

# Drumbeat



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## All in a Day's Work for the Lucknow Band !



The musicians in the Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division play for all kinds of audiences, but never before have they had to entertain a camel !

Thérèse, a 6 year old bactrian camel, will be taking part in the Lord Mayor's Parade in London later this month, flanked by bands and watched by cheering crowds. She was brought to Lucknow Barracks to listen to the Lucknow Band practise on the parade square, to familiarise her with the sound of loud music - and thoroughly enjoyed her morning !

Director of Music, Captain Tim Cooper, has had experience working with the Household Cavalry. "This is the sort of thing we had to do for the horses, to make sure they did not bolt when the instruments played or a car backfired !" he told Drumbeat.

## Garrison Bonfire Night

Thursday 3 November  
Carter Barracks, Bulford

18:00 Evening begins

18:30 Bonfire lit ● 19:30 Fireworks

Tickets can be purchased from  
Unit Welfare Offices and Garrison HIVES  
£1.50 in advance ● £2.00 on the night  
Watch out for more details about transport  
on the Drumbeat website

[www.drumbeat.org.uk](http://www.drumbeat.org.uk)

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## Welcome home ...

Soldiers from 12 Mechanized Brigade have started to return home at the end of their six month tour of duty in Iraq. After an eventful and challenging tour, they are looking forward to being reunited with family and friends and a well earned period of leave.



## Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2005

### 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 10:15 for 10:30 start

### 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

**Holy Trinity Church** : Service begins at 10:45

### Shipton Bellinger

10:55 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



## 2RGJ welcomes its new CO

Lt Col Patrick Sanders OBE assumed command of 2nd Bn The Royal Green Jackets on 3rd October, 2005.

Lt Col Sanders is no stranger to this Garrison, having served as Chief of Staff with HQ 1 (Mech) Brigade in 2001 - 3.

Since then he has served as Chief Strategic Planner to Lt Gen Sanchez, the Coalition Force Commander in Iraq,

for 7 months (2003-4) which resulted in his award of the OBE; he comes to Bulford from Shrivenham where he was on the Staff of the Joint Services Combined Staff College.

He is pictured here (right) shaking hands with the outgoing Commanding Officer, Lt Col TH Emck MBE, who moves on to the Land Warfare School in Warminster.



## Exercise Suman Warrior

Headquarters 1st Mechanised Brigade and elements of 215 Signals Squadron recently deployed to Malaysia on exercise Suman Warrior 2005.

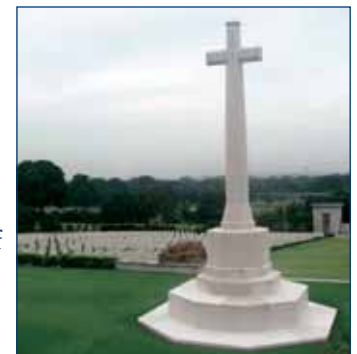
Exercise Suman Warrior is an annual exercise that is run in turn by countries from the Five Powers Defence Agreement (FPDA): Singapore, UK, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. The British Army ran the 2005 exercise and based it in Kuantan, Malaysia.



The event is run as a command exercise with only headquarter elements taking part and no actual soldiers on the ground. 1 Mech Brigade and 215 Sig Sqn provided the deployable Brigade Headquarters to command Battle Groups from each of the five FPDA countries. Two command exercises were run, firstly a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) exercise and secondly a more conventional offensive operations exercise. Overcoming the difficulties posed by varying tactics, approaches and languages, all countries united to achieve a common goal.

At the end of the exercise, some soldiers and officers drove down into Singapore to conduct a battlefield tour, looking at the fall of Singapore to the Japanese in February 1942. The tour included looking at some of the most important battle sites and culminated in a service of remembrance at the Commonwealth

Wargraves Commission cemetery at Kranji.



## The Kiwi Challenge 2005



His Excellency the Rt Hon Jonathan Hunt, the New Zealand High Commissioner, attended a short Act of Remembrance for the New Zealanders buried at the Tidworth Military Cemetery before going on to Bulford to present the Kiwi Trophy to 3(UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt.

The Kiwi competition is the hotly contested annual 22km Bergen run and range shoot competition, from the Kiwi in Bulford to Sidbury Hill in Tidworth and back. This year the record for the fastest average time (3hrs 24 mins) was retained by 206 Squadron, the trophy being collected by L-Cpl David Bayley, (left), and the fastest individual time was by Cpl Luke Wilks (2hrs 39 mins, pictured right).

The kiwi on the hill above Bulford Camp was carved into the chalk on the hillside by troops from New Zealand awaiting repatriation at the end of World War I; responsibility for its maintenance now lies with 3(UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt, based in Bulford.

## When Christmas came early ...



Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Army Benevolent Fund's annual Early Christmas Fair at Tedworth House such a success this year. Around 1000 shoppers helped raise a record £22,000 for the charity.

The event was organised by Mrs Caroline Cary and sponsored by Aspire Defence. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Jane Viggers.

The Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) helps soldiers, ex-soldiers and their families who are in need. This need continues to grow, with the ABF now helping those who have served in NI, the Balkans, Afghanistan and the Gulf. If you were unable to come to the fair, you can still help by sending a cheque to the ABF at HQ GSU, Ward Barracks, Bulford, SP4 9NA. (Tel. 01980 - 672337). Make a note in your diary for next year : 27 Sept 2006 !

## Salisbury Plain Army Radio on FM ...

FM broadcasts for the Army's radio service could be on their way to the Salisbury Plain. An application has been lodged with the Community Radio department of OfCom, the broadcast authority, for Garrison FM. Its proposed signal would mirror the current Garrison Radio medium wave footprint on 1287 AM, aimed at soldiers, dependents and MoD civilians. As the preferred radio band choice, FM could lead to significant increases in listenership.



Mark Page of Garrison Radio said, "We have seen an increased response to the station in the past year and overall the network's percentage reach is probably one of the UK's top medium wave networks. A switch to FM, though, would be fantastic

and the station would cross a threshold in response."

Mark Page emphasised that it been a long held ambition by the Army to run its radio service on FM and the wait would be worth it. "The aims of the current Garrison Radio service tick all the right boxes in terms of serving a community of interest. Indeed, it is probably the most specific audience target of any application."

The newly formed Salisbury Plain Army Radio, along with initiatives in other UK garrisons, expects to hear before Christmas whether the initial application has been successful. There is also another opportunity to apply again in 2006.



## Residents' Forum Round-up ...

### The Roadhouse / Old Rectory site

The building firm, Bloor Homes Ltd, submitted an application to Kennet District Council on 5th October for Planning Permission to build 29 houses on the Old Rectory site adjacent to the A338, a patch of ground which has remained untouched since the Roadhouse on the site was demolished in 2003.

Original ideas for the redevelopment of the area, drawn up by a firm of planning consultants, were for a family restaurant, (perhaps with accommodation), and some housing, ensuring that Holy Trinity Church remained visible from the road.

The current application by Bloor Homes is for 2-, 3- and 4-bedroom houses, covering the whole site, including the unofficial car park next to the Post Office. The land is privately owned.

### Tesco Supermarket

Plans for a Tesco store on Station Road Green are still being considered by the Planning Authorities.

### The Beacon

The Beacon which used to stand on the site by the traffic lights where the new surgery is being built, has now been re-located on the opposite side of the road.

## Thank you to Aspire Defence from the Bulford Youth Club



Aspire Defence, has made a donation of £100 to the Army Welfare Service. Pictured here outside the Bulford Youth Club, Martin Ralton-Thomas, TNB Garrison Operations Manager, hands the cheque to Melody Abbott who runs the Youth Club.

"We would like to use the money to decorate the Youth Club after it was damaged in a break-in ", Melody told Drumbeat.

Also pictured are Mrs Kate Rose (left) and Claire Davies, (right), from the Army Welfare Service.

The Youth Club is based at the Haig Centre in Bulford. Are you interested in joining ? You will find Melody's contact details on the back page under The Haig Centre.

## Messy Mitts ...

Starting 11 November

Structured messy play for accompanied toddlers

- Paint - Glue - Water - Sand - Playdough -

£2:00 membership plus £1 per session

which covers the cost of materials and refreshments  
Call Claire Davies at Ordnance House : 07900 - 262119



# Of local interest ...

## With all our best wishes ...



Photo : Nigel Gillies

Sandra Carmichael, whose formidable organisational abilities have kept Garrison Headquarters running smoothly and efficiently for the past 18 years, retired last month after 26 years with the Civil Service.

Sandra has worked with successive Garrison Staffs during her time as Chief Clerk and has seen the Garrison through many changes, from SDR to the imminent arrival of Project Allenby. Her duties have involved dealing with the Military Cemetery and her sensitivity has always been greatly appreciated by bereaved families.

Indeed, Sandra's connection with Garrison goes back further than readers may think : she was in fact born in the building where the Headquarters is now located - the Garrison Commander's office being, at the time, the Matron's office !

In recognition of her universally acknowledged high standard of professional excellence, in November 2000 Sandra was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by General Sir Mike Jackson, then Commander in Chief, Land Command.



Sandra's last week in the Garrison included a ride in a Challenger 2 Battle tank, an aerial tour of Tidworth in a helicopter and a farewell lunch at Tedworth House.

The Garrison Commander and all members of the Garrison staff, past and present, thank her for her loyalty and



dedication and all wish her well in her retirement. Sandra will, of course, continue to serve the community as a valued member of Tidworth Town Council.

## Tidworth 10K and 3K fun run



350 runners took part in the first Tidworth 10K and 3K fun run last month, to raise funds for the Pembroke Cancer Unit at Salisbury District Hospital.

The 10K route offered serious runners an interesting and varied course, winding its way out onto Salisbury Plain before returning to the starting point, while the 3K fun run circled the Lucknow/Mooltan sports field in a more leisurely fashion. Organisers estimate that around £8,000 will have been raised, so get your sponsorship money in as soon as you can !



Above : the first three to finish the 10K. The winning time was 37'14 from Chris Chamberlain (left) from Salisbury District Hospital. The first woman to finish was Anna Fox (46'44), seen here receiving her award from Johnathan Cullis, a Consultant from the Pembroke Unit. Many thanks to 1 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (215) for organising this great event.



# the museum of army flying

In 2007, the Army Air Corps will be celebrating its 50th

Anniversary and, to commemorate this date, it has launched a **Jubilee Appeal** to raise money to enlarge and enhance the Museum of Army Flying in Middle Wallop. Initially £1.8 million is needed to fund the project, which will bring the museum well into the 21st century by building on its current successes as a place of conservation and public display, as an educational institution, as a focal point for the local community and as a self-supporting business.

The Appeal was launched last month by HRH Prince Michael of Kent, who is a long-standing supporter and popular patron of the Museum.



## Thank you to everyone ...

**CLIC** : Staff from the QEM Mental Health Team and the Haig Day Nursery in Bulford joined forces in "Yummy Mummy" week. They ran 8km to raise money for CLIC, the charity for children with cancer and leukemia.

**Macmillan Cancer Relief** : The Tempo Information, Advice and Training Centre raised £143 for this charity during the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning".

**SSAFA** : Thank you to everyone who held "Big Brew-up" coffee mornings for SSAFA all over the Garrison, with special thanks to the soldiers from 3DSR in Bulford who raised £182.63 during their Naafi-break and to the wives from KRH in Tidworth who raised £1007 at coffee mornings and a charity auction night.

## Try Taekwon-do for Free ...

Classes held at Tidworth Leisure Centre  
 Mondays : 18:00 - 19:00 Children, 19:00 - 20:00 Adults  
 Thursdays : 19:00 - 20:00 Children, 20:00 - 21:00 Adults

**New members** : Come along to the class to enroll.  
**Bring this Drumbeat voucher with you and get One Month Free Trial !** Voucher valid in November 2005 only

Parents : Give your kids a kick start in life !

Taekwon-do will help with : Co-ordination skills

- Self Confidence
- Respect for others
- Safety awareness
- Self Discipline
- Fitness
- Motivation



Call  
 01980 - 849051  
 for more details

## Happy 5th Birthday ...



Many thanks to everyone who helped make the TLC birthday celebrations go with a swing, including the PTIs who organised the obstacle course and oversaw safety of everyone on the climbing wall.



## Compared to this, the BPFA is easy !



Most would have chosen sports kit, but WO1 (SMI) Callum Macdonald, APTC, ran the Bristol half marathon dressed in an armoured EOD suit weighing 80lbs to raise money for two soldiers who were seriously injured while on active service in Iraq during Op Telic 4 last year.

WO1 Macdonald, who is serving with 1 (Mech) Brigade Headquarters in Tidworth, ran the 13 mile course in 3 hours 26 minutes and 57 seconds. He is pictured here with LCpl James Riley (721 EOD RLC) and SSgt Martin Hunt (1 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn 215) who ran the course with him. Many thanks to the Support Team from Tidworth Troop 721 EOD (RLC) : "Their help was vital and, without it, completing the course would have been difficult", WO1 Macdonald told Drumbeat.



# Drumbeat Noticeboard



**B F B S Forces Radio**  
**Radio requests call : 08701 2021 21**  
 (calls are charged at the national rate)  
**Email : requests@bfbs.com**  
 For overseas commands and  
 N. Ireland visit [www.bfbs.com](http://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](mailto:tidworthbulford@garrisonradio.com)

**Concert :** from Handel to Holst  
 Bournemouth Symphonic Brass  
 St James' Church, Ludgershall  
**Fri 4 November 19:30**  
 Tickets from the TLC 01980 - 847 140

**Jumble Sale** All welcome !  
 at The Grapevine, Perham Down  
**Sat 5 November 12:00 - 15:00**  
 Call 01980 - 603514 for more details

**5 Div Indoor Rowing Championships**  
 Tidworth Leisure Centre  
**Wed 9 November 10:00 - 15:00**  
 Entry forms from your APTC staff or  
 email: [mike.james101@land.mod.uk](mailto:mike.james101@land.mod.uk)

**BBC's Children in Need**  
**18 Nov :** The girls from 10 AEC will  
 be out collecting again this year !

**Community Carol Singing**  
**5 Dec Music by Lucknow Band**  
 18:30 Spar, Station Rd, Tidworth  
 19:30 Somerfields, Ludgershall  
 Refreshments in Scout Hall  
 afterwards. Everyone welcome.

**Army Snowboarding**  
 Do they really do that in the Army ?!  
 For more information log on to  
[www.armysnowboarding.mod.uk](http://www.armysnowboarding.mod.uk)

**Old Sofas Wanted**  
 for Ordnance House and AWS  
 Community Hall at the TLC.  
 Will collect ! Call 07900 - 262119

**Smile Puppets & Acrobats !**  
 at the Children's Christingle Service  
 in St Michael's Church, Tidworth  
**10 December 16:00**

**Tidworth Scouts**  
 Some spaces in the older age groups  
 and adult helpers needed  
 For more information call (pm)  
 GSL John Sparrow : 01264-398 625

**Emergency Numbers :**  
 MDP : 01980 - 60 3099  
 RMP : 01980 - 67 2251 & 67 2334  
 Tidworth Police Station  
 09:00 - 17:00 : 01980 - 842 303  
 Devizes HQ : 01380 - 722 341  
 Police Emergency : 999 or 112  
 Crimestoppers : 0800 - 555111

**Tidworth Leisure Centre**  
**Centre 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 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  
**Tweenies Parent & Toddlers :**  
 Thursdays 9:30 - 11:30 Call 601501  
**Purity Beauty Salon :**  
 Mon - Sat 9:00 - 20:00  
 Call Yvonne on 07958 - 911 928  
**Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries :**  
 For appointments, call in or phone  
 Physiotherapy : 07768 - 737646  
 Sports Therapy : 07796 - 230 571

**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

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

**Netheravon**  
 Young Children's Play Club (5 - 8s)  
 Choulston Close Community Centre  
 Wednesdays 18:00 - 19:30 50p  
 Call Ines on 07900-276120

**Jo Jingles**  
 Music for children 6 mths - 5 yrs.  
 Mondays 9:40 - 10:25 at the TLC  
 Call Becky Ewins 01980 - 626562

**Ordnance House, Tidworth**  
**Fun Factory Crèche :** Call 602398  
**Beauty Therapist :** 07876 - 303903  
**Holistic Therapist :** 9:30 - 12:30  
 Call in or phone 07717 - 510 862  
**Call Claire Davies : 01980 - 602398**

**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 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 Denise on 01980 - 673479  
**Little Rascals Parent & Toddler**  
 Tues & Thurs 10:30 - 11:30  
 Call Mandy Budding 01980-638772  
**Play Session for 2-4 yr olds**  
 Term time Tues & Thur 13:00-14:30  
 Call Ines on 07900-276120  
**Café: Wanted! Someone to run the café : a great opportunity for a budding entrepreneur !**  
 The Beeches is available for hire for functions & children's parties.

**Bulford Library**  
 Ward Barracks, Bulford Camp  
 Mon - Thurs 09:00 - 16:30  
 Fri 09:00 - 12:30

**Bulford HIVE**  
 7 Kandy Road, Bulford Camp  
 Open Mon - Fri 9:30 - 13:30  
 Call Jackie Bird on 01980 - 672109

## Stay with the beat !

**Deadline for December 05 issue : 7 November 2005**  
**Drumbeat, 10 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth, SP9 7AY**  
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