recently teamed up with the Extended Schools Network Coordinator Debbie Harrison, based at Castledown School, to provide a series of mental and physical challenges for teams of top year 6 pupils from four of our local Primary Schools.



The exercises were designed to be a fun way of making the



children work together as teams to find solutions to different problems, while at the same time introducing them to the school they could be moving to in September.



## Castledown Academy update

Further discussions have been taking place between Castledown School and Wellington College, with regard to the setting up of the first Rural Academy in the country.

This exciting project could bring about huge new investment in the school, leading to the introduction of a sixth form and many other benefits to students.

Service children, who make up around 40% of the school population, could also benefit from the creation of a certain number of boarding places which would provide a stable educational environment for pupils who might otherwise, because of postings, be forced to change school half way through an academic course.

The plans will go before Ministers on 19th March and, all being well, the go-ahead will be given to begin a Feasibility Study. More news in next month's Drumbeat!

## Tidworth Area Community Awards 2006

"Recognising Endeavour"

Presentation of Awards

to those who made our communities better places in 2006  
by HM Lord Lt for Wiltshire, Mr John Bush OBE  
7 March 2007 19:00 Chute Club, Lower Chute  
Everyone is welcome

## A beautiful place to live ...

The beauty of Tidworth's surrounding countryside is one of the town's best attractions. We are so used to seeing it every day that we do not perhaps realise that these chalk grasslands are of international importance and that parts of it have been designated as areas of Special Scientific Interest.

But there are some areas of Tidworth which are being spoilt by fly-tipping. Some wooded areas at the edge of town are littered with plastic rubbish, old tyres, broken glass, tin cans, broken furniture and white goods. As well as being an eye-sore, this is also a health hazard.

It costs landowners generally a huge amount of money to clear up other people's rubbish and, in the case of the MOD, this is money diverted from soldiers' training which could ultimately cost lives.

**Fly Tippers  
will be prosecuted**

Residents are asked to report fly tippers to the Tidworth Town Council. Telephone : 01264 - 790213

### EVERLEIGH RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING TIMES

Mon-Fri 07:30 - 16:30

#### WEEKENDS

April - Oct 09:00 - 17:00

Nov - March 09:00 - 16:00

#### LATE NIGHT OPENING

Weds & Thurs until 19:00

April - Oct only

## Happy Birthday Bluez 'n' Zuz

The highest-ever turnout at the February Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco shows that this is an increasingly popular event for young people in the area.

Come and help celebrate its 1st anniversary at the Tidworth Leisure Centre on 13th March - 19:00 - 21:00, with loads of competitions and prizes !



## Wanted ...

**Musical Director for a new Youth Choir  
to be formed for 6-16 year olds in this area**

For details, please contact Debbie Harrison, Extended Schools Network Coordinator at Castledown School :  
01264 - 40 50 60

## Beavers scout for litter !



Using equipment borrowed from Kennet District Council, the Beaver colony from 1st Tidworth Scout Group took to the streets of Tidworth one Saturday in February ... to clean up your litter !

Everyone had a good time, but their efforts would not have been necessary if members of the public had used the litter bins provided or taken their rubbish home with them ! It is the 100th anniversary of Scouting this year and the money the Beavers raised from their litter-pick will go towards their planned celebrations.

## The Duchess of Cornwall visits her new Battalion



The Duchess of Cornwall has made her first visit as Royal Colonel to the 4th Battalion, The Rifles, just a few days after its formation.

Her Royal Highness chatted with some of the 650 Riflemen and their families and, after an



unscheduled trip in a Bulldog, (one of the vehicles which The Rifles will be using in Iraq), she watched a short battle exercise simulating a 2-vehicle patrol moving through an urban area coming into contact with an



improvised explosive device.

"The Duchess has been brilliant with the Riflemen and

with the families and has taken so much time and care to get to know them" said Commanding Officer Lt Col Patrick Sanders. "It



is a huge honour for us to have someone as special as her to look after us and it's been a great day".

The Duchess became Royal Colonel of the Battalion upon its formation on 1st February.



## Project Allenby :



RHQ

Building work progresses on the new barracks for 2 Royal Tank Regiment



Accommodation Blocks



Officers' Mess



The Pub !

## Can you help ?

The Cinnamon Trust is a charity which helps elderly or terminally ill people with their pets. If you have some spare time and would like to help (dog walking, etc), please call 01736 - 757900 for further details.



## News from 1STAFFORDS in Iraq

The actions of soldiers of the 80th Regiment of Foot at the battle of Ferozeshah on 21 Dec 1845 is commemorated each year by The Staffordshire Regiment, its modern descendant, currently on tour in Basra. Postponed until recently due to operations, this is the last time the commemoration will be celebrated by the Battalion as the Staffordshire Regiment; later this year they will become 3rd Bn The Mercian Regiment.





# Drumbeat Noticeboard



## B F B S Forces Radio

Radio requests & dedications  
**Call : 08701 20 21 21**  
 (calls are charged at the national rate)  
**Website :** For overseas commands and Northern Ireland visit [www.bfbs.com](http://www.bfbs.com) and go to the "Dedications" page.  
 Or by email : [requests@bfbs.com](mailto:requests@bfbs.com)  
**Now on Sky Digital, Channel 0184**

## Garrison 106.8 FM

Broadcasting to Tidworth, Netheravon, Bulford and Larkhill from the studio in The Old Armoury at the top of Ordnance Road  
**Call 01980 - 602277 or Email : [spgarrisonfm@btconnect.com](mailto:spgarrisonfm@btconnect.com)**

## Castledown Radio

Broadcasting to the Tidworth Community Area on **104.7 FM**  
 email : [studio@castledownradio.info](mailto:studio@castledownradio.info)  
 or call: 01264 - 84 1047

## E Blueys

Log on to [www.bfpo.com](http://www.bfpo.com)

## Shipton Bellinger Village Centre

**The History Boys :** Film night 19 March 19:00 for 19:30 start  
**A Wilde Affair :** a 'Hog the Limelight' event - a comedy with music 23 March 19:30  
 Tickets at Parkhouse Stores

## War Pension Advice Day

War pensions & Armed Forces Compensation Schemes ...  
**29 Mar 10:30 - 13:30**  
 Regional Resettlement Centre  
 Delhi Barracks, Tidworth  
 No appointment necessary

## Career Transition Partnership

RRC Tidworth : 01980 - 602689

## SSAFA Forces Help

Call 01980 - 670540 or 01980 - 670345

## Job Vacancies

Grooms for Tidworth Polo Club  
 Full or part time. Must be able to ride  
 For details : 01980 - 602508 or 846705

## Sodexo Defence Services

Job vacancies : Catering & Cleaning  
 Call 01980 - 656 026

## AWS Job Vacancies

Full & part time Childcare job vacancies in the Garrison  
 Call Chris on 01980 - 673379

## Aspire Defence Helpline (24/7)

(Mil) 96340 2300  
 (Civ) 0845 168 2300

## Repairs to Army Quarters (24/7)

MODern Housing Solutions Helpline  
 Call 0800 - 707 6000

## 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 - 19:00  
 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

### Oasis Café Opening Times :

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00  
 Sat & Sun 10:00 - 16:00

### Tidworth HIVE Opening Times :

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 15:00  
 Call Carol Morris : 01980 - 602224  
 Website : [www.hive.mod.uk](http://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

## AWS Families Centres

Ordnance House, Tidworth: 602398  
 at Tidworth Leisure Centre : 602191  
 The Beeches, Bulford 01980 - 672342  
**AWS Main Office : 01980 - 672105**

## Bulford HIVE at The Beeches

Open Tues & Thurs 9:00 - 13:00  
 Call Tracey O'Neil on 01980- 672109  
 Email : [bulford@hivegb.co.uk](mailto:bulford@hivegb.co.uk)

## 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

## Zouch Parade Shops, Tidworth

New Hairdresser now open  
 Call Scizzor Sisters on 01980 - 847327

## Thrift Shops

**Tidworth :** Mondays 9:00 - 14:45  
 Behind the Zouch Spar/Naafi  
**Bulford :** Thursdays 9:30 - 13:00  
 At The Haig Centre  
 Come & see our spacious new lay out !

## Catholic Church Services

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bulford  
 Sunday Mass at 10:15  
 Fr Danny Hernandez : 01980 - 672427  
 St Patrick & St George, Tidworth  
 Sunday Mass at 11:30  
 Fr David Campbell : 01980 - 602328

## Uniformed Youth Groups

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers  
 Call Arthur Kendrew 01980 -597 341  
**Guides, Brownies, Rainbows**  
 Call Connie Patrickson 01980-845715

## T 2 A Adventure Sports Club

Wall climbing, orienteering & mountain biking for 11 - 18s  
 For details call TLC 01980 - 847140

## Tidworth 5-8s Youth Club

Ordnance House, Tidworth  
 Term time Mondays 17:00 - 18:30  
 Call Claire Davies on 01980 - 602398

## Tidworth 8-12s Youth Club

AWS Community Hall at the TLC  
 Tues 18:00-20:00 Call Jimi 07810-771630

## Tidworth Youth Centre

Tues & Thurs 18:30 - 21:00 13+  
 St Andrew's Hall opposite the Oval  
 Call Sarah Fanshawe 01980 - 842748

## Netheravon 13-19s Youth Club

Tues 19:00 - 21:00 Phoenix Hall  
 More details from 01980 - 671325

## 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

## Tidworth Garrison Football Club

Boys 9-14, Girls 11-14  
 For details, call Chalky Wiltshire  
 01980 673956 or Ian King 01980 672083

## "Bluez 'n' Zuz" Youth Disco

13 March - details inside ...

## T2A Adventure Sports for 11-17s

Details from the TLC

## Tidworth CAB

Wylve Road Community Centre  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 - 14:00  
 Call 01980 - 843377 or 01380 - 728771

## Car Boot Sale

28 Apr Upavon Air Field 12:00  
 In aid of Chatterbox Preschool & ABF  
 Details: Steven Turner 07920 - 545 523

## FREE Riding !

Help exercise the polo ponies.  
 Polo experience is not necessary.  
 We also need helpers at the stables.  
 For details : 01980 - 602508 or 846705

## Sarum Muay Thai Boxing Club

Rifles Gym, Picton Bks, Bulford  
 Thursdays : 6-11s 18:00 - 19:00  
 Adults 19:00 - 20:00  
 Call 07828 - 401 525 for details

## Stay with the beat !

Deadline for April 2007 issue : 9 March 2007

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Call Rosemary Meeke on 01980 - 602980

or email : [drumbeat\\_tidworth@hotmail.com](mailto:drumbeat_tidworth@hotmail.com)

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