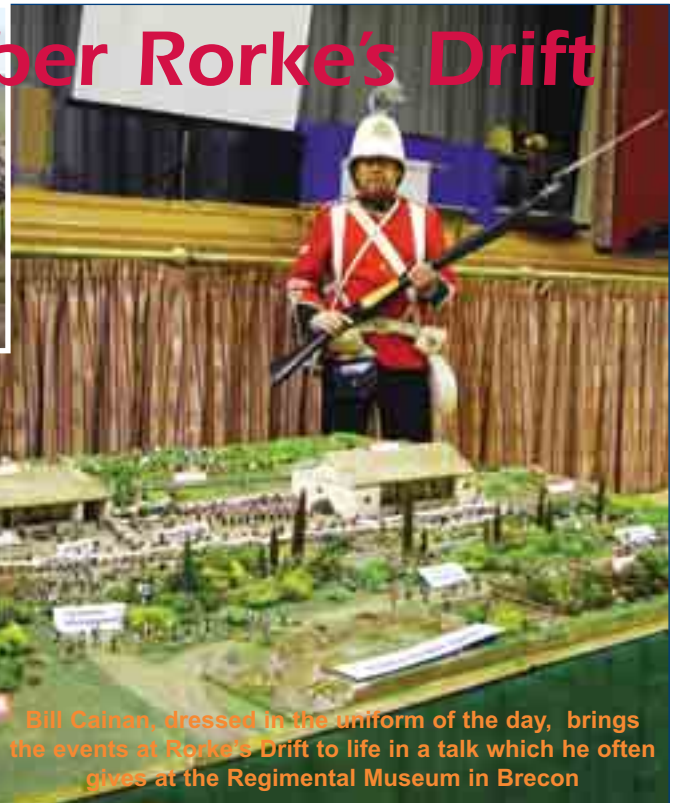


Drumbeat



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2 R Welsh remember Rorke's Drift



Bill Cainan, dressed in the uniform of the day, brings the events at Rorke's Drift to life in a talk which he often gives at the Regimental Museum in Brecon



On 22nd January every year, 2nd Battalion The Royal Welsh celebrates Rorke's Drift Day. This successful action took place in South Africa in 1879, the day after Zulu warriors, armed only with assegais, spears and shields had completely wiped out British forces, armed with the most modern of weapons, at Isandlwana.

Rorke's Drift was a crossing on the Tugela River about 5 miles from Isandlwana, where there was a small mission house and church, being used as a hospital and a store. On 22nd January 1879, it was manned by B Company, 2nd Bn, 24th Foot, (South Wales Borderers), under the command of Lt Gonville Bromhead. Also at the mission house was Lt John Chard, Royal Engineers, with a party of Sappers.

The single company of Infantry held several Zulu regiments at bay for about 10 hours, evacuating patients from the burning hospital under fire and holding the storehouse until the ferocity of the Zulu attack eased in the early hours of the morning.

Eleven Victoria Crosses were awarded for actions during the defence of Rorke's Drift, including to Lt Bromhead and Lt Chard, who were both also promoted to Major.

129 years later, in Lucknow Barracks in Tidworth, soldiers from 2 R Welsh spent the morning learning about the action, one of their Regimental Battle Honours, and in the afternoon took part in a battalion cross-country run.



BFBS Radio is now on DAB Digital Radio in the UK



For more than 60 years, British Forces Broadcasting Service, (BFBS), has been keeping British Forces and their families in touch with home through radio stations based wherever they are around the world but, until recently, it

has been unable to serve those at home in the UK.

Now, for the first time ever, British Forces and their families in the UK can listen to the same programmes on their radios as British Forces and their families in Germany, the Middle East and around the world.

"This completes the link", says BFBS Radio's Controller, Charles Foster. "Although we've been serving the British Forces community around the world for 65 years, we have relied on occasional links with the BBC and commercial stations or, more recently, the internet, to keep the Forces and their families and friends at home in the picture. Now, we can provide radio programmes and messages that can be heard by Corporal Smith in Iraq, his wife in Germany and his Mum in the UK - all at the same time. It's total connectivity and DAB digital radio prices start at under £30. If this trial produces the results we hope to see, it will be brilliant news for the British Forces."

Quentin Howard, Chief Executive of Digital One (the national commercial digital radio network broadcasting BFBS Radio to Great Britain) says: "We are delighted to be helping to connect British Forces personnel, their families and other listeners across the country who may share past and present links with the Forces. If this trial of BFBS Radio proves popular and successful we would hope to be able to make the service permanent".

BFBS began the three-month UK DAB radio trial on 12th January. It features programmes from Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as a dedicated UK Breakfast Show from 06:30 - 10:00 every weekday morning, hosted by the well-known BFBS Radio DJ, Sim Courtie.

It will now also be possible for Forces family and friends all over the UK to listen to BFBS's flagship dedications programme, "Access All Areas", which is broadcast every Sunday, linking Forces' families and friends all around the world.

"Our overseas programmes remain a priority for BFBS Radio," continued Charles Foster. "But the majority of servicemen and women now have their home base in the United Kingdom, even if they are on regular deployments to operational areas. Our new DAB digital radio service means they'll always be able to keep in touch with family and friends back in the UK wherever they are in the world."

BFBS can be contacted 24/7, with messages for friends or loved ones serving overseas or in the UK, via the website: www.bfbs.com/digital or by phoning the BFBS Radio hotline: 08701 202121 (national rate).

You can also send feedback you may have about the new DAB service by email to: dab@bfbs.com



BFBS Outside Broadcast Monday 25 February 12:00 - 14:00 Live at Tidworth Leisure Centre

The Heidi Secker Show
Live from Tidworth
to British Forces everywhere



Come along and say hello !

New REME Headquarters is opened in Tidworth



The first building to be delivered to the REME by Project Allenby was officially opened on 23rd January by Brigadier BW McCall, the Director Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

6Bn REME have already moved into their part of the new Headquarters building, which will eventually be shared with 4Bn REME when they move to Tidworth from their current location in Bordon in 12 months' time.

"I have no doubt that this is a significant step forward for the battalion", said Brigadier McCall. "To move from its previous remote, small and cramped HQ, to this excellent modern facility, can be nothing but beneficial and is undoubtedly the first step towards building a significant REME presence here in Tidworth".

The ceremony was attended by Peter Smart, the Chief Executive Officer of Aspire Defence, himself a retired REME Officer, having commanded the old 3 Field Workshop here in Tidworth a few years ago.



News from 10 Army Education Centre Changes to CLM ...

There is a new version of CLM coming to 10 Army Education Centre. Its aim is to "develop NCOs and WOs capable of executing command, leadership and management under both operational and in-barracks conditions, to be role-models for their subordinates and contribute to team ethos and operational effectiveness."

The changes have come about because the current operating environment has revealed that there is the need for more practical command, leadership and management (CLM) training for all cap-badges.

The changes include a new level of CLM for Potential NCOs, delivered in units. This new requirement is for all Ptes selected for promotion regardless of cap badge to attend a PNCO CLM Course and comes into place on 1 Apr 08. PNCO CLM will be delivered through either centralised or unit based cadres, talk to your chain of command for more information.

Thereafter, the three existing levels of CLM have been modified and each will be delivered in three parts that must be completed in order: Part 1 is a special to cap badge element that will be delivered by your cap badge. In most cases this will be incorporated into existing courses but to find out exactly what you need to do talk to your RCMO. Part 2 is a learning through work element that will require you to complete a workbook with support from the chain of command and Education Officers – copies of work books will be posted on 10 AEC's website in the near future. The workbooks will take around 6 months to complete and must be fully completed before candidates can be loaded onto part 3. And finally, part 3 will be a 5 day course delivered at the Education Centres.



There is a Basic Skills pre entry standard required for JNCO and SNCO CLMs. From 1 Jan 09 the Army's Basic Skills Policy will require all those promoted to Cpl to have Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy qualifications. From 1 Apr 12 all those promoted to Sgt are to have Level 2 Literacy and Numeracy qualifications. If you do not have these qualifications please contact 10 AEC as in most cases qualifications can be easily achieved.

The new versions of CLM courses start from 1 Aug 08 for JNCO CLM, 1 Jun 08 for SNCO CLM and 1 Feb 09 for WO CLM. The older versions of these courses will be run up until these dates, so no one should be disadvantaged.

The changes to CLM are fairly complex and Education Officers will be briefing units and individuals about parts 2 and 3 over the next few months but, in the mean time, if you require any further information please contact 10 AEC on 94342 2370.

All now at the TLC !

A one-stop-shop for pampering the inner and outer YOU has been created at the Tidworth Leisure Centre, located on the first floor, where the old, rarely-used function room used to be.

Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinic

Heather Beattie, a State Registered and Chartered Physiotherapist, and Annmarie Botha, Sports Therapist and Exercise Professional, (who have been practising at Tidworth Leisure Centre for over seven years), have set up their newly refurbished multi-disciplinary health and therapy suite, allowing them to meet the needs of their usual patients and clients as well as incorporating other practitioners to compliment their practice. These include Counselling Services, a qualified Reiki



Master, a Life Coach and a Podiatrist. They are looking for one more healthcare professional needing a room to rent to join their team.

Tidworth Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinic

Heather Beattie - Chartered Physiotherapist 07768 737646
Annmarie Botha - Sports Injury Therapist 07796 - 230571
Steph Ball - Reiki Master 07775 530303
Angela Ross - Nutrition & Lifestyle Coach 07966 373606
Rob Footit - Podiatrist
Clarity Counselling Services from Karen Millington 07765 670522 & Kathryn Shearing 07929 862337

Purity Beauty Salon

Yvonne Shelley Ward has been working in Tidworth for 10 years, first at Ordnance House and, for the last 6 years, at the TLC. Yvonne's successful business, Purity Beauty Salon, offers a full range of treatments : St Tropez spray tans, microdermabrasion, manicures, pedicures, inch loss treatments, waxing, etc. She has now expanded her business to include clinics in Colonic Hydrotherapy, Reflexology, Semi-permanent make-up and Colour Analysis.



There is also a Hairdresser offering Ladies and Gents cuts and international Medium, Dan Clarke, offering readings every Monday.

Purity Beauty Salon : 01980 - 842509 / 07958 - 911 928

Beauty Therapists Amy Edwards & Yvonne Shelley Ward (front row)
(back row) Kerrie Pettitt - Nail Technician 07813 667859
Karen Scott - Inner Health Colonic Hydrotherapy 07917 632290
Jan Rose - Colour Analysis 07923 497813
Julie Atkinson - Purity Hairdresser 07810 424637
Linda Price - Soothing Steps Reflexology 07984 823280

A Joint Approach to Policing



In response to calls from members of the public asking us to deal with anti-social behaviour in the area, Tidworth Police, working together with our partners from the Ministry of Defence Police and the Royal Military Police, conducted a joint operation over the weekend of 18/19 January.

Extra officers were on duty and during the operation over 50 young people were stopped and spoken to. Several of these were taken home and spoken to in the presence of their parents and a substantial quantity of alcohol was seized.

We will continue to work with the community to deal with any instances of anti-social behaviour, in order to allay any fears the public may have. Anyone witnessing any anti social behaviour should contact the Police.

Top 12 Tips to keep your Home Safe from Fire

- Check your installed smoke alarm once a week (change battery yearly where disposable batteries are fitted).
- Make a fire action plan - plan your escape route from every room.
- Take care when cooking with hot oil - consider using thermostatically controlled deep fat fryers.
- Never leave lit candles unattended.
- Ensure cigarettes are fully extinguished and disposed of carefully.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Keep clothing and other fabrics (curtains, etc.) away from heating appliances.
- Take care while cooking in the kitchen - accidents whilst cooking account for 59% of all fires within the home.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children.
- Take care when tired or when you have been drinking. Half of all deaths in domestic fires occur between 10pm and 8am.
- Do not remove internal doors as these protect your escape route, delay the spread of fire and reduce smoke damage.
- Before retiring to bed or leaving the house ensure all unnecessary electrical equipment is switched off and all internal doors are closed.

**Defence Fire & Rescue Service
at HQ 43 (Wessex) Brigade**



New Community Beat Officer for Tidworth

Pc Mark Eburne is the new Community Beat Manager of the Tidworth Neighbourhood Police Team, taking over from Pc Chris Spackman.

"Pc Spackman has left me an excellent foundation to work on," Pc Eburne told Drumbeat. "For example, Bluez 'n' Zuz, the disco for young people, continues to thrive and we have excellent working relationships with Sarsen Housing, Tidworth Development Trust, the Army and Tidworth Town Council."



Pc Eburne hopes to further improve relationships with the local community by setting up monthly 'surgeries' at the new Tesco Store in Tidworth, starting on 11 February. "We have lost some contact with the community due to the closure of the Enquiry Office at Tidworth Police Station. I hope these surgeries will make it easier for the local people of Tidworth to make contact with us," he said.

Pc Eburne has 29 years police service has been stationed at Tidworth for 8 years. He will continue to be supported in the Neighbourhood Policing Team by PCSO Gemma Clark

Top Tips to combat Crime in the Workplace



- Challenge strangers – ask for their id and escort them to their destination or reception.
- Lock all offices, conference rooms, or store rooms whenever they are unoccupied.
- Keep any valuables locked in your drawer or cabinet.
- Property-mark all valuable property, and post notices warning that property within the office is marked.
- Inform someone (guard staff) of your presence/location if you are going to be working late.
- If you are an office manager allow your staff to finish 5 or 10 mins before close of play allowing time for the office/building to be secured instead of having a mad rush for the door, leaving drawers, windows or even doors insecure.

Thank you ...



The Imperial War Museum in London was the location chosen for Wg Cdr John Clarke MBE (left) of the Air Operations Coordination Centre (Land), based at Netheravon, to presents a cheque to Wg Cdr Martin Henshaw from the RAF Benevolent Fund. The money was raised at Netheravon's annual Battle of Britain lunch.

Minister for the Armed Forces visits the Garrison

The Minister of State for the Armed Forces, Mr Bob Ainsworth MP, visited Salisbury Plain last month. His visit focussed on community life in the Garrison. After visiting quarters in Bulford and Tidworth and having lunch with families at the 2 R Welsh Welfare Office, he did a tour of Garrison facilities at the Medical Centre, the Education Centre and the Leisure Centre.

At 10 AEC, he presented Sam Batcock with a BSC Level 1 certificate, a qualification which she gained by doing a course at the Tidworth Army Learning Centre.

The Minister went on to see how the Army Education Centre obtains funding and coordinates courses for Army dependants wanting to get back to work.

He was also interested to hear about the Storybook Soldiers project which operates from 10 AEC ... and went away with a copy of Drumbeat !



Thank you ...

Fundraising events in Bulford have raised funds for the new charity, Help for Heroes. A cheque for £555 has just been presented to the charity representing the proceeds from a cheese and wine evening and a car boot sale, organised by two members of

the Army Welfare Service staff, Tonia Hopkins and Carol Treadwell and the proceeds from the sale of H4H wrist bands over the Christmas period at the Bulford Fish & Chip shop. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

The Beeches has adopted Help for Heroes as their main fundraising charity for the year, so watch out for more events throughout the year !

Bulford : Can you help ?

Coppicing work in the woodland situated in between the married quarters in Marne Road and Wellington Road in Bulford has highlighted the need to do something about the rubbish gathered there.

In a move organised by Major KS Gould, and in conjunction with Aspire Defence, local residents and volunteers are offering to clear the rubbish from the woodland.

15, 16 & 17 February

Work is due to start on Friday 15th February and continue on throughout the weekend. Aspire Defence will be providing personnel and skips for the rubbish throughout the weekend.

If you would like to join in and help clear rubbish from the woodland and would like more information, please contact:

Philip Hawkins (Grounds Maintenance Manager) or Amelia Williams (Tree Manager) on 0845 168 2331 or email phillip.hawkins@aspiredefence.co.uk

Just returned from Ops ? Special Forces Discount Offer

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group is offering a special deal to UK Forces Personnel returning from operations (including TA) and their families, to attend two of his most popular shows in the West End of London at discounted rates.

From Monday to Thursday, excluding 18-22 February, Service Personnel will be able to obtain 50% off "The Sound of Music" and 25% off "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat".

Contact Chrissie Tanner at The Really Useful Group, 22 Tower Street, London WC2H 9TW or by email : chrissie.tanner@reallyuseful.co.uk

There is a limit on the number of tickets available each night and you must give at least two weeks notice for your booking. If your application is successful, the tickets will be posted to you. If it is not successful, due to incomplete details or inability to accommodate you on your requested dates, someone from the Really Useful Group will get in touch with you.

Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Woodland Wonderland Week Half Term at The Beeches in Bulford 18 - 22 February 2008

Come and spend the week with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Community Support Team and take part in a range of activities, including :

- Bird Boxes and Bird Feeders
- Map Making
- Minibeast Hunting
- Environmental Arts
- Woodland Trails and Exploration

Cost : £10 per day - second child half price !

To book places, please ring 01980 - 672105 or call in to AWS office at Horne Road.

Bookings and payment must be made by 1st Feb 08

Tidworth Community Area Awards 2007 " Recognising Endeavour "

Who are the people who have made our communities better places in 2007 ?

Presentation of Awards

5 March Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall 19:00

by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mr John Bush OBE

For more information,

contact Hilary Hollinsworth or Mike Winterbourne at Tidworth Development Trust Tel. 01980 - 846693 Email: hilary@tidworthtrust.co.uk / mike@tidworthtrust.co.uk

Running Fun Day

**Sunday 17 Feb 08 11:00 - 15:00
Fox Lines, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot**

organised by SSAFA Forces Help

to raise money to provide short term accommodation for families visiting injured Service personnel at Selly Oak Hospital and Headley Court

Runs : 10km, 3km Fun Run, 1km Children's Run

There will be prizes for the Winners of all events and a Trophy for the fastest Military Unit

Music from the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas
Raffle - Bouncy Castles - Face Painting - Side Shows

For further details, entry and sponsorship forms, visit www.ssafa.org.uk or contact your local HIVE



Drumbeat Noticeboard



B F B S Forces Radio

Radio requests & dedications
Call : 08701 20 21 21
 (calls are charged at the national rate)
Website : For overseas commands and Northern Ireland visit www.bfbs.com and go to the "Dedications" page.
 Or by email : requests@bfbs.com
 More news from BFBS inside ...

Garrison 106.8 FM

Broadcasting to Tidworth, Netheravon, Bulford and Larkhill from the studio in The Old Armoury at the top of Ordnance Road
Call 01980 - 602277 or Email : salisburyplain@garrisonfm.com

Castledown Radio

Broadcasting to the Tidworth Community Area on **104.7 FM**
 email : studio@castledownradio.info
 or call: 01264 - 84 1047

E Blueys

Log on to www.bfpo.com

Plastic & Cardboard Rubbish

Skips will be in Wylve Road Community Centre car park
08:00-10:30 20 Feb 08

Holy Trinity Church, Tidworth

Rector : 01264 - 791 202

Army Scripture Reader

Nick Wilson 05601 - 793 541

SSAFA Forces Help

Call 01980 - 670540 or 01980 - 670345

Tidworth Polo Club

Job Vacancies : Grooms needed - full & part time. Must be able to ride
Free Riding : Riders welcome to help exercise the polo ponies
Helpers needed in the stables - experience not necessary.
 Call 01980 846705

AWS Job Vacancies

Full & part time childcare job vacancies in the Garrison
 Call Chris on 01980 - 673379

Aspire Defence Helpline (24/7)

0845 168 2300 or Mil 96340 2300

Defence Estates Housing Information Centre Service

Call **0800 - 169 6322**
Mon - Fri 08:00 - 16:30

Repairs to Army Quarters (24/7)

MODern Housing Solutions Helpline
 Call **0800 - 707 6000**

Neighbourhood Police Surgery

Mon 11 February 11:00 - 12:00
 Tesco Store, Station Road, Tidworth

Emergency Numbers :

MDP : 01980 - 60 3099
 RMP : 01980 - 67 2251 & 67 2334
 Wiltshire Police : 0845 - 408 7000
 Police Emergency : 999 or 112
 Crimestoppers : 0800 - 555111

Tidworth Leisure Centre

TLC Opening Times

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

Telephone : 01980 - 847 140

General Manager : 602030

Outside Pitch Bookings : 603416

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 602568

Library Videos and DVDs for hire

From £1.50 for up to a week

Coffee Carousel :

Open 7 days a week from 9:30

Tidworth HIVE Opening Times :

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 15:00

Call Carol Morris : 01980 - 602224

Website : www.hive.mod.uk

Purity Beauty Salon :

Mon-Sat 9:00 - 20:00 Call 07958-911928

Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries :

Physiotherapy : 07768 - 737 646

Sports Therapy : 07796 - 230 571



Storybook Soldiers

Being deployed ?

Away on a long course ?
 Record a story for your child to listen to while you are away.

Phone us at 10 AEC :

01980 602370 (Tid Mil. 94342 2370)

storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk

www.storybooksoldiers.co.uk

AWS Families Centres

Ordnance House, Tidworth: 602398
 at Tidworth Leisure Centre : 602191

The Beeches, Bulford 01980 - 672088

AWS Main Office : 01980 - 672105

Thrift Shops

Tidworth : Mondays 9:00 - 14:45
 Zouch Parade, behind Londis shop

Bulford : Term time Thursdays
 9:30 - 13:00 at The Haig Centre

War Pension/AFCS Advice Day

at the Regional Resettlement Centre,
 Delhi Barracks, Tidworth

28 Feb, 27 Mar 08

More information : 0117 - 971 8446

Windmill Hill Children's Centre

Wylve Rd Community Centre, Tidworth
 Services for 0-5s and their families
 Call Kay Capon on 01980 - 843 010

Uniformed Youth Groups

Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers
 Call Arthur Kendrew 01980 - 597 341

Guides, Brownies, Rainbows

Call Connie Patrickson 01980-845715

Tidworth Youth Centre

Mon & Tues 18:30 - 21:00 13+
 St Andrew's Hall opposite the Oval
 Call Sarah Pearce 01980 - 842748

AWS 9 - 12s Youth Club

AWS Community Hall at the TLC

Tues 18:15 - 20:15 9-12s

Call Joyce Stretton on 07810 771 630

Netball Club

19:00 - 20:30 Tuesdays from 12 Feb
 at the Tidworth Leisure Centre
 Everyone welcome - All standards
 Call Ruth 01980 602786 (Tid Mil 2786)

5-a-Side Football

Wednesday evenings at the TLC.
 2 Leagues of different standards
 affiliated to Wilts County FA.

New teams welcome to sign up !
 Call Azzurri Sports 01483 - 726241

Tidworth Leisure Centre

T2a Adventure Sports Club for 11+

Thurs 18:30 - 21:00 Wall Climbing

Group X Wed 16:30- 17:30 11+

Drop-in Youth Club at the TLC

Thurs 19:30 - 21:00 11+

Youth Only Zone & Project Night

Fri 18:45 - 20:45 11+

Get Kickin' Tidworth Astro Pitch

Mon 19:00 - 20:30 All Ages

For details call TLC : 01980 - 847140

Perham Down Youth Club

The Grapevine £1 per session
 Tues & Thurs 19:00 - 21:00 11-17
 Details : SSgt Welch 01980 603514

Bluez 'n' Zuz Youth Disco

12 February 08 19:00 - 21:00
 Clarendon Junior School, Tidworth

Castledown Youth Radio Club

At the studio Wed 15:00-16:30 11-16

Charity Auction

to raise money for Help for Heroes
 Signed Glasgow Rangers Football top. Email bids & contact details to
 Cpl Alex McLeish, Comd Tp, KRH :
mcleishalex@yahoo.co.uk

Bulford Youth Club

The Beeches Families Centre
 Mondays 5-8s 16:30 - 18:00
 Wednesdays 9-12s 18:00 - 20:00
 Call Tonia Hopkins on 07785 357065

Stay with the beat !

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