

Drumbeat



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KRH hosts Rugby Stars



The KRH Rugby squad had a big surprise when two of Bath and England's brightest rugby union stars took time out from England training to lead a fun coaching session at Tidworth. England international and British Lion Danny Grewcock and England under 21 cap Peter Short were guests of the King's Royal Hussars during a visit organised by Lieutenant Tom Frankland.

"Danny expressed an interest in coming down to take a ride in a tank, and I said yes, provided he took a training session with the regimental rugby team!" said Lieutenant Frankland. "Our rugby squad was very excited about the prospect of receiving coaching from two such high profile and experienced players."

"I think the Army does a great job for the country and they should get all the support they deserve," Peter Short said. "The drive in the tank was excellent, but a big guy like me shouldn't join the cavalry. It was a bit snug!"

Danny was thrilled about the tank ride. "I was surprised about how tight and cramped it was but it was an exhilarating feeling," he said. "We are very lucky in that we can play rugby for a living. Soldiers have a far more important job to do and as part of their down time they play rugby, so anything we can do to make it interesting and fun for them is worthwhile."

Garrison Bonfire Night

Thursday 2 November Carter Barracks, Bulford

- 17:00 Evening begins
- Best Firework Poster & Best Guy Competition
- 17:45 - 18:15 Judging & Prizes
- 18:30 Bonfire lit
- 19:00 Fireworks

Advance Tickets £ 1.50

available from Unit Welfare Offices and the HIVE in the TLC from 1st October onwards ● £2 on the night

Transport from Tidworth

Pick up points : Zouch Londis Shop, The Grapevine & The Tidworth Leisure Centre
Depart : 17:15 & 17:45 Return : 21:00 & 21:30



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1 STAFFORDS deploy to Iraq

Soldiers from 1Bn The Staffordshire Regiment have deployed to Iraq on Op Telic 9 with 19 (Light) Brigade.

A and C Companies will form the 1 STAFFORDS Battlegroup, based in Basra City (North) at the Shat al Arab Hotel.

B Company will join the 1 Royal Green Jackets Battlegroup, based in Basra City (South) at Basra Palace.

Only a year after the first elections took place in Iraq, 1STAFFORDS will be taking part in the ongoing mission to create the conditions under which the Iraqi people will be able to create a just and fair society with a democratic government for themselves.

1STAFFORDS previously deployed to Iraq with 12 (Mech) Brigade on Op Telic 6 in 2005.



TV Comedy Star entertains British troops in Iraq

A call from Lee Hurst to CSE (Combined Services Entertainment, part of SSVC) recently saw the former star of television's "They think it's all over", going to Iraq to entertain the troops. CSE, the live entertainment



arm of the Services Sound & Vision Corporation charity, provides live entertainment to British Forces throughout the world and usually approaches celebrities to visit or perform for the troops in exchange for an appearance fee. In a break from the normal routine, Lee contacted CSE, asked to go to Iraq and didn't want any money for going.

"The lads are having a hard time out there and I'd like to do my bit to try and cheer them up", he said.

Within two weeks, Lee was en route to Basra and spent five days performing to over 4,000 troops - even visiting some of what the Army describes as the 'livlier areas'! This was then followed by another CSE tour, this time to visit British Forces personnel in Afghanistan.

But everything is not 'all over' yet ...

FREE ENTRY for Military Personnel ...

Lee is now making another offer to Forces Personnel : FREE ENTRY to his club, the "Lee Hurst Backyard Comedy Club" in London.

All you need do is call the box office on 0207 7393 122, state your name, phone number and preferred visit date (letting them know you are a member of the British Armed Forces) and your name will be added to the guest list for that night. The club is open from Thursday to Saturday with shows starting at 20:00, ending at around 22:30, followed by DJ/Disco. Just make sure you take your Military ID along with you.

For more details, log on to www.backyardcomedyclub.moonfruit.com

lee hurst's
BACKYARD
COMEDY CLUB

Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2006

Bulford

St George's Garrison Church

An all denomination Service of Remembrance for all Bulford Units, their families and members of the civilian community who wish to attend.

Please be seated by 10:40 for start at 10:50

Tidworth

St Michael's Garrison Church

An all-denomination Service of Remembrance for all Tidworth Units, their families and residents of the Parish who wish to attend. Please be seated by 10:45 for the Service to start at 10:50.

Holy Trinity Church

10:30 Service includes Act of Remembrance

Shipton Bellinger

10:50 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the High Street, followed by a Service in St Peter's Church

Ludgershall

10:00 Service in St James's Church, followed by

11:00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Money Matters ...



What is your attitude to money ?
What are the advantages of budgeting ?
How do you rate credit ?
What is a Credit Union ?

For more information contact Alex on 07946 - 450 503 or the Regional Resettlement Centre on 01980 - 602689

Nifty 50s : new members welcome

Indoor tennis, bowls, table tennis, squash & swimming
Mondays at 13:00

If you have a relaxed approach to keeping fit and are interested in this very enjoyable club, please get in touch with Anne-Marie at the Tidworth Leisure Centre on 07796 - 230 571

Boiler Replacement Programme

A Statement from MODern Housing Solutions ...

"As a result of feedback from occupants of Married Quarters, Defence Estates and Unit Welfare Officers, we have taken the decision to temporarily halt the current boiler replacement programme to enable us to complete all outstanding work as soon as possible.

Once this is done, we intend to restart the programme, making sure that we communicate with families in a clearer fashion.

While doing a professional job, we shall endeavour to cause as little disruption to families as is possible under the circumstances."

Free Christmas Postal Service

10 November - 8 December 2006

This Christmas Postal Service will be free for packets up to 2 kgs in weight, which may be sent from the UK

or overseas BFPOs to authorised **operational** BFPOs.

People wishing to make use of this service should take into account the difficulties within some theatres (Iraq and Afghanistan especially), with sending packages to the more remote areas; it is therefore recommended that parcels should be posted before the end of November 2006 to reach personnel by Christmas.

More detailed information can be found at

www.bfpo.mod.uk/freepacketservice.htm



Taking the Dog for a Walk ...

Walking dogs on MOD land is covered by Salisbury Plain Military Lands Byelaws 1981

Copies of the Byelaws are displayed on the main entrances to the Military Lands. Section 8 of these byelaws states that the public may use the Military Lands for recreational purposes when they are not being used for the military purposes for which they are appropriated, with certain provisos.

Section 3 (2) (d) of the same byelaws states that you must keep your dog under control at all times whilst using Military Land.

In general, this means that you can walk your dog on the military land but you must not interfere with Military Units using Salisbury Plain. You must keep to the public Rights of Way or permissive roads and are advised to remain visible and wear high-visibility clothing.

- The area around 'DD' crossing to the north of Tidworth is in regular use for training; the general public may be asked not to enter this area for their own safety.
- Aspire Defence is making great efforts to minimise the impact of its building work; however, walkers at the North of the Zouch Estate are asked to do so with extreme care in view of the large amount of construction traffic entering and leaving Camp via Gate 17, all hours of the day and night.



Thank you

to Staff Sergeant Mick Allan and Staff Sergeant Dave Ward of 1Bn The Staffordshire Regiment LAD, who ran in the Cirencester 10K Run, raising over £700 for the Prince of Wales Sea Training School.



Garrison Radio ... Changes ahead

**New Premises :
The old Armoury,
Ordnance Road,
Tidworth**

Garrison Radio's new Tidworth/Bulford Studio can now be found at the top of Ordnance Road, at the entrance gateway to Tidworth College. Roger Clarke, the Breakfast Presenter and Lara Pierce, the Station Reporter, are delighted with their new premises - even though the paint was only just dry when they moved in a few days ago !

The unexpected change of location was made necessary by the closure of the NAAFI/Spar shop in Station Road. Many thanks to Garrison Headquarters and to Aspire Defence for getting everything ready at such short notice.

You can contact Roger and Lara on 01980 - 602277, or by email : tidworthbulford@garrisonradio.com

**Coming soon ...
A new service :**



There will be more changes on the way in December with the launch of the long awaited Army radio service on FM. The stronger FM signal will provide better quality reception for the radio service aimed at soldiers, their families and the local communities, not just in this Garrison area, but also in Larkhill.

Watch this space for more details in next month's Drumbeat ...



Another Early Christmas Success



Around 1100 eager shoppers poured into Tedworth House on the last Wednesday in September for the Army Benevolent Fund's annual Early Christmas Fair. Officially opened by Mrs Susy Watt, the Fair broke all records this year, raising £29,000 for the Army's own charity - .

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the occasion such a success. Come again next year !

Bluez 'n Zuz : Hallowe'en Success !



Photo: PC Mark Eburne

A tremendous turnout guaranteed the success of the Bluez 'n' Zuz Hallowe'en disco at the TLC, put on for young people in this area by the local Neighbourhood Police Partnership.

"A lot of people have put a lot of effort into this and I am here to say thanks on behalf of the Community Area Partnership," said Deputy Garrison Commander, Col Richard Aubrey Fletcher. "With 91 young people here tonight, there is no doubt about it, it is well received !"

Spark Plugs Project nears completion

An area of ground at the top of Gason Hill on the Zouch Estate could soon become the location for a new football pitch for use by local teenagers : the Sidbury Teenagers Activity Ground, or "STAG".

Funding has been obtained from the SWRDA and Kennet Community Safety Partnership which have both donated £2,000 towards the project and it is hoped that the pitch will be ready early next year.

Many thanks to Garrison Headquarters and to the Salisbury Plain Training Area for their help in allowing the land to be used for this purpose.



Castledown Radio

Live Launch on 104.7 FM
12:00 on Saturday 4 November

Launch party at
Castledown Sports Hall
from 10:30 onwards

Entertainment & refreshments - Everyone welcome

Castledown Radio has been providing internet radio for the Tidworth Community Area for 18 months and is now looking forward to its launch onto FM.

"We are all very excited about it", Station Manager Baz Reilly told Drumbeat. "When listeners tune in they will be able to hear features about themselves and the villages they live in ... and we play music for all ages ! I am very proud of the team of dedicated volunteers we have built up over the last 18 months, without whom we could not operate".

The Tidworth Community Area consists of the parishes of the Chutes, the Collingbournes, Everleigh, Ludgershall, Tidcombe, Fosbury, Tidworth and Perham Down.



Mini Motos : do you know the law ?

As Christmas approaches and young people may ask for mini motos and other motor bikes as presents, Tidworth Police are issuing advice/warnings to the public that anyone who irresponsibly uses these vehicles risks having them seized and destroyed. In addition, misuse may attract fines and action under Anti-Social Behaviour legislation.

Mini motos and other machines continue to be a nuisance to people in this community. Nationwide, there have been many injured or killed in this activity so any parent considering buying such vehicles should put the safety of their offspring and others first. You also need to consider where you will use the vehicle. Therefore we urge you to ensure you are fully aware of legislation. **Please read on :**

Vehicles such as mini motos, motorised scooters, scramblers and Go-Peds® can only be used legally on private land, including parks and forests, with the direct permission of the landowner, which in many cases in this area will be the Local Authority or the MOD. Not only are they unsuitable for road or pavement use, they are also illegal. Despite this, many users have taken to riding them on pavements and roads. If these vehicles are being used inappropriately, Police can use various areas of legislation to enforce the law and protect the safety of the public and other road users. (See below)

To use any mini moto or similar vehicle on a road or public place, including footpaths, all users must have a driving licence to cover their use: that means a minimum age of 16 years. The vehicle must also comply with the law in respect of lights, brakes, having the vehicle registered with DVLA, displaying a number plate, insurance, road tax, and having the correct tyres. Along with this, apart from wearing a helmet, the rider must, if a current full licence is not held, also show L plates.

Many people who purchase these vehicles, for themselves or for their children, are often unaware of these requirements. We will be distributing leaflets giving advice on this subject at local events and through local schools and youth activities. They will also be available at Tidworth Police Station.

A local initiative set up by Sgt Porter of Tidworth Police in partnership with Go Karting for Fun, Weyhill Road, Andover, is available to people from this Community Area. Full details of this are obtainable from Tidworth Police Station.

The Laws which apply :

- Section 59, Police Reform Act : vehicles can be seized after an initial warning;
- Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 79 : statutory nuisance
- Noise Act 1996 : removal of noise making equipment
- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders : where alarm, distress and harassment is caused
- Arrest for causing a public disturbance.
- Under recent legislation, such as SOCAP (Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005), uninsured vehicles, which most of these will be, can not only be confiscated, but can also be destroyed.

Join the 100+ Club ...

Tidworth Development Trust Fundraising Group will be launching a new club this month, with the aim of raising funds which will be used by Tidworth Development Trust to support its activities in the Tidworth Community Area. There will be 100 numbers available, each costing £5 a month, payable by Standing Order. You may purchase as many numbers as you wish. The 100+ Draw will take place live on Castledown Radio on the last Friday of each month, the lucky winner receiving 50% of the month's income as prize money.

For more information, contact Tidworth Development Trust on 01980 - 846 693

Preparing for the arrival of 2 Royal Tank Regiment ...

Mike Boon, Construction Director from Aspire Defence Capital Works, writes about how the building work is progressing ...

Construction at Tidworth commenced in March 2006 as an advanced works contract, in order to accommodate the return of the second Royal tank Regiment (2RTR) from Germany. Several work sites were opened up which allowed asbestos removal, demolition of existing buildings, installation of new services and bulk earthworks to proceed. In parallel, necessary temporary site infrastructure including a waste transfer station, security gate 17, off site car park for 600 vehicles, the main contractor's site offices and welfare facilities commenced.

On the 10th July, the main construction works for the delivery of Allenby Connaught commenced in Aldershot, with Perham Down joining Tidworth as active construction sites. These three camps will remain the focus of construction activities through 2006 and much of 2007, with Bulford coming on line early in 2007 and Larkhill and Warminster early in 2008.

By the end of August, the benefits of the early March start on 2RTR assets was readily visible to any visitor to the garrison

as, five weeks into the main contract programme, structural steel work had already been erected to buildings in area 1 and area 2. As usual there was little evidence of the large amount of work completed below ground in getting to this position, including the termination or diversion of a myriad of existing statutory services installed over the past 100 years of garrison life.



2RTR Officers' Mess



2RTR Regimental HQ

Within Tidworth the new assets for 2RTR sit on ten different construction sites within the camp. Seven of these sites will have completely new assets, while the remaining three will consist of refurbished or altered existing buildings. Of the ten sites, eight are at different stages of construction, and the

remaining two (refurbishment) sites will begin early in 2007.

To date all site clearance and demolition works for 2RTR has been completed; service infrastructure, foundations and concrete work, brick and block work and roof trusses are in progress.

Additionally, the first of the modular buildings, (the officers' single living accommodation - below), consisting of complete bedroom/bathroom



Junior Ranks' Diner

units manufactured in factory conditions off site, has been delivered and erected on site.

These recent photographs bear witness to the progress made on site since the official start to the contract in July, and we look forward to receiving the Second Royal Tank Regiment into their new facilities in July 2007.



Modular building - Officers' single living accommodation

AFF training centre **Bulford**

**On our own
doorstep !
Do you want to
gain a new
qualification ?
... or refresh the
skills you already
have ?
If so, then the
AFF Training
Centre is the
place for you !**



This friendly centre in Kandy Road provides tutor-led courses for Army dependants looking to improve or refresh their skills.

Courses at the AFF Training Centre are often cheaper than similar courses run elsewhere and include IT (keyboarding, ECDL, etc), Bookkeeping, Web Design, English, Maths and English for Speakers of Other Languages. The Microtots Crèche, run by the Centre, provides an easy and convenient solution to any problem students may have with childcare while they are doing their courses.

Pictured above are Jean McGuigan (Director of Training & Employment), Claire Cox (Office Manager) and Gwen Frankland (Reception & Admin.), who will all be delighted to provide you with more information about the Centre. Please drop in or call 01980 - 672981

Employment Advice : Elise Allan (below) is the AFF Employment Advisor at the Centre, ready to provide you with help finding a job, compiling a CV, interview technique, etc.

Looking for a job ? Come along to the Employment Fair on 9 Nov :
Everyone is welcome.



**AFF Employment Fair
Thursday 9 November**

9:30 - 12:30

Ward Gym,

Horne Road, Bulford

For more information please

contact Elise Allan,

AFF Employment Advisor

01980 - 672869

Military History Month in Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Garrison

organised by
10 Army Education Centre

Guest Speakers :

**8 Nov 14:00 Garrison Theatre
Andy McNab
(The Grey Man)**

**13 Nov 18:30 Garrison Theatre
Professor Richard Holmes
(Dusty Warriors)**

For more details call 01980 - 603045



Drumbeat Noticeboard



B F B S Forces Radio
 Radio requests call : 08701 20 21 21
 (calls are charged at the national rate)
 Email : requests@bfbs.com
 For overseas commands and
 N. Ireland visit www.bfbs.com and
 go to the "Dedications" page.

Garrison Radio
 Broadcasting to TNB Garrison
 1287 am medium wave
 Call 01980 - 602277 or Email :
tidworthbulford@garrisonradio.com

Castledown Radio
 Broadcasting to Tidworth
 Community Area online at
www.castledownradio.info
 Call 01264 - 791929
FM Launch Party : details inside

E Blueys
 Log on to www.bfpo.com

AWS Families Centres
Tidworth :
 Ordnance House : 01980 - 602398
 at Tidworth Leisure Centre : 602191
Bulford :
 The Beeches : 01980 - 672342
 The Haig Centre : 01980 - 673840
AWS Main Office : 01980 - 672105

War Pension Advice Days
 War pensions & Armed Forces
 Compensation Schemes ...
23 Nov & 14 Dec 10:30 - 13:30
 Regional Resettlement Centre
 Delhi Barracks, Tidworth
 No appointment necessary

Job Vacancies
 Bank nurses for the Army Primary
 Health Care Service in the local area.
 Call Heather Burns on 01980 - 603064

Job Vacancies
 Dental Nursing Staff
 for the Bulford/Larkhill area
 Call Linda Jones on 01980 - 673003

Sodexo Defence Services
 Job vacancies : Catering & Cleaning
 Call 01980 - 656 026

AWS Job Vacancies
 Childcare bank staff required
 Call Chris 01980 - 673379

AFF Salisbury Plain Coordinator
 Call Donna Langford : 01980-599 010

SSAFA Forces Help
 Call 01980 - 670540 or 01980 - 670345

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 - Thurs 10:00 - 19:00
 Fri - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

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

Tidworth Saddle Club
 Riding for all ages and abilities,
 Tots' Rides for under 5s
 Call Rob Evans on 07967 - 048277

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 07900 - 262 119

Tidworth 8-12s Youth Club
 AWS Community Hall at the TLC
 Tues 18:30-20:30 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

Bulford Youth Club reopens this month at the AWS Haig Centre
 Mondays 5-8s 18:00 - 19:30
 Wednesdays 9-12s 18:00 - 20:00
 Thursdays 13+ 19:00 - 21:00
 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

Thrift Shops
Tidworth : Mondays 9:00 - 14:45
 Behind the Zouch Spar/Naafi
Bulford : Thursdays 9:30 - 13:00
 At The Haig Centre
Volunteers URGENTLY required

Tidworth CAB
 Wylve Road Community Centre
 Tuesdays 10:00 - 14:00 Call 843377
 or 01380 - 728771 on other days

Army Cross Country Steeplechase
1 November 2006 Tedworth Park
 Call 07789 - 541 126 for details

Tidworth 10 K & 3K Fun Run
5 November 2006
 Lucknow / Mooltan Sports Field
 3K starts 10:00 - Entry £5
 10K starts 10:45 - Over 15s only - £10

Garrison Road Safety Day
Wednesday 8 November
 am : Tidworth, Jellalabad Square
 pm : Bulford, on the car park
 opposite HQ 43 Bde, Picton Bks

AFF Employment Fair
9 November Details inside ...

Crafty Christmas Gift Fair
Thurs 9 Nov 19:30 - 21:30
 Weyhill Village Hall
 In aid of Cancer Research UK

"Bluez 'n' Zuz" Youth Disco
14 November 19:00 - 21:00
 Competitions & Prizes at the TLC

Shipton Bellinger Village Centre
Film Evening "Eight Below"
20 Nov 19:30
 Tickets : £5 from Parkhouse Stores or
 at the door. No concessions.

Craft Fair
Sat 25 November 10:00 - 15:00
 The Grapevine, Perham Down
 Additional stallholders please call
 Debs Skennerton : 07812 - 250820

Shipton Bellinger School
Sun 26 Nov 14:00 - 16:30
 Christmas Fayre

Community Carol Singing
Mon 11 Dec
 More details next month

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for December 2006 issue : 10 November 2006
Drumbeat, 10 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth, SP9 7AY
 Call Rosemary Meeke on 01980 - 602980
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