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1 RRW raises its flag in Tidworth



1st Bn The Royal Regiment of Wales arrived in Tidworth just in time to raise the flag at Lucknow Barracks before celebrating St David's Day on 1st March in true Regimental style. Traditionally, miniature leeks are presented to every soldier at the St David's Day Parade, this year by the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier Robert Aitken, (below). Later in the day, all new members of the Regiment take part in the leek eating ceremony : each man must eat a raw leek, washed down by a pint of ale ! The Regimental Mascot, 24416905 LCpl Gwilym Jenkins otherwise known as "Taffy V", see here with Goat Major Cpl Meyrick, will not be joining the Regiment when it deploys to Iraq later this month to be the Divisional Reserve based at Shaibah Log Base.

... and celebrates St David's Day



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Thank you ...



Deputy Garrison Commander, Lt Col Stuart Norman, shakes hands with Cliff Fiander, Contract Director at Sodexo Defence Services Ltd, as Sodexo prepares to open the Junior Ranks' Club in the newly rebuilt Lucknow Barracks in Tidworth.

Neil Watts, Retail Development Manager for Sodexo (second from left), told Drumbeat, "the aim is to provide outside facilities, inside the wire" for 1Bn Royal Regiment of Wales which has just moved to Tidworth from Paderborn.

"The Sodexo team has worked extremely hard in a very short time to make sure that the Junior Ranks' Club opens for the Unit before they go out to Iraq", said Lt Col Norman, "We are extremely grateful to them".

Sodexo Defence Services Ltd is a supply partner of Aspire Defence, the Preferred Bidder for Project Allenby.

New faces at Garrison Radio

Tune in to 1287 am mw

Weekdays

0600 Wiggy in the Morning with local news bulletins and Army Radio News

1000 Golden Hour (Monday Army Sports Lottery Results)

1100 Tim West

1400 Mike Peters

1800 Nighttime music

2200 The Quiet Storm

Saturday

0700 Mathew Barton

1100 Me Mark Page

1400 Mike Peters with sport & music

1800 Nighttime music

2200 The Quiet Storm

Sunday

0800 Hazel Maguire

1200 Andy Luckman

1600 Mark Goodier with the Smash Hits chart

1900 Nighttime music



Richard Wiggins
Breakfast Presenter



Claire Newman
Station Reporter

Tidworth Saddle Club

Lessons for all standards : lunging, long lining, hacks & events

Open to all ages - Come and have fun !

Call Mrs Lewis : Tel. 07899 - 687 466

Clarendon & Tidworth Garrison Football Club



This thriving Football Club, open to boys & girls aged 8-12, meets regularly on the Marlborough Playing Fields, opposite the Kiwi School in Bulford, every Wednesday 17:30 - 19:00.

If you would like details about joining the club, please get in touch with WO2 John Kuzera on 01980 - 672407 or mobile 07730 - 579625

Services Dry Fly Fishing Association

Founded 100 years ago, SDFFA provides 6 miles of classic upstream dry-fly fishing for trout and grayling on the River Avon from Bulford upstream past Netheravon to Fifield. The river is kept and stocked. All ranks (Pte to Gen) and MoD civilian employees are welcome. Annual subscriptions vary according to rank.

Contact Maj (Retd) CD Taylor on 01980 - 672161 for more details. Tight lines !



Bulford Youth Club

We are planning all sorts of fun at the Youth Club, as well as Summer holiday activities and residential trips away.

9 - 12 year olds Tuesdays 18:00 - 20:00

5 - 8 year olds Thursdays 17:00 - 18:45

If you are interested - just come along !

We are also looking for volunteers to help with either or both of these sessions, so if you are interested in spending a few hours a week to help us run an even better youth club, please call Melody on 01980 - 673840 or 672105.

Collingbourne Cricket Club

We are a friendly village club, able to offer cricket to suit all standards. Our First XI plays in Wiltshire League Division 1, with the Second XI playing in Division 7. We also play a full complement of Sunday friendly fixtures and play on Wednesday evenings in the Savernake Forest evening league.

Prospective new members are invited to come along to
Indoor Net Practice 19:30 - 21:00 (cost £2 per person)
Castledown Sports Centre, Ludgershall
Fridays 8, 15, 22 and 29 April

The Club also runs a very active Colts section. Youngsters between 9-15 should contact our Colts Manager, Graham Chandler : Tel. 01264 - 850638.

For general information about the Club, please contact the Secretary, Karl Rogers : Tel. 01264 - 850700 (office).

Calling all Gardeners !

Shipton Bellinger Horticultural Society has a well stocked shop, open to members every Sunday 9:30 - 11:00

(Follow the signs from the bottom end of Hedges Close)

Pots, seed trays, canes, feed & weed, hanging baskets, etc.

Membership £2 per year, £1 Seniors

For more information call Gordon Measures : 01980 - 849027



Education on the Front Line

Soldiers and Officers on operations in Iraq can now keep up with their education, following the opening of a Theatre Education Centre (TEC) at the Shaibah Logistics Base in the Al Basra Province.

OC 10 AEC, Major Tim Farthing, has flown out to Basra to be OC TEC Iraq. He and Captain Katy O'Brien will ensure that the new Theatre Education Centre offers a full range of educational courses and developmental opportunities for soldiers and officers deployed on Op Telic VI.

Courses available at the TEC range from Basic Skills, (numeracy and literacy), through to compulsory courses for promotion (CLM, JOLP & MA), and elective courses such as foundation degrees and resettlement advice. There is also a deployable computer suite for those wishing to study for their European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL), a library and resources room.

In addition to a full range of mandatory and elective education, the TEC also delivers basic Arabic courses, designed to give soldiers a better understanding of Arabic language and culture which will help them when out patrolling the streets of Basra.



10 AEC in Tidworth has been preparing resources for Units from 12 Mech Brigade to take out to Iraq. In the picture, Lt Chris Burrows, Operational Unit Education Officer attached to 1 STAFFORDS, collects boxes of educational materials from 10 AEC to take out to Iraq. Educational Development Tutor from 10 AEC, Michèle Blain, will soon be travelling out to Shaibah Log Base in May and June to deliver Numeracy and Literacy courses at the Theatre Education Centre.

1RRW and KRH have trained Mentors to help assist soldiers with literacy and numeracy during the deployment. They will be working closely with both Michele and the TEC to ensure opportunities for soldiers to gain qualifications continue while they are away. The Iraq TEC builds on the success of a similar TEC that has been operating successfully in Bosnia since 1996.

Keep in touch ...

By post

Forces Air Mail Letters (Blueys) : FREE
(Write "OP TELIC" in the top left corner and remember that enclosures (eg photos) are not permitted)

Letters and cards up to 60gms : 28p

All other letters and packets go at Royal Mail INLAND rate, up to a MAXIMUM of 2 kg. (NB at the 2kg rate it is cheaper to send the packet by Special Delivery)



If anyone isn't sure about the weight of the packet they wish to send, take it down to the Post Office unsealed and they will be pleased to help you. Please take your own tape with you for doing up the parcel afterwards. NB. All packets must have a Customs label attached.

When using a BFPO address, geographical locations are not needed and SHOULD NOT be included as they could lead to items circulating via civilian postal channels, causing delay and/or excess postal charges.



E-blueys

E-blueys are printed, folded and sealed without anyone but the sender and the receiver viewing the contents. They are delivered First Class in the UK, or via the BFPO system overseas.



Log on to www.bfpo.com or follow the link from the Drumbeat website.

Radio Requests

For requests on TNB Garrison Radio :
Call Garrison Radio on 01980 - 602424



For requests on BFBS overseas & Northern Ireland :
Call BFBS on 08701 - 20 21 21

(charged at national rate)
Email : gulfrequests@bfbs.com - or
visit www.bfbs.com and go to the "Dedications" page



Aidan Donovan reading your requests on air in Iraq

Listen Live on the Radio

Live Radio Link between Tidworth, Bulford & Iraq
Every Friday 10:00 - 10:30 Starting 22nd April
Tune in to 1287 am medium wave

Online Radio

Log on to www.bfbs.com and listen live to BFBS Radio 1 to hear what our troops are listening to on the radio in Iraq.

Follow the links from the Drumbeat website : www.drumbeat.org.uk



Of Local Interest ...

Tidworth Residents' Forum

Monday 11 April at 19:00
in the Wylie Road Community Centre

Come and hear the latest news
about what is going on locally

Don't miss out ! Everyone Welcome

Community Area Awards : Recognising Endeavour

Presentation of Awards by the
Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire, Mr John Bush OBE

Wednesday 6 April 19:00
Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall
Everyone is Welcome

Tidworth Leisure Centre

Archery

3 April 9:30 - 12:30 New Tester Session Ages 8-adult

Swimming Lessons

Enrolment for new customers starts 2nd April.

Courses starting 11th April :

Trampoline

Mondays & Thursdays. Different age groups

Swindon Town Football Coaching

Fridays Different age groups

Kick-a-bout

Tuesdays & Saturdays Different age groups

Yoga

Wednesdays

Pilates

Tuesdays & Fridays Different skill levels

For further information about all activities at the
Tidworth Leisure Centre
please call in at Reception or phone 01980 - 847140

The future of Tidworth College ...

Salisbury College has given notice to the Royal British Legion (RBL) that they will terminate their lease of Tidworth College with effect from July 2006.

The Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP) has set up a task group to study the long term future of the College, to support the continued development of the training and economic activities on the site and to foster a close working relationship between the College and other organisations in Tidworth, such as the Leisure Centre, the Army Education Centre and Tidworth Development Trust.

It is understood that the Royal British Legion, which owns the College, will soon be calling for expressions of interest from organisations which might wish to take over the College site when the Salisbury College lease expires in 2006.

Castledown Media Centre is officially opened ...

The Castledown Media Centre was officially opened on Saturday 12th March, by Phil Harding from Channel 4's Time Team programme. Phil's enthusiasm for prehistoric archaeology is well known and when not doing television work he is also a member of Wessex Archaeology. As he declared the new Media Centre officially open, Phil said, "When we start a dig, what we are trying to find out about is how Stone Age people lived in communities. Nowadays the ways of communicating have changed, but the principle is still the same ! Castledown Media Centre will be a marvellous way for the everyone to find out what is going on in the Tidworth Community Area".



The new Media Centre is located in the grounds of Castledown School, next to the Sports Centre. For the moment, Castledown Radio can only be heard online at www.castledownradio.info, but an FM licence has been applied for. The new radio station is looking for volunteers to train in all aspects of radio work, so if you are interested, please get in touch with Baz Reilly.

The media centre also produces a bi-monthly Community Area newsletter. The first edition appeared with the temporary name, "No Name News" - if you have a suggestion for a name, you could win £50 ! Get in touch with Baz Reilly or Mike Winterbourne.

The Centre also houses an IT suite which is open to everyone in the Community Area. Use the computers to surf the net - write a letter - email a friend - send an e-bluey- or do your homework !

IT Suite Opening Times :

Monday & Thursday : 10:00 - 12:00

Tuesdays : 14:00 - 16:00

Wednesdays : 17:30 - 19:30

Volunteers willing to help run the Centre, please get in touch with Helen Winchcombe.

Castledown Media Centre is funded mainly by "Sustain the Plain" (an EU/Defra funded programme), the SW of England RDA, WCC, KDC, TCAP and TDT, as well as contributions in kind from many sources, including Castledown School and 26 Engineer Regiment.

The Media Centre will rely heavily on volunteers and anyone who is interested please get in touch :

Baz Reilly, "The Man in the Hat" Tel : 01264 - 791929
Email : studio@castledownradio.info

Mike Winterbourne : Tel. 01980 - 846693
Email : mike@tidworthtrust.co.uk

Helen Winchcombe : Tel. 01980 - 840223
Email : helen@tidworthtrust.co.uk

Minister opens Soldiers' New Accommodation Block

Project Allenby/Connaught will improve the standard of living for 11,000 soldiers in Aldershot and across Salisbury Plain and the changes have started to take shape. The first of the 144 Single Living Accommodation Blocks to be built by Aspire Defence for Project Allenby/Connaught was officially opened on 24th February by the Under Secretary of State for Defence, Ivor Caplin MP.



The Minister stressed the benefits of providing first class accommodation for our troops, saying that investment in this type of living accommodation will aid Army recruitment and retention. "I congratulate Aspire and the MOD's Project Team on what they have achieved so far", he said.



Shaking hands with the Minister after the ceremony, Arthur Moore, Chairman of Aspire Defence, said, "Aspire Defence is proud to be working with

the MOD and the Army on such a significant project."

This new building has been developed as a demonstration unit and it will enable both the MOD and Aspire Defence to evaluate its suitability and performance. Soldiers living in the new block have praised the quality of the facilities provided, saying that it is a massive improvement on the accommodation they have experienced in the past. They can now either enjoy the privacy of their own rooms with en-suite shower rooms or get together with others in the communal lounge.

The scope of Project Allenby/Connaught is enormous, spanning 35 years and costing many millions of pounds. It is estimated that the building phase of the new project will take up to 9 years and it is hoped that it will begin later this year.



Patrolling the Peace Line ...

Tidworth-based 1 RHA assume the duties of UN Roulement Regiment in Cyprus on 6 April.

A/E Battery, merged specifically to act as the Operations Battery for the six month tour, will deploy with command and support elements from O/HQ Battery. Joining 1 RHA to act as the Mobile Force Reserve will be 10 Battery RA, who normally provide Close Air Defence to 1 Mech Bde. Whilst their colleagues patrol the Buffer Zone in Sector 2 from their base in Nicosia, much of the Regiment will remain in Tidworth. Due to the UN drawdown in Cyprus, only 250 troops are required. A large rear party, including the whole of B Battery, will provide support to training activities throughout the year.



Professional Excellence ...



The Educational Development Wing at 10 AEC, whose members are pictured here with Officer Tutor Major Rob Howells, has enjoyed recent success at the Employer Training Partnership Awards 2005. These awards, run in association with the Learning Skills Council, are for all employers in the Wiltshire/Swindon area and are presented in recognition of excellence in the provision of educational support to employees.

The "Ed Dev" team were Winners of the Essential Skills for Life Award and Runners Up for the Skills for Business Employer Award. Mrs Michèle Blain (2nd from right, front row) was the Individual Winner of the Employer Trainer of the Year Award.

Recycling at Easter ...

We all tuck in to tonnes of chocolate at Easter : what to do with all the extra packaging that comes with it ?



Detach the cardboard from the foil and plastic and you can then either take it to your nearest Household Recycling Centre, or tear it into small pieces and put it into your compost bin.

People are becoming increasingly aware of environmental problems such as pollution and the need to conserve the world's scarce resources. You can help by recycling as much as possible and by composting all your bio-degradable rubbish. If you would like to obtain a home composter (prices from £5), or would like details of Kennet District Council's new green waste collection service, please call 01380 - 734665.



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club
AWS Community Hall at the TLC
Tuesdays 18:00 - 20:00

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

Extended Opening Hours
The Veterinary Hospital, Station Rd
Surgeries : 9:00-10:00 & 17:00-18:00
Mon - Fri Call 01980 - 846 586

"Bazaar & Rummage"
7, 8 & 9 April 19:30 Tickets £5
Newcome Hall, Larkhill
Tickets call 01980 - 845687 / 654351
Advisory : Strong language

Trafalgar Band Concert
26, 27 & 28 April 19:00 £6
featuring The Lucknow Band of
The Prince of Wales's Division
at The Garrison Theatre, Tidworth
Box Office 01980-602390 9:00-12:00

More details inside ...
Community Area Awards 6 April
Tidworth Residents Forum 11 April
Local Clubs & Leisure Activities

Tidworth Polo Club
Job vacancies : Grooms
Free Riding :
Help exercise the polo ponies !
Call the Club for details : 846705

AWS Job Vacancies
Pre-School Manager
to cover maternity leave. Bulford
Deputy Managers for Garrison After
School Clubs, Tidworth & Bulford
Call Chris on 01980 - 673379
Full & part time bank staff for the
Haig Nursery Call Vicky on 672331

SSAFA / Forces Help
Call 01672 - 511901 or 01980 - 670540

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 01980 - 602224

Busy Bees Crèche : 603160

Caterpillars Pre-School : 602460

JD After School Club : 602019

Open during half term week

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 : 07811 - 358101

1st Tidworth Scouts need Help

Adults wanted to join as leaders to
help with Beavers (6-8 yr olds)
Call John Sparrow : 01264 - 398 625

Job Vacancies

Director of Employment & Training
at the AFF Training Centre, Bulford
Casual Crèche staff & Cleaner
Call 01980 - 672981 for details

Vacancies : APHCS Nurses

Short notice/Bank staff needed
Call Heather Burns 01980 - 603064

First Aid Courses

for Service Personnel & Dependents
Mon & Thurs 18:30 - 20:30
Call Sgt Carr on 01980 - 672102

Ordnance House, Tidworth
Call Claire Davies : 01980 - 602398

Fun Factory Crèche : Call 602398
Spaces available - call for details

Hairdresser : Call 842492

Holistic Therapist : 9:30 - 12:30
Chill Out @ Heather's !

Call in or phone 07717 - 510 862
Jolly Babies & Music with Mummy

A fun introduction to music

Tuesday mornings

Call 01264 - 720452 for details

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

Thriff Shop Call 673355

Term time Thursdays 9:30 - 13:00

Bulford Youth Club Call 672105

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

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

Bulford Scout Group Call 633494

The Beeches

Families Centre, Bulford

Call Michelle : 01980 - 672342

JJ's Beauty Salon

Call Jo on 01980 - 597 679

Hairdresser : Curl up and Dye

Tanning Studio now open.

Call Lisa on 01980 - 590 020

Noah's Ark Under 5s

Call Denise on 673479

Little Rascals Parent & Toddler

Tues & Thurs 10:30 - 12:00

Call Denise on 597834

Play Session for 2-4 yr olds

Tuesdays 13:00 - 14:30 50p

Call Inez on 07900-276120

The Bistro - Opening soon !

The Beeches is available for hire
for functions & children's parties.

Bulford HIVE

7 Kandy Road, Bulford Camp

Open Mon - Fri 9:30 - 13:30

Call Jackie Bird on 672109

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for May 05 issue : 11 April 2005

Drumbeat, 10 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth, SP9 7AY

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