

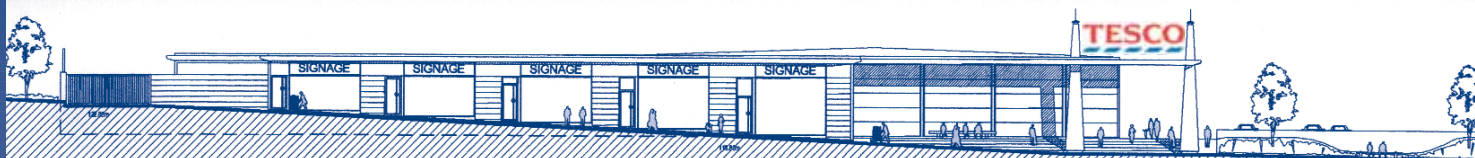
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TESCO: View the Preliminary Outline Plan at www.drumbeat.org.uk

Man of the Match ...

The Army celebrated victory over the Royal Navy last month, winning the fiercely contested Rundle Cup by 7 goals to 2½.

4000 people attended the event and around £11,000 was raised for the local spinal injury charity, "Inspire".

Picture :
A delighted Cfn Ryan Collett from 6Bn REME, who scored 3 of the goals, celebrates victory !



Millwall Football Club gets the Army treatment on Kiwi hill ...

Queen Elizabeth Memorial Health Centre Important Notice

6 - 7 Aug : The Queen Elizabeth Memorial Health Centre will be closed from 08:00 hrs Saturday 06 Aug until 20:00 hrs Sunday 07 Aug 05 to allow emergency repairs.

The Out of Hours service will be temporarily moved to :

Bulford Medical Centre,

Bengal Road, Bulford Camp, SP4 9AD

All contact telephone numbers will remain the same.

26 Aug : There may be a limited service due to power cuts all day. Watch out for information nearer the time.

Blue Light Day

Thurs 25 August 10:00 - 15:00



Come and have fun with the Emergency Services at the Tidworth Leisure Centre

Family Funday

Sunday 4 September 10:00-18:00
Bowood House & Gardens, Calne

Fun Fair - Pop Bands & Singers
Quad bikes - Go-Karts - Arena events
Helicopter rides - Trade stands - Craft Fair
and much much more !

Ticket Hotline : 08700 - 115 007
www.wiltshirecrimestoppers.co.uk



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We'll meet again ...

Dame Vera Lynn, World War 2 Forces' Sweetheart, attended the reunion of the 93rd (Mixed) Searchlight Regiment RA (TA) which was held in Larkhill recently. This was the only wartime Regiment composed exclusively of women and, surprisingly, this was their first reunion since the Unit was disbanded at the end of the War.



The reunion was organised by Keith Brigstock, an ex-Gunner who now works in HQ DRA in Larkhill. "This was a unique Regiment and the role of these women cannot be praised too highly", he said. "They were unarmed, often worked in very isolated locations and were a prime target for gunners in enemy aircraft who were aiming at the searchlights".

"It is very nice to be here at a women's reunion for a change," said Dame Vera. "The country would have come to a stand still if it hadn't been for the women!" "The hardest part was tracking them all down", Keith Brigstock said, "but the smiles on their faces today make all the hard work worth while!"

ICE : "In Case of Emergency"

How would the Emergency Services know who to contact on your behalf if you were involved in an accident? One idea which may help, involves storing the telephone number of the person you would want to be contacted under the acronym, "ICE", in your mobile telephone. This idea originated in the East Anglian Ambulance Service which has launched a campaign with the support of Falklands War hero Simon Weston. www.eastanglianambulance.com

NB: These details would be lost if your phone was stolen

News from Garrison Radio ...

Meet Roger Clarke, the new Breakfast Show Presenter at Garrison Radio's Tidworth station - pictured here with Station Manager Richard Wyeth (top) and Reporter Claire Newman.

Tune in to the Breakfast Show 6:00 -10:00 Monday to Friday on 1287 am medium wave.



Exercise Iron Storm

Ex Iron Storm is the annual live firing exercise on Salisbury Plain for 3 (UK) Division, when all the artillery units in the Division to come together to develop their target acquisition and strike coordination skills, backed up by air and field support troops. One of the units taking part in the exercise, 19 Light Brigade, was training prior to assuming the role of NATO Response Force (NRF) in January 2006. Two of the Brigades which make up the 3rd Division have their Headquarters in this Garrison : 1 Brigade is in Tidworth and 12 Brigade, currently in Iraq, is in Bulford.

The new Procurement Minister, Lord Drayson, visiting Salisbury Plain for the first time since taking up the post six weeks previously, was able to watch the 105 Light Field Guns and the AS90s in action. He was also shown the relatively new battlefield RADAR systems,



Mamba and Cobra,

which are used for surveillance and target acquisition. Mamba is being used in Iraq for Force Protection; easily deployable, it is able to locate the source of an incoming shell to enable a rapid response. Cobra is bulkier and therefore less easily deployed, but it can see further and is faster than Mamba, giving commanders a Theatre overview of the battlefield.

"The nature of warfare is changing very rapidly", Lord Drayson said. "Before the Cold War it was pretty clear what our Army was going to have to address; now there is a wide range of things : humanitarian work is being done and nation-building in Afghanistan and Iraq and in the Balkans, as well as the conventional type of operations. This means that the Army today has to be flexible, it has to be adaptable, and that puts a challenge not only on personnel but on the kit as well, to make sure that it is done as well as it can be.

"My job is to make sure that soldiers get the kit that they need and that it will do the job properly. It is absolutely vital for troops to test the kit they will use on operations", he continued. "Coming to Salisbury Plain to see the equipment in the context of use and talk to the soldiers and see what they think of it, is important. The thing that we need to do is to get more efficient about the procurement decisions that we take; to work more closely with industry to make sure that as the new technologies come in ... we are really making the best use of the innovation which is out there. That is what I am here to try and do".

Give Blood ...

Tuesday 23 August 10:00-12:15 & 14:15-16:30
Main Auditorium at Tidworth College

We are in urgent need of more donors in the Tidworth and surrounding area to ensure that hospital blood stocks are maintained, so please call **08457 - 711 711** to book an appointment - otherwise please just turn up between the above times.

Courses starting in September

AFF Training Centre

Kandy Road, Bulford 01980 - 67 2981

Tutor led courses for Army Dependants

New Clait, ECDL, ECDL Advanced Word, Bookkeeping, Sage 1,2 & Payroll, Web design ...

Free New Clait course for 16 - 18 yr olds. Call for details
Employment Adviser : Call Claire Cox on Bul. 67 2869

Tempo Drop-in Centre

Pennings Road, Tidworth 01980 - 840 220

Tutor led courses open to everyone

Introductory Certificate in First Line Management
Introductory Certificate in Starting your Business
Other courses include : Early Years Care & Education,
Childminding, Bookkeeping & Accounts 1, Business
Administration, English for Business, Media Courses

10 Army Education Centre

Candahar Barracks, Tidworth 01980 - 602743

Tutor led Courses by Ladies for Ladies !

Open Day at Tidworth HIVE Fri 9 Sept 9:30 - 14:30

Come and find out about FREE courses on Commercial
Literacy & Numeracy, Aromatherapy, Driving Test
Theory, How to send an E-Bluey, Ladies' Self Defence ...

Army Learning Centre



Open to soldiers, dependants,
civil servants & MOD contractors Call 01980 - 602275

Learndirect computer-based courses for you to follow at
your own speed and convenience :

ECDL, Literacy and Numeracy, Fork Lift Truck, Business
& Management, Specialist IT, Home and Office IT, Web
publishing ... and a FREE £10 Amazon Voucher for
each Literacy & Numeracy course completed !

News from 1RHA ...

1 RHA is now halfway through its six
month deployment to Cyprus as part of the
UN Peacekeeping Force. On the work side,
mobile patrolling is conducted in pairs of
unarmed soldiers, usually Gunners or



A/E Battery on the
Green Line in the Old City



Lance Bombardiers, who move on foot or by bicycle,
vehicle and helicopter through the Buffer Zone ensuring
that the Turkish and Greek Cypriot forces do not violate
the 1974 Cease Fire Arrangement.

When not on patrolling duties, members of the
Regiment have made full use of the opportunities
offered by this unique tour. All available courses on the
island are attended, members of 1 RHA participate
regularly in local sports events, conduct adventure
training and take R&R and the odd leave pass at top
holiday resorts !

Meanwhile, members of the large rear party in Tidworth
have deployed regularly on exercise to support training
activities and B Battery will deploy to Kenya on Exercise
Grand Prix this month.

The Regiment will be reunited in early October, when 1
RHA hands over the reigns in Cyprus, with a joint
Operation TELIC/TOSCA Medal Parade scheduled for
13 October 2005, prior to Post Tour Leave.



Commander 1 Mech Brigade visits 2RTR in Germany



2nd Royal Tank Regiment demonstrated their
Challenger 2 gunnery expertise to their new Brigade
Commander in an action packed visit to Bergen-Hohne
ranges in June.

Brigadier Richard Toomey, Commander 1 Mech Bde,
visited each of the 3 firing squadrons during the second
week of their annual firing camp. As well as meeting
many of the officers and soldiers and watching a
number of the live firing exercises, he was also given the
opportunity to try his hand at Challenger 2 gunnery and
fired a number of live rounds. This was the Brigadier's
second visit to the Regiment since assuming command
in April.

Although still based in Fallinbostel, 2RTR is now part of
1 Mechanized Brigade and is scheduled to move to join
the remainder of the Brigade in Tidworth.

From 10 to TEC ...



A lighter moment during a Maths lesson at the Theatre
Education Centre in Shaibah Log Base in Iraq.

Educational Development Coordinator Michèle Blain,
from 10 Army Education Centre in Tidworth, has made
two trips to Iraq to provide courses for Units from this
Garrison - and will be going out again in September !



An Outline Planning Application has been made to the Planning Department at Kennet District Council for a Tesco Superstore with 331 parking spaces plus five new non-food retail units with 17 designated car parking spaces. The existing town centre car parking spaces will be replaced by 105 designated spaces.

Tesco expects that the new store will create 250 jobs, both full and part-time, for the local community.

Tesco's Corporate Affairs Manager, Julian Walker-Palin, commented, "This is a difficult site on which to build a superstore as it is on a hill. However, we hope that in this location it will act as an 'anchor' for the town centre to bring people back into Tidworth and stimulate economic growth for the whole area.

"The brand new store will mean that people in the local area can shop in Tidworth instead of having to drive considerable distances to a superstore", he continued. "It will be particularly useful for partners of servicemen/women who may not be able to drive and who are looking for jobs in the area".

Tesco's Application to Kennet District Council was registered on 7th July, 2005. Notices will be put up around the site and published in the local press.

The preliminary plans were discussed by the Tidworth Town Council Planning Committee on 26th July. Any further meetings will be advertised on the Town Noticeboards in Station Road and outside the Police Station.

Anyone wishing to view the Tesco plans, please make an appointment with the Clerk to the Town Council, telephone : 01264 - 790213.

Anyone wishing to make comments about the development to Kennet District Council has until 17th August to do so. This can be done via their website or in writing.

Kennet District Council has 13 weeks from the date of registration to consider the Application.

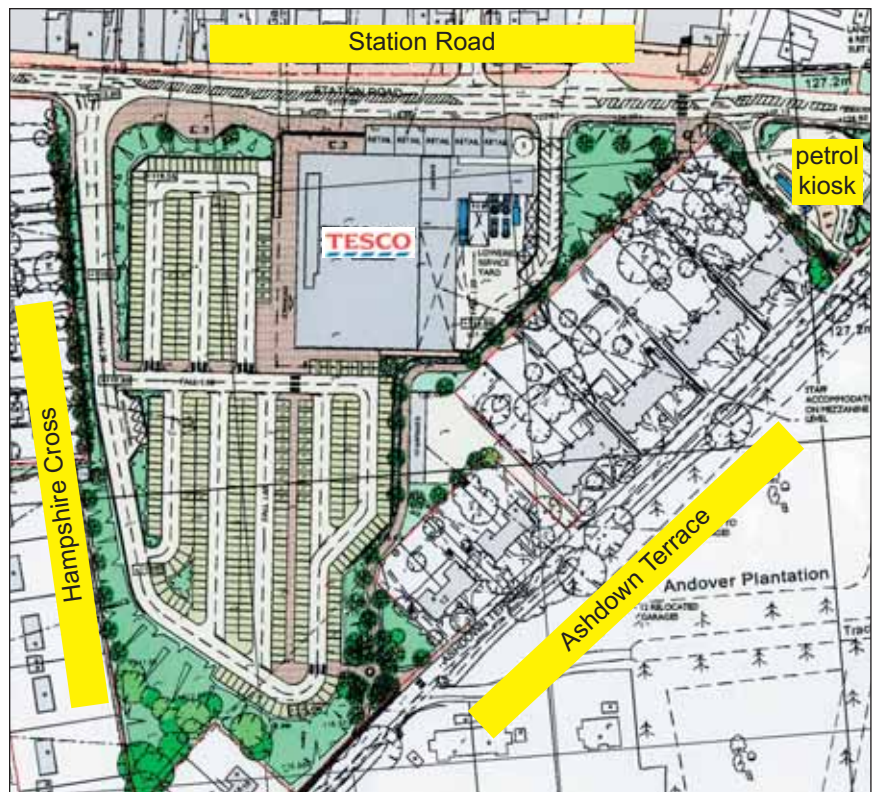
This is the normal Planning Process.

Tesco will shortly be setting up a website to display their proposals and to allow people to comment to them directly. Tesco will also provide leaflets and Freepost comment cards in the local area for those without internet access. These will be available at the Tidworth Library and from the Tidworth Leisure Centre.

The Drumbeat website will be kept as up to date as possible and will have links to relevant sites as they become available.

**Log on to www.drumbeat.org.uk
News Flash - Tesco**

The Preliminary Outline Plan ...



This diagram is taken from the Preliminary Plan submitted in Tesco's Outline Planning Application. The complete Plan can be viewed online at www.drumbeat.org.uk

The French Connection ...



A Squadron of helicopters from the French 6ème Régiment d'Hélicoptères de Combat, an Armed Attack Helicopter Unit based in Compiègne, NE of Paris, has linked up with their British Army counterparts from 7 Regiment AAC(V) in Netheravon. The 7 Gazelles and Puma support helicopter have been taking part in Exercise Condor Fire, which has included live firing and tactical training at Holbeach in Lincolnshire and flying training to familiarise the French aircrew with UK airspace and flying procedures. They were also able to visit Middle Wallop to see the AH-64D Apache helicopter and the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

"The British Army is fortunate to have such good Training Areas", Captain François de Vauge told Drumbeat. "We are here to work with the British Army and to practise our English!"

658 Sqn 7 AAC(V) are looking forward to going out to France in October.

Preschool Playtime at Zouch

Toddlers now enjoy Monday morning tumble playtime in a new soft indoor play area at Zouch School, while parents are dropping off older siblings. Call Zouch for details about Nursery places for September 2005 and Zany Zebras After School Care: 01980 - 842 293

Of local interest ...

Residents' Forum Round-up

New Surgery for Tidworth ...

Work on the new surgery by the traffic lights at the bottom of Station Road is due to be completed by the end of the year. The new surgery will replace Dr Greig's current temporary surgery accommodation situated in St Andrew's Road. Dr Greig will continue to practise in Ludgershall and patients will be welcome to attend either practice for their appointments. The new building will include two GP consulting rooms and is designed to grow with the practice. It will also have a superb dental suite which will be run by a local Dentist.

£30 on-the-spot Fines for stopping on double yellow lines ...

Why risk having to pay a fine for parking illegally on the double yellow lines outside the Bank in Station Road, when there is a perfectly good FREE CAR PARK just across the road !

Stopping on double yellow lines, wherever they are, not just in Station Road, obstructs the traffic flow and causes considerable inconvenience to other road users.

You have been warned !!

For Public Convenience ...

Tidworth Town Council will soon be taking over responsibility for the Public Conveniences at Hampshire Cross.

Recycling ...

Kennet District Council wants to encourage as many people as possible to recycle as much household and garden waste as possible.

For more information about the new Green Waste and Black Box (recyclable glass, paper, aluminium, textiles, etc) Collections, please call 01380 - 734 665

Congratulations to C&TGFC !



Clarendon & Tidworth Garrison Football Club 'U10 Colts' recently beat Barton Stacey 2 - 1 in the Jon Hollman Testway League Cup Competition. This is the 2nd year running that the team has achieved this fantastic result ! Well done everyone.

Next season we move up into the U11 league, playing 9-a-side on Saturdays and there are a few spare places available. We also run teams in the U9, U12 & U13 groups; give me a ring if you are interested.

WO2 John Kuzera : Mobile 07730579625
or work 01980 67 2407 (Bulford Mil 2407)

The Haig : Centre of Excellence



The Haig Nursery in Bulford has won the Pre-School Learning Alliance accreditation "Aiming for Quality".

The certificate was presented to the Manager of the Nursery, Mrs Vicky Harker, by Deputy Garrison Commander, Lt Col Kestrel Simson.

Millwall Football Club gets the Army Treatment !



"It's been a very worthwhile exercise" was the verdict of Millwall Manager, Steve Claridge, as his team spent a week training with 3DSR last month. "The PTIs have been great and the all-round training package has been good for team building", he said. "It's been good to get a complete change of scenery and to concentrate on training". The Millwall players lived in barracks in Tidworth during their stay and their training programme included circuit training, swimming and hill running, culminating with a stretcher race ... but NO FOOTBALL !



Two of the Millwall team players, Jody Morris (ex Chelsea & Leeds) and Barry Hayles (ex Fulham), escaped the rigours of the training session one afternoon to visit Clarendon Primary School, whose Under XIs are local school champions.



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Job Vacancy

Key Skills Tutor for the AFF Training Centre. Call 01980 - 672981

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.

Live Radio Link with Iraq

Garrison Radio & BFBS Middle East
Every Friday 10:00 - 10:30
Tune in to 1287 am medium wave

Garrison Radio

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

A B F Early Christmas Fair

Wed 28 September 9.30 - 15:30
Tedworth House, Tidworth
Entry : £4 (£3 after 14:00)
Restaurant Free parking

NSPCC Ashdown Family Centre

Drummer Lane, Tidworth
FREE Summer play sessions for children with their carers
1 - 26 August (closed 18 & 19 Aug)
Mon, Wed & Fri 9:30 - 12:00
Tues & Thurs 13:00 - 15:30
Call 01980 - 846164 for details

Picton Bks Launderette

The cheapest Service Wash for miles!
Open 08:30 - 18:00 Mon, Wed & Thu
Friday 08:30 - 17:00
Call 01980 - 673210

Tidworth Saddle Club

Lessons for all standards
Lunging, long lining, hacks & events
All ages - Come & have fun !
Call Mrs Lewis 07899 - 687 466

Tidworth Polo Club

Job vacancies : Grooms needed
Free riding: Help exercise the ponies
Call the Club for details : 602508

AWS Job Vacancies

Full & Part time Nursery Nurses for The Haig, Bulford. Call 672331
Bank/casual staff for childcare facilities in the Garrison
Call Chris on 01980 - 673379

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

Busy Bees Crèche : 603160

Caterpillars Pre-School : 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 Thrift Shop

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

Army Welfare Service

Summer Activities for Children
Call 01980 - 672105

Shipton Bellinger Flower Show

20 August 14:00

At the Shipton B Village Centre
Full details in Schedule - available from Parkhouse Stores or call Gordon Measures on 849 027

Mums, Buggies & Babies

New exercise class - no crèche problems !
Call Anne Marie 07796 - 230 571

Ordinance House, Tidworth

Fun Factory Crèche : Call 602398

Holistic Therapist : 9:30 - 12:30

Chill Out @ Heather's !

Call in or phone 07717 - 510 862

Vacancy for a Hairdresser

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 Thur 9:30-1:00

Closed in August. Re-opens 8 Sept

Volunteers needed in September

Bulford Youth Club Call 672105

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

Thursdays 17:00 - 18:45 5 - 8s

Bulford Scout Group Call 633494

Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts.

Due to postings, there are spaces for children to join and new Leaders are urgently needed

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 - 12:00

Call Mandy Budding 01980-638772

Play Session for 2-4 yr olds

Term Time Tuesdays 13:00 - 14:30

Call Ines on 07900-276120

Café - Vacancy for 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 September 05 issue : 8 August 2005

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