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Salisbury Plain Training Area Newsletter May 2013

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STOP PRESS

Ridgeway. The refurbishment of Ridgeway from Joan a Gore Cross to Crossing Bravo is complete. In the near future MOD vehicles will be directed to use the new military road from Imber Ranges to Market Lavington Vedettel. This will leave the tarmac road free for civilian traffic.

Major Exercises from 19 – 30 May: There will be heavy use of tank crossings on the Tilshead/Chitterne road, A360, and A345 and training noise during unsociable hours and significant air activity with both helicopters and fast jets flying at low altitude.

TRAINING

1 – 3 May: 19 Regiment Royal Artillery will complete its conversion to AS 90 155mm self-propelled guns on 3 may and depart from the training area.

1 and 2 May: Land Warfare Centre (LWC) Armoured Division will train with Challenger tanks (Exercise FIRST VIEW) on SPTA East.

3 – 16 May sees the new multi-national European Union Battle Group training on the West and around Copehill Down. The battle group consists of elements from 42 Commando Royal Marines with sub-units from Sweden, Netherlands (Marine company), Lithuania (infantry company), and Latvia (motorised infantry company). A major live firing exercise is scheduled for 10 – 12 May.

13 – 17 May: LWC exercise BADGERS STRESS runs with light armoured vehicles across the whole Plain plus Warrior fighting vehicles on exercise RARDENS REVENGE.

17 – 19 May: A quiet weekend.

20- 24 May sees Combined Arms Tactical Division final exercise LIONS STRIKE (the largest armoured exercise conducted on Salisbury Plain) on the West and Centre.

27 – 30 May: Armoured and Armoured Infantry Division exercise TEAM SPIRIT will train across the whole Plain.

Late firing on Larkhill Ranges on: 02, 07, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 May

Live firing on Salisbury Plain (East): Nil

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Complaints about Firing Noise should be made to (01980) 620819.

Military Flying – Helicopters, Hercules (C130) and fast jets may be active at any time. Fox Covert & Everleigh Dropping Zones will be active for most of the period.

Complaints about low flying should be made to 0207 218 6020 or e-mail www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area. These details have changed.

Provisional Dates for Major Exercises. During the following exercise access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

10 Jun 13	-	24 Jun 13	Ex WESSEX STORM
26 Aug 13	-	13 Sep 13	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
11 Nov 13	-	25 Nov 13	Ex WESSEX THUNDER

ACCESS

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of way in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying.

This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and changes may occur. Access timings for the next week can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 67 4763.

Larkhill Ranges. No firing is planned for: 04, 05, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 May

Note: Due to the risk of “cook off” from unexploded ordnance the range is closed during fires.

Bulford Ranges. No firing is planned for: 1 – 20, 25, 26 May.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened.

IMBER

Provisional Summer Opening Dates. Provisional dates are from 1600 2 August to 0800 23 Aug.

St Giles Day. The St Giles Day service will take place on the weekend 21/22 Sep, details to follow.

Service of Remembrance. The Remembrance Service is on Saturday 9th Nov (with access from Warminster only). Details to follow.

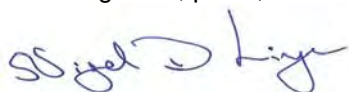
Provisional Christmas and New Year Dates. Planned dates are: 1600 20 Dec 13 – 0800 6th Jan 14.

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
2. Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.
3. Church opening times can be found at www.imberchurch.org.uk.

What Can You Do to Reduce Crime on Salisbury Plain?

If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700). The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.



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