

Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

March 2017

What's on in the Garrison area :

● Fri 3 March

The Great British Spring Clean - let's make our areas free from rubbish in this national clean-up effort !

● Sat 4 March 18:00 - 21:00

"Seeing Stars V" at The Wellington Academy. Free entry. Details : www.castledownfm.com

● Fri 10 March 19:00

'Dog Collars in the Trenches' - a talk about Army Chaplains in World War I by Paul Marsh at St Peter's Church, Shipton Bellinger. Tickets : 01980 - 843516 or 846434

● Tues 14 March 18:00

'Loyal to the Empire - the life of Gen Sir Charles Monro' a talk by Patrick Crowley at Prince Consort's Library, Aldershot. Free Entry

● Wed 15 March 10:00 - 15:00

Tidworth Job Fair at the Tidworth Garrison Theatre SP9 7EP, organised by HQ South West. Over 45 regional and national employers and agencies looking to recruit Service Leavers, Veterans and spouses.

● Thurs 16 March 19:30

'An Evening of Personal Reflections from the Falklands War and its Aftermath' at St John's Place, Lower Bemerton SP2 9NP. Tickets : fundraising@alabare.co.uk or call 01722 - 466004

● Thurs 30 March 18:30

'Medieval Giants: The Salisbury Giant and his Kin' - A talk by Alixe Bovey, Head of Research at the Courtauld Institute, at Salisbury Museum. www.salisburymuseum.org.uk

● Fri 31 March 09:00 - 17:00

French Market in Salisbury

● Thurs 27 April

TCAP Community Awards ceremony at The Wellington Academy

● Sat 29 April

Army v Navy Rugby at Twickenham Register at www.wiltshirewildlife.org

● Wed 10 May

Garrison Soapbox Derby - see inside

● 24 - 28 May

The Forces March - 134 miles following the route of a WW2 training march. www.forcesmarch.org.uk

A Royal Visit to mark St David's Day



Her Majesty The Queen, Colonel-In-Chief of The Royal Welsh, attended a Review to mark St David's Day at Lucknow Barracks on 3rd March.



Accompanied by the Regimental Colonel, Major General James Swift, Her Majesty inspected the Parade in the State Review Range Rover, and presented leeks to a representative group of The Royal Welsh Regimental Family.

Her Majesty gave an address before the Parade concluded with three cheers and a Royal Salute.

The two Regimental Goats, Shenkin and Llywelyn, were also on parade, following a Royal Welsh tradition which dates back to the late 1700s.

Following the Parade, The Queen proceeded to the Officers' Mess to view displays demonstrating the capability of the Regiment, where she was also able to meet soldiers and their families before lunch.



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5 RIFLES in Estonia

UK Armed Forces in Estonia have taken part in celebrations to mark the country's Independence Day.

Ahead of the deployment of 800 British troops to lead part of NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence in Estonia, an advance team from 5th Battalion the RIFLES already in the country joined the Estonia Independence Day Parade on 24th February, marching through the capital of Tallinn watched by a crowd of thousands.

Britain played a key role in helping the Estonians to gain their independence in 1918 and the two countries have a long history of working together across Defence, including in Afghanistan. Next year marks 100 years since the earliest co-operation between the Royal Navy and Estonia.



At the NATO Warsaw Summit last year, the UK committed to leading one of four battlegroups in NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence in the Baltic States and Poland. In addition to the 800 UK troops, France and Denmark will also deploy personnel to Estonia. British, Estonian, French and Danish troops have been exercising in Germany recently, to prepare for the deployment. The main body of UK troops are due to arrive in Estonia in April, bringing Warrior Armoured Fighting Vehicles and Challenger II tanks. The UK will also be deploying troops to Poland in support of the US-led battle group there.

Easter at the Tidworth Garrison Saddle Club

● Fri 17 March & Fri 31 March

Showjumping Clinics every other Friday. Exercises and courses to challenge all abilities

● Fri 24 March

"Just Polz" Clinics every other Friday for all abilities

● Tues 11 April

Own a Pony Day - trot & canter ability

● Wed 12 April

Own a Pony Day - walk & trot ability. Lead rein riders welcome

● Sun 16 April

Easter Extravaganza Afternoon : Gymkhana, Egg Hunt and a Pony Course.

● Tues 18 April

Picnic Ride - trot & canter ability. A 2-hour hack across Salisbury Plain, stopping for lunch half way !

● Wed 19 April

Picnic Ride - walk & trot ability. A 2-hour hack across Salisbury Plain, stopping for lunch half way!

For more details, Call 07399 -144479, message the Saddle Club on Facebook or email info@tidworthgarrisonsaddleclub.uk

Fear Naught !



Congratulations to LCpl Cree and LCpl Webb for their fantastic performances in the Army Ice Sports Championships in Austria.

LCpl Cree won the Junior event and was overall Army Luge Champion with a stunning top speed of 103.97 kph/64.01mph.

LCpl Webb was the Army Luge Championship runner up.

Did anyone serve there ?

As Drumbeat readers will have read in Drumbeat a few months ago, Wiltshire's first community-based campus for vulnerable Service veterans will soon be built on the site of the old UKLF Headquarters at Erskine Barracks in Wilton.

Calling anyone who has ever worked in Erskine Barracks !

The development project, 'Our Wilton', would be very pleased to hear your story. You may even have photographs which could be used in a permanent display in the new campus to commemorate the old Headquarters.



Please get in touch with Sue for more information : sue@ourwilton.org

Flying Visit to Bristol Hospital



The Parachute Regiment Freefall Team, The Red Devils, visited the Bristol Royal Hospital For Children last month.

Based in Netheravon, Paratroopers from the elite display team took time out of their busy pre-season training schedule to spend time with some of the children and young adults at the hospital.

Jamie Cargill, Teenage Cancer Trust Lead Nurse, said :

"It was great to welcome the Red Devils to our Teenage and Young Adult Unit today. Seeing how much the young people enjoyed spending time with them was fantastic. We're really grateful for their support."

Red Devil, Cpl Alex Perry, said :

"For us it was a truly humbling experience. We are often told that we are very brave jumping out of planes but after meeting the children it puts things in to perspective; they are a lot braver than us."

Congratulations



Sgt Stuart Collins from Bulford-based 1 MERCIAN has been awarded a medal by the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence for his hard work and the quality of his teaching during the six months he spent on Op Orbital in Ukraine.

During his time there, he trained different units - including recruits, paratroopers and Ukrainian Special Forces.

Sgt Collins is the first soldier outside the Ukraine Army to be awarded this medal.



Phoenix Winter Games at Tedworth House

The Phoenix Winter Games took place at Tedworth House last month, a week-long series of activities including sled-dog racing, clay pigeon shooting, sledge hockey, skiing and curling.



The 4 Recovery Centres run by Help 4 Heroes take it in turn to hold the event, in which the emphasis is on camaraderie and having fun - with a competitive edge ! The Games play an important part in the recovery programme for the soldiers and veterans taking part.



Teams of Alaskan Malamutes from the Alaskan Malamute Working Association (AMWA) and 'Sled Dogs As Therapy' provided an insight into the breed as well as sporting fun and excitement to everyone taking part in the Sled Dog Scurry.

Visitors to the First Fusiliers



The First Fusiliers received a visit last month from former MP and Advisor to the House of Lords Defence Select Committee, Sir Neville Trotter. Pictured here with the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Jez Lamb MC and the RSM, WO1 Kev Brunskill, Sir Neville was on a fact-finding mission.



The Regiment has also received a visit from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and the Chaplain General, to discuss the role of padres.

Tidworth Family Orchestra

Mondays 18:00 - 20:00 - starting on 6 March
St Andrew's Hall, Kohat Road, Tidworth

**Share the joy of music-making
and create new music from scratch**



No experience necessary - everyone welcome

Children should ideally be 4+ although younger family members are also welcome.

Email joycestretton5@gmail.com or call 07599 - 842 198 for more information or to reserve your free place.

Bulford Road Closure :

25 - 31 March 07:00 - 20:00

The Bulford Road, from its junction with Sheepbridge Road in Bulford to its junction with The Mall in Tidworth, will be closed to all traffic between the above dates, to enable carriageway refurbishment work, centre lining and associated works.

A diversion will be in place in both directions, using the A303.

(Dates correct at time of going to print. The order has a maximum duration of 18 months.)



Forces Media Academy

Service Leavers and Veterans are being offered the opportunity to take part in a unique media course which is being launched this September by the Forces Media Academy. The Academy is part of SSVC, which is also the parent company of BFBS and Forces TV, which specialises in providing media services to the UK Armed Forces around the globe.

Students on this free, one-year, Higher National Certificate Media Production Course will also receive a bursary of £18,000 to help with living costs, provided by The Royal British Legion.

Forces Media Academy Director, Alistair Halliday, said : "We are delighted to offer this bespoke course to Service leavers and veterans who are interested in pursuing a second career in the media. This will include those who have suffered injuries or sickness while in service."

Work experience and practical skills feature heavily in the course, which starts on 25th September 2017 and will run until July 2018 at SSVC's headquarters in Buckinghamshire, so students will have the opportunity to work with award-winning media teams alongside the programme of lectures.

Further details : www.forcesacademy.com

Closing date for applications is **Friday 31st March**

Military Communities to benefit

Salisbury Playhouse has been awarded £30,000 from The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation which will go towards a 3-year project to develop the theatre's work with military communities on Salisbury Plain.

The grant will enable Salisbury Playhouse to expand its Stage 65 Youth Theatre, working with secondary schools across the area, including The Wellington Academy. The project will offer weekly workshops culminating in theatre performances both in the local community and at Salisbury Playhouse.

Carer Support Wiltshire

The Royal British Legion has made a grant of £29,489 to the charity, Carer Support Wiltshire, which will provide support for unpaid carers in the Armed Forces and veteran communities.

The money will fund the charity's Armed Forces Family Support Project and will focus on the early identification and recognition of carers with military connections and help them to access services, funding and training.

Wargames Club

The Boscombe & Amesbury Wargames Club meets every Tuesday at 18:30. Come along and find out more !

The Nicholson Centre,
Stockport Road, Boscombe
Down, Amesbury SP4 0JE

www.bdawc.org.uk



Success on the Ski Slopes



Congratulations to Fusilier Max Plant for winning Bronze for the Infantry in the Super G at the Army skiing championships - in only his second year of Army skiing !

Standard Learning Credits

The regulations are changing :

- From 1st April, you will have to have 6 years' service to qualify for this scheme.
- Those in the Lower Tier can choose to take their award in one lump sum of £3,000 or in three amounts of £1,000. There is no change for those in higher Tiers.

For further information about Standard/Enhanced Learning Credits, please contact 10 Army Education Centre in Tidworth.

Improve your Qualifications ! English & Maths Functional Skills Courses at Bulford Community Learning Centre

Monday - Friday 10:00 - 13:30

English : 27 Mar - 7 Apr ● 15 - 26 May

Maths : 6 - 24 March ● 24 Apr - 12 May

National Careers Advisor once a month, to help with jobs/education/careers

**For more details, call Claire on 01980 - 672 981
Email : bulford-clc@hotmail.co.uk**

Veterans UK

War Pensions / AFCS Advice Day with CTP

Thursdays : 30 March & 27 April

at

**The Regional Resettlement Centre
Jellalabad Barracks, Tidworth SP9 7BQ**

No appointment necessary.

09:30 - 12:30 First come first served

Can you claim a War Pension?

Do you need help or advice?

Free and confidential help is available.

Please contact : Karen Ruse 02392 - 702232



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B F B S Salisbury Plain 106.8 FM

Broadcasting to military audiences
all over Salisbury Plain
from studios in Bulford

**Breakfast Presenter: Chris
Sturgess** Call : 01980 - 672424
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Call : 07823-351 087 / 01980-672277
Email : shirley.swain@bfbs.com

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Castledown Radio

Broadcasting to the Tidworth
Community Area on **104.7 FM**
email : studio@castledownradio.info
or call : 01264 - 841047

Local Member of Parliament

Claire Perry MP, House of
Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Please call to make appointment at
local surgery : 01380 - 729 358
claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

Tidworth Town Council

Mon-Fri 9:30 - 13:00 at the Wylve
Road Community Centre, Tidworth.
Drop in 10:30 - 12:30
Tel : 01980 - 847390
Email : carly.lovell@btconnect.com
www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

TCAP Coordinator

Tony Pickernell, Wylve Road
Community Centre, Tidworth
01980 - 840722 / 07765 - 382678
www.tidworthcommunityarea.info

Army Welfare Service

Main Office at the new Garrison
Theatre : 01980 - 656789 (Mil. 5789)

AFF Wiltshire Coordinator

Carol Morris : 07527 - 492 783
wiltshire@aff.org.uk

Bulford Community Learning Centre

A wide variety of courses available
For details call Claire 01980 - 672981

Aspire Defence Helpline (24/7)
0845 168 2300 or Mil 96340 2300

Defence Housing Service :

Repairs to Quarters, Furniture,
March-in/outs, Improvements
Call the **CarillionAmey Helpline** on
0800 707 6000
Allocations : Please apply online via
the Defence Intranet
Further details www.gov.uk/dio/sfa or www.carillionamey.co.uk

Emergency Numbers :

RMP : 01980 - 67 2251
& 67 2241
Service Police Confidential Line :
0800 - 72 72 72
Wilts Police (non-emergency) : 101
Police Emergency : 999
Crimestoppers : 0800 - 555111
Plain Watch : 01980 - 67 47 00

Tidworth Leisure Centre

TLC Opening Times

Monday - Friday 09:00 - 21:00
Saturdays 08:00 - 17:00
Sundays 08:00 - 20:00

Telephone : 01980 - 847 140

Outside Pitch Bookings : 651 416

Tidworth Library Opening Times

Mon, Wed & Fri 10:00 - 17:00
Tues & Thurs 14:00 - 19:00
Sat 10:00 - 13:00

Call: 01980 - 843460 or 650568

Paula's Café : Mon-Sat 9:00-18:00

Youth Activities : T2A Adventure
Sports Club and Youth Only Zone

Also at the TLC : Counselling,
Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinics,
Purity Beauty Salon, Hairdressing, etc

Salisbury Plain HIVE at the TLC

Mon-Thu 8:00-4:30, Fri 8:00-15:30
Contact Margaret, Taneel & Tracey
01980 - 650 224 www.salisburyplainhive.blogspot.com

Bulford Thrift Shop

Term Time Weds & Thurs 9:30-14:30
in the grounds of the Haig Centre
behind the Canadian Estate

TNB Garrison Early Years & Play

Sessional and all day care for 0-5s
Afterschool & holiday clubs for 4-13s
www.tnbearlyyears.org
Job vacancies inc. casual bank staff
Tel Barbara Sealey on 07436 - 070904
or email ec@tnbearlyyears.org

Local Children's Centres :

Activities for children 0-5 yrs, and
their parent/carer. Call for info :
NSPCC Ashdown Family Centre
Drummer Lane, off Station Road,
Tidworth. Call 01980 - 846164

Windmill Hill Children's Centre

Wylve Road, Tidworth SP9 7QR
Activities in Tidworth, Perham Down
and Ludgershall Call 01980 - 843 010

Bulford Children's Centre

Next to Kiwi School. Activities also
at The Beeches and in Larkhill.
Call 01980 - 632 660

Tidworth Mums at the TLC

Wed : Crafty Monkeys 10:00 - 11:30
Tues & Thurs : Soft Play 10:00 - 11:30
Fri : Play Monkeys 10:00 - 11:30
for parents & children up to 5 yrs
www.tidworthmums.co.uk

Job Vacancy

Comms & Marketing Director for
AFF Central Office in Andover
www.aff.org.uk/affjobs.htm
Sarah Bowie 01264 - 382317

Tidworth Town FC

Girls & Boys - Humber Lane,
Tidworth. Tel 07872 - 565650
secretary@tidworthtownfc.co.uk
www.tidworthtownfc.co.uk

The Shipton Bellinger Rams FC

Shipton Bellinger Village Centre
www.clubwebsite.co.uk/shiptonbellingerramsfc

Durrington FC

Girls & Boys - Avon Valley College.
Tel. 07917 - 228708 durrington@btinternet.com

Pewsey Rugby Club

1st & 2nd XV's and a youth section.
Contact Mick Haynes 07584 577901
mick.haynes638@mod.uk

Shrewton Cricket Club

Adult & Junior cricket. Details : Jim
Nicholson www.pitchero.com/clubs/shrewtoncricketclub

Swimming Lessons

Clear Water Sports at Bulford Pool
07544 - 384604
www.clearwatersports.co.uk

Tidworth (Comb Svcs) Polo Club

Courses & instruction for all levels.
Call 01980 - 846 705 or
Email info@tidworthpolo.com

Tidworth Garrison Saddle Club

Riding instruction available at
Tidworth Equitation Centre.
www.tidworthgarrisonsaddleclub.uk

Tidworth Garrison Golf Club

Discounted rates & flexible
membership for Armed Forces.
Call 01980 - 842301 for details. www.tidworthgolfclub.co.uk

Kiwi Divers

Garrison Scuba Diving Club
Every Tuesday at Bulford Pool for
training, lectures & try dives
Email kiwidiversecretary@gmail.com

6th Wiltshire Kiwi BPSA

Baden Powell Scouts for ages 5+
Thursdays 18:00 - 19:30 in the Cadet
Hut, Ward Barracks, Bulford.
Tel. 07788 - 244 636

Perham Down Youth Clubs

Tuesdays at PD Community Centre
Juniour Youth Club 18:00 - 19:30
Senior Youth Club 19.30 - 21.15
Contact Jenni on 07786 - 395 067

Military Wives Choirs

Bulford : The Salisbury Plain Choir
Thursdays 7pm Kiwi School
Tidworth : The Tidworth Choir
Thursdays 7pm St Michael's Church

Stay with the beat !

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