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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

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Keeping in Touch with friends & family in the Gulf



BFPO Making sure the mail gets through ...



BFBS

Reading your
requests on air
in Iraq ...



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Keeping you in touch with news
from TNB Garrison

D-DAY

ENSA

60th Anniversary Band Concert

at the
**GARRISON THEATRE
TIDWORTH**
(An Original ENSA Theatre)

27th/28th/29th APRIL 2004

Featuring
THE LUCKNOW BAND
Prince of Wales's Division

**GARRISON THEATRE
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BOOKING OFFICE
Open: Monday to Friday
09.00 hrs to 13.00 hrs
Admission: £6.00

Don't miss your chance to vote !

Elections will be held on
10th June for members of
Tidworth Parish Council &
for the European Parliament



Every person on the voters'
roll for Tidworth will be eligible to vote in these elections.
If you are not currently on the voters' roll and wish to
vote, you must register no later than **13th April, 2004**.

Please get in touch with Kennet Electoral Services :

Telephone : 01380 - 724 911

Email : democratic@kennet.gov.uk

Post : Electoral Svcs at KDC, Browfort, Devizes SN10 2AT

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1 (Mech) Brigade Units train for Iraq ...

1 (Mech) Brigade Units will deploy to Iraq in April. They will be part of the Multi-National Division (SE), taking over responsibility for the area of South-Eastern Iraq at present controlled by 20 (Armoured) Brigade. Troops will be based at Basra and will include 1RHA, 22 Engineer Regt, 215 Sig Sqn, 1PWRR, 1CHESHIRE and 6Bn REME. All soldiers have undertaken theatre-specific pre-deployment training and are seen here on exercise on Salisbury Plain.



In recent months, units from 1(Mech) Brigade have completed tours in the Balkans, covered for Firemen during recent strike action and completed training exercises in Canada; they are now looking forward to meeting the challenges that Iraq will bring.



Thank you ...

Soldiers of 5 Field Squadron of 22 Engineer Regiment, based at Perham Down, have raised £555 for the Army Benevolent Fund while on operational tours during the past two years. They presented the cheque to Col Tony Moorby, the Wiltshire representative of the Army Benevolent Fund, as they prepared for a 6 month tour in Iraq where they will be helping to make improvements to the Basra infrastructure, particularly to the water supply and the sewage disposal systems.

Pictured (Left to Right are : Capt John Reynolds (Sqn QM), Maj Matthew Walton-Knight (Sqn OC), Capt Charlie Battey (Sqn 2IC), Col (Retd) Tony Moorby and WO2 (SSM) Dave Woolford



Photograph : Nigel Gillies

Know someone overseas ? Keep in Touch ...

BFBS
radio
middle east



Julia May-Brown
and
Eddie Castle



BFBS Middle East is what our Forces will be listening to on the radio when they are in the Gulf. If you happen to be in Shaibah Camp, you will find the studio near the Naafi in The Welfare Village.



Listen live

We at home here in the Garrison can listen along at the same time via the internet. Log on to www.bfbs.com, follow the link to "Listen Live" and click on the BFBS Middle East logo.

"Access All Areas"

Sundays 12:00 - 14:00

This programme, presented by James Macdonald from BFBS Radio 1 in Germany, goes out live to BFG, the Balkans, Northern Ireland, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Oman, Gibraltar, Ascension, Canada, Cyprus, Brunei and on the internet.



Log on to www.bfbs.com, follow the link to "Listen Live" and click on this "BFBS Radio 1" logo.



To get a dedication on "Access All Areas" :

Email : access@bfbs.com

Phone (Germany) : +49 (0)5221 98 3456

Bluey : Access All Areas, BFBS Radio 1, BFPO 15

Requests and Dedications :

Call : 08701 - 20 21 21

(calls are charged at the national rate)

email : gulfrequests@bfbs.com

For Radio Requests to other overseas commands and Northern Ireland, visit www.bfbs.com and go to the "Dedications" page.

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Dedications collected overseas by BFBS for people living in this country will be sent to Garrison Radio and other local radio stations ; Requests for people overseas received by Garrison Radio will be sent to BFBS to be played on air in Theatre.



Use the correct Postal Address !

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.

Blueys

Postage on the Forces' blue aerogramme letter forms to Op Telic addresses is FREE. Write "OP TELIC" in the top left corner of the front cover and remember that enclosures (eg photos) are not permitted.

Parcels

From 8th April, the free postal packet service to the Gulf will cease. From this date, the same rate of postage as for other overseas Theatres of Operations will apply.

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 through the BFPO system overseas.

www.bfpo.org.uk

Welfare support available to those in the Iraq Theatre of Operations includes free letters (blueys & e-blueys), free internet access, free phone calls (20 minutes per week anywhere in the world), free books, newspapers, radios & television (including DVDs, Videos, games & software) and SSVIC support (BFBS radio and television).

Follow the Links on the Drumbeat website ...



"Garrison Units" : This page has links to the websites of Garrison Units and their News pages.

"Know someone Overseas?" : This page has links to useful websites to help you keep in touch, via the internet, with the Armed Forces all over the world, eg :

Forces' online News & Magazines,

BFPO, Clubarmy/ArmyNET, BFBS Dedications & Listen live online to BFBS Middle East in the Gulf

"Read Drumbeat" : News from Home ! The 12 most recent copies of Drumbeat are available online

www.drumbeat.org.uk

Garrison Radio

1287 am Medium Wave

Broadcasting to TNB Garrison from the studio in Station Road, Tidworth



Garrison Community News :

40 minutes past the hour 06:00 - 18:00

Army Radio News : 06:30, 07:30, 08:30, 15:30 & 16:30

Requests : Call Baz Reilly on 01980 - 602277

www.garrisonradio.com

Keep in touch with News from Home ... www.drumbeat.org.uk

Thinking of Childminding as a Career ?

Childminding is particularly suitable as a career option for parents with young children who want to combine paid work with looking after their own children. The work is challenging and rewarding and the number and ages of children cared for are, to an extent, up to you.

If you look after children aged under the age of 8 for more than two hours a day, for payment or reward, you must be registered with Ofsted. A variety of references, (including Police checks), are obtained on the Childminder and on anyone else over the age of 16 living at the same address. An Ofsted Child Care Inspector will visit regularly to ensure that your home is safe and suitable for young children.

We need more Childminders in our area !

If you would like more information, please contact Kay Capon, Childcare Support Worker on 01980 - 595084 or 07747 031002. You can also visit Kay at Bulford HIVE on Wednesdays (9:30 - 12:00) or at TEMPO/Tidworth Trust on Thursdays (9:30 - 12:00). No appointment is necessary.

www.armynet.mod.uk

for soldiers and their families - worldwide

www.armynet.mod.uk has developed from the clubarmy pilot project which proved very popular during its 18 month trial period. ArmyNet, which comes online this month, will be available for use by soldiers and their families from any internet-enabled PC ... worldwide.

Key features include :

- a career-lifetime secure email address
- customisable information portal
- access to electronic Army pay statements & forms
- Access to operational background information of an unclassified nature.

Register with armynet in the same way as you did for clubarmy

Sponsor a Young Person 2004

Due to increased Unit commitments in 2004, the Army Welfare Service in TidNBul Garrison is planning a number of extra off-site and residential activities during the school holidays.



If you would like to help us raise the £2500 we need to achieve this aim, please get in touch with any of the AWS Community Team on 01980 - 672105

NSPCC Ashdown Family Centre

Open 9:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday

for all children under 8 and their parents/carers

Informal drop-in sessions Mon, Tues & Fri 9:30 - 12:00

Under ones : Thursdays 10:00 - 12:00

Other services available :

Opportunity Pre-School Group - Terrific Twos

Enjoying your Children - Counselling for Carers

Baby Massage - Sleep Advice - Stay & Play - Baby Talk

Where's the Manual - Crisis Support - After School Group

Starting soon :

St Michael's Drop-in Wednesdays 13:00 - 15:00

For more information call in at the Ashdown Centre (behind Station Road) or telephone 01980 - 846164

Red Caps join the Navy !

Two RN Field Guns, weighing over one and half tons each, have been pulled the 162 miles from Yeovilton to Greenwich to raise money for the Joint Services Memorial Garden, in memory of the fifty-five Service Personnel who lost their lives in Iraq last year.



Photographs : Nigel Gillies

Naval and civilian personnel from RNAS Yeovilton and from the Royal Military Police made up the teams which were fed and accommodated at Army bases along the route.

As the guns prepared to leave Bulford after spending the night in the 158 Pro Coy RMP compound, Darren (13) and Grant (11), sons of Bulford café owner Scott Hardy, presented a cheque for £600 to Lt Cdr Andy Tillion. The £600 was collected from customers at Mr Hardy's café.



The Army Families Federation

Come and see your local AFF Representative, Tricia Kaye, from 10:00 -12:00 at the following venues each month :

Tidworth HIVE/Toy Library	: 1st Monday
Bulford HIVE	: 1st Wednesday
1STAFFORDS Families Centre	: 2nd Wednesday
The Grapevine, Perham Down	: 3rd Wednesday
Ashdown Families Centre	: 3rd Friday



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





Easter Holiday Activities at the TLC

Junior Fitness Zone (12 - 16s)	5 - 8 April 13 - 16 April	15:00 - 16:00 15:00 - 16:00
Street Dance (12 - 16s)	13 April	13:30 - 15:30
Tag Rugby (5 - 13s)	7 & 15 April	16:00 - 17:00
Climbing (9 yrs+)	5 April	18:00 - 19:30
Full on Football (12 - 16s)	6 April 14 April	16:00 - 17:00 16:00 - 17:00
Youth Only Zone (12 - 16s)	8 April	16:00 - 17:00
Swimming Lessons :	5 & 8, 13 & 16 April	
	Level 1	09:00 - 09:30
	Level 2	09:30 - 10:00

Royal Military Police



For advice about protecting and property marking your kit and equipment, get in touch with Sgt Mark Udale, Crime Reduction Officer from 158 Pro Coy RMP

Telephone : 01980 - 673530

RMP Bulford : 01980 - 67 2334
or 01980 - 67 2251

New Ministry of Defence Police Unit to be based in Tidworth



Following the country-wide reorganisation of the Ministry of Defence Police, from 1st April, operations on Salisbury Plain will be run from Tidworth.

The new Unit will be known as "Ministry of Defence Police Salisbury Plain" and will consist of a Sergeant and 10 Constables, responsible for Tidworth, Larkhill, Bulford and Warminster, as well as Salisbury Plain itself.

The new Unit will work closely, as before, with Wiltshire Constabulary and the Royal Military Police and can be contacted as follows :

Telephone : 01980 - 603099

email : salisburyplain@modpol.org

Easter Holidays

Things to Do...



Legoland Windsor

Special Discount for Service Personnel
1 - 9 May 2004

This is a 2004

"Royal British Legion"



UK Forces
Special Event



Tickets

bookable via

Legoland Call Centre
08705 - 040404 quoting
"UK Fun 04"

AWS Holiday Activities

6th April

Day trip to Paulton's Park (5-10s)

14 - 16th April

Residential "Survival" Camp and visit to Longleat (9-13s)

Call 01980 - 672105 for more details

Football



Dragon Soccer School

5 - 9 April 2004
10:00 - 15:00

Marlborough Playing Fields, next to the Kiwi Pub in Bulford Camp

Boys 8 - 14 Girls 8 - 11

£15 for 5 day course

Call : 01980 - 633 627

Garrison Easter Services

Tidworth

St Michael's Garrison Church

4 Apr 10:00 Palm Sunday Service
11 Apr 10:00 Easter Day Service

Catholic Garrison Church of St Patrick and St George

4 Apr 11:30 Palm Sunday Mass
9 Apr 15:00 Good Friday Liturgy
11 Apr 11:30 Easter Day Mass

Bulford

St George's Garrison Church

4 Apr 11:00 Palm Sunday Service
9 Apr 12:00 Good Friday : Joint service with St Michael's, Tidworth
11 Apr 11:00 Easter Day Service

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

4 Apr 10:15 Palm Sunday Mass
10 Apr 20:00 Easter Vigil
11 Apr 10:15 Easter Day Mass

Larkhill

St Barbara & St Anthony Catholic Church

4 Apr 09:00 Palm Sunday Mass
8 Apr 19:00 Maundy Thursday
11 Apr 09:00 Easter Day Mass



Local Easter Services

Holy Trinity Church, Tidworth

4 Apr 11:00 Palm Sunday Service
9 Apr 14:00 Good Friday Service
11 Apr 11:00 Easter Sunday Service

St James's, Ludgershall

4 Apr 9:30 Palm Sunday Service
8 Apr 19:30 Maundy Thursday Communion Service
9 Apr 12:00 Good Friday Service
11 Apr 09:30 Easter Sunday Service

St Peter's, Shipton Bellinger

4 Apr 10:30 Palm Sunday Service
9 Apr 12:00 Bidding Prayers
14:00 The Last Hour Service
11 Apr 08:00 Holy Communion
10:30 Easter Celebration



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club AWS Hall at the TLC

18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191

Children's Disco : 4 May 04

18:00-18:45 5-8s, 19:00-20:00 9-12s

Grapevine, Perham Down

Bar Night

Every Friday from 19:00

Children welcome until 22:00

Fri 2 April :

"Back to School" Fancy Dress Night

Call Tommy on 01980 - 603514

AWS Holiday Activities

See inside for details ...

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Collect the used stamps from letters you receive and you can help this very worthwhile charity

Collection box at Tidworth Post Office or call Frank Rixon for more details : 01980 - 842402

Bulford Red Shield Centre

Full Canteen Service

Snooker - Pool - Darts - Internet

Wide Screen TV & DVD player

Mon-Fri 08:00-14:00 and 19:00-22:00

Bible Discussion Group

Thursdays 19:30

JAM (Jesus & Me) Club

Term-time Thursdays 15:30 - 16:30

Friday Prayer Breakfast 07:30

Call Steve on 01980 - 633 494

Arthritis Awareness Day

Durrington Village Hall

Sat 24 April 10:00 - 14:00

Displays & talks on Aromatherapy, Reflexology & Massage

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

Haig Nursery in Bulford requires:

- Nurse (Full time) - Cook (30 hrs)

Call Vicky on 01980 - 672331

- Supervisor for

Caterpillars Preschool at the TLC

- Bank staff for Preschools, Crèches

& After Schools Clubs Tidworth &

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 - Fri 10:00 - 19:00

Sat & 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

Neolithic Half Marathon & Sarsen Trail Sponsored Walk

in aid of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Sunday 2 May 2004

Call 01380 - 725 670 for details

Urgent !

Volunteer required to be Treasurer for the Salisbury Plain District Scout Group : (Shrewton, Amesbury, Tidworth & Netheravon)

No formal accounting qualifications or knowledge of the Scout Assn required, but would be advantage.

Call Chris Scott : 01980 - 591900 or

John Biscomb : 01980 - 624922

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

Bulford HIVE

7 Kandy Road, Bulford Camp

Open Mon - Fri 9:30 - 13:30

Call Jackie Bird on 672109

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

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.

Job Vacancy

Editor for the AFF Army Families Journal & AFF Publications.

Call AFF Central Office in Upavon : 01980 - 615525

Stay with the beat !

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or email : drumbeat_tidworth@hotmail.com

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