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St David's Day on 1st March 2006 was Regimental Formation Day in Cardiff for The Royal Welsh. Formed by the joining together of 1Bn The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 1Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot) and the Royal Welsh Regiment (TA), the new Regiment is the first to be created in a series of moves towards restructuring the Army, announced under "Future Army Structure".

After mounting an Honour Guard for the opening of the Welsh Parliament in the morning, the new Regiment marked the day by a Parade at City Hall and a Drumhead Service at St David's Hall.

The distinctive white hackle of the new Regiment can now be seen in the Garrison, being worn by 2 Bn The Royal Welsh (The Royal Regiment of Wales) : 2 R WELSH



The First Building comes down ...

Garrison Commander Colonel Carron Snagge strikes the first blow in the pre-contract demolition work for the rebuild of Tidworth under Project Allenby. The pre contract demolitions are being driven by the need to construct new facilities for 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, which will be arriving in the UK by 21st July 2007.

Watch this space for more news as Project Allenby unfolds.

Inside : The Garrison Commander speaks of changes in the Garrison ...



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Garrison Commander Colonel Carron Snagge speaks of developments in the Garrison area in the last couple of years

When I arrived in the Garrison I was enormously impressed by what had been achieved by my predecessors and what was planned for me to take on. Now that I am going, perhaps it is a good time to take stock, to review what has happened over the last two years and to take a glimpse into the future.

Project Allenby has been looming ever since I arrived and frustratingly has only very slowly got closer. But I am very confident that, by the time most people will be reading this edition of Drumbeat, MOD will have signed the contract. In the meantime we have already started the pre-contract demolitions for 2 RTR's arrival in Summer 07, which is allowing us to test many of our contract management systems. The next six years are going to be difficult with the Garrison inundated with contractors and, no doubt, the operational tempo continuing unabated. However, Lucknow Barracks and the Demonstrator in Perham Down show what life will be like for single soldiers and in the end it will be worth the aggravation.

2 R Welsh were extremely lucky when they arrived in the Garrison just over a year ago in that not only did they occupy the **most modern barracks** in the British Army but many of their families moved into **brand new families' accommodation**. Plans are now under way for another 350 new houses in Tidworth and there is also some hope that the old stock in Bulford will be replaced and additional new houses will be built there. Meanwhile, we are continuing to badger Defence Estates Housing Directorate to sort out the MODern Housing Solutions contract to make sure that our houses are maintained properly.

In partnership with other agencies we have also been concentrating on **facilities outside the wire** and two new civilian medical surgeries now mean that NHS primary care and dental facilities in Tidworth are as good as our own! The arrival of Tesco some time next year will no doubt continue to be contentious but should also be the catalyst that transforms Station in Road into the sort of shopping centre that this Garrison deserves. At the same time there is reasonable confidence that at last the old "Roadhouse" site on Pennings Road and Zouch Market will be developed into something more respectable. There are also a number of other community projects in train, for example to provide a community resource centre, an auditorium and better entertainment facilities.

On the sporting front we have continued to improve the TLC and all our other facilities. I am delighted that the project to establish the Tidworth Equitation Centre in the Walled Garden at Tedworth House is now under way with some reasonable funding behind it and a strong project management team to steer it. With the 2012 Olympics on the horizon plans are coming together to make sure that the Garrison gets involved and we will certainly have some excellent facilities to offer visiting teams.

I am delighted to say that relations with all the **local government agencies** that support us continue to flourish. They are proud of what we do on operations and have done an enormous amount to support the vast range of services that we rely upon, for example; public transport, schools, adult learning, retail, entertainment and leisure. They also acknowledge that we are different from other communities and certainly deserve to have a fair return for the Council Tax that we all pay. The difficulty of course is that they are as much constrained by resources as the MOD is. But, by working together there is no doubt that we can achieve so much more than we can in isolation.

We have also hosted a number of other, non-military events in the Garrison. Not only do these help put Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford on the map and give the Army good publicity but they also help us to anchor our position in society and can make good money. The **TLC** provides an excellent venue for many very varied events and our sporting facilities are much sought after. Another good example is the **concerts in the Garrison Theatre** which are thoroughly enjoyed by patrons from far and wide and make very valuable contributions to the Garrison Welfare fund. This Summer we will be hosting the **Rundle Cup** again and the **Tidworth Area Festival** for the first time. I am convinced that there is potential to do much more of this sort of thing and in particular we hope to revive the **Tidworth Horse Trials**. The trick is to attract good sponsorship to take the financial risk and to get someone else to do the dirty work!

Meanwhile both brigades and all the units that Garrison Headquarters supports have been as busy as ever. I just hope that when you do deploy on operations or training you are confident that those left behind will be well looked after and that when you come back the facilities offered by the Garrison will have continued to improve. I think we have already made large strides towards making this garrison the **"posting of first choice"** and in the next few years there is the potential for much more. With the end of arms plot moves this is more important than ever.

Finally I would just like to congratulate everybody who contributes to the life of the Garrison in some voluntary way. Some of the fund raising projects are quite remarkable and, apart from the facts that they make money for charity and are good for the Army's image, they are normally enormous fun for spectators and participants. A good example was the inaugural Tidworth 10 Km Charity Fun Run that attracted 350 runners and raised £11,000 for the Cancer Wing of Salisbury General Hospital. Garrison Headquarters will always help anyone who needs advice and support for a new idea.

Happy Easter !

Thank you ...



Naafi Area Manager, Howard Rees, hands a cheque for £35,864 to TNB Garrison Commander Col Carron Snagge for his Garrison Welfare Fund. This money is a percentage of Naafi profits which will be used for the benefit of soldiers in the Garrison and their families.

At Westdown Camp on Salisbury Plain the Camp Commandant, Lt Col Roger Fellowes, presents a cheque for £2500 from his Naafi Rebate to the Army Benevolent Fund, the Army Charity that helps soldiers, former soldiers and their dependants who are in need.



"This is what it's all about !"



KRH Live Firing at Castlemartin Ranges in Wales



2 RGJ SAAM 2006



<< CO Lt Col Patrick Sanders presents the Baker Rifle to the Best Shot, Rifleman Daniel Collins



Coming Soon...

FM Radio for our Community ! On 16th March, Ofcom announced the award of two FM Licences in our area :

Salisbury Plain Army Radio



The Army's current radio Service, Garrison Radio, has been broadcasting to Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford Garrison on Medium Wave since July 2001. "There are exciting changes ahead for Garrison Radio listeners", Managing Director, Mark Page told

Drumbeat. "The Army has wanted its radio service to be more widely accessible through FM for a long time. With over 20 radio stations available in the area, both national and local, Garrison FM will be top of its game to compete for what is probably the most specific community in the UK!"

Garrison Radio is currently available on 1287 am mw

Castledown Radio



Station Manager Baz Reilly and his enthusiastic team of over 20 volunteers at Castledown Media Centre have been broadcasting on the internet since March 2005. "I

am absolutely thrilled about the FM licence", Baz told Drumbeat. "But, most of all I am pleased for our volunteers, without whom we could not operate. They have worked extremely hard to provide the internet service and now we will be able to provide a quality radio service for the Tidworth Community Area".

Currently available online at www.castledownradio.info

"Marching was the best bit !"



The Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division played host to 45 pupils of all ages from Stonehenge School in Amesbury last month. Music is a popular subject at the School, which has developed strong links with the Band in recent years.

The children, aged 11 - 16 and all studying music, spent the day at Lucknow Barracks, listening to the Band practice and later joining them on the barrack square to see what it feels like to play music on the move !

In plans announced recently, the Lucknow Band will amalgamate with the Clive Band from Catterick to form "The Band of the Prince of Wales's Division". The new band will be based in Lucknow Barracks in Tidworth.

New Rubbish Collection Scheme

Kennet District Council is introducing a new "Alternate Weekly Collection" service for household waste and recyclable rubbish, starting on 3 July 2006

The new system increases the emphasis on recycling, with the aim of reducing the amount of waste which gets taken to landfill.

Every property in the scheme will receive a black wheeled bin for household waste to landfill, black boxes for recyclable waste and pay a small annual charge (£26) for a green wheelie bin for garden waste.

The black boxes are for recycling newspapers, glass, magazines, cans, textiles, aerosols and aluminium foil.

The black wheelie bin will be for household waste that cannot be recycled or composted.

Collections will be made on alternate weeks : the black recycling boxes and green garden waste bins emptied one week, followed by the black rubbish bins the next.

The new Alternate Weekly Collections are due to start on 3rd July 2006. The Council will be delivering the new black wheelie bins to residents from April onwards, but these must not be used until after 3rd July. Calendars and leaflets will be delivered 2 weeks before the new service starts, giving precise details of the new service.

Any resident with a query about the new Alternate Weekly Collection Scheme, or needing extra black boxes, should contact Kennet District Council on 01380 - 724911

Community Area Awards 2005



At a ceremony held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall on 15th March, Community Awards were presented by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr John Bush OBE, to all those nominated for their endeavours to improve or benefit our community area in 2005. Many Garrison Units were numbered among the recipients, including 6Bn REME and 1 (Mech) Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (215). The Lord Lieutenant also presented Shields to those whose efforts were considered to have made the most impact :

Ann Bernard and her team of volunteers : the Environment Shield for their work on The Great Mere project in Collingbourne Ducis.

Barbara & Wally Long : the Community Shield for fostering community well-being in Chute;

Mr Peter Colling : in recognition of his outstanding service to the community for over 40 years;

Tina Evans : the Paul Oatway "Extra Mile" Shield, for long term impact on youth in the community, "over and above the day job".

Hilary Hollinsworth : the Tidworth Development Trust Shield for outstanding contribution to the community, not necessarily from amongst those nominated.

Garrison Easter Services

Tidworth

St Michael's Garrison Church

09 Apr	10:00	Palm Sunday Service (& Sunday School)
13 Apr	19:00	Maundy Thursday Communion
14 Apr	12:00	Good Friday, Reading of the Passion
	15:00	Family Pilgrimage (starting & ending at the church, followed by hot drinks & Hot X Buns)
16 Apr	07:00	Sunrise Service (followed by breakfast at the Red Shield Club)
	10:00	Easter Day Communion

Catholic Garrison Church of St Patrick & St George

09 Apr	11:30	Palm Sunday Mass
14 Apr	15:00	Good Friday : The Lord's Passion
16 Apr	10:30	Easter Day Mass

Bulford

St George's Garrison Church

09 Apr	10:00	Palm Sunday Service
13 Apr	19:00	Maundy Thursday Communion & meal
14 Apr	12:00	Good Friday Devotions of the Cross
16 Apr	10:00	Easter Day Communion with Easter Eggs for the children

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

09 Apr	10:15	Palm Sunday Mass
10 Apr	19:00	Service of Reconciliation with confession
15 Apr	20:00	Easter Vigil

Larkhill

St Barbara & St Anthony Catholic Church

09 Apr	09:00	Palm Sunday Mass
13 Apr	19:00	Maundy Thursday Mass
16 Apr	09:00	Easter Day Mass

Local Easter Services

Holy Trinity, Tidworth

14 Apr	14:00	Good Friday Vigil
16 Apr	11:00	Easter Sunday Service

St James's, Ludgershall

13 Apr	19:00	Fellowship supper followed by Communion of the Last Supper
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14 Apr	12:00	Good Friday Vigil
16 Apr	09:30	Easter Sunday Service

St Peter's, Shipton Bellinger

09 Apr	10:30	Palm Sunday Procession & Service
14 Apr	12:00	Good Friday Devotion
	14:00	Evensong
16 Apr	10:30	Easter Celebration

Easter Holiday Activities

Kennet District Council's Programme of Easter Holiday Activities at the Tidworth Leisure Centre runs from 3 - 13 April.



Bookings are now being taken for **Active Zone**, which offers action packed mornings and afternoons for 5 - 13 year olds and **Junior Active Zone** which offers a similar service tailored to meet the needs of 3 - 4 year olds.

Bookings for all other activities and courses, including Trampolining, Climbing, Netball, Football, Arts and Crafts and Swimming, will be taken from Saturday 18th March from 10am.

Marathon Challenge for the over 60s !

The TLC is offering Senior Members free unlimited use of the Fitness Suite until 23rd April in order to take part in a special exercise challenge to help raise funds for Age Concern. Participants will run, row or cycle the marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards before 23rd April, the day of the London Marathon.

For details of all activities at the Tidworth Leisure Centre, call : 01980 - 847140

New Youth Disco in Tidworth

The TLC was the venue for the first "Bluez 'n' Zuz" youth disco in Tidworth organised jointly by Wiltshire Police and the Royal Military Police.

Each of the seventy 11-15 year olds who came to the disco had a great time and was given a free "Bluez 'n' Zuz" wristband, like the ones modelled here by PC Emma Brown, Sgt Mark Udale RMP and PC Chris Spackman. Music was provided by Baz Reilly from Castledown Radio and the event was pronounced a huge success by everyone.

Make sure you don't miss the next one !
Tues 11 April 19:00-21:00 at the Tidworth Leisure Centre



Service Children's Education

The Commons Defence Committee is holding an inquiry into the education of children of Service personnel. The inquiry will focus on the provision of education in Service schools overseas and the performance of the Ministry of Defence's Agency, "Service Children's Education", but it will also consider the issues facing children and young people when they return to education in the UK and the schooling, and assistance with schooling, which MOD provides in the UK.

The Committee hopes to obtain the views of those with direct experience of Service education : teachers, Service families and young people who are attending or have attended Service schools. Written submissions, setting out views and highlighting particular issues encountered, should be sent to the Clerk of the Defence Committee by Wednesday 19th April.

During the course of the inquiry, the Committee intends to conduct a web-based consultation to seek people's views in an interactive manner. Details will be announced shortly.

Defence Committee
Committee Office, House of
Commons London SW1A 0AA



News from Kiwi School ...



Flanked by Buglers from 2Bn The Royal Green Jackets, Jordan Liddell and Kyle Gahgan, both pupils at Kiwi School, proudly prepare to raise the new school flag.

DE Defence Estates Housing Directorate News

Reporting Repairs ...

MHS Helpline : 0800 - 707 6000

The new Housing Prime Contract began on 30th January. The Prime Contractor, MODern Housing Solutions (MHS), is now responsible for all repairs to Families Quarters. All repairs should now be reported via the new MHS telephone Helpline.

Trouble getting through ?

Remember that the new Call Centre is open for calls "24/7", which means that you can make your call to the Helpline at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Call Centre is currently facing up to 2000 calls at peak times, which is causing some callers to face a long wait at the end of the telephone. If you are experiencing problems getting through at the moment, please try to make your call at off peak times, for example before 8 o'clock in the morning, after 4 o'clock in the afternoon or later on in the evening.

Op Al-Muhamin II



The Bulford Military Court Centre was one of the places visited last month by a team of Iraqi Army Legal Advisers on a visit to the UK to see the British Army Legal system in action.



TLC News ...

New MOD Corporate Membership available

Kennet District Council is introducing a new Corporate Membership scheme at the TLC, available to all serving members of the Armed Forces and all MOD Employed Civil Servants.

Membership : will include use of the Fitness Studio and entry to general swim sessions at all three Leisure Centres under Kennet District Council control, (Tidworth, Marlborough & Devizes), 7 days a week.

Cost : £20 per month, for a minimum of 6 months payable by Direct Debit, irrespective of any changes to personal circumstances.

Applications : All applicants must complete a pre activity and medical questionnaire (unless an induction has already been undertaken), a KDC Application Form and a Direct Debit Mandate Form. These must be sent to Mr S C McLean, the TLC Manager, together with details of rank, name and number, or staff number and department in the case of MoD employed Civil Servants. Application forms are available from TLC Reception.



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

Tidworth Residents' Forum
3 Apr 19:00
 Wylve Rd Community Centre
 Come and hear the latest news about
 projects which will affect the future
 of Tidworth. Everyone welcome

Band Concert
"Mainly Waltzes and Marches"
Garrison Theatre, Tidworth
4, 5, & 6 April 19:00
 Tickets : Call Theatre Box Office on
 01980 - 602390, Mon-Fri 10:00-12:00

"Bluez 'n' Zuz" Disco
11 April 19:00 - 21:00 at the TLC

Employment Fair
27 Apr 10:00 - 13:30
Garrison Theatre, Tidworth
 A chance for Service leavers to meet
 major employers from industry.
 Details from Karen Cuthbert, Regional
 Resettlement Centre, 01980 - 603164

Sarsen Trail : 30 April 2006
 Avebury - Stonehenge (26 miles)
 Sponsored walk/run : all or part way
 Log on to www.wiltshirewildlife.org
 or call 01380 - 725670 for details

Tidworth Over 60s Club
 Wylve Road Community Centre
 First Wed of each month 14:00
 New members welcome Call 842918

Tidworth Saddle Club
Riding lessons & Organised Hacks
 Adults & Children Call 01980-603416

Tidworth Jogging Club
 The Oval Thursdays 19:00-20:30
 Call Anne-Marie on 07796 - 230 571

Tidworth Polo Club : WANTED
Job vacancies for Grooms
Free Riding - help exercise the polo
 ponies. Polo experience not needed.
Helpers needed at the stables.
 Details from 01980-846705 or 602508

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

AWS Job Vacancies
 Call Chris Nelberg on 01980 -673379

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

**The TLC will be closed on
 Easter Monday 17 April**

Library Opening Times :

Mon 14:00 - 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 Kelly Wilson : 01980 - 602224

Caterpillars Under 5s : 602460

JD After School Club : 602019

Purity Beauty Salon :

Mon - Sat 9:00 - 20:00
 Call Yvonne on 07958 - 911 928

Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries :

Physiotherapy : 07768 - 737 646
 Sports Therapy : 07796 - 230 571

Army Library at 10 AEC
 Candahar Barracks, Tidworth
 Mon-Fri 09:30 - 13:30 Tid Mil 3043

Bulford Library
 Ward Barracks, Bulford Camp
 Mon-Thu 9:00-16:30 Fri 9:00-12:30

Army Families Federation
 Call Donna Langford on 01980-599 010

Clarendon Club, Tidworth
 Sea Fishing (shore or boat) Section
 Every other Monday 20:30
 New members welcome. For details
 call 01980 - 846356 or 07833 - 156827

Tidworth Thrift Shop
 Every Monday 9:00 - 14:45
 Behind the Zouch Spar/Naafi
 Call Florence Foakes 07808 - 125 724

Tidworth Junior Youth Club
 AWS Community Hall at the TLC
 Tues 18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191

Tidworth Youth Centre
 Tues, Wed & Thurs 18:30 - 21:00
 St Andrew's Hall opposite the Oval
 Call Sarah Fanshawe : 01980 - 842748

Ordnance House, Tidworth
 Call Claire Davies : 01980 - 602398

Fun Factory Crèche : Call 602398
 Places available for 18mth-3yr olds

Messy Mitts Parent & Toddlers
 Fridays 9:30-11:30

Rooms for hire : would suit
 Hairdresser, Beauty therapist, etc

SSAFA/Forces Help
 Call 01980 - 670540 or 01980 - 670345

The Haig Centre, Bulford
Day Care Nursery Call 672331

Parents & Toddlers Call 672700

Getaway After School Club

Ages 5-13 15:00-18:00 Call 673355

Bulford Thrift Shop
 Term Time Thursdays 9:30 - 13:00

Volunteers always needed

Bulford Youth Club

Call Melody Abbott on 673840

Tuesdays 17:30 - 20:00 9 - 12s

Thursdays 17:00 - 19:00 5 - 8s

1st Bulford (Kiwi) Scout Group

Call Arthur Kendrew on 597341

Beavers Thursdays 18:00 - 19:30

Cubs Wednesdays 18:00 - 20:00

Scouts Fridays 19:00 - 21:00

The Beeches
Families Centre, Bulford
Call Michelle : 01980 - 672342

JJ's Beauty Salon
 Call Jo on 01980 - 597 679

Hairdresser : Curl up and Dye

Call Lisa on 01980 - 590 020

Noah's Ark Under 5s

Call Lisa on 01980 - 673479

Little Rascals Parent & Toddler

Tues & Thurs 10:00 - 11:30

Call Mandy Budding 01980-638772

Potty about Painting Parent

& Toddler Mondays 9:30 - 11:00

Call Melody on 673840 or 672088

Garrison Barber - Bulford
 Bdg 19, Ward Bks - near the JRC
 Mon-Fri 9:00-12:00 Bul Mil 2710

Picton Launderette, Bulford
 The cheapest Service Wash for miles!
 Open 08:30 - 18:00 Mon, Wed & Thu
 Fri 8:30 - 17:00 Call 01980 - 673210

Bulford HIVE
 at The Beeches Families Centre
 Open Mon & Tues 9:30 - 13:30
 Call Jackie Bird on 01980 - 672109

Stay with the beat !

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