

Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all Drumbeat Readers !

The TLC Swimming pools ...



... Re-opening 24th January !

Swimming All Day !

to celebrate the re-opening of the Pools :

Saturday 24th January 2004

08:00 - 09:00	Adults only
09:00 - 10:00	Family Swim (both pools)
10:00 - 12:00	Leisure Swim (both pools + flume)
12:00 - 13:00	50+
13:00 - 14:00	Family Swim (both pools)
14:00 - 16:00	Monster Island + flume
16:00 - 17:00	Adults only

Sunday 25th January 2004

08:00 - 09:00	Adults only
09:00 - 10:00	Family Swim (both pools)
10:00 - 12:00	Leisure Swim (both pools + flume)
12:00 - 14:00	Monster Island + flume
14:00 - 16:00	Family Swim (both pools)
16:00 - 18:00	Leisure Swim (both pools + flume)
19:00 - 20:00	Adults only

New Courses starting January

Pilates

Tuesdays	17:55 - 18:50	Beginners course
	20:10 - 21:05	Intermediate course

Fridays	10:00 - 10:55	Beginners course
	11:00 - 12:00	Intermediate course

Yoga

Wednesdays	10:00 - 11:00	Beginners course
	11:00 - 12:00	Intermediate course

The 50+ yoga class, started while the pools were closed for maintenance, has proved extremely popular and will continue in the New Year.



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Welcome to the new Garrison Commander



Colonel Carron Snagge, late RGJ, assumed command of Tidworth Netheravon and Bulford Garrison just before Christmas. He moved back to this country from Belgium, from his previous appointment in SHAPE.

Colonel Snagge told Drumbeat, " I was last here in Tidworth 19 years ago, serving with my Regiment in the old Mooltan Barracks. I am delighted to be back and, having been here only a few weeks, I am very impressed to see everything that has been achieved to make this a better home for soldiers and their families.

"I am pleased to see that there is such a good relationship with the local civilian community and I am excited at the prospect of continuing to build on the process to the mutual benefit of us all.

"I hope to meet as many of you as possible as I get to know this very large and exciting Garrison.

"May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year".

Have you seen the Drumbeat Microportal yet ?

A microportal is like a "supersonic gateway" to the internet. It is a web page which has hundreds of useful links to sites on the internet which hold the kind of information which we all need every day. It will save you spending hours online by helping you to find the information you want quickly, with just a few clicks of the mouse.

It has links to information on UK maps and route planning, national and army news headlines, local buses, trains and cinema timetables, local information, places to visit, what's on locally and in the Garrison, SMS texting, a Google search facility - and LOADS more.

In addition to this, you can search for similar information from other parts of the country simply by typing in the postcode or name of the town you are interested in. All the information is then automatically sorted geographically.

For example, this is one way the site could be used : Imagine that you work in Tidworth but must go to a meeting in, let's say, York. After using the route-planner to find out how to get from Tidworth to York, you can then search for a street map of York, a place to stay and something to do there in the evening !

The micro-portal also has a **Drumbeat Bulletin Board**, updated every day, which draws your attention to important news of the day in our area. You can also listen via the internet to the BFBS radio programmes which our Forces are hearing live on air in the Gulf. You can send radio dedications and e-blueys - and read other Forces' magazines online.

Once you have seen how useful the micro-portal can be, you can make it into your "Home Page" on your computer - with one click of the mouse.

To find out more information about micro-portals and to see it in action, log on to www.drumbeat.org.uk and click on "Drumbeat Microportal".

The Icing on the Cake ...

Despite cake decoration no longer being a skill taught to Army chefs, there was no shortage of entries to the two Christmas cake competitions held here last month.



There were over 60 entries to the 12 Bde competition which came from units all over the country, including the KRH and 1STAFFORDS based in Tidworth and 19 Regt RA in Larkhill. The winners in each category are pictured on the left; the overall winner (centre) being Cpl Robert Millar RLC who is a chef with 19 Regt RA.

The winner of the competition held by 1 CHESHIRE was Cpl Jaime Goreing (on the right in this picture).



Congratulations !



Captain Richard Lindsay RADC has been working in the Tidworth Dental Centre for the past year. As part of his vocational training he undertook a study of the anti-biotic prescribing patterns in Tidworth and Bulford Dental Centres and his work has been awarded top marks by the DDA panel. This achievement will be rewarded by the opportunity to present the results of his study at the World Dental Conference which will take place in Delhi in September. Captain Lindsay has also been awarded the Bowen Cup by the RADC for the best clinical case presentation.

Captain Lindsay moves to Bulford Dental Centre this month and will be going with 22 Field Hospital to Iraq in a few weeks' time, where he will be working in Al Amarah.

Thank you ...

30 years of devoted service to the community by Mrs Dora Ford has been recognised by the Garrison.

Mrs Ford has lived in this area since arriving in the 1970s when her husband was posted here as OC 10 AEC.

Since then, Mrs Ford has done a great deal of voluntary work in the community : in the days when "Meals on Wheels" were prepared in Army cookhouses, she and friends would collect the meals and deliver them to people in the town. More recently, people will recognise her as the Supervisor of the Tidworth Thrift Shop which she has run since the mid 1970s, overseeing several changes of location in that time.

Mrs Ford has recently been forced, at the age of 83, to retire for reasons of health. She was presented with a Certificate of Commendation for her highly meritorious service to the Garrison by Colonel Godfrey Tilney.



Garrison Thrift Shops :

Tidworth : Zouch Shopping Parade
Open every Monday, 9:00 - 14:45

Bulford : Haig Families Centre
Open every term-time Thursday, 9:30 - 13:00

Perham Down : The Grapevine
Open on Mondays, 9:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 15:00
and Wednesdays, 9:15 - 12:00

Command Leadership & Management (CLM)

Radical Improvements to Soldiers' Career Training and Personal Development

CLM is a whole new concept in training for those selected for promotion. Commencing in January 2004 and replacing the old EFP courses, CLM aims to focus on and develop "in-barracks" (non-operational) command, leadership and management skills in NCOs and WOs throughout the Army. The CLM programme provides mandatory, centrally controlled, developmental training for all NCOs and WOs (regardless of cap badge) on promotion to Cpl, Sgt and WO2, though for many, it will start on promotion to LCpl. The programme is based on a generic set of competencies and is designed to build on experience gained in post.

There are six CLM training packages that soldiers will undertake, spread throughout their career, delivered either by the Arms and Services or in an Army Education Centre.

Unlike the old system, individuals won't have to attend the course in order to be promoted. Individuals that have been promoted, have been selected, or are likely to be selected for promotion will attend CLM on a priority basis. Those who have already completed the old EFP 1 or 2 courses will not have to complete the respective course in the new CLM package.

The basic competences/skills that are covered during the training are:

- § Command and Leadership
- § Management (Health & Safety, Discipline, Values & Standards, Equal Opportunities & Diversity, Personal Development) § In-Barracks Military Duties
- § Communications Skills (oral & written)
- § Instruction and Team Training § Defence Knowledge

These competences/skills give the individual the right 'tools' and 'procedures' to improve their overall standards of command, leadership and management within their role. Assessments will be more focused on the application of competences in real-time scenarios. The onus is undoubtedly on the student to participate during the course and, as the saying goes, 'you only get out, what you put in'. In recent pilot courses the CLM training has received the thumbs up. It is seen as a vast improvement over the old EFP system and the extremely variable training given across the Arms and Services.

As the CLM programme is aimed at personal development, the main focus throughout is to relate each person's own experiences to the subjects being discussed in the classroom. There are also opportunities for people to enrol on various programmes leading to civilian qualifications : all of the CLM course training content is put towards the various qualifications and up to 80% of the fees for the qualification can be claimed back through the Enhanced Learning Credits Scheme (ELCS).

For further information about CLM, you should see your line manager. However, in your Unit, your Regimental Careers Management Officer (RCMO) will be able to provide help and advice, as will your MCM Div.

You can also read about it in the January edition of Soldier Magazine.

Your Community Area Plan

The final version of the Community Area Plan is now ready. It sets out the hopes and aspirations of our community for the years ahead and will be used as a basis for developing a detailed Action Plan showing the way that local authorities and supporting organisations intend to achieve the specific aims and targets. The Plan will be updated and re-issued every 4 years so that you will be able to compare and see the progress being made on behalf of the community.

A copy of the Plan is now available from :

**Local Libraries - Post Offices - Tidworth College -
Tidworth HIVE and Tidworth Development Trust**

If you want more information about anything in the Plan, have ideas of what could be included in the next version of the Plan or if you want advice about putting together a project based on one or more of the themes in the Plan, please contact :

Val Powley, Community Partnership Liaison Officer at Kennet District Council, Bath Road, Devizes, SN10 2AT. Tel. 01380 - 734821 Email : val.powley@kennet.gov.uk or

Steve Lawton, Chair of Market & Coastal Towns Initiative Working Group at Tidworth Development Trust Tel : 01980 - 846693 Email : steve@tidworthtrust.co.uk

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the preparation of the Plan.

Flood Defences Strengthened

There has been a considerable amount of work done in Tidworth to help prevent devastation such as that caused by the flooding a couple of years ago.

Wiltshire County Council has made improvements to the drainage system;

Wessex Water has made improvements to the pumping station and sewerage system and has fitted non-return valves to properties which were adversely affected in the past;

The Environment Agency has appointed new Flood Wardens along the Bourne Valley from the Collingbournes through to Shipton Bellinger. The river itself has been given a thorough clean-up and the banking by the RAM pub has been strengthened;

Kennet District Council has built a clay bank near the cottages on Ludgershall road to help prevent any flood water going around the back of the cottages.

Speaking to Drumbeat, the Chairman of Tidworth Parish Council, Steve Dagger, said : "The Parish Council invited all these agencies to a meeting earlier in the year to see whether anything could be done to help prevent future flooding in Tidworth. We cannot thank them enough for their co-operation and for the time and effort which they have put into the flood protection project."



A New Challenge for the New Year



We at the Citizens' Advice Bureau are looking for new volunteers to come and help. All they need is a desire to help people in their own community and a few hours to spare each week.

We are not only looking for people to train as general advisers, but we are also looking for people to act as trustee board members, to help with IT work, social policy work and general administrative support.

All sorts of people volunteer for many different reasons, but one thing that unites them all is that they find it challenging, rewarding and varied, providing an opportunity to learn new skills and to develop existing ones, putting the skills and experience that they have to good use, helping others.

The CAB service in Kennet handles thousands of enquiries every year, offering practical advice and help to people in towns and villages with problems ranging from housing, debt and the legal system to benefits, family matters and consumer affairs. Our Head Office is in Devizes and there are branches in Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth.

For more information, call Kerry Barratt on 01380 - 722242

Tidworth Citizens' Advice Bureau

Mon & Tues Wylve Rd Community Centre 01980-843377

Give Blood !

Monday 2 February 2004

The Main Auditorium, Tidworth College
Ordnance Road, Tidworth
10:00 - 12:15 or 14:15 - 16:30

Call Sarah Leach on 01865 - 440009

to make an appointment - or just come along on the day !



Proposed temporary closure of the A303

The Highways Authority is proposing to close the A303 between the Countess Roundabout Amesbury and Cholderton, in order to facilitate the building of the new bridge at Solstice Park and the demolition of the existing bridge. This work will be done in 2 phases.

The first phase, to erect the piles for the new bridge, has three alternative dates to allow for slippage. These are :

22:00 Fri 23 Jan to 06:00 Mon 26 Jan 04

22:00 Fri 30 Jan to 06:00 Mon 2 Feb 04

22:00 Fri 6 Feb to 06:00 Mon 9 Feb 04

The second phase will take place on :

22:00 Fri 4 Jun to 06:00 Mon 7 Jun 04

The diversion route for traffic heading East is to leave the A303 at Longbarrow, follow the A360 in to Salisbury, on to the A36 then the A338, A30 and A343 back to Andover. Heading West, traffic will be diverted on to the A343 at Andover, on to the A30, A338 and then the A36 through Salisbury and Wilton to rejoin the A303 at Wylve.

Soldiers from 6Bn REME prepare for a tour in Iraq



The soldiers will form 14 Equipment Support Company, commanded by Major Pat Owen (right). Most will be based at the Shaibah Logistic base south of Basra, although some will be as far north as Al Amarah and others in Al Zubayr Port and in Kuwait.

Soldiers from 6Bn REME will provide Equipment and Backloading Support to 20 Armoured Brigade which is already in Theatre, and later on to 1 Mechanized Brigade when it takes over from 20 Bde at Easter. Their main task will be to recover and repair a wide range of military vehicles, including Challenger 2 Battletanks and Warrior armoured fighting vehicles, in order to maintain the operational effectiveness of Units serving with MND(SE).



Ready for the off ! Ops Officer Lt Dom Lethbridge (right) with VMs Karl Wilmot, Brian Aberdeen and John McCabe

Photos of 6Bn REME : Nigel Gillies

How to get in touch with ...

Wiltshire Constabulary : Emergency 999 or 112
Crimestoppers : 0800 - 555 111

Tidworth Police Station

Open 9:00 - 17:00 : 01980 - 842 303
All other times, Devizes HQ : 01380 - 722 341

Ministry of Defence Police

Tidworth Police Post : 01980 - 60 2464
Bulford UBO : 01980 - 60 2340
Area Police Team, Larkhill. Tel. : 01980 - 845 999

Royal Military Police

158 Pro Coy RMP, Bulford : 01980 - 67 2334
: 01980 - 67 2251

The Bulford Kiwi still has strong links with New Zealand



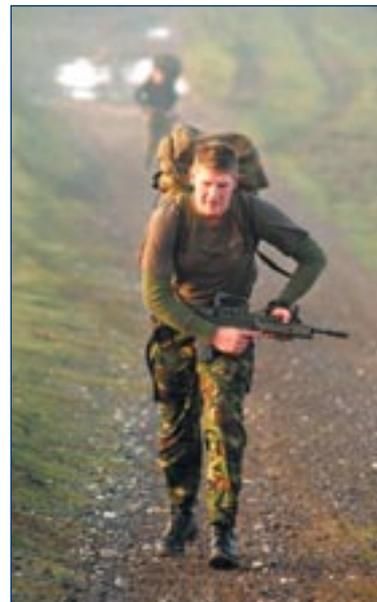
1 (Mech) Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (215) have inherited the privilege of looking after the Bulford Kiwi, following the disbanding of 249 Signal Squadron (AMF(L)) last year.

The Kiwi was carved into the chalk hillside in Bulford by troops from New Zealand awaiting repatriation at the end of the 1914-18 War. Since then it has been maintained by one of the Units stationed in the Garrison.

This year 1 (Mech) Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (215) was delighted to welcome the Acting High Commissioner Suzanne Blumhardt, pictured here (above) at the Tidworth Military Cemetery with OC Major Pete Drew, following a short Act of Remembrance for the New Zealanders who gave their lives in the War and who are buried here.

The New Zealand Defence Staff presented the Kiwi Trophy in 1981 and troops compete for it every year in a gruelling 13 mile March and Shoot Competition which starts and finishes on Kiwi hill. The Trophy is presented to the winner by the New Zealand High Commissioner.

This year, the winner of the men's race was Lieutenant James King (2 hrs 12 mins) and the winner of the women's race was Lieutenant Catherine Yarroll (3 hrs 6 mins).





Drumbeat Noticeboard



Tidworth Junior Youth Club
AWS Hall at the TLC
 Starts 13 Jan 18:00-20:00 Call 602191

Tidworth Youth Centre
 Bulford Road, next to VCP 2
 Mon, Tues, Thurs 18:30 - 21:00
 Open to ages 13-19 50p Entry
 Call 01980 - 842748

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

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 03
Helpers at the Stables
Call Jax on 01980 - 846 661
or Muriel on 01980 - 846 705

Job Vacancies
 Eurest Defence Support Services
 Full and part-time posts include
 General Catering & Cleaning
 EDSS provides services to the
 MOD throughout the UK and
 worldwide and can help to find
 jobs for people moving to/from
 the area. Call Sandra on 602293

AWS Job Vacancies
 - Playworker (15:00 - 18:00)
 for Jammie Dodgers, the new
 after-school club in Tidworth.
Call Chris Nelberg on 673379
 Afternoon Nursery Nurse for the
 Haig Nursery in Bulford
Call 01980 - 672331

Tidworth Leisure Centre
Centre Opening Times 1-23 Jan
 Monday - Friday 09:00 - 21:00
 Saturdays 10:00 - 17:00
 Sundays 10:00 - 20:00
Telephone : 01980 - 847 140
General Manager : 602030
Outside Pitch Bookings : 603416

Centre Opening Times
after pools re-open on 24 Jan
 Monday - Friday 09:00 - 21:00
 Saturdays 08:00 - 19:00
 Sundays 08:00 - 21:00
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>

Tidworth Residents' Forum
 Mon 26 Jan 04 19:00
 Wylde Road Community Centre
Ludgershall Residents' Forum
 Mon 9 Feb 04 19:00
 Ludgershall Scout Hall

Ordnance House
Children's Disco
3 February 2004 12:30 - 14:00
 Phone Karina for details 602398
Fun Factory Crèche
 Mon - Fri 9:30 - 11:30 £5.50
 Phone Marie on 602398
Wednesday Activity Mornings
 for accompanied pre-school
 children. Starts 10:00

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

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
Volunteers to help needed !
Bulford Youth Club
 Tuesdays 17:00 - 18:30 5 - 8s
 1845 - 20:45 9 - 13s
 Re-opens on 20 Jan 04
 Call Paul Wood on 01980 - 673840
 Weds 18:30 - 21:00 13 - 19s
 Call. 01980 - 842 748
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 !
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