

Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

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Education Open Day

10 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth
Wednesday 9 March 2005 12:00 - 15:00

Open to both military personnel & dependants

Come and meet representatives from local and distance learning colleges :
(Salisbury, Tidworth, Cricklade & Swindon Colleges, Distance Learning Providers, Open University, Tempo)

Find out about the courses on offer :
(Computer courses, Basic & Key Skills, GCSEs, NVQs, Foundation Degrees, Open University and many more ...)

Find out about claiming funding for courses (subject to qualifying criteria) :
Standard Learning Credits - £175 per year
Enhanced Learning Credits - up to £1000 pa for 3 yrs

Improve your future employment prospects !

There's a course for you, so pop in for some advice.
For more details call Tracy Jones : 01980 - 602751

9 March : No Smoking Day



If you are in and around the QEMHC on Wednesday 9th March, you will see the staff there wearing No Smoking Day T-shirts ! No Smoking Day is designed to give people a quit date to aim for and to promote information about how to give up smoking. The Queen Elizabeth Memorial Health Centre also runs an 8-week Smoking Cessation Course 4 times a year, which incorporates presentations from specialist guest speakers.

For information about the next course, please contact the Medical Centre Reception on 01980 - 602640

Wake up to No Smoking Day !

TRAFALGAR

Band Concert



26th / 27th / 28th APRIL 2005

featuring

The Lucknow Band of The Prince of Wales's Division
under the direction of Capt. Tim Cooper, CAMUS

at the

GARRISON THEATRE

LOWA ROAD, TIDWORTH, SP9 7BT

TICKET RESERVATIONS:

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

ADMISSION: £6.00 (all seats)

LAST APRIL'S CONCERT WAS A SELL OUT -
YOU ARE ADVISED TO BOOK EARLY



TEL: 01980 602390

Promoter: K. J. PICKERNELL

"England expects ..."

The Battle of Trafalgar in October 1805 was a decisive sea battle which destroyed the French Emperor Napoleon I's plans for an invasion of England. Admiral Horatio Nelson, commanding a British fleet of 27 ships, defeated a combined French-Spanish fleet of 33 ships under the French Admiral Villeneuve.

Victorious at the Battles of the Nile (1798) and Copenhagen (1801), Nelson was already a national hero. When war with France was renewed in 1803, he was given the crucial task of blockading the French fleet at Toulon. Although he failed to prevent the French from breaking out and uniting with the Spanish fleet in 1805, after crossing and re-crossing the Atlantic he eventually brought the combined navies to battle at Cape Trafalgar off Spain's southwest coast. Nelson's words before the battle, "England expects that every man will do his duty", have become immortal. Although he was killed during the battle, he lived long enough to know victory was complete, French naval power destroyed and England safe from invasion.

His flagship, HMS Victory, is preserved and is open to the public in the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth.

Visit : www.hms-victory.com



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Farewell ...

As Brigadier ACP Kennett MBE nears the end of his time as Commander 1 Mechanized Brigade and prepares to move on, he writes :



"Coming to the end of my tenure in March, I very much appreciate the chance to thank all those who contributed so much support to the Brigade whilst we were in Iraq last year. That includes the support services as well as families and friends.



"For some people there are still physical and emotional scars from such a challenging tour and your continued support is most welcome".

On behalf of everyone in the Brigade and Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford Garrison, we wish him, his wife Debbie and their baby son Charlie all the best for the future.

A better Bus Service ...



A Bus Quality Partnership Agreement has been signed between the Garrison, the Local Authorities and the bus companies, in order to upgrade the route which runs from Andover, through Ludgershall, Tidworth, Bulford and Amesbury to Salisbury, (buses 7, 8 & 9). All aspects of the service offered to the public will be improved. Bus shelters will be equipped with real time bus information telling passengers when the next bus will arrive; time-tables and ticket information will also be made clearer and easier to understand. It is hoped that these improvements will result in more people using the bus service. Similar agreements in other areas have resulted in a 30% increase in passenger numbers.

Picture (left to right) :

Mark Connolly, Wiltshire County Councillor;
Andrew Wickham, Wilts & Dorset Bus Company;
Col Carron Snagge, TNB Garrison Commander;
Jonathan Glen, Hampshire County Councillor;
Andrew Dyer, Stagecoach Bus Company

As well as being Tidworth's Wiltshire County Councillor, Mark Connolly is also the leader of the Tidworth Community Area Partnership Transport Committee which recently conducted a transport survey in the Community Area. (The questionnaires were circulated with the September issue of Drumbeat).

"As a result of the survey it's clear that there are lots of people ready to use the buses for the right price and the right service", Mark Connolly told Drumbeat



The Services Sound and Vision Corporation (SSVC) is a registered charity set up to entertain and inform Britain's Armed Forces around the world.

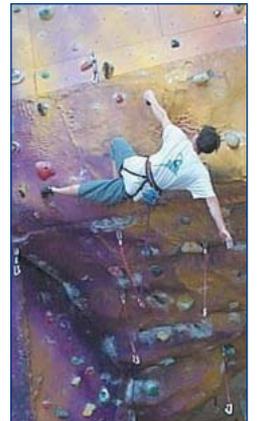
As well as BFBS radio and television, Forces Cinemas and Combined Services Entertainment, SSVC has also established an Operational Welfare Fund. The fund, which gifts on average over a quarter of a million pounds each year, was established with the sole purpose of financing recreational and welfare amenities which are not eligible for public funding, for members of the Armed Forces who are serving on operational deployments, or living in isolated locations or in arduous conditions.

Climbing the Walls at Shaibah Log Base !

One recent request to the Fund was from Shaibah Logistics Base, which asked for, and subsequently received, £8000 for a climbing wall for use by personnel at the Base.

Just one company was found who could complete the work with the necessary Health and Safety certification. SSVC's donation, which amounted to 80% of the funding, has enabled the 3000 soldiers and officers at the SLB to benefit from this great addition to the PT apparatus at the Base.

Details of how to request a grants can be found on the SSVC website : www.ssvc.com



Are you registered to vote ?

The County Council Elections will be taking place on 5th May.

If you are not on the current electoral roll, the deadline for applications to be included on the Register in time to be able to vote in the May elections is **March 11th**.



This applies equally to civilians and military personnel

Mark Boden, the Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for Kennet District Council, commented :

" We are working to make it as easy as possible for people to vote in May, either in person or by post. We would urge anyone who did not register as a voter in the annual canvas in October to register now. It is a simple process.

"There may be a General Election on 5th May as well, so don't be disappointed - register now or you might not be able to 'have your say' then."

Service Personnel seeking advice, please contact the District Council's Electoral Services Officer :

Telephone : 01980 - 734 619

Email : democratic@kennet.gov.uk

Further information, application forms and guidance are available on www.kennet.gov.uk/elections

Preparing for Deployment ...



12 Mechanized Brigade will be deploying to Iraq next month where they will be part of the Multi-National Division (SEE), taking over from 4 Brigade.

Troops will be based in the Basra area and will include KRH, 1STAFFORDS, 1RRW, 26 Engr Regt and 228 Sig Sqn, all based in this Garrison, and 19 Regt RA from Larkhill. Other units deploying with 12 Mech Bde are 1 COLDM GDS, 1 R ANGLIAN, LD, 3 CS Regt RLC, 4Bn REME, 174 Pro Coy RMP and 12 CS Med Sqn.

Your Quarter ...

If you are having a clear-out before you go, remember that bulky items of rubbish can either be taken to the Recycling Centre at Everleigh or they can be collected from your quarter by the appropriate Local Authority.

If your quarter is going to be empty, please inform the DHE and the RMP for reasons of security.

For more information, contact your Customer Care Officer at the DHE

The kit you are NOT taking with you ...

Make a list of any particularly valuable items, together with their serial numbers. Make sure your property is insured and, if you are leaving it in barracks, make sure that it is properly secure.

**For advice and more information :
RMP Crime Reduction Unit : Bulford Mil. 3452**

Your Car ...

If you leave your car on the public road outside your quarter, it must be insured and have sufficient Road Tax to last until your return.

NOTE : Under new DVLA regulations which came into force in January 2004, if your Road Tax runs out an automatic £80 fine will be generated by the DVLA. There is not normally an appeals procedure, but the DVLA has acknowledged that some Service personnel have mitigating circumstances. Any case should be submitted to the office making the demand for payment.

SORN :

If you do not want to pay Road Tax while you are away you can make a Statutory Off-Road Notification (SORN) to the licensing authorities. Your vehicle must be out of use and off the public road during the time the SORN is in force. You must re-license your vehicle before you can use it again on the public road (this includes the time when you are home for R&R !). The fine for a false SORN declaration can be as much as £1000.

Personnel deploying at short notice or who are now on operations may make a verbal SORN by calling the DVLA Customer Enquiry Unit on : 0870 240 0100.

If you leave your car in your Unit lines, you must display a car pass valid for the period you are away. The car must be registered with your Unit and parked in a designated approved area

For more information, contact the RMP

Your TV ...

The regulation is that a television licence is required for you to receive a television signal on equipment at a specific address.

If you own more than one television at one address, you only need one licence. However, if you own more than one television, but they are at different addresses, you will require a separate licence for each address.

A television licence must be purchased annually in advance, but under certain circumstances, a rebate may be obtained.

For more information :

Call : 08705 - 763 763

Write : TV Licensing, PO Box 410, Bristol, BS99 4HP

Remember ! If you have been paying for your TV Licence by Direct Debit, you must also write to your bank and cancel the Direct Debit instruction.

Keep in Touch ...

www.armynet.mod.uk : This is a very useful and secure website for use by all serving soldiers and their families. Families log in as "guests" of the serving soldier, so remember to register before you go.

www.drumbeat.org.uk : The Drumbeat website has links to the websites of Garrison units and information about how to keep in touch.

While he's away ...

Aromatherapy - Interior Design - Driving Test Theory
Free courses coming soon from 10 AEC !
Call Sam on 01980 - 602 743 for more information
ECDL and LearnDirect courses at 10 AEC
Call the Army Learning Centre on 01980 - 602 275

When families have to cope on their own ...



Will you be experiencing involuntary separation from your partner this year due to an operational deployment ?

Coping with your serving partner being away on operational duties can leave you feeling lonely, resentful, depressed, irritable, restless, guilty, relieved, angry, anxious and insecure. It is normal to experience some, if not all, of these emotions during the deployment.

Who can you talk to if you need help ?

First Line Welfare Support should be from your Unit Welfare Officer and chain of command.

Alternatively, the Army Welfare Service based in Bulford provides a comprehensive, professional and confidential welfare support service. It may be that you just need a listening ear or guidance about the alternative agencies that can provide help with issues such as childcare, financial difficulties or health problems.

During working hours you can contact us at AWS Personal Support on 01980 - 672105

At other times, in cases of emergency, contact your local guardroom Duty Officer who will arrange for the duty welfare worker to make telephone contact with you. Out-of-hours help can only be by phone.

Of local interest ...

Residents' Forum Round-Up : Town Status for Tidworth

Until quite recently, the County line divided Tidworth in half : North Tidworth was in Wiltshire and South Tidworth was in Hampshire, two separate Parishes.

In 1992, the County line was moved in order that both Parishes would be included in the Kennet District of the County of Wiltshire. However, the two Parishes of North and South Tidworth remained separate legal entities although they sat together as one Council, with members representing either North or South Tidworth.

In 2001, Tidworth Parish Council approached Kennet District Council and asked if the electoral arrangements for Tidworth could be reviewed. As a result of this, on 1st April 2004, the two separate parishes were merged into one Parish called Tidworth.

At the Residents' Forum at the end of January, the Chairman of the Tidworth Parish Council, Steve Dagger, told those present that the Parish Council will now be discussing the adoption of Town Status for Tidworth. The two main reason for this are :

1. The population of Tidworth has grown dramatically and is now larger than that of towns like Marlborough.
2. As a town, Tidworth would have greater standing and as such would be able to attract more funding to finance its future development.

It is hoped that this will be in place by April, in time for the elections in May.

Public Conveniences at Hampshire Cross

Kennet District Council has offered Tidworth Parish Council the opportunity to purchase the public conveniences at Hampshire Cross.

Castledown Media Centre

The new Castledown Community Radio station will be able to be heard online at www.castledownradio.info.

An FM Community Radio licence has been applied for which, when granted, will enable everyone in the Tidworth Community Area to listen to the new station on the radio. There will be an opportunity for volunteers to receive training in radio broadcasting.

KDC Easter Rubbish Collections :

Collection on :	will be done on :
Friday 25 March	No change
Monday 28 March	Tuesday 29 March
Tuesday 29 March	Wednesday 30 March
Wednesday 30 March	Thursday 31 March
Thursday 31 March	Friday 1 April
Friday 1 April	Saturday 2 April

Volunteer Drivers needed !

Do you have the occasional hour to spare ?
Would you like to help people in our local community who are unable to drive themselves ?

If so, please get in touch !

We give generous mileage allowances

Call Mrs Lawrence on 01980 - 846567



New State-of-the-Art Surgery for Tidworth Residents



A wide range of health services will be available to patients at Tidworth's brand new doctors' surgery that has just opened in Drummer Lane, off Station Road.

The Castle Practice in Ludgershall commissioned the new surgery for its patients at the Elm House surgery in Tidworth.

Practice Manager, Paul Bessant, said, "We considered extending the existing surgery, but it was not practical. We have planned for the future and have designed a building which will allow for the Practice to expand.

"We are aiming for a one-stop shop which will provide a practice nurse suite, a minor operations theatre and offices for the mental health team, district nurses, health visitors and midwives as well as much better facilities for baby clinics. We are also considering putting a physiotherapist in." The first floor, which is accessible by a lift, will accommodate RELATE and Homestart.

Hedges Pharmacy will be moving from Station Road into premises next to the new Surgery in order to provide an on-site pharmacy for patients.

The new Surgery has opened just weeks before the Department of Health introduces more flexibility into the services GPs can provide.

"Now we have such wonderful facilities, we are in a very strong position to make the most of this initiative in Tidworth", Paul Bessant said.

Tidworth Area Community Awards 2004 " Recognising Endeavour "

This is your chance to foster community spirit by nominating that special person or group whose efforts have made our community a better place.

It's not too late !

Nominations can be registered now ...

Contact Hilary Hollinsworth or Mike Winterbourne at Tidworth Trust - Telephone 01980 - 846 693
hilary@tidworthtrust.co.uk or mike@tidworthtrust.co.uk

Presentation of Awards

6 April 19:00 Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall
by Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mr John Bush

Where in Tidworth ?

This useful list of local telephone numbers can be obtained from the Tidworth Development Trust Office

In my view ...

Kate Rose Garrison Welfare Support Officer



Some people say that a new job in the New Year can also bring a new man. Well, all I got was the new job - not that I am looking for the latter! The post of GWSO has now been filled by a female - and a blonde too; the first ever, I've been told. What a scary thought!

As the replacement for Lt Col Nic Channing Williams, one should sigh at the size of the shoes to be filled, but not be daunted by the tasks ahead. As a Civil Servant originating from RNAS Yeovilton and an Officer in the TA for 3(V) MI Bn, I am more than aware of the workings of an Army Garrison, so no fears on that front. Having just returned from Iraq myself, I am also well aware what the lack of welfare can do to a Service family. I am putting the delivery of clear and effective welfare for all Service personnel and dependants high on my agenda.

The biggest challenge so far has been the amount of background to cover and the number of faces to meet. The count is nearing 100 at the end of my first month! To add to the wealth of knowledge that the team here possesses, I hope to give them the stability and strength of management that they need and deserve in order that the AWS can deliver a first class service to Service personnel and their families.

Based at Horne Road in Bulford, the area the AWS covers spreads out to Ludgershall, Upavon and Perham Down, as well as Tidworth and Bulford. Not forgetting the requirement to brief incoming Units from Germany and Northern Ireland, I am yet to accept the weeks brief for Belize, should it ever be offered - and maybe a stop off in Cairns as well?!

However, the scope of AWS is by no means a "whinging wives' club", as I was informed by an unnamed Service person prior to taking up this post. I have no doubts that the range of problems thrown at the AWS for resolution are right up there on the front line and should never be seen as irrelevant by any Chain of Command.

It is no secret that I am an Australian and I'll be sporting my jersey colours come World Cup time! I am assured that it will be a suitably entertaining tournament for all nations.

New Garden Waste Collection

Kennet District Council wishes to encourage people to recycle as much of their garden rubbish as possible in order to reduce the amount of it ending up as landfill. To this end they will be introducing a new kerbside garden rubbish collection in April. For an annual charge of £20, participants will be provided with a 180 litre wheeled bin for the garden waste which will be collected fortnightly.

A KDC spokesman said, "For many years residents have complained that the green bag system was unsatisfactory ... this new scheme will reduce tonnages to landfill and make a useful end product, compost!"

For more information call 01380 - 734 665

Garrison Easter Services

Tidworth

St Michael's Garrison Church

Weds until 16 Mar A journey through Lent;
Soup & rolls available

25 Mar 12:00 Good Friday Service
27 Mar 10:00 Easter Sunday Service & Baptisms
Catholic Garrison Church of St Patrick & St George
24 Mar 19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper
25 Mar 15:00 Joint service at Larkhill
27 Mar 11:30 Easter Mass

Bulford

St George's Garrison Church

24 Mar 19:00 Maundy Thursday Service
27 Mar 11:00 Easter Sunday Service

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

25 Mar 15:00 Joint service at Larkhill
26 Mar 20:00 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
27 Mar 11:30 Joint service at Tidworth

Larkhill

St Barbara & St Anthony Catholic Church

25 Mar 15:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Local Easter Services

Holy Trinity, Tidworth

24 Mar 19:30 Fellowship supper followed by
Communion of the Last Supper

25 Mar 12:00 Good Friday Service
27 Mar 11:00 Easter Sunday Service

St James's, Ludgershall

25 Mar 14:00 Good Friday Service
27 Mar 09:30 Easter Sunday Service

St Peter's, Shipton Bellinger

25 Mar 12:00-15:00 The three Hours, Evensong at 14:00
27 Mar 08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Easter Celebration

Looking for information ? Try your local library !

Did you know that there are a number of Army Libraries in the Tidworth area that are there to help you? We have all kinds of material to assist you - whether you are going on a course or on holiday or are being deployed somewhere. This includes :

- Military history and current affairs journals, videos and websites
- ECDL support books
- Language courses to borrow
- Audio books on cassette and CD
- Books on all sorts of general subjects
- Recreational reading



If we do not have something on the shelf, don't worry, just ask and we can find out if it is in another Army Library (for instance in Germany, Cyprus or Northern Ireland) or consider purchasing it for stock. There are also computers to use for Learn Direct courses and support material for Essential skills.

Come along and see what we can do to help you !

Your local libraries are at Bulford, Tidworth 10AEC, Tidworth Leisure Centre, Middle Wallop and Larkhill.

For more information, contact Bulford Library :
01980 - 673992 / 672411 or Bulford Mil 94321 3992 / 2411



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club

AWS Hall at the TLC
Tuesdays 18:00 - 20:00

Ex Capital City : A residential trip for
9-12 yr olds 29 Mar - 1 Apr
Call Jimi on 01980 - 602191
For details of other AWS holiday
activities call 01980 - 672105

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 Saddle Club

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

Leaving the Armed Services?

Sector Brief : The Aviation Industry
RRC Tidworth 21 March 13:30
Call 01980 - 603164 for details

International Women's Day

8 March 10:00 - 14:00 at The Beeches
Coffee, cakes, facials. All welcome

School Governor needed

at Shipton Bellinger Primary School
Please call 843 369 for information

Coffee Mornings 10:00 - 12:00

12 Mar Holy Trinity Church
19 Mar Memorial Hall, Ludgershall

Tidworth Polo Club

Job vacancies : Grooms
Free Riding : Help exercise the
polo ponies !
Call the Club for details : 602508

AWS Job Vacancies

Full time Nursery Nuse
for the Haig Nursery in Bulford
Call Vicky on 01980 - 672331
Deputy Supervisor for the
Getaway After School Club
at the Haig Centre in Bulford
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 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

Job Vacancies

at the AFF training centre, Bulford
Employment Adviser Call 672869
Casual Crèche Staff Call 672981

Phoenix Brass Band Concert

19 Mar St James Church,
Ludgershall. Tickets : 01264 - 791202

Easter Fair

Paddington Play Station, Tidworth
Sat 19 March 10:00 - 13:00
Everyone Welcome

Airfield Camp Preschool

Netheravon - Mon-Fri 09:00 - 12:00
Call 01980 - 628 259 for information

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

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

Thrift 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.

Free !

Ladies Maths Course at 10 AEC
Call Sam for details 01980 - 602743

Bulford HIVE

7 Kandy Road, Bulford Camp

Open Mon - Fri 9:30 - 13:30

Call Jackie Bird on 672109

Also at the Haig Centre : First

Thurs every month 10:00 - 12:00

Stay with the beat !

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or email : drumbeat_tidworth@hotmail.com

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