

Drumbeat



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New Force Protection Vehicles ready by the end of the year

New vehicles designed to help protect British Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan were demonstrated on Salisbury Plain last month.

The Minister for Defence Procurement, Lord Drayson, said the Cougar (Mastiff) and Vector vehicles were a significant step forward in helping troops in Iraq and

Afghanistan to carry out their tasks more safely. "We are one hundred per cent committed to giving our troops what they need", he said. "Within force protection there is no perfect solution; it is a high risk business, but these vehicles are really excellent and will offer increased protection".

COUGAR / MASTIFF meets the requirement for a well protected wheeled patrol vehicle with a less intimidating profile than tracked vehicles like Warrior or FV430. The vehicles will be customised with essential Bowman radios and electronic counter-measures -



and then fitted with additional armour beyond the standard level, to ensure they have the best possible protection. They are expected to arrive in Iraq by the end of this year.

VECTOR provides good protection and, importantly, increased mobility and capacity compared to Snatch Landrovers, which makes it very suitable for the rugged terrain and long patrol distances in Afghanistan. It is expected that deliveries of Vector will begin early next year.

These two vehicles are being deployed in addition to the Snatch fleet, therefore allowing Commanders in the field additional flexibility in their response to situations as they arise.



Garrison Bonfire Night Thursday 2 November

Carter Barracks, Bulford

● 17:00 Evening begins

Best Guy & Best Firework Poster Competition (Details inside)

● 17:45 Judging ● 18:15 Prizes

● 19:00 Bonfire lit

● 19:30 Fireworks

Advance Tickets £ 1.50

available from Unit Welfare Offices and the HIVE in the TLC from 1st October onwards ● £2 on the night

Transport from Tidworth will be arranged - watch out for details on the Drumbeat website and on Garrison Radio

November is Military History Month in Tidworth, Netheravon & Bulford Garrison

organised by
10 Army Education Centre

Guest Speakers :

13 Nov

Professor Richard Holmes
(Dusty Warriors)

(Date to be announced)

Tim Collins
(Rules of Engagement)

8 Nov

Andy McNab
(The Grey Man)

Times and venues to follow ...
More details from 10 AEC on
01980 - 603045



What's new in the Garrison ? : log on to www.drumbeat.org.uk



Project Allenby : Retail and Leisure

Retail and Leisure are two of the areas covered by Project Allenby, with Sodexho Defence responsible for fulfilling this part of the contract on behalf of Aspire Defence.



Large amounts of money are being spent improving the services offered to personnel in Tidworth and Bulford. Readers will have noticed the Naafi/Spar shops and clubs in the Garrison area starting to disappear, being replaced, after extensive refurbishment, as LONDIS retail and leisure facilities.

Four refurbished LONDIS shops inside the wire at Lucknow, Mooltan, Bhurtapore and Corunna Barracks have already been completed; Two LONDIS shops outside the wire have also been refurbished, at Perham Down and Zouch Farm. In October, shops at Kiwi Barracks and Bulford Precinct will also receive full refurbishments.

All the new LONDIS shops have a new and larger product range, such as hot & cold food, confectionery, household, health & beauty, newspapers and magazines, alcohol and cigarettes ... and reduced prices !

In the near future, junior ranks leisure clubs will also undergo extensive refurbishment work, with a new and improved menu, soft & alcoholic drinks and weekly and monthly promotional events.

"I am delighted with the way the refurbishments have gone so far and there has been a great response from our customers", said Scott Allibone, Retail Services Manager at



Sodexho Defence Services. "Our aim is to offer the same quality Retail & Leisure service behind

the wire as is currently available on the high street."



Army Cross Country Steeplechase Competition

Wednesday 1 November 2006

In the grounds of Tedworth House, Tidworth to raise money for the Army Benevolent Fund and the Army Physical Training Corps Garden of Remembrance

The competition is open to all Regular serving officers and soldiers, TA personnel and civil servants. The challenging cross country course will include jumps, water and short steep hills. Prizes in each of three categories. Entry fee is £10, or FREE if a competitor can guarantee sponsorship of £50 or more.

More details from : Capt (MAA) RM Young APTC
Telephone : 01952 - 672252 (civ), 94480 2252 (mil)
Mobile : 07789 - 541 126

Two Men and their Dogs ...



Two dog handlers from the Ministry of Defence Guard Service (MGS) based in this Garrison took their dogs to Catterick last month to take part in the MGS Dog Trials. The competition tests all aspects of the day-to-day work of both dogs and handlers, including "man work" by day and by night, obstacles, obedience and agility.

Pictured here are CSO4 John Harris with Tara, CSO3 Dave Phillips and CSO5 Tony Cook with Gina. John and Tony both work in Bulford and their dogs are both white Alsatis, which is quite unusual.

The competition was won by the team from Warminster, but John and Tony were very pleased with the way their dogs performed and have vowed to return next year !

Bonfire Night Competitions

Any School or Youth Group wishing to participate in the "Best Dressed Guy" and "Bonfire Night Poster" competitions, please get in touch with Sgt RL Webster on 01980 - 603739 for details.

Judging & presentation of prizes will take place at the Garrison Bonfire Night on 2 November.



News from Station Road ...

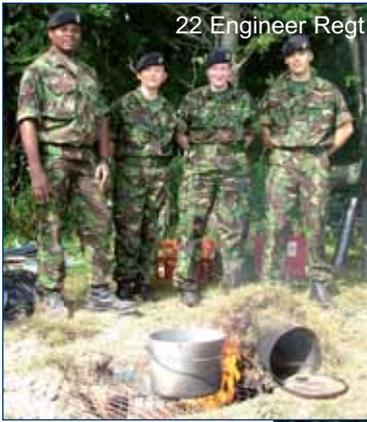
● NAAFI has announced that its Spar shop in Station Road will close in late October as the company continues to re-focus its business on its international operations. This includes the AKAs pub.

The Garrison had hoped that the Station Road shop would remain open until the Tesco supermarket was up and running, but as NAAFI operations in the Allenby Connaught area are transferring to Sodexho, the shop in Station Road was becoming increasingly isolated from Naafi's remaining GB estate, which will continue to decline. Therefore, the decision was reluctantly taken by NAAFI to dispose of the shop in Station Road. Where possible, NAAFI staff will be offered alternative positions within the company.

NAAFI's decision to withdraw from GB was taken some time ago together with the MOD which is putting in place Multi-Activity Contracts with commercial contractors in the UK which include the provision of retail and leisure facilities for Armed Service personnel.

- The sale of the shop in Station Road is at an advanced stage to a developer who will likely create a number of retail outlets on the site.
- Garrison Radio will relocate to alternative premises.
- At the moment, it seems unlikely that the Tesco supermarket will open for business before late next year; part of the Tesco plan includes the relocation of the block of garages at the top of Station Road and Tesco is waiting for final planning approval before starting to build the replacements.

3 UK Div Improved Field Cookery Competition 2006



22 Engineer Regt

Teams of military chefs from our own Garrison units were among those from all over the country taking part in the 3(UK) Division Improved Field Cookery Competition at Carter Barracks in Bulford last month. The aim of this annual competition is to

improve field cookery techniques. Teams first had to build their own kitchens and cookers in the open air before beginning to produce a 3-course meal for five soldiers



6 Bn REME & 1 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn (215)



in just two and a half hours, using fresh rations given to them on the day.

The prize winning menu, from 26 Engineer Regiment, included borscht soup, chicken stuffed with rabbit, partridge and liver paté, potato rosti,



2Bn Royal Green Jackets



lemon straw carrots, and apple strudel with sauce Anglaise. It also won team member, Sgt Marcus Turner, the Team Leader of the Day award.

Kings Royal Hussars



The winning team from 26 Engineer Regiment, based in Corunna Barracks, Ludgershall

One last Coffee Morning ...



The ladies from the Civil Admin Office at the Garrison Support Unit in Bulford held one last Coffee Morning before the closure of their office last month, raising £150 for the Macmillan Trust.

BFBS radio 7 In Canada ...

BFBS has been broadcasting live and local to its BATUS audience since August 2000. The Canadian Radio television and Telecommunications Commission has recently renewed and extended the BFBS licence which will enable BFBS Canada to continue to entertain and inform British Forces in Alberta until at least August 2013.



Leave your doors and windows unlocked and the next footprints you see could belong to a burglar ... Don't make it easy for them !

The Kiwi March and Shoot Competition

New Zealand High Commissioner the Rt Hon Jonathan Hunt presented trophies to Sgt Sean Middleton (first man home) and Cpl Amy Phillippo, (first woman home) in the annual Kiwi March and Shoot Competition in Bulford last month.

Soldiers from 3rd (UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt compete annually in a gruelling 22km cross country race carrying a 12 kilo kit bag, followed by a rifle shooting contest. In this picture, Signaller Sid Chapel and Corporal Lee Pearce, both from 206 Signal Squadron, push forward up Kiwi Hill towards the finish line.



Swim the Channel in your local pool ...



... and help raise funds for Aspire, the country's leading spinal cord injury charity.

You do not have to swim the 22 miles all at once ! Participants will be given a card to record their progress and have until 3rd December to complete the swim.

Full details are available at the Tidworth Leisure Centre or online at www.aspirechannelswim.co.uk

● Individual swimmers who complete the challenge at Tidworth, Devizes or Marlborough Leisure Centres will have their names put into a draw and one lucky person will win a year's free swimming at one of those centres.

Rubbish Collections ...

Under Kennet District Council's new Alternate Week Rubbish Collection system, black rubbish bins are emptied one week and black recycling boxes and green garden waste bins the next. This encourages us all to recycle as much as possible and reduces the amount of waste that gets taken to landfill.

This means that household rubbish is only collected once every two weeks. If you are worried that your wheelie bin is not big enough, here are a few tips :

- **plastic containers** : take the lid off, then squash the plastic before putting the lid back on. They will now take up much less space in your bin. Alternatively, plastic items can be taken to any household recycling centre (Everleigh, Andover, Devizes ...).

- **cardboard, cans & packaging** : these items can be torn up or flattened so that they take up less space in your bin.

If you have any particular problems, or need extra black recycling boxes please do not hesitate to get in touch with Kennet District Council on 01380 - 724 911

Castledown Radio

Live on 104.7 FM

at 12:00 on
Saturday 4 November

Launch party at
Castledown Sports Hall
from 10:30 onwards

Entertainment & refreshments
Everyone welcome



Tidworth Community Area Plan

What do you think of it so far ?

The Tidworth Community Area Plan was based on ideas which came from residents themselves.

How can it be improved ?

This is an opportunity to come and see how those ideas have been put into effect and take part in discussions to decide what needs to be done next.

Saturday 21 October 09:00 - lunchtime

**Youth consultation - mid afternoon onwards
including evening disco**

Castledown Sports Centre

Neighbourhood Policing Partnership News ...

The results are in from the second survey carried out by the new Tidworth Neighbourhood Policing Partnership.

During the week commencing 4th September, 185 households in the Tidworth and Perham Down area were visited by members of the Neighbourhood Policing Partnership, to establish any further concerns that residents might have.

It is important to mention that out of the 185 addresses visited, 65 households had no concerns at all and were perfectly happy living in the area.

Of the remainder, the top 3 concerns are as follows:

Speeding - primarily in the area of Ashdown Terrace

Anti-social behaviour - within Zouch Estate play parks

Use of motorcycles including mini motos - throughout the whole of Tidworth/Perham Down

In order to deal with these three top concerns effectively and efficiently over the next few weeks, members of the Neighbourhood Team will be liaising closely with other local agencies, such as Tidworth Town Council, the Royal Military Police, Ministry of Defence Police and Kennet District Council.

Another survey will be done in December, visiting different people/streets, to assess the progress of these measures.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme : Are there any public spirited people out there interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch representative in their street? Please get in touch with PC Chris Spackman at Tidworth Police station. Telephone: 0845 408 7000 Ex. 744818

Blue Light Day 2006



Ludgershall Fire Service demonstrate the "wall of water" at Tidworth's Blue Light Day last month ...



Members of the local Police and Fire Services at Tidworth's Blue Light Day last month.

● PC Viv Phillips, (second from left in the above picture), is the MDP Community Beat Officer in Bulford. He has just been nominated as the Ministry of Defence Police candidate for the annual Community Policeman of the Year Award, organised by Police Review magazine. PC Phillips is a well known figure in Bulford and we wish him luck in the next stage of the competition !



More news from BATUS from the Kings Royal Hussars

The King's Royal Hussars are still in Canada, providing the Opposition Force for the Battle Groups coming through the training exercises at the British Army Training Unit, Suffield. The first Battle Group, from 1 STAFFORDS, has already completed its training, and has been replaced by 2 R WELSH, another Tidworth based unit. The OPFOR has also changed slightly, welcoming a new Infantry Company from 1 R ANGLIAN, and a new Artillery Group, with soldiers from L Bty, 1 RHA replacing the members of 19 Regt who deployed in June.

An innovation for BATUS on the 1 STAFFORDS exercise was the inclusion of a Counter Insurgency package, during which the OPFOR was required to dismount from their vehicles and play the role of civilians and terrorist insurgents. This was a departure from the normal focus on large-scale armoured warfare usually seen in BATUS.

The OPFOR has now deployed back out onto the prairie again, fighting against 2 R WELSH, but in between exercises, a couple of weeks of leave meant that everybody had the opportunity to go back to the UK to spend some of the Summer Holidays with their families, or to spend time travelling in Canada and the rest of North America. Many members of the OPFOR have also enjoyed Adventure Training in the Rocky Mountains during the deployment.

Sunday 5 November 2006
Lucknow/Mooltan Sports Field



Registration from 9:00

Races start :

10K at 10:45

3K at 10:00

Tidworth 10k
& 3k Fun Run

A sponsored charity run on Salisbury Plain to raise funds for the Pembroke Unit and Cancer Care at Salisbury District Hospital

Entry Forms & Sponsorship pack :

Call Hannah on 01722 - 429005

or email fundraising@salisbury.nhs.uk

Entry Fee : Adult £7 in advance or £10 on the day

Under 16s : £4 in advance £5 on the day

Over 15s only in the 10K race

Free souvenir T shirt & medal for all participants

Prizes for class winners in each race

More information at www.tidworth10k.co.uk

This fundraising event is organised by
1 Mechanised Brigade Headquarters & Signal Squadron
(215) in conjunction with Salisbury District Hospital

Putting the record straight ...

Apologies to 2nd Bn The Royal Green Jackets : An article in the August edition of Drumbeat stated that they received the Freedom of the City of Winchester on 8th July this year; in fact, the Regiment was exercising a Freedom it received in 1946. The Parade on 8th July marked the 60th anniversary.



7 Regiment AAC(V) raises money for St John Ambulance Appeal

Personnel from 7Regt AAC(V) in Netheravon joined other units from the Joint Helicopter Command in a series of coordinated fundraising events for St John Cymru-Wales on 6th September. Seventeen riders from the Unit, led by their Commanding Officer Lt Col Richard Leakey, cycled the 42 km to Warminster, taking the scenic route across the Plain !



The riders were 'seen off' at the start of their sponsored ride by Hugh Thomas CBE, Prior of St John Wales, Keith Dunn the Chief Executive and Major General Gary R Coward OBE, Commander, Joint Helicopter

Command.

Proceeds from the Regiment's Families Day last month will also go to the St John Appeal. Entertainment at the open day included a display from the Shrewton & District Dog Training Club and aerial acrobatics from an Apache Attack Helicopter.





Drumbeat Noticeboard



B F B S Forces Radio
 Radio requests call : 08701 20 21 21
 (calls are charged at the national rate)
 Email : requests@bfbs.com
 For overseas commands and
 N. Ireland visit www.bfbs.com and
 go to the "Dedications" page.

Garrison Radio
 Broadcasting to TNB Garrison
 1287 am medium wave
 Call 01980 - 602277 or Email :
tidworthbulford@garrisonradio.com

Castledown Radio
 Broadcasting to Tidworth
 Community Area online at
www.castledownradio.info
 Call 01264 - 791929

Bulford Group Practice
Weight Management Classes
 Free to patients registered at Practice
 Call the Practice Nurses for details
Well Man Clinic : Mondays 14:00
 Call to make appointment
 01980 - 672233

E Blueys
 Log on to www.bfpo.com

Tidworth Residents' Forum
 Monday 9 Oct 19:00
 Wylde Road Community Centre
 Come and hear the latest news about
 projects which will affect the future
 of Tidworth. Everyone welcome.

Tidworth Beaver Scouts
 Assistant Section Leaders needed
 urgently ! Thursdays 18:30 - 19:30
 Call Group Scout Leader
 John Sparrow on 01264 - 398 625

Tidworth Saddle Club
 Riding for all ages and abilities,
 Tots' Rides for under 5s
 Birthday "pony parties" for children
 Call Rob Evans on 07967 - 048277

Sodexo Defence Services
 Job vacancies : Catering & Cleaning
 Call 01980 - 656 026

AWS Job Vacancies
 Someone to do laundry & cleaning
 at 2 contact houses in Tidworth &
 Bulford. Call Chris 01980 - 673379

AFF Salisbury Plain Coordinator
 Call Donna Langford : 01980-599 010

SSAFA Forces Help
 Call 01980 - 670540 or 01980 - 670345

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

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

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 - 19:00
 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

Oasis Café Opening Times :
 Mon - Thurs 10:00 - 19:00
 Fri - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

HIVE Opening Times :
 Mon - Fri 09:00 - 15:00
 Call Kelly Wilson : 01980 - 602224

Purity Beauty Salon :
 Mon-Sat 9:00 - 20:00 Call 07958-911928

Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries :
 Physiotherapy : 07768 - 737 646
 Sports Therapy : 07796 - 230 571

AWS Families Centres
Tidworth :
 Ordnance House : 01980 - 602398
 at Tidworth Leisure Centre : 602191
Bulford :
 The Beeches : 01980 - 672342
 The Haig : 01980 - 673840
AWS Main Office : 01980 - 672105

Uniformed Youth Groups
 Scouts, Cubs, Beavers & Explorers
 Call Arthur Kendrew 01980 - 597 341
Guides, Brownies, Rainbows
 Call Connie Patrickson 01980-845715

New Junior Youth Club !
 Ordnance House, Tidworth
 Further details from Claire
 on 07900 - 262119

Tidworth Junior Youth Club
 AWS Community Hall at the TLC
 Tues 18:00 - 20:00 Call Jimi on 602191

Bulford Youth Club
 Tuesdays 17:30 - 20:00 9-12s
 Thursdays 17:00 - 19:00 5-8s
 Call Melody Abbott on 07785 357065

Tidworth Youth Centre
 Tues, Wed & Thurs 18:30 - 21:00
 St Andrew's Hall opposite the Oval
 Call Sarah Fanshawe : 01980 - 842748

Durrington & District Link Scheme
 Open Meeting 19:30
 Durrington Village Hall Mon 9 Oct
 All communities can benefit from a
 LINK Good Neighbour Scheme...
 Come and find out more !
 All welcome Call 01980 - 594857

Thrift Shops
Tidworth : Mondays 9:00 - 14:45
 Behind the Zouch Spar/Naafi
Bulford : Thursdays 9:30 - 13:00
 At The Haig Centre
Volunteers URGENTLY required

Tidworth CAB
 Wylde Road Community Centre
 Tuesdays 10:00 - 14:00 Call 843377
 or 01380 - 728771 on other days

Shipton Bellinger Sports & Social Club
 Weekend family entertainment &
 Bingo, 2 bars, snooker & pool tables
 Can also be used for private functions
 Call : 01980 843243 or 07802 912278

Health & Social Care Open Forum
 11 October 12:30
 Ludgershall Scout Hall
 Details from Hilary : 01980 - 846 693

"Bluez 'n' Zuz" Youth Disco
 10 October
 19:00 - 21:00
 Hallowe'en theme -
 prizes for the best
 fancy dress costume !
 Tidworth Leisure Centre

Proms Band Concert at the Garrison Theatre, Tidworth
 24, 25 & 26 October 2006 19:00
 Music by the Band of the
 Prince of Wales's Division
 Tickets : £7 Call 01980 - 602018

Cross Country Steeplechase
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Tidworth 10 K & 3K Fun Run
 5 November 2006 Details inside ...

AFF Employment Fair
 9 November 9:30 - 12:30
 Ward Gym, Horne Rd, Bulford
 Details from AFFEAS: 01980 - 672869

Shipton Bellinger Village Centre Film Evenings - start at 19:30
 23 Oct "The Clandestine Marriage"
 20 Nov "Eight Below"
 Tickets : £5 from Parkhouse Stores or
 at the door. No concessions.

Stay with the beat !

Deadline for November 2006 issue : 10 October 2006
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