

Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

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*Happy New Year
to all Drumbeat Readers !*



1RHA : Stars in our midst !

1RHA have lived with the television cameras for the past year, filming them for a series of half-hour documentary programmes which will be screened on BBC1 later this month. The cameras covered all aspects of the unit's life, following them through pre-deployment training and their operational tour in Iraq, as well as spending time with the Rear Party and families at home. Not to be missed !

BBC1 : Starts Tuesday 18 January 22:35

News from the MDP ...

PC Steve Reed has joined the Ministry of Defence Police Salisbury Plain Team in the Police Post in Tidworth. PC Reed spent 10 years with the Avon & Somerset Constabulary before transferring to the MDP. He moves to Tidworth after 2 years working with the Royal Navy in Portsmouth and is now looking forward to finding out "how the Army does things" !



The Tidworth Police Post is located near VCP2 and is manned from 07:00 - 02:00 daily. If, however, you should find that the team has been called away, pick up the new telephone in the yellow box by the front door and you will be connected immediately with the MDP Control Centre.

Emergency telephone numbers are on the back page



Bon Voyage ...

1PWRR will soon be beginning their move to Paderborn. We wish them all well in the future.

Lucknow Barracks Complete

Contractors Carillion Construction plc officially handed the new Barracks over to the Garrison on 6th December 2004.



Our picture shows members of the Handover Board taken after the successful handover, in front of the Junior Ranks' Single Living Accommodation blocks in the new barracks.

The first Unit to move into the new Lucknow Barracks will be the Royal Regiment of Wales which will be arriving here from Paderborn towards the end of this month.

The new Barracks also contains state-of-the-art music rooms for the Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division.



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News from Aspire Defence Ltd

James Thoden van Velzen

TNB Garrison Facilities Director

Over the next 35 years Project Allenby/Connaught will change the lives of many of us who live and work in the areas around Tidworth and Bulford Garrisons.

In the early years, Aspire Defence will transform the Garrison by improving daily services, as well as beginning a significant construction phase. Tidworth, Bulford and Perham Down will benefit from intensive building and refurbishment programmes that will provide soldiers, SNCOs and Officers with modern, comfortable living accommodation and leisure facilities.

The completed demonstrator unit at Perham Down is an example of the type accommodation that will be built for single soldiers over the next few years. We were delighted to welcome CRF Lieutenant General John McColl to the unit during a recent visit.

General McColl was able to see at first hand the new unit that will be occupied by 36 soldiers from 22 Engineer Regiment from mid January. The project will also reach out into the local communities; the new Garrison Theatre in Tidworth is one of the new facilities planned for the area. It will be built on the site currently occupied by the old dental and medical centres when they are demolished in two years' time.

But, our work will begin before that, with priority being placed on single soldiers' accommodation, followed by the construction of new dining facilities and ultimately the refurbishment of over 70% of the buildings.

Early in the New Year Aspire Defence will be providing a range of services to the demonstrator unit, including a mini help desk for Garrison staff and residents which will handle any requests for repairs and information about the development while at the same time providing a liaison role during the early demolitions programme within Tidworth Camp.

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General McColl talks with CEO Peter Smart

12 (Mech) Brigade Christmas Cake Competition

The competition this year was hosted by 1Bn Staffordshire Regiment in Mooltan Barracks with entries from over 90 cooks in Brigade Units based all around the country. As always, the standard was very high and the rule was that everything on the cake had to be edible - the only exceptions being the cake base and a ribbon. Judging was done on the basis of both technical excellence and general appearance - otherwise known as the "Aah" factor!



The competition was very close but the overall winner this year was Pte Boila RLC, attached to the Royal Anglians based in Pirbright.

After the competition, many of the cakes were raffled to raise money for charity; beneficiaries included the Odstock Hospital in Salisbury and the Children's Hospital in Birmingham which is 1STAFFORDS' local charity.

Military Music Society visits The Lucknow Band



Much of military music's origins lie in roles not dissimilar to those now carried out by the Royal Corps of Signals and the humble wrist watch! Centuries before today's high-tech communications even became science-fiction, signalling in camp and in the field was carried out by the beating of drums or the sounding of trumpets or bugles. Music has been an integral part of Army life and, until the latter part of the last century, all cavalry regiments and infantry battalions had their own bands which would generally accompany their unit to wherever they served throughout the world, doing much to foster regimental identity.

The International Military Music Society was formed in 1977 and one of its principal aims is to enable members to meet others with a similar interest. Membership includes visits to bands and last month the Society visited the Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division, based here in Tidworth - a visit which they described as, "one of our most successful visits to an army band for a number of years".

If you would like more details about the International Military Music Society, please contact Philip Mather, 34 Malvern Avenue, Bury, Lancashire BL9 6NW

Escape to Tidworth !

In November last year, 18 members of Egypt Squadron, Second Royal Tank Regiment, based in Fallingbommel in Germany, undertook a charity event called, "Escape to Tidworth". Although the Regiment's planned move to Tidworth in Summer 2005 has been delayed by a year, they decided to carry on with the event; it also gave the Squadron Rear Party a goal to train for while the remainder was in Batus, pitting their wits against their future neighbours in Tidworth, the Kings Royal Hussars! Their aim was to cycle the distance from Fallingbommel to Calais (432 miles), row from Calais to Dover (22 miles) and run the distance from Dover to Tidworth (152 miles) - using equipment in the gym. £1157.83, half of the money raised, will be donated to Tidworth Development Trust, which provides assistance for community based projects in the Tidworth area.

Many thanks 2RTR - we shall look forward to seeing you when you move here in 2006 !



Community Radio is on its way



The first step towards the realisation of the Community Radio Project was taken just before Christmas when the new media centre studio was installed in the grounds of Castledown School.



With the help and expertise of a team of Sappers from 26 Engineer Regiment based in Ludgershall, led by SSgt Richie "Buck" Buchan, the portacabin studio was lifted over the beech hedge and placed on a concrete base which had been prepared for it.

The new media centre will become a communications "nerve centre" for the Tidworth Community Area, helping to improve communications across the area and eventually providing training, a community area newsletter and internet radio. An FM Community Radio licence has been applied for and the Project Team hope for positive news.

Improvement of the ways of communicating information in the Community Area is one of the aims highlighted in the Community Plan published earlier this year.

New Year Honours for Asters !



Richard Astbury, known affectionately to BFBS TV and radio audiences all over the world as "Asters", has been awarded an MBE in the 2005 New Year's Honours List. He receives the honour for his outstanding contribution to the welfare of HM Forces as a BFBS programme presenter, providing an entertaining and reassuring link with home for countless thousands of members of the Forces and their families.

"I've enjoyed every single minute of my career and I don't intend to stop until they change the locks!" he said.

Well done everyone ...

The 1RHA stables was the setting for a special outdoor Christingle Service just before Christmas, organised by Anthony and Sue Foster from the Tidworth Red



Shield Club and with music from the Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division. £109 was collected by the children and donated to the Children's Society.

Tidworth Residents' Forum

Monday 24 January at 19:00
in the Community Centre, Wylde Road

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

Don't miss it ! Everyone is welcome

Tidworth Area Community Awards 2004

" Recognising Endeavour "

This is your chance to foster community spirit by nominating that special person or group which has endeavoured to make our community a better place.

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



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club

AWS Hall at the TLC - reopens 11 Jan
18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191
Children's Disco Tues 1 Feb 05
18:10-19:00 5-8s, 19:15-20:00 9-12s

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.
Listen live online to BFBS Middle
East : Visit www.bfbs.com

Garrison Radio

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

The Clarendon Club

Nadder Road, Tidworth
Saturday night Entertainment
Fri & Sun nights : Bingo
Sun families karaoke once a month
Non Members Welcome
Call 01980 - 843201 for details

12 Days to Fitness at the TLC

4 Jan Power Chi Yoga 11:00
6 Jan Nifty Fifties 13:00
8 Jan Climbing 16:00
9 Jan Leisure Mountain Biking 10:00
9 Jan Leisure Walking 13:00
11 Jan Step Combat 9:30
12 Jan Belly Dancing 19:00
14 Jan Yoga Workshop 11:00
17 Jan Groove FX 11:00
21 Jan Pilates to go 9:00
23 Jan Sports Activity Day 10:00
24 Jan Cardio Box-Fit Plus 18:00
New Courses in the New Year :
Pilates, Power Chi Yoga, Kickabout,
Swindon Town Football Coaching,
Trampolining, Swimming lessons
Call 01980 - 847 140 for details

Job Vacancies : Grooms

Call the Polo Club on 602508

AWS Job Vacancies

Part Time Cleaners for Contact
Houses in Tidworth & Bulford
Call 07786-395031 or 07900-276120
Bank Staff for Garrison preschools,
crèches & nurseries
Enquiries to 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 Gillian Hansell on 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 : 07811 - 358101

Bulford Library

Ward Barracks, Bulford Camp

Mon - Thurs 09:00 - 16:30

Fri 09:00 - 12:30

Fitness Classes - Bulford Gym

Boxercise Course (4 sessions)

Starting Thurs 20 Jan 05 18:15

20-20 Fitness Classes

Starting Wed 12 Jan 05

Aqua Aerobics in the New Year

More information at the Gym or
phone Sue on 07760 - 184650

Airfield Camp Preschool, Netheravon

For ages 3 - 5 Spaces available

09:00 - 12:00 Mon - Fri

Call 01980 - 628 259 for details

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 - Job Vacancy

The Beeches needs someone to

run the Bistro - Please call

Michelle for details on 672342

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

**Also at the Haig Centre : First
Thurs every month 10:00 - 12:00**

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for February 05 issue : 10 January 2005

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