

# Drumbeat



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Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Community Newsletter

August 2012

## Tidworth welcomes the Olympic Torch



This was the moment when **Kate Howey**, Olympic Judo silver medallist (2000) and Olympic flag bearer (2004), lit her Olympic Torch to carry it along Tidworth's Pennings Road, which was lined with Garrison troops and decorated with flags made by local schoolchildren. Read more inside ...

### What's on in the Garrison area

● **Sat 4 August 11:00 - 17:00**

Fun Day and Car Boot Sale at Durrington Recreation Ground. Dog show, Ferret racing, Hog Roast, Beer tent, Chain saw carving ... Call 01980 - 652 412 for details.

● **9 & 10 Aug**

Italian speciality market at Salisbury market square.

● **Wed 19 Sept 19:00**

Proms Concert at the Garrison Theatre. Details inside

● **Thurs 20 Sept 10:00 - 16:00**

AFF Conference 2012.

● **Wed 26 Sept**

The Early Early Christmas Fair at Tedworth House in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity

● **Thurs 27 Sept 10:30 - 15:30**

BR FS Military to Civilian transition event at the TLC. Details inside

## FREE Swimming at the TLC

For all children up to the age of 16  
during state school holidays  
for the next 12 months

Further details at the Tidworth Leisure Centre



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## Tidworth welcomes the Olympic Torch



Located on the green by the traffic lights at Hampshire Cross, the Beacon was lit on the afternoon the Olympic torch passed through Tidworth.

Tidworth's Beacon was originally made by the Royal Engineers to mark HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

Children from local primary schools took part in a 'mini Olympics' Festival of Sport at the Tidworth Oval (below). Sport Ambassadors from

The Wellington Academy were there to help, as well as a number of recovering Servicemen from Tedworth House. The Help for Heroes Bear mascot was also there to cheer everyone on!



A Community Event organised by Tidworth Council took place on the Lucknow/Mooltan Sports pitches. Hundreds of people enjoyed the fairground rides and live music after watching the Olympic torch being carried through the town.



Troops from this Garrison have been put on standby to help provide venue security at the Olympic Games



## Warriors unearth Warriors

An award-winning project using archaeology to aid the recovery of soldiers from The RIFLES injured on Op Herrick continues its success on Salisbury Plain.



"Operation Nightingale" last month received a special 'Project of Merit' award from the British Archaeological Awards, in recognition of its innovative use of archaeological work to boost the recovery and career prospects of military personnel from the RIFLES injured in Afghanistan.

This hugely successful programme was set up last year by Richard Osgood, DIO's Senior Historical Advisor on Salisbury Plain, and Sgt Diarmaid Walshe RAMC. Soldiers have been learning a series of land survey, excavation, drawing and mapping techniques, as well as enhancing their presentation skills; 8 of them are going on to study archaeology at Leicester University, thanks to the project.

"When it comes to reading a landscape or looking for things on the ground that are 'out of the ordinary', the skills of a soldier are not so very different to those used by an archaeologist", Richard Osgood told Drumbeat.

Op NIGHTINGALE has continued this Summer with a 6-week dig to investigate Bronze Age and early Anglo-Saxon deposits at Barrow Clump, a prehistoric monument in danger of being destroyed by burrowing badgers.



"Badgers are very good diggers but very bad at recording their finds!" Richard Osgood commented.

Around 20 Riflemen are involved in the dig and they very quickly become absorbed in what they are doing. Rfn Rowan ("Kenny") Kendrick is working on the grave of a prestigious Saxon warrior who was buried with a spear and a copper-banded wooden drinking vessel.

"I've nicknamed him 'Thor' because he was a warrior, just like me", said Kenny. "Also, Thor was the god of the rain and it has been raining quite a lot while we've been working out here!"

Other finds at the site have included a Bronze Age cremation and part of a wrist-guard of similar age to the Boscombe Bowman and the Amesbury Archer. More recent Saxon finds have included shield bosses, a large knife, several amber necklaces and a woman wearing two broaches, one Saxon and one Roman.

The project draws in assistance from partners including English Heritage, Wessex Archaeology and the Army's survey unit, 135 Geographica. Pictured here, Wessex Archaeology's Phil Harding has been a frequent visitor to the site throughout the dig. Channel 4's "Time Team" also spent 3 days there.

Safe in the guardianship of the MoD for over 100 years, the 306 scheduled monuments on Salisbury Plain have been protected from modern deep ploughing which elsewhere has eroded the historical landscape. The artifacts emerging from Barrow Clump will add to our knowledge of 'The Dark Ages' in Britain.



## Coming soon to Bulford !

### New Medical Facilities

Bulford's new Medical and Dental Centre opened for business earlier this year.

The new facility will have its official opening towards the end of the year.

As the building phase of Project Allenby/Connaught progresses, new facilities are on their way for Bulford ...

### New Outdoor Sports Facilities

Work has already started on the new sports pitches on the Marlborough field in Bulford. A cricket pitch and an all-weather football pitch (complete with lighting) will be completed and be ready for use next year.



### New Indoor Sports Facilities

The existing swimming pool is being refurbished and new changing rooms and offices built which will be ready by August 2013.

A new military Physical & Recreational Training Centre is being constructed, roughly where the AWS offices used to be in Horne Road. This sports hall is on course to be complete by the end of this year.

### Shopping in Bulford

In a final phase of the work, a new convenience store, café and public toilets will be built at one end of the new Sports Hall building. Once this is up and running, the current Londis shop will be demolished.

The shops in the Bulford Precinct and offices in Kandy Road will be untouched.

### The Kiwi Pub

This building has been empty for some time and will be demolished, enabling the communal grassed area of the Marlborough field to be extended.

## Bulford Thrift Shop



The Bulford Thrift Shop in Picton Barracks closed its doors on 19th July. Gail Shenton and her team of volunteers have been keeping it going for a number of years, but in recent months, customer support has not been sufficient to maintain its viability in its current location.

Many thanks to Paula Reynolds, Janet Fry, Kath Rushby and Gail Shenton (pictured) and to Pat Le Feuvre and Carol Jones. Between them they have around 75 years experience working in thrift shops in various garrisons wherever they have been posted.

## Bulford Community Learning Centre in Kandy Road

Bulford Community Learning Centre (BCLC) is closed for the Summer during the month of August, but will be re-opening in September with an exciting range of new courses :

- Council for Awards in Care, Health & Education (CACHE) Level 2
- Supporting Work in School (SWIS)
- SAGE - online bookkeeping
- Food Hygiene

Follow us on Facebook or email Helen or Lucy at bulford-clc@hotmail.co.uk

**Job Vacancy at the BCLC :** Manager/Administrator for courses in the BCLC. Good IT and excellent customer service skills .

Part time, annual contract - 15 hours per week, 42 weeks per year

Apply by : 13 Aug 12 Interview Date : 20 Aug 12

For further information and application form please email: bs@10aec.detsa.co.uk

## The Human side of Reporting

When Shirley Swain, our local BFBS reporter, set out for Afghanistan last month, she had a clear idea of what she wanted to achieve :

"My main aim was to produce stories showing how the transition process was working in Afghanistan, and indeed it is", she told Drumbeat. "But I came away with much, much more. The personal stories and messages back home to loved ones were amazing".

This very human angle is how Shirley brought individuality to her reports from Theatre. She is used to working closely with the military community in Wiltshire, so the needs of the families back home were on her mind – a different approach to most defence correspondents. But it is the hours she spent with the British and Afghan Forces on the ground that will really stick in her mind :

"I never imagined how much the experience would affect me. It has given me a much greater understanding – I get it, I know how they feel, I know how tough it can be for the soldiers who go out day-in day-out on patrol, under immense mental pressure and heat and how they deal with that. The love and bond between the soldiers is moving to witness. It's the individual stories, like a young private and his amazing patrolling pooch, the female soldiers working with the Afghan women - and the Afghan children who fell in love with a soldier from the 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment - he was like the Pied Piper of Helmand Province!" (Pictured right).



Much of Shirley's time was spent with the main units from 12th Mechanized Brigade, such as KRH, 26 Engr Regt and 19 Regt RA, although she also

produced features about other attached units.

She recalls one particular sequence of events that pushed her to the limit : "We were trying to get out of a particular location and our helicopters kept getting cancelled, so the only way out was on foot. From the outset I hadn't wanted to go on a foot patrol, not because I didn't want to experience it, I just didn't want to be a burden on the soldiers. If I was able to tell their story from inside the compounds, then that would be how I would do it, not by being a 'war tourist' and putting other lives at risk for the sake of a soundbite.

"But, I was forced to go by foot in order to get out and get home. In the end it really wasn't a big deal, but my heart raced away until I was safely back inside a checkpoint. I kept asking myself: 'What if something happened? What would I do? Could I save a soldier's life if I had to?'"

As a mother of two, Shirley enjoyed the contact she had with the Afghan children : "They loved hearing themselves as I recorded their chatter and let them listen back to their voices. They couldn't get enough of it... it was magical!" (Picture)

It's clear that Shirley gives her all to report on those that she so enthusiastically serves – the men and women of our Armed Forces - saying : "They deserve our visits, we need to talk about them and tell everyone what a brilliant job they continue to do. They're amazing individuals, every single one of them."

To listen to Shirley's radio reports from Afghanistan, go to [www.bfbs.com/radio](http://www.bfbs.com/radio). See her photographs of troops in Helmand Province on Facebook at BFBS Shirley Swain and follow her on Twitter @bfbswiltshire

## MHS / DIO Customer Assistance Point (CAP)

Anyone with any question about housing, specific or in general, can come along to any of the Customer Assistance Points in the area to discuss it personally.

The CAP does not replace the HIC/HASC or the MHS 24/7 Helpline.

**MHS Office, Larkhill (Mon & Fri)** **Tidworth HIVE (Tues)**  
**Bulford - The Beeches (Wed)** **Warminster (Thurs)**

**The CAP will not be open during the Summer holidays**

## Military to Civilian Transition Event welcomes Families

**Thurs 27 September 2012**  
**10:30 AM to 3:30 PM**



Opportunities to Service families! Resettlement affects more than just the individual who is leaving the Armed Forces, so this BF RS event is open to their families too. At the Tidworth Event, attendees will find:

**Work** - for military personnel & their family; talk to our exhibitors about the opportunities they have available.

**Free workshops** - improve your CV, start your own business and find out what employers are looking for.

**Expert advice** - what support is available for your family.

There will be 80 exhibitors and entry to this event is free.

For further information please visit [www.bfrrs.org.uk](http://www.bfrrs.org.uk) or contact Hannah Reynolds, Marketing Director, on 0784 3937872 or [hannah@bfrrs.org.uk](mailto:hannah@bfrrs.org.uk)

## 4Bn REME raises Army profile



4Bn REME played host to the Crewe Alexandra football team during their pre-season tour in Wiltshire last month. They are pictured here on the Arcot Road pitches with coaches from the Army and from Pewsey Vale FC.

## Author Talks

A series of talks by authors who have been shortlisted in the Army Military Book of the Year 2012 will take place at the Prince Consort Library in Aldershot :

**3 Sept Max Hastings** 'All Hell let loose'  
**12 Sept Lloyd Clark** 'Kursk: the greatest Tank Battle'

Call 01252 - 349382 for more details

## Larkhill Community Panto

"The Regimental Slipper" - for families by families

**Fri 30 November at 19:00 & Sat 1 December at 14:00**  
**Newcome Hall, Larkhill Adults £5, Children £2**

Tickets will be available from 3rd September onwards from Caroline Bowman 07729 583679, Vanessa Moncrieff at Larkhill Garrison Nursery or from Larkhill Post Office

## 1RHA's Winning Team



Teams from across the Army met at Larkhill at the end of June to compete in the annual Royal Artillery Tug 'o' War competition. 1RHA were successful in most weight categories, including the coveted 560kg pull, and were the eventual winners. Congratulations !



## The Red Shield Centre

Baroda Road, Bhurtpore Bks, Tidworth  
07:00 - 14:00 Monday - Friday  
Telephone : 843 359

The Red Shield Centre provides pastoral care and hospitality to the whole Service community. We have two mobile vans which take food and drinks out to various places throughout the Garrison, as well as the Red Shield Centre in Baroda Road, where everyone is very welcome.

Our menu provides everything from breakfast to lunch, including rolls, paninis and snacks, homemade cakes and latte coffee, which you can either 'eat in' or 'take away'.

John, Sue and all the Staff will make you very welcome.

Telephone orders taken before 09:30



## Telephone numbers have changed

The numbers to use when dialling military extensions in Tidworth and Perham Down, from a telephone number outside the military network, have changed.

### Tidworth & Perham Down :

2000 Series	650 + last 3 Numbers :	01980 650 000
3000 Series	651 + last 3 Numbers :	01980 651 000
4000 Series	656 + last 3 Numbers :	01980 656 000
4100 Series	6564 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 6564 00
4200 Series	6565 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 6565 00
4300 Series	8445 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 8445 00
4700 Series	6563 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 6563 00
4800 Series	6568 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 6568 00
4900 Series	6566 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 6566 00
5700 Series	6567 + last 2 Numbers :	01980 6567 00

**For example :** The military extension of the Drumbeat Office is 2980, so to dial in from a civilian number it becomes : 01980 - 650 980.

The system for Bulford and Larkhill remains unchanged :

**Bulford :** 01980 67 XXXX **Larkhill :** 01980 84 XXXX

## Rundle Cup 2012

The Army polo team was narrowly beaten by the Royal Navy at this year's hard-fought Rundle Cup match on 14th July.

The Navy set off with a purpose, keen to win back the cup after the Army won it last year, scoring two

goals within the first few minutes of the game. The Army players fought back strongly towards the end of the game, but the Navy kept ahead and maintained their lead, in the end winning by 6½ - 5.

Earlier in the day a team of celebrities which included Katie Price (Jordan) and Silent Witness Actor Tom Ward played a charity match on ponies and bicycles against a team of jockeys including Daryl Jacob - winner of this year's Grand National - and Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Andrew Thornton, to raise funds for Inspire, the Salisbury-based charity which fights the effects of spinal cord injury.

This was the 17th Rundle Cup day organised by Brigadier (Retired) John Wright who is leaving this year to become the Chairman of the Hurlingham Polo Association after many years of service to the military polo community.



## Proms Concert

Wed 19 September 19:00  
at the Tidworth Garrison Theatre



featuring music from :

**The Band of the Prince of Wales's Division  
and the Salisbury Plain Military Wives' Choir**

**Tickets : £12 Call 01980 - 650018**



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To make Radio requests & dedications, call 01494 - 372 786  
Visit [www.bfbs.com/messages](http://www.bfbs.com/messages)  
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BFBS Local Reporter : Shirley Swain  
Call : 07854 - 094 202  
Email : [shirley.swain@bfbs.com](mailto:shirley.swain@bfbs.com)

**106.8 Garrison FM**  
Broadcasting to Tidworth, Netheravon, Bulford and Larkhill.  
Listen online: [www.garrisonfm.com](http://www.garrisonfm.com)  
Call 01980 - 672277 or Email : [salisburyplain@garrisonfm.com](mailto:salisburyplain@garrisonfm.com)

**Castledown Radio**  
Broadcasting to the Tidworth Community Area on 104.7 FM  
email : [studio@castledownradio.info](mailto:studio@castledownradio.info) or call: 01264 - 841047

**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 Fax: 01980 - 843265  
Email: [carly.lovell@btconnect.com](mailto:carly.lovell@btconnect.com)  
[www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Rubbish & Recycling**  
For details about collections, visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Car Boot Sales**  
08:30-11:30 Last Sat of each month at Wellington Academy, Tidworth.

**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](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)

**TCAP Coordinator**  
Tony Pickernell  
01980 - 602018 / 07765 - 382678

**SSAFA Forces Help**  
Call 01980 - 632567 or 670540

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

**DIO Ops Accommodation** : The Housing Information Centre (HIC) in Warminster has transferred to the **Housing Allocations Service Centre (HASC)** in Aldershot.  
Call 0800 - 169 6322 Mon-Fri New opening times TBA

**Repairs to Army Quarters (24/7)**  
MODern Housing Solutions Helpline (MHS) Call 0800 - 707 6000

**Emergency Numbers :**  
MDP 24/7 : 01371 - 854500  
MDP TNB : 01980 - 651099  
RMP : 01980 - 67 2251 & 67 3530  
Service Police Confidential Line : 0800 - 72 72 72  
Wiltshire Police : 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

Closed during Public Holidays  
Telephone : 01980 - 847 140  
General Manager : 650 030  
Outside Pitch Bookings : 651416

**Tidworth Library Opening Times**  
Mon 10:00 - 17:00  
Tues & Thurs 14:00 - 19:00  
Wed & Fri 10:00 - 17:00  
Sat 10:00 - 13:00  
Call: 01980 - 843460 or 650568

**Paula's Café** : Mon-Sat 9:00-18:00  
**Tidworth HIVE** : See HIVE below  
**Youth Activities** : T2A Adventure Sports Club and Youth Only Zone  
**Also at the TLC** : Counselling Svcs, Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinics, Purity Beauty Salon, Hairdressing, etc

**Local HIVE Information Centres**  
**Tidworth HIVE at the TLC** :  
Tues, Thurs, Fri 09:00 - 14:00  
Call Nicole : 01980 - 650224  
**Bulford HIVE at the Beeches** :  
Mon & Wed 9:00 - 14:00  
Call Nicole : 01980 - 672420  
**HIVE online at [www.mod.uk/hive](http://www.mod.uk/hive)**  
[www.salisburyplainhive.blogspot.com](http://www.salisburyplainhive.blogspot.com)

**Things to do this Summer**  
Visit the Drumbeat website for places to go & activities for children and families - locally and further afield!  
[www.drumbeat.org.uk/whats\\_on](http://www.drumbeat.org.uk/whats_on)

**Army Welfare Service**  
Main Office : 01980 - 672105

**TNB Garrison Early Years**  
For information about Pre-School provision in the Garrison area, **including Job Vacancies.**  
Bank Key Workers always needed.  
Please email Chris : [tnbearlyyears@aol.co.uk](mailto:tnbearlyyears@aol.co.uk)

**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 & in Larkhill.  
Call Kate Fry 01980 - 632 660

**Uniformed Youth Groups**  
Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers  
Call Scout Info Centre: 0845 300 1818  
**Guides, Brownies & Rainbows**  
Call Karren Madden 01980 - 551088

**The Shipton Bellinger Rams FC**  
Shipton Bellinger Playing Fields  
New members wanted (girls/boys) for U9, U11, U12 teams. All abilities welcome. For more details please call Ian Lintell on 01264 381694

**Tidworth Royals FC**  
Football training for 4-16 yr olds.  
Tues & Fri 18:00 - 19:00 on the Lucknow/Mooltan sports pitch near Esso garage. New members welcome. [www.tidworthroyals.co.uk](http://www.tidworthroyals.co.uk)

**Tidworth Saddle Club**  
Riding instruction available 7 days per week - all ages, group/individual  
For details call 07500 - 868 940

**Tidworth (Comb Svcs) Polo Club**  
Courses & instruction for all levels.  
01980-846705 or [tidpolo@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tidpolo@tiscali.co.uk)  
**Grooms/Riders/Helpers wanted :**  
Full or part time Grooms. Riders to exercise the polo ponies. Helpers at the stables. Details from 01980 - 650508 (stables) or 846705 (Office)

**Tidworth Youth Centre**  
St Andrews Hall near VCP2  
Mon, Tues & Thurs for ages 13-19  
**Ludgershall Youth Centre**  
Andover Rd (next to the CoOp)  
Wed & Thurs for ages 13-19  
Details from Wendy : 07917 - 174 623

**Tidworth 10K & 3K Fun Run**  
in aid of  
Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal  
Sun 4 November - Tedworth Park  
**Registration now open**  
Visit [www.starsappeal.org](http://www.starsappeal.org)

**AFF Conference 2012**  
Thurs 20 September 10:30 - 16:00  
Institute of Education, London  
For details visit [www.aff.org.uk](http://www.aff.org.uk)

**Swimming Instructors needed**  
for the Pewsey & Tidworth Amateur Swimming Club. Mon & Thurs at the TLC 19:00 - 20:00  
Further details: 01264-791926

**Storybook Soldiers**  
Being deployed ? Record a story for your child to listen to while you are away. Call us at 10 AEC: 01980 650515  
[storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk)  
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