



ASPIRE DEFENCE LIMITED
has been selected as the
Provisional Preferred Bidder
for Project Allenby/Connaught.

This Project will soon be providing us in the Garrison with modern living and working accommodation and leisure facilities, thereby playing a major part in fulfilling the aims of the Strategic Defence Review. It also heralds the start of an exciting future for the communities that live alongside the garrisons around Salisbury Plain, as it is hoped that some of the leisure facilities will be able to be used by all members of the community, as at the Tidworth Leisure Centre.

Aspire "Next Step" Briefings

Bulford Study Centre Monday 8 March 04
MOD Staff Afternoon
Contractor Staff 17:15

"Aspirations"

The magazine for Aspire employees and stakeholders, including partners and subcontractors : **Out now !**

Visit the website : www.aspiredefence.co.uk

CLM courses at 10/78 AEC :

The first new Command, Leadership & Management course has been held at 10/78 AEC. We asked some of the successful soldiers to give us their reactions to it :



Cpl Hopkins, REME

"If your written English is poor, try and get on a literacy course prior to the CLM course, as you do have written assessments".

Cpl Goodchild, RLC

"The "Equal Opportunities" and "Preventing Suicide and Self Harm" lessons are eye-opening and thought-provoking. The course also highlights personal development issues and the importance of encouraging PD in your subordinates".



Sgt Collins, AAC

"This is not your usual "military course" and requires a different way of thinking. It helps raise your awareness of Britain's place within the World Community".

Sgt Shackleton, R Sigs

"CLM is far different from what I was expecting. I think I would have got more out of EFP, but it is good to interact with other arms and services and see what everyone else does."



Sgt Hazard, R Sigs

"CLM requires a complete change of mindset compared to EFP. The course makes you aware of the theories behind our daily work and highlights changes we could make. The tests are user-friendly with essays and discussion groups rather than endless written exams".

TV Spotlight on Local Schools



¡ Hola ! ¡ Buenos Dias de Zouch Escuela !

Modern foreign languages are part of the syllabus at Zouch School and these children enjoy their Spanish lessons so much that they got up early enough to reach school to appear live at 7:30 on BBC's Breakfast television !

Shipton Bellinger Primary School has always been keen to teach its pupils the benefits of eating a healthy, well-balanced diet. Last month, ITV National



News focussed on the problem that obesity poses to our health; The same problem in Finland in the 1960s was

drastically improved by giving Finnish children compulsory free lunches and health checks in schools. So the ITV News team, with reporter Sue Saville, visited Shipton Bellinger Primary School as they ate Finnish school lunches every day for a week, to show how nutritious and good they are.

Head Teacher, Derek Atkinson, told Drumbeat, "It is the salt and fat in many attractively packaged snacks that are so bad for us. These children have been eating healthy substantial Finnish-style meat, vegetables and bread for the past week and 88% of them said that they feel better for it. It keeps them going until going-home time !"

FREE Family Fun Days

Everyone is welcome - Come and enjoy the fun !
Arts & Crafts - Learn basic IT - Play or watch some rugby -
Have a go at playing some music, or make your own lunch
10:00 - 15:00

13 March : Memorial Hall, Ludgershall
27 March : Clarendon Junior School, Tidworth

This is a family learning event organised by the Tidworth Community Area Partnership (TCAP). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friends of Castledown School

19:00 Wednesday 24th March

Come and join us in the Main School Hall to discuss how we can provide opportunities for parents, friends and School staff to work together for the benefit of our children by organising family events, informative/educational meetings and fundraising events.

For more information, call Tracy on 01980 - 602751



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club AWS Hall at the TLC

18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191
Children's Disco : 2 Mar 04
18:00-18:45 5-8s, 19:00-20:00 9-12s

B F B S Forces Radio

For requests call : 08701 - 20 21 21
(calls are charged at the national rate)

Email : gulfrequests@bfbs.com

For other overseas commands and N. Ireland visit www.bfbs.com and go to the "Dedications" page.

Visit www.bfbs.com and listen in to what our soldiers in Iraq are hearing live on BFBS Middle East

Dedications collected by BFBS for people living in our Garrison area will be played by Garrison Radio ; Requests for people overseas received by Garrison Radio will be sent to BFBS to be played on air in Theatre.

Garrison Radio

Broadcasting to TNB Garrison on 1287 am Medium Wave from the studio in Station Road Call Baz Reilly on 01980 - 602277
www.garrisonradio.com

1PWRR Families Day

6 March 10:30 - 16:30

Tidworth Oval

Free Fall Team - Lucknow Band
Football - Pets Competition
Everyone Welcome

Electronic Organ Society

at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill
Concert 3rd Thursday of each month. Music to suit all tastes.
For details call 01264 - 323 213

Tidworth Brownies

Book & Toy Sale

Thursday 4 March 18:00 - 20:00
St Michael's Church Hall
Everyone Welcome

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:
Cook (30 hrs) Cleaner (10 hrs)
Call Vicky on 01980 - 672331
After Schools Clubs require :
Playworker (Bulford) 15:00 - 18:00
Bank staff for Tidworth & Bulford
Call Jane on 01980 - 673355

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
<http://hivetidnbul.2day.ws>

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

Job Vacancy

Part-time Office Administrator
for AFF Central Office in Upavon
Call 01980 - 615525

Killer Whales Swim Club

Qualified coaching for children
& adults of all abilities.
Tidworth & Pewsey pools.
Call 01264 - 850699 for details

"Wear Something Green"

Saturday 27 March 19:45
Traditional Celtic music at
Shipton Bellinger Village Centre
Tickets £10 (includes supper)
Call 01980 - 842429 / 846 341

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

<http://hivetidnbul.2day.ws>

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

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.

Bulford Group Practice

Patient Participation Group

Wed 10 March 14:00

AWS, Horne Rd, Bulford

Call Jenny Adams on 672463

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for April issue : 8 March 2004

Drumbeat, 10/78 AEC, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth, SP9 7AY

Call Rosemary Meeke on 01980 - 602980

or email : drumbeat_tidworth@hotmail.com

www.drumbeat.org.uk

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Royal Visit to The Cheshire Regiment

HRH the Prince of Wales visited 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment in Bulford last month. The Prince, who is Colonel in Chief of the Regiment, had the opportunity to speak to some of the soldiers who will be deploying to Iraq in April and to meet some of their families.



1 Cheshire will deploy as part of the 1 Mech Bde formation. They will be taking part in peacekeeping and humanitarian duties in the town of Basra.

" This was definitely worth waiting for ... "



So said a Senior NCO when he saw the new Single Living Accommodation (SLA) in the newly built extension to the WOs' & Sgts' Mess for Lucknow and Mooltan Barracks.

The new rooms each have ample storage space and

en suite bathrooms, (through the open door in our picture), as well as cable tv, internet and telephone points.

The Lucknow Rebuild Project is due to be completed towards the end of this year. It will provide the Garrison with an effective modern barracks for an armoured infantry unit, including new Battalion and Company HQ buildings, a dining room and Junior Ranks' Club as well as new single living accommodation and modernised Mess facilities for Lucknow and Mooltan Barracks. The Junior Ranks' accommodation will consist of three-storey blocks of six-room flats, each with individual en suite bedrooms, a communal lounge area and kitchenette.

Prime Contractors, Carillion Construction plc, who are building the new barracks, will also be responsible for maintaining it for at least 3 years after completion.

Community Challenge 2003

Award Ceremony
29 March 2004 at 19:00
Wylve Road Community Centre, Tidworth
Presentation of Awards
by the Lord Lt of Wiltshire,
Sir Maurice Johnston KCB, OBE
Everyone Welcome



Trading Places ...

The E-info and TEMPO information centres will be moving to a more convenient location on Pennings Road, where the Tempo Training Room currently is, (2 doors up from the Post Office).

The Tempo Training Room will be moving back to Melksham House on Wylve Road.

All our current services will be available in our new location : employment; training; information, advice and guidance.

The move should be completed around Easter time; until then it will be business as usual at Melksham House.

TEMPO
Tidworth Employment Opportunities

If you have any queries, please call 01980 - 846693



Stay with the Beat ! Visit : www.drumbeat.org.uk



Welcome to 12 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (228)

12 Brigade HQ and Signal Squadron (228) completed its move to Bulford from Aldershot at the end of January.

The Brigade Commander, Brigadier Chris Hughes, was welcomed to Bulford by Colonel Carron Snagge, the Garrison Commander, as the distinctive Ace of Spades insignia of HQ 12 Mechanized Brigade was raised officially over Ward Barracks in Bulford.



The Brigade Headquarters is now located closer to the majority of its units, which include : The King's Royal Hussars and the 1st Battalion the Staffordshire Regiment based in Tidworth; 19 Regiment Royal Artillery in Larkhill and 26 Engineer Regiment in Ludgershall. 12 Mech Bde is part of 3(UK) Division which also has its headquarters in Bulford.

Brigadier Hughes told Drumbeat, "We are delighted to be here in Bulford, not least because we will be spending a lot of time on Salisbury Plain this year and being based in Bulford will mean a lot less time spent travelling up and down the M3/A303 !"

12 Brigade is the first deployable formation in the British Army to begin converting to the new BOWMAN communication system. Bowman replaces the old Clansman system and will provide secure voice and data communications to all users, whether it is the soldier on foot patrol or the Brigade staff in the main headquarters. Added to this, every radio has GPS (global positioning system) which will pinpoint the location of all troops and vehicles using Bowman, with total accuracy, 24 hours a day and in all weathers.

When Bowman conversion is complete, it is expected by June next year, 12 Brigade will be at the forefront of the Army's "network-enabled capability".

"These High Capability Data Radios are the most advanced in the world. Bowman will speed up our ability to act and react to the enemy", said Brigadier Hughes. In fact, Bowman personal role radios have already been used successfully in Afghanistan and on Op Telic.



BOWMAN is part of a massive £2.5 billion Defence Programme, a contract signed with General Dynamics a couple of years ago and due to be completed by 2007/8.

Looking for a job ?

Help is only a phone call away :

MOD Civilian Personnel Management	01980 - 672474
Army Welfare Service	... 01980 - 673379
Eurest Support Services	... 01980 - 843165
Kennet District Council / TLC	... 01980 - 847140
Sodexo Defence Ltd / TLC	... 01980 - 846511
Aspire Defence Ltd	... www.aspiredefence.co.uk
Job Centre Andover	... 01264 - 826000
Job Centre Amesbury	... 01980 - 836600
Job Centre Salisbury	... 01722 - 315400
Job Seeker Direct	... 0845 - 60 60 234
website : www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk	

Jobs, Training & Career Guidance

Tempo, Tidworth	... 01980 - 846693
AFF Training Centre, Bulford	... 01980 - 632800
AFF Employment Advice	... 01980 - 673196

Contact details for local HIVEs on Drumbeat Noticeboard page

New ! Kerbside Paper recycling collections

From 1st March, Kennet District Council will operate a fortnightly kerbside paper collection service to residents of Tidworth.

The town will be divided along the line of the A338, with collections from each side being done on alternate Tuesdays. Kennet District Council have been delivering leaflets to every household, explaining what will be collected and when. If you haven't received your leaflet yet, or have any questions, please get in touch with Kennet:

Telephone : 01380 - 734 665

Email : kennetcontactcentre@kennet.gov.uk

Remember that you can take glass and aluminium or steel cans to the collection point in Station Road car park. There are also Household Recycling Centres at Everleigh and Amesbury for larger items of rubbish.

Cannabis is still illegal

The Police can arrest you :

- If you are **publicly** smoking Cannabis
- If you **repeatedly** offend
- If Cannabis use has been **linked** to other problems in the area
- If you possess Cannabis and are close to **Youth** premises, eg schools

You will be arrested if you are aged 17 or under

There is no change in current Army Policy towards Soldiers who test positive for drugs. The stated policy is that drug misuse is unacceptable while serving in the Armed Forces and offenders will normally be discharged.

How to contact our local Police :

RMP Bulford : 01980 - 67 2334 or 01980 - 67 2251
Crime Reduction Unit 01980 - 67 3452

Wiltshire Constabulary
Tidworth Police Station 01980 - 842 303

MOD Police
Tidworth Police Post 01980 - 60 2464
Bulford UBO 01980 - 67 2340

Preparing for Deployment ...

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 Licencing, 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.

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 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

While he's away ...

Interesting New Courses, such as :

Aromatherapy - Interior Design - Car Maintenance
An Introduction to the World Wide Web

Come along to meet the tutors and find out more :

3 & 17 March : 10:00 at the Grapevine

17 March : 10:00 at the Grapevine in Perham Down

17 March : 14:00 at Zouch Primary School

25 March : 9:30 at 10/78 AEC, Candahar Barracks

25 March : 19:30 at the Tidworth Leisure Centre

1 April : 9:15 at Clarendon Junior School

Or call Lesley Britton on 01980 - 603045

www.clubarmy.mod.uk

This is a very useful and secure website for use by all serving soldiers and their families. It will have a section for Op Telic. Families log in as "guests" of the serving soldier, so remember to register before you go.

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

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 can 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.

New Arrangements for Tidworth Parish Council Elections : 10 June 2004

**Why are there elections again this year,
when we only voted in 2003 ?**

Background : Until quite recently, South Tidworth was in Hampshire and North Tidworth was in Wiltshire, 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 separate parishes of North and South Tidworth were not abolished and still exist. Today there is only one Parish Council, but its members represent either North or South Tidworth.

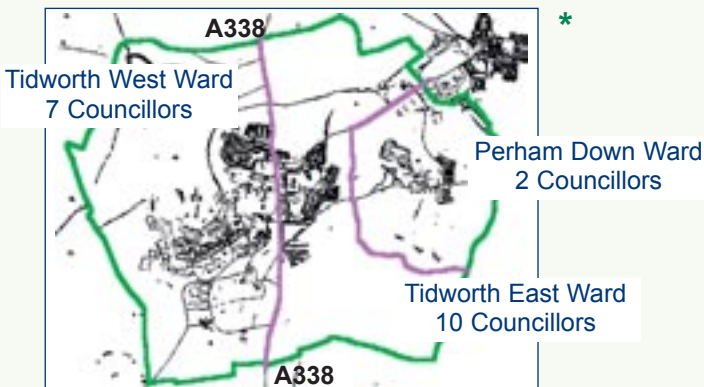
In 2001, Tidworth Parish Council approached Kennet District Council and asked if the electoral arrangements for Tidworth could be reviewed. The purpose of the review was to put arrangements in place that would allow Tidworth Parish Council to adopt Town status, should it wish to do so in the future.

At the end of the review, Kennet District Council made recommendations to the Government that the electoral arrangements for Tidworth be changed to allow Town Status to be adopted. All of the necessary legal changes have now been completed and the Government has ordered that a new Parish Council for Tidworth is formed this year.

What happens now ?

From 1st April 2004, the existing parishes of North Tidworth and South Tidworth will be merged into one Parish called **TIDWORTH**.

The new Parish will be divided into 3 parts, called Wards, which will each elect their own part of the Parish Council. The 3 wards will be : East Ward, Perham Down Ward and West Ward. Between them they will elect 19 Parish Councillors (the current Parish Council has 22).



Any person on the voters' roll for Tidworth will be eligible to vote in the Parish Council election. If you are not currently on the voters' roll and wish to vote in this election you must register no later than 13th April, 2004. People registered to vote can choose to vote either in person, by post or by proxy. 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

Copies of the Orders and Maps abolishing the existing parishes and forming the new one are available to view at the District Council Offices in Devizes, Tidworth Library in the Leisure Centre and with the Parish Council.

**There will be elections for the European Parliament
on the same day as the Parish Council Elections.**

Direct Mail :

What is it ?

Any information from a company or organisation which is addressed to you personally and sent to you through the post is considered "direct mail". It could be an MOT reminder from your garage, a home shopping catalogue or a letter from a credit card company introducing (yet another) new, lower interest rate.

Essentially, direct mail is a medium for advertising, just like television or radio or newspapers. In fact it is the most "bought-from" area of advertising; nearly half the population has made a purchase through direct mail.

Is it a good thing ?

If you have ever bought anything from a catalogue, you will know the convenience of shopping from home. However, does it give you a full picture of the full range of goods and services on offer in the market place ? More important, do you want to be showered with unsolicited mail through your letterbox ?

How do they get your name and address ?

Whenever you give your name, address or other details to a company - perhaps when placing an order, filling in a survey or requesting a catalogue - those details are kept on a computer and used to compile a database. Companies either use their own database or will rent a database of likely customers from other companies. Sometimes your details can also be obtained from public sources like the Electoral Roll.

How can you control the mailings you receive ?

There are three ways you can control the type of mailings you receive from companies that you have had no previous contact with :

1. On some survey forms and order forms it will say at the bottom, something like, "... this company sometimes makes information held on its customer database available to other companies. Please tick here if you do NOT want us to pass on your details ...".
2. If you do receive information from a company you can write to them and ask that your name be taken off their mailing list.
3. If you decide that you **NEVER** want to receive any unsolicited mail again, you can contact :

Mail : Mailing Preference Service

FREEPOST 22

LONDON W1 7EZ

Telephone : 0845 - 7034599 (local rate applies)

Online : www.mpsonline.org.uk

You can also stop other unsolicited communications :

Telephone : Telephone Preference Service

Telephone : 0845 - 070 0707

Register by phone and calls will be stopped within 28 days

Faxes : Telephone : 0845 - 070 0702

Emails : Online at : www.dma.org.uk

**For further help and advice, please get in touch with
Tidworth Citizens' Advice Bureau
Wylde Road Community Centre
Mondays & Tuesdays
10:00 - 14:00 Drop in 14:00 - 16:00 Appointments
Telephone : 01980 - 843 377**

