

A Millennium Message

from

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Garrison Commander

I would like to take this opportunity, in the first Drumbeat of the new Millennium, to wish everyone a safe and happy New Year. The festivities are now behind us and no doubt most people's minds will have moved on to the next event on the horizon. For some of you this may be welcoming back a loved one who has been away on operations over the last few months, others may now be preparing for deployment.

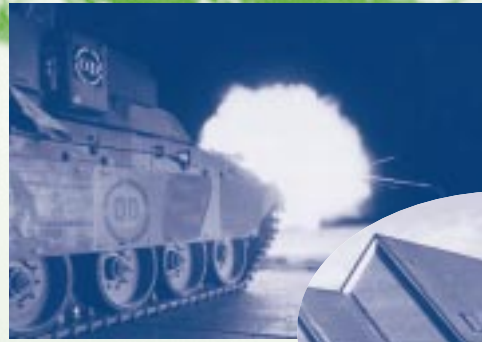


Events that I hope will make this coming year memorable for us here in the Garrison are the opening of the Haig Centre in Bulford and the new Tidworth Leisure Centre which, with its swimming pools, gyms, library, restaurant and other welfare facilities, will truly be a focus for our community. Sports facilities are being improved : the all-weather hockey pitch was opened last year and the Tidworth Oval will provide a County standard athletics stadium and football pitch when it is officially opened in September.

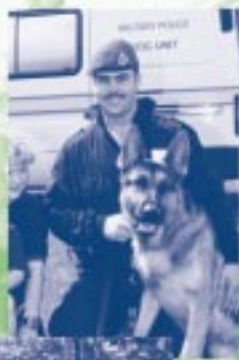
Further ahead there are plans for a new Primary Health Care Centre, the redevelopment of the Mathew and Avon Estates, the completion of the Australian Estate rebuild in Perham Down and the complete rebuild of Lucknow Barracks. These are not insubstantial projects and we will endeavour to keep you informed of their progress in future editions of Drumbeat.

We have a thriving community here, military and civilian, with many shared facilities and more to come. I hope you share with me the pride that I have in our Youth and Community Organisations and the myriad of support and training agencies that now flourish in our Garrison area. I look forward to many more joint projects and I hope that the ties now established between the military and civilian communities will go from strength to strength.

In this edition of Drumbeat there is a picture of a small tree which has been planted in Tidworth, another will soon be planted in Bulford. These trees are yew, renowned for their strength, the wood used to make the famous English longbow. Although they are still small, yews are noted for their longevity and it is hoped that they will flourish and still be full of life come the next Millennium !



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TidNBul 2000

Events to look forward to this year !

January

The Haig Centre in Bulford opens
Cathedral 2000

February

Tidworth Community Challenge
Exhibition and Award Ceremony
AWS Children's Half-term Activities
"Stars in their Eyes" by Bulford Junior
Youth Club

March

Tidworth in Bloom Competition

April

Army Horse Trials in Tedworth Park
AWS Children's Easter Activities

May

American Night Band Concerts
AWS 6-a-side football Competition
AWS Children's Half-term Activities

June

Beating the Retreat in Tedworth Park

July

Polo : Navy & Army compete for the
Rundle Cup in Tedworth Park
Bulford Village Fun Day
AWS Children's Summer Activities

August

AWS Weymouth trip
Tidworth Blue Light Day

September

Middle Wallop Air Show
Official opening of
Tidworth Leisure Centre & Oval
Army Benevolent Fund Early
Christmas Fair
Kiwi Half Marathon

November

Garrison Firework Displays
Remembrance Day Parades

December

Last Night of the Proms Concerts
Community Carol Singing



Advice Line

I am thinking of buying a computer over the internet and paying by credit card. How safe is it and should I take any precautions ?

Before shopping over the internet it is important to find out as much as possible about the seller before sending any money.

For example, do they give full details of their trading status ? Businesses are obliged to state on their invoices, such as a receipt, whether they are a limited company and give a registered address, or give the name of the sole owner or partners and give a trading address.

If the business is not based in the UK, you may have difficulty pursuing them if something goes wrong. However, if you use your credit card for goods costing more than £100 you have additional rights against your card provider. Under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, credit card providers are "jointly and severally liable" with the retailer for any breach of contract.

**For further advice on dealing with credit problems please contact us at the Citizens Advice Bureau in the Community Centre, Wylve Road, Tidworth.
Telephone : 843 377**

**Mon & Tues 10:00 - 16:00 or appointments on Thurs
Email cab.tidworth@virgin.net**

DHE News ...

Australian Estate, Perham Down

The rebuild of the Australian Estate is going well, with the first few houses roofed and being fitted out internally. The new houses are looking good and the wishes of the Perham Down residents have been reflected in both the overall design and the layout of the kitchens, which are now being installed. The first new houses are due to be handed over to DHE in late January and it is hoped that part of the Estate will be ready for occupants to move in by about the end of March 2000.

Mathew / Avon Project

Tenders for this project have now been received and are being evaluated. The project will be carried out in two parts and the contract for the first part is expected to be let by early March 2000. Work should start on the first phase, the Avon Estate, in May 2000.

Naming those streets ...

In the October edition of Drumbeat we asked you for ideas for the names of the new streets on the Mathew and Avon Estates. Suggestions received so far include the names of butterflies, herbs, flowers and well known local personalities from Tidworth's past.

It is not yet too late, so if you have any other suggestions, please pass them to any member of DHE staff.

Education Open Day

12 Jan 2000 14:00 - 16:00

10 Army Education Centre in Tidworth is holding another Open Day for both **military personnel and dependants**. Come along and find out just how easy it could be to improve your qualifications !

Representatives from all the local colleges and distance learning providers will be there, along with Army Education Officers, who will be able to discuss and advise on the most suitable courses for you and what funding is available. The Resettlement Officer will also be present to give on the spot advice.



**For more information
call Jill on 602370**

**Improve your employment
prospects :
Find out more about education !**

Security Tip ...

**New toys for Christmas?
Make sure they STAY yours !**




Toys and bikes left out all night or just unattended in gardens are a favourite target for sharp-eyed thieves, particularly at this time of year. Anything which is left unattended is "easy money" to a criminal, so if you value your property, make sure toys and bikes are locked away when you are not using them.

Your local Police or RMP Crime Prevention Officer will be happy to give you advice about security marking bikes or any other property.



The Naafi's Spar shop in the Bulford Precinct has been awarded the CTN Top Shop Award for 1999

Latest Response Times for Repairs :

	Calls Recd	Completed on time
 Emergency	147	85 %
Urgent	399	61 %
Routine	590	71 %



Drumbeat Noticeboard



Ordnance House
Families Centre, Tidworth

CHILDREN'S DISCOS

12 January 2000

4 - 7s 18:00 - 19:00 Cost £1

7 - 9s 19:15 - 20:30 Cost £1

26 January 2000

9 - 12s 18:30 - 20:15 Cost £1

2 February 2000

4 - 7s 18:00 - 19:00 Cost £1

7 - 9s 19:15 - 20:30 Cost £1

Phone 602398

BULFORD 5 - 8s CLUB

At the Haig Centre Main Hall

Starts 7 January 2000

Friday Evenings 17:45 - 19:15

Fun, Games, Arts & Crafts

Phone 673838

BULFORD YOUTH CLUB

at The Haig Centre

Juniors (Age 9 - 11)

Tuesdays 18:30 - 20:30

Intermediates (Age 12 - 14)

Wednesdays 18:30 - 21:00

Seniors (Age 15 +)

Thursdays 18:30 - 21:00

Phone 673840

TEMPO

Courses starting January 2000

Office Work Experience

Business Administration

Women into Management

Women into Enterprise

Call Maria on 846 693

Dance & Drama Classes

at the Beeches Family Club

Starting 12 Jan 2000

Wednesdays

First Stage Theatre Group (8-16)

18:00 - 19:15

Adult Tap Class

19:30 - 20:30 (beginners

welcome)

Thursdays

Tots Time Dance Class (3-5 yrs)

16:30 - 17:15

Junior Dance Class (7-10 yrs)

17:30 - 18:15

Youth Dance Class (11 - 14 yrs)

18:30 - 19:30

Louise Walton AIDTA, LNBS

Call 672342 for more details



INDOOR CAR BOOT SALES

Sun 16 & 30 Jan 2000

Old Vehicle Depot, Ludgershall

8:00 - 13:00

Cars £5 Vans £7

Entrance 20p Children Free

The Beeches Family Centre

Children's Discos

28 Jan 2000

17:00 - 18:30 Under 8s Cost £1

19:00 - 21:00 9 - 15s Cost £1

Phone 672342

Pantomime

Larkhill Amateur Dramatic

Society presents :

THINK OF THE MAGIC

at the Newcome Hall, Larkhill

20, 21 and 22 Jan 2000 19:30

22 Jan 2000 14:30

Adults £ 4.50

Children £ 2.50

Tickets from Jay Tate

Call 675923 (day)

671380 (pm)



Keep Fit

at The Beeches Family Club

Weekly Classes

Aerobics, Body Conditioning,

Circuits and Step

Ladies Only Gym

Open Mon - Fri 8:30 - 16:30

Cost : £2.50 per 1hr session

Price includes Sauna & Showers

Call 672342 for more details

Bulford HIVE

**Make-up Demonstration &
Coffee Morning**

12 Jan 2000 10:00 - 12:00

Local Job Spot

Every Thursday 9:30 - 12:30

"After Dark" Evening &

Cocktail wear

Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:30 - 11:30

Call 672109 for more details

Cathedral 2000

18 Jan 2000 14:30

Ecumenical Service

at Salisbury Cathedral

to celebrate the Millennium by

reaffirming the Christian based

ethics of the Army today.

Everyone Welcome

Basic Fitness Instructor Course

Course starts in late January at

The Beeches in Bulford

For further information call

Sally Edwards on 0467 - 360925

Calling all Nurses !

CPM Bulford are recruiting

UKCC nurses for established

and bank positions within

TidNBul Garrison.

Call Lesley Cooper on 672304

Bulford Swimming Pool

Some session times have

changed because we only have

one Lifeguard at the moment.

Call 672218 to check times

1st Bulford Kiwi Scout Group now meet at the Haig Centre

Cubs Wednesdays 18:00 - 20:00

Beavers Thursdays 18:00 - 19:30

Scouts Fridays 19:15 - 21:15

For more information call

Arthur Kendrew on 597 341

BULK RUBBISH COLLECTED FREE OF CHARGE

(furniture, cookers, fridges, etc)

Call Kennet District Council

on 01380 - 724911 extn 665

Stay with the beat !

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Call Rosemary Meeke on 01980 - 602980

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