

Drumbeat



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Adventure Training in Tasmania

5 Field Squadron 22 Engineer Regiment



All this and the Rugby too !
Three weeks of adventurous training in Tasmania was an opportunity not to be missed. The scenery was incredible - we saw some of the most amazing and breathtaking landscape we had ever seen. An outstanding expedition with memories which will remain with us for a long, long, time.



Football at the Tidworth Oval

Friday 20 February 11:00

Royal Armoured Corps v. REME

Wednesday 25 February 13:30

King's Royal Hussars v. The Light Dragoons

Saturday 6 March 09:00

1 PWRR

Friday 12 March 11:00

Royal Armoured Corps v. CofM

Wednesday 31 March 14:00

Infantry Cup Final

Friday 2 April 11:00

Royal Armoured Corps v. Army Medical Services



Everyone is welcome to come along and watch good quality football : FREE !

Around the world in 80 minutes

A Band Concert by
The Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division
5 Feb 04 Salisbury City Hall 19:30 £10
Tel. 01722 - 327 676
Proceeds to local charities

Coming next month ...

New courses for Army wives at the Leisure Centre :
Aromatherapy - Interior Design - Car Maintenance
- An Introduction to the World Wide Web
For more information call Lesley on 01980 -603045



Find out what's on ! Log on to : www.drumbeat.org.uk



I'm sorry, Sir, I'll read that again !



Services Sound & Vision Corporation (SSVC) Chairman, David Hatch, has received a Knighthood in the new Year's Honours List.

Sir David's broadcasting career began at University, where he was a member of the Cambridge Footlights, along with other fledgling luminaries of British entertainment, including John Cleese, Bill Oddie, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Graeme Garden. He made his name on radio with John Cleese in,

"I'm sorry, I'll Read That Again". During a long and distinguished career with the BBC, he was Controller of Radios 2 and 4, Director of Programmes (Radio), and acted as advisor to the Director General.

Sir David was appointed Chairman of SSVC in 1999, a natural fit for the charity that provides radio, television, live entertainment and welfare support to servicemen and women and their loved ones right across the world.

February on the Plain ...

Despite recent heavy rain and localised standing water, none of the winterbournes are running and the Environment Agency is warning us about a shortage of water in the aquifers. A wet February may yet quell these concerns.

Late afternoon, following wet weather, is a good time to get out and catch sight of winter visitors such as the Hen Harrier, Merlin and Short-eared Owl. Native Barn Owls, Buzzards, Kestrels and Stonechats can also be seen quite frequently.

As the days lengthen and the weather improves we may see the first butterflies emerging from hibernation; Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell and Brimstone are the most likely to be seen. We should also be able to find frog spawn by the end of the month.

Harvest Mice seem to have become quite scarce in recent years. If anyone has any reports of sightings, of mice or frog spawn, please contact Paul Toynton from the Defence Estates Environmental Support Team on 01980 - 674741

Learning to Glide ...

The Army Gliding Association (AGA) runs basic introductory gliding courses at the Wyvern (Army) Gliding Club at Upavon, which are open to Servicemen, MOD employed civilians and Dependants. The aim of the course is to teach the basic principles of flight and how to fly a glider. Following the course, the opportunity then exists for further training at the Club.

08 - 12 Mar 04	26 - 30 Apr 04	17 - 21 May 04
07 - 11 Jun 04	12 - 15 Jul 04	19 - 23 Jul 04
06 - 10 Sep 04	04 - 08 Oct 04	

For further information please contact Capt A D Tribe, Middle Wallop Mil. 8613, email : allan.tribe@rwsg.mod.uk
Website : www.wyverngliding.org.uk



Operational training is covering Iraqi language, customs & culture ...



... and how to make best use of interpreters in the course of operational duties ...



▲ ▼ ... eg. at vehicle check points, and while making house searches for illegally held weapons.



▲ Air-conditioned tents like these will be home to 1Mech Bde Units during their stay in Theatre



1 Mech Brigade Units prepare for a tour in Iraq



▲ A typical Iraqi school

HQ 1 Mech Bde will be part of the Multi-National Division (SE), taking over responsibility for the area of South-Eastern Iraq at present controlled by 20 (Armd) Bde. Troops will be based at Basra and will include 1 RHA, 22 Engineer Regt, 215 Sig Sqn, 1PWRR, 1CHESHIRE, and 6Bn REME.

Why send an Educator to Iraq ?

Captain Greg Denning, AGC (ETS)

I've heard this question many times. The Adjutant General's Corps (Educational & Training Services) has more than a pure education role to fulfil and just one of its operational roles is Civil Military Co-operation (CIMIC). During OP TELIC 2, I was attached to 1KOSB based in Maysan Province. My role was to oversee the restructuring of the Education system in the province and in particular, the physical rebuilding of the 463 schools within the province.



The schools in southern Iraq had suffered a great deal under the Saddam regime and many were now no more than derelict shells. This problem was exacerbated by the looting that followed the end of the war. Initially it was difficult to understand why they did this to their children's schools, but the education system was used extensively to indoctrinate the youth with Saddam's ideals and policies and the anger and frustration had to be vented in some way.



When I arrived, fledgling projects had already begun on the rehabilitation process, by the CIMIC team of 16 Air Assault Brigade. Working alongside the Education Minister for Maysan Province, schools were identified and selected for rehabilitation on set criteria.

Unfortunately all the schools were in need of rehabilitation but the worst were obviously selected first. Many schools had

been used as storage facilities for munitions, subsequently abandoned at the end of the war. Safety had to take priority.

In addition to the rehabilitation of the buildings, the schools also needed to be refurnished : this ranged from tables and chairs to teaching materials and text books. Due to the sheer scale of the task, outside help was required. None of the good work carried out (and being continued) could be achieved without the skills and enthusiasm brought to the area by the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) such as The Salvation Army, Relief International and People in Need Foundation.



Together with the local population and the NGOs, the CIMIC team of 1KOSB achieved some spectacular results with minimal resources. Since I left theatre in October, the budget for

education projects in Iraq has continued to grow; after all, happy well-educated children will grow up into happy well-educated adults. There is still much to do, but, in 8 months, almost a quarter of schools in Maysan Province have been rehabilitated.

Captain Denning served as the Education CIMIC officer for 1KOSB on OP TELIC 2. He was awarded the 19 (Mech) Brigade Commander's Commendation for his excellent work in Maysan Province.

Toy Library & German Coffee Mornings

Alternate Monday mornings 10:00 - 12:00
AWS Community Hall at the TLC

For more information, call in at the HIVE or phone Carola Goodwin on 843 337

Jammie Dodgers !

New After-School Club in the Tidworth Leisure Centre



School days 15:00 - 18:00

For more information, call Jodene on 01980 - 602019

Want to start your own Business ?

Tempo offers a FREE Business start-up course that will get you off to a flying start. You bring the idea; your tutor supplies the expertise to help you build your business plan.

Course starts 2 Feb 04 18:30 - 21:00
Call TEMPO on 01980 - 846693
email : jean@tidworthtrust.co.uk

Salisbury College Open Day Wednesday 4 February 13:00 - 20:00

Everyone is welcome

Come and have a look around the College. We offer a wide range of full-time Further and Higher Education courses as well as part-time leisure and professional courses.

Who dares experience the thrill of the Zip Slide !

Saturday 7 February

Slide down the cable which will run from the roof of the College across the campus to help raise funds for the NCH Family Centre on Bemerton Heath and after school clubs in Salisbury.

Phone : 01722 - 344 424 or call in at the College

Zouch School has been awarded £100,000 to upgrade sports facilities

A bid made in conjunction with Wiltshire County Council to the National Lottery's New Opportunities Fund, has recently been approved. The money will be used to pay for a multi-user games area and kids' zone. Multi-use games areas provide facilities for 5-a-side football, basketball, netball and other sports.

Headteacher, Tina Evans, is delighted that the bid has been approved and spoke to Drumbeat : "Being able to provide the children with first class sporting facilities will be fantastic. We are over the moon about the grant."





Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club AWS Hall at the TLC

18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191
Children's Disco : 3 Feb 04
18:00 - 18:45 5-8s
19:00 - 20:00 9-12s

B F B S Forces Radio

Listen live at : www.bfbs.com
For requests call : 08701 - 20 21 21
(calls are charged at the national rate)
Email : gulfrequests@bfbs.com
For dedications to other overseas commands and Northern Ireland visit www.bfbs.com and go to the "Dedications" page.

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
Call Baz Reilly on 01980 - 602277
www.garrisonradio.com

Free Family Fun Days

Arts & Crafts, IT, music, sport,
Ludgershall 13 Mar 04
Tidworth 27 Mar 04
More information in next issue

Job Vacancies

at Tidworth Polo Club

Grooms : Full or part time
Pay according to experience
Polo experience not necessary
Free Riding : help exercise the polo ponies starting early February.
Helpers at the Stables
Call Jax on 01980 - 846 661
or Muriel on 01980 - 846 705

Arthritis Care

This new group meets at 19:00 on the first Friday of each month in Bulford Village Hall.
Everyone welcome
Call John Knight 01980 - 624 993

AWS Job Vacancies

- **Playworker** (aged 16 and over) for Garrison after-school clubs in Tidworth & Bulford (15:00 - 18:00)
- **Supervisor** to cover maternity leave at Paddington Crèche, Tidworth. Starting after Easter
Call Chris Nelberg on 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
<http://hivetidnbul.2day.ws>

Busy Bees Crèche : 603160

Caterpillars Pre-School : 602460

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 HIVE

7 Kandy Road, Bulford Camp
Open Mon - Fri 9:30 - 13:30
Call Jackie Bird on 672109
<http://hivetidnbul.2day.ws>

Illustrated Talk

Tidworth Library at the TLC

Wed 18 February 04 19:15
"Wiltshire Airfields in WW2"
by Author, Dave Berryman
Tickets (free) from the Library

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Thurs 26 Feb 2004 19:30
Wylve Road Community Centre
How can we help you care for your environment ?

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

AWS 1/2 Term Activities

Call AWS Main Office on 672105

Ludgershall Residents' Forum

Mon 9 Feb 04 19:00
Ludgershall Scout Hall

Aladdin

Shipton Bellinger Village Centre
5, 6, 7 February 04
Tickets : Call 846341
or buy from Parkhouse Stores

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 597341

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

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.

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for March issue : 9 February 2003

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