

# Drumbeat



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## Music in the Air

Saturday 31st July 2004  
Middle Wallop Airfield

Arena opens : 17:00 - Bring a picnic !  
Show begins 19:15

A magic combination of music and aerial acrobatics

Tickets from :

The Museum of Army Flying : 01980 - 674421  
Salisbury & Andover Tourist Information Offices  
Online at [www.musicintheair.co.uk](http://www.musicintheair.co.uk)

## Drumbeat Competition

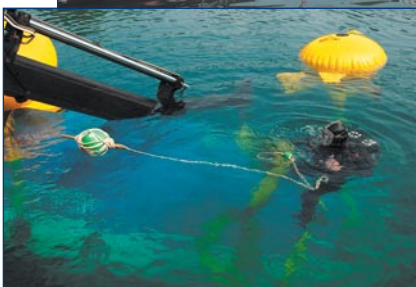
The first 4 correct replies to the following question will get two tickets to "Music in the Air 2004"

**"What is the name of the Army's new American-made attack helicopter which operates from Middle Wallop ?"**

Send your answer, together with your name and address, to Drumbeat, 10/78 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth. The 4 lucky winners will be "drawn from the hat" on 7th July 2004. Winners will receive their tickets in the post !

## That "sinking feeling" !

Divers from 26 Engineer Regiment, based in Ludgershall, last month sank sections of a training aircraft into Vobster Diving Lake in Somerset. The sections were sunk to different depths, between 12.5 and 27 metres, for beginners and more experienced divers to explore and use in training. "Because of the size and weight of the aircraft sections, this was a



good buoyancy exercise for the Army divers", the Diving Officer, Major Bob MacConnachie, told Drumbeat.

## Defence and Education ...



Garrison Commander Colonel Carron Snagge watches as Under Secretary of State for Defence, Ivor Caplin MP, investigates the Drumbeat website during his visit to Tidworth last month.

Read the full story inside ...

## Live Radio Link with Iraq Every Friday

Tidworth & Bulford Garrison Radio

and



BFBS Middle East

link up

LIVE ON AIR



to provide us with a two-way, up-to-the-minute music and news programme linking our Units in Iraq with friends and family back here at home.

Tune in to 1287 am medium wave

Every Friday 10:00 - 10:30

Call Baz Reilly on 01980 - 602424

... And don't forget !

The Drumbeat Garrison website has news from the Gulf and links to the websites of Garrison Units

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



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## Keep in touch ...

### Op Telic Postal Services

**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](http://www.bfpo.com) or follow the link from the Drumbeat website.

### Radio Requests

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

For requests overseas & Northern Ireland on BFBS :  
Call BFBS on 08701 - 20 21 21 (charged at national rate)  
Email : [gulfrequests@bfbs.com](mailto:gulfrequests@bfbs.com) - or go to [www.bfbs.com](http://www.bfbs.com) and go to the "Dedications" page

### Listen Live on the Radio

Live Radio Link between Tidworth, Bulford & Iraq  
Every Friday 10:00 - 10:30 Details on front page.

### Online Radio

Log on to [www.bfbs.com](http://www.bfbs.com) and listen live to what our troops are listening to on the radio in Iraq.

Follow the links from the Drumbeat website  
[www.drumbeat.org.uk](http://www.drumbeat.org.uk)

## Welcome to the new GSM

WO1 Thomas McCabe assumed the appointment of Garrison Sergeant Major in May this year.

He has served with 1Bn The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Germany, Northern Ireland and the Balkans. He moves here from Holland, where he was RSM at Allied Forces Northern Europe in Brunsum.

WO1 McCabe is no stranger to the Garrison, having spent 5 years in Bulford (1987-91) with UKMF in Kiwi Barracks, then the AMF(L) in Picton Barracks.



## News from 1RHA in Iraq

### Chestnut Troop reports from Basra

Our job out here in Basra, with the help of a small Detachment of RMP, is to retrain and form the Iraq Police Service into an efficient and credible Police Force, which will be able to provide law and order for their community. This is proving very rewarding for our soldiers, who are teaching them everything from manning check points, patrolling and search and arrest procedures to administration and accounting.



We are also overseeing the rebuilding and refurbishment of many Police Stations. On the advice of the RMP, we are introducing several improvements - for example, we are painting all the stations light blue, rather than the white they were before. By doing this, we are hoping to break the association in the Iraqi people's minds with what went on there in the past, by making them friendlier places where people will want to come to report crimes.

At time of writing, we have been here for just over 2 weeks but already we have experienced more in those two weeks than on a six month tour in Northern Ireland. It is like no other Theatre of Operations we have ever experienced - every day is different and every day brings new challenges.

### ... and at the 1RHA Sunday Barbecue in Tidworth ...



Baz Reilly records messages for family and friends in Iraq



## News from 1 CHESHIRE in Iraq

Lt Col John Donnelly, Commanding Officer of 1Bn 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment was recently the special guest of Dave Simon in the BFBS Middle East studio for "Desert Shat Al Arab Disks" !



The Cheshires, who are based at the Shat Al Arab Hotel in Basra, have the task of helping to maintain a secure environment in the city, as well as training local police, military and emergency services.



You can hear an interview with Lt Col Donnelly on the "News from Iraq" page of the Drumbeat website.



## D-Day Remembered ...

On the morning of 6th June 1944, Allied troops began landing on the beaches of Normandy. This, the greatest seaborne invasion in history, brought about the end of the Second World War. So what part did Tidworth play in this ?

Salisbury Plain during the War was a hive of military activity, as soldiers trained for the planned invasion of Europe. The Salisbury Plain Garrisons were the first port of call for thousands of American troops arriving from the USA. Tidworth was effectively an American base. Here, troops were brought to the peak of fitness out on the Plain and were entertained and given briefings in the Garrison Theatre, before being equipped and moved on to the Channel ports from where they embarked in the landing craft for the journey to the Normandy beaches.



Wartime GIs in the Garrison Theatre

The American HQ was located in the building now used by the DHE - and

Tedworth House was a Red Cross Centre which reputedly produced over 10,000 do'nuts every day !

The 29th US Infantry Division was one of the Units which spent time in Tidworth, before moving to Falmouth in Cornwall to embark for France.

Last month, Veterans from the Division, retracing their steps of 60 years ago, returned to Tidworth, accompanied by the Commanding General, Major General Daniel Long and an



Honour Guard from the US 29th Division. They placed a plaque on the wall of their old headquarters building, before going on to Falmouth to receive the Freedom of the Town and then on to Normandy for the D-Day 60th anniversary commemoration ceremonies.

Today, like many of our own Units, the 29th US Infantry Division has soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Cuba, as well as performing Homeland Protection duties as a result of the 9/11 attacks.

## Stop Press !

Soldiers from Dragon Company, 1st Bn The Staffordshire Regiment based in Tidworth, are to provide a Royal Guard of Honour and Colour Party in Normandy during the Commemoration of D-Day between 5-7th June 2004.



## News from 22 Engr Regt in Iraq

### 5 Fd Sqn reports from Basra

We have all arrived safely in Iraq and are well settled into "Fortress Lines" in Basra. Basra is a little run down and needs a lot of work to lift its infrastructure to a standard that any of us would call acceptable. Outside our camp, children beg for water and food; they are typical of the state in which many people live. They need our help and 5 Field Squadron is



helping them. Our water team is ensuring that literally hundreds of thousands of people receive both drinking and domestic water. Our sewage team is ensuring that stagnant effluent is cleared from the drainage channels in the city and that the sewers start flowing again. Our refuse team is getting the hundreds of tonnes of rubbish that are generated each day cleared from the streets. We are also maintaining the two key bridges in Basra



that are both very run down; without these bridges people would be cut off from work and trade would cease.

You will find that Basra appears in the media a lot, but you must be wary of

believing everything you see and hear, often they describe a very different Basra to the one we see each day. It would be wrong to say that there are no dangers, but we are being very careful.



The Squadron is needed, it is making a difference, but we still have a lot to do and the men and women I have out here need your support if we are to be successful.

Major Matthew Walton-Knight  
OC 5 Fd Sqn, 22 Regt RE

## Coming soon to Perham Down

Work will start soon in Swinton Barracks on a prototype Junior Ranks Single Living Accommodation Block.

The construction of this prototype will enable the Ministry of Defence and Aspire Defence Ltd, the Provisional Preferred Bidder for Project Allenby/Connaught, to check the new design and its durability.

The work is expected to be finished by the Autumn.

## New Courses at Tidworth Leisure Centre

8 June - Tues 20 July £38.40

Pilates Intermediate Every Tuesday 18:00 - 18:50  
Beginners Every Tuesday 20:10 - 21:00  
Yoga Every Tuesday 10:00 - 11:00

### Summer Activate starts Thursday 22nd July 10% Discount for Early Bookers !

A 10% discount will be given for every whole week of Activate Summer activities booked before 5th July. Call Dan Webb at the TLC for more information.

To book the new tennis courts contact the TLC

**Tidworth Leisure Centre : 01980 - 847140**

## The Oasis Café at the Tidworth Leisure Centre

Open

Mon - Thurs 10:00 - 19:00

Fri - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

The café provides meals and light snacks and has a bar facility. It also has an excellent buffet service and can deliver anywhere in Tidworth.

The function room is available for all types of functions and parties. There is no charge for the use of the room.

For more details call Janet  
Blake on 01980 - 843481  
Fax : 01980 - 846511



## Shipton Bellinger Fête

**Who can make the best Scarecrow Competition !**

Take part in this competition by making a scarecrow to display either in your own front garden or at another venue in the village !

Call John Hughes on 843467 for details how to enter

**Thursday 10 June 18:00**

Rounders for the whole family on the School Sports Field

**Sat 12 June 14:00 - 17:00** on the Village Playing Field :

Ferret racing - Dog assault course - Reptile display  
Bungee run - Chain saw wood carving - Hog roast  
Motor cycles, Dancing & Gymnastics displays

**Monday 14 June 19:45** Quiz Night

## Tidworth in Bloom 2004

Gardens (all or just part)

Tubs / baskets / boxes

Enter your own garden into the competition - or nominate someone else's !

For more details call Hilary or Jo on 01980 - 846693

Tidworth Trust, Melksham House, Wylve Rd, Tidworth

Closing Date : 25th June Judging will take place in July

## Jammie Dodgers at the TLC

New After-School Club in the

AWS Community Hall at the Tidworth Leisure Centre for children in full time education up to the age of 13.

Open : Monday - Friday

15:00 - 18:00 in term time

08:30 - 18:00 in holidays and on Teacher Training Days

**For more information and to book a place during the  
Summer holidays call 01980 - 602019**

## Tidworth Parish Council Uncontested Poll

The election of Councillors for the new Tidworth Parish Council was uncontested. The results are as follows :

### East Ward :

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| BEAMISH, FR     | HEWITT, P   |
| BUFFREY, ME     | JONES, HA   |
| CARMICHAEL, SJT | REILLY, B   |
| HALFON, DEH     | SAWYER, JK  |
| HAMBLIN, MM     | WILDMAN, DP |

### West Ward :

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| CONNOLLY, A  | REEDER-THOMAS, CS |
| DAGGER, SM   | REID, MC          |
| FRANKLIN, CJ | WARD, JAR         |
| HEDGE, PW    |                   |

### Perham Down Ward :

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| CONNOLLY, M | MILES, SJ |
|-------------|-----------|

The Councillors will officially take up office on 14th June

## European Parliament Elections

European Parliament Elections will take place on 10th June as previously announced.

## Tidworth Area Festival 2004

**Photography Competition** with the theme:

"Our Environment : the Good, the Bad & the Ugly"

Entries to Tidworth Leisure Centre by 28 June

### Saturday 26 June

An evening of live music at The Ram, Tidworth

### Sunday 27 June

Car Boot Sale at Castledown School

Set up 8:00 Buyers 9:00 - 13:00 Cars £5, Buyers Free

Bouncy Castle for the younger members of the family

No unauthorised caterers

Call Tracy on 01980 - 602751 for further details

### Sunday 27 June

Charity Motorbike Ride on the Roads around the Plain

Details from Pete on 01980 - 842318

### Friday 2 July

Jazz / Swing Band at Ludgershall Memorial Hall

Call Mike on 01980 - 846693 for tickets

### Saturday 3 July 12:00 - 17:00

Festival Afternoon at Castledown School

Arena events include : The Lucknow Band, Local Schools' Choir, Police Dog demonstration, School Dancing, Line Dancing & Taekwon-do. Around the arena : Action Buggies and Quads, Bouncy Castles, Ferris Wheel, Model Steam Engine rides, Craft Stalls, Ferret Racing and a Bar.

### Saturday 3 July 19:00 - 23:30

Music on the Playing Field at Castledown School

"NoKanDo" and "Smokehouse Rhythm & Blues Band"

Pop, Rock and R'n'B music for the whole family

Call Mike on 01980 - 846693 for tickets

**Transport to the Festival** at Castledown, from Tidworth and the surrounding villages, will be provided by a local coach firm. Watch out for the schedule nearer the time.

For more information about any of the above, including booking a pitch on the Festival afternoon, please get in touch with Mike Winterbourne on 01980 - 846693

## Defence and Education ...

Government Ministers, Ivor Caplin (Under Secretary of State for Defence) and Ivan Lewis (Under Secretary of State for Skills and Vocational Education), visited the Army Education Centre in Tidworth last month.

The Army is acknowledged as leading the field in adult education and 10/78 AEC is seen as a flagship example of soldiers being given life-long learning and personal development. This "cradle to grave" approach to training has been recognised in a recent Adult Learning Inspectorate assessment in which the Centre was graded extremely highly in all categories.

During their visit, the Ministers saw how the Centre gives soldiers, civil servants and dependants in Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford Garrison the opportunity to learn literacy, numeracy and language skills, and to take on-line educational courses. The Centre also offers soldiers mandatory military courses and, at the end of their careers, resettlement courses to prepare them for civilian life.



The Secretary of State for Defence went on to the Tidworth Leisure Centre where he was welcomed by the General Manager, Stuart McLean. While at the TLC the Minister met staff from the Wiltshire and Army Library Services, the Army Welfare Service, HIVE, the Army Families Federation and Tidworth Employment Opportunities (Tempo).



## Ministry of Defence Police

Welcome back to Tidworth to PC Graham Blakeman who is now a permanent member of the MDP Salisbury Plain Unit. Graham will be working alongside PC Paul Maratty in the Tidworth Police Post.



PC Viv Phillips is the Bulford Unit Beat Officer. He is based at the RMP station opposite Kiwi School and can be contacted on Tel: 01980 - 672340

Contact the MDP Salisbury Plain on Tel: 01980 - 60 30 99 or via the website : [www.modpol.org/salisburyplain](http://www.modpol.org/salisburyplain)



## Please look after your children ...



With the longer evenings and the six-week Summer holiday on the horizon, children are able to play outside. The new estates in Tidworth with their cul-de sac design and central grassed areas are an obvious attraction for use as an extended play area. However, please remember that these cul-de-sac roads are adopted public highways with a 20 MPH speed limit. They must not be used to play on, or to leave play equipment, eg bikes and skateboards, scattered about.

Large numbers of very young children (2-4 years) have been seen wandering about with no apparent adult supervision. Children as young as this have no "road sense" and therefore their movements are unpredictable.

Parents ! Please supervise your children in the play parks or use your enclosed back gardens. Allowing your children to play on the road is an accident waiting to happen. The serious injury or death of a child under the wheels of a car would be devastating for the family and for the driver. Please look after your children.

## Dump it for FREE ... ... and be legal !

Bulky household items (furniture, fridges, washing machines ...) - household chemicals

Electrical equipment (videos, kettles, tvs ...)

Car batteries - metal - rubble - soil - glass - plastic - wood - paper & cardboard - Green garden waste

### Fly tipping is unsightly, illegal, sometimes dangerous and always unnecessary !

Local household recycling centres in Everleigh, Andover and the recently opened centre in Amesbury, will take all domestic rubbish without charge.

Bulky household items will also be collected from your house by your Local Authority, although there is sometimes a charge for this service.

Kennet District Council 01380 - 734 665

Salisbury District Council 01722 - 434 320

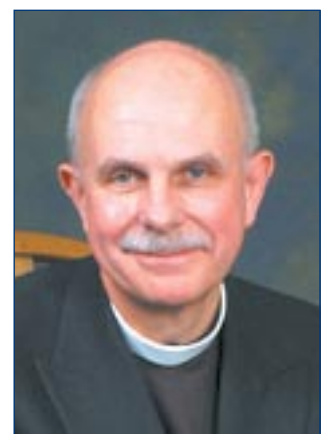
Test Valley District Council 01794 - 515 117

NB : Kennet District Council aim to recycle at least 25% of all household waste by 2006 ! You can help by using the new black paper recycling boxes which have recently been supplied to all residents of Tidworth. Call KDC on the above telephone number for more details.

## New Chaplain General

Rev David Wilkes OBE QHC took up his new appointment as Chaplain-General to Her Majesty's Land Forces last month, the first time that a Methodist Minister has been appointed to the post.

Rev Wilkes served as Assistant Chaplain-General to 3rd (UK) Division in Bulford from 1998-2000





# Drumbeat Noticeboard



## Tidworth Junior Youth Club AWS Hall at the TLC

18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191

### Children's Discos :

**8 June 04 and 6 July 04**

18:10-19:00 5 - 8s, 19:15-20:00 9-12s

## Teddy Bear's Picnic

Thursday 24 June 11:00 - 14:00

Child Safety & Childminding Week  
at Wylve Road Centre, Tidworth.

Call 01980 - 846693 for details

## Job Vacancy

Deputy Editor, Families Journal

AFF Central Office, Upavon

Call 01980 - 615517 or 615518 or

email editor@familiesjournal.org.uk

## AWS Summer Activities

### Boarding School Activities

6 July Sign in, Bulford Youth Club

7 July Sports at the TLC

9 July Day out at Braeside (all ages)

13-15 July 3 Day trip to Alton

Towers (10-16s £60)

21 July Sports at the TLC

22 July Day trip to Snow Dome

(10-16s £35)

Residential Week at Avon Tyrell  
Activity Centre in the New Forest

2-6 Aug (10-15s) 9-13 Aug (9-12s)

17-19 Aug & 24-26 Aug :

More activities, details next month  
or call AWS : 01980 - 602105

## Mother knows breast ...

Drop in at this new support group  
at the Ashdown Centre in Tidworth  
Thursdays 12:30 - 14:00

Call Michelle on 01264 - 335048

For more information about other  
groups at the Ashdown Centre call  
01980 - 846164

## Job Vacancies

### at Tidworth Polo Club

Grooms : Full or part time

### Free Riding :

help exercise the polo ponies.

Helpers at the Stables

Call Jax 846661 or Muriel 846705

## AWS Job Vacancies

- 2 supervisors, for Paddington &  
Busy Bees Crèches in Tidworth, to  
cover for maternity leave

- Deputy supervisor for  
Perham Down Pre-School

- Qualified, un-qualified & bank  
staff for After-School Clubs, Pre-  
Schools & Crèches  
in Tidworth and Bulford

Call Chris on 01980 - 673379

## 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

### 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

## C&TG Football Club

This thriving Football Club meets in  
Tidworth / Bulford on Saturday  
mornings. Boys & girls aged 8-11  
wanting more details about joining,  
call John Kuzera on 01980 672407  
or mobile 07730 579625

## Bulford Village Fun Day

10 July 13:00 - 17:00

Village Hall Recreation Ground

Everyone Welcome

## AFF Conference 2004

16 June 2004 The Guildhall, London

More details from AFF Central

Office - Call 01980 - 615 525

Webiste : [www.aff.org.uk](http://www.aff.org.uk)

## Ordnance House

### Fun Factory Crèche

Phone Marie on 602398

### Hairdresser

Call Chris or Sharon on 842492

### Wednesday Activity Mornings

for accompanied pre-school  
children. Start 10:00

## Tidworth Area Festival & Shipton Bellinger Fête

Full details inside ...

## 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

Tuesdays 17:00 - 18:30 5 - 8s

1845 - 20:45 9 - 13s

Call Paul Wood on 01980 - 672105

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 597843

### Pilates Courses

Call 595502 (day) or 590374 (pm)

### The Bistro

Mon - Fri 10:00 - 14:00

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 !

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Call Rosemary Meeke on 01980 - 602980

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