

Tidworth Times

The official publication of Tidworth Town Council - Issue 31 Autumn 2019



In this issue:

- 2: Tidworth Town Festival
- 3: Armed Forces Day
- 4: Over 60's and Decibelles & Whistles
- 5: Tidworth Through the Ages
- 6, 7, 8: Local Business Adverts
- 9: Salisbury Hospice & St Mary's Mortuary Chapel
- 10: Halloween Party
- 11: **The BUZZ Club**
- 12: Mayors Blog



Summer in Tidworth

Tidworth has seen two of the towns largest community events take place this summer.

The Council held Tidworth Town Festival, which proved to be a great success. Lots of sunshine was welcomed after the previous weeks rain and you turned out in numbers with your picnics, blankets and summer beverages to share the day as a community. See **page 2** for a write up from The Tribe's AJ Mayhew, our Event Manager.

Tidworth's Armed Forces Day was also a huge success. This is not a council organised event, but several committee members are also councillors and we have a write up on **page 3** by Cllr George Paine.

Also don't forget to head over to the **Tidworth Town Festival** Facebook page for over 1000 photographs taken on the day. Can you spot yourself? Do you have any photos from the day you would like to share?

There are several Council lead events over the next few months, which include:

Thursday 31st October - Spooktacular Halloween Party - details on page 10.

Saturday 7 December - Christmas Family Fair - details to follow.

Don't Forget to check The BUZZ Club on page 15 for this issues activity!

NEWS!

We here at Tidworth Town Council are delighted to announce we have two brand new members to our Council.

Who were both Co-opted at our September full town meeting.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs Kirti Kataria and Ms Dominique Neil To Tidworth Town Council. If you are interested in joining Tidworth Town Council please contact Carly Lovell on townclerk@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk



If you would like to write something for your school or you have something you would like to say. Please get in touch with your head teacher or Kayleigh or Annie here in the office via email tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Tidworth Town Festival



The dust has finally settled and we've now had time to fully reflect on what was an awesome Tidworth Town Festival 2019. The feedback we've had from the community has been amazing and means the world to the team who work really hard behind the scenes to make the event happen.

The main stage was sponsored by Wilmont Building Services and hosted a wide range of musical acts including a Ukulele player, choirs and local musicians as well as some great bands! Neon closed the show and it was great to see so many people dancing and enjoying the evening.

As always at Tidworth Town Festival there were plenty of activities for the family including free face painting, rock climbing wall, bouncy castle and a circus workshop that was held in a mini big top in the centre of the field. There was also roaming performances from stilt walkers, acrobats & a balloon modeller as well as a tight rope walking show. These were great additions to the event - it didn't matter which way you looked there was something cool happening.

Our friends from Castledown Radio hosted the main stage and broadcasted live from the event! They always do a great job at Tidworth Town Festival.

We hope you enjoyed the day, it's great to see so many people from the local community come and support the event. It's safe to say that 2019 was by far our biggest event to date and we are already starting to look at next year!

Massive thanks to all of the event team, food vendors, stall holders, bar staff, production team and everyone who attended Tidworth Town Festival 2019.

AJ Mayhew
Festival Co-ordinator

If you have any pictures or feedback or ideas for next year you would like to share with us, we would love to hear it. You can get in contact with us via

Website - Tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Facebook page - Tidworth Town Council

Or

Email - tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Armed Forces Day



contributions to the arena programme but being a determined and resourceful committee we worked around even that blip too!

“The setting up of the field for the event started on Friday and applying version thirty five of the plan set up the stallholders area. Saturday morning saw the committee members on the field at silly o’clock to ensure everything went well and implemented version thirty six of the site plan.

“By the time Cllr Brian Pratt, in his capacity as Tidworth Town Mayor, opened the event there was a good stream of visitors to the event. In the Arena the Tigers Motorcycle Display Team, children aged from 5 to 15 years, put on an amazing display which wowed the crowd. And even had our Mayor as a participant in one of their routines. The local Dance Academy, run by Tina Mason, showed what her pupils were capable of by putting on a great show. The local Nepalese Community also marched to rapturous applause from the crowd before Showoff Dance also kicked up their heels and got the audience involved.

Cllr George Paine is an active member of Tidworth’s Armed Forces Day Committee and has submitted the following article.

“After a successful 2018 event we started our journey to the 2019 event with the availability of the Lucknow Sports Field in serious doubt. Potential timing of works around the field lead the MOD to initially confirm that it would not be suitable as a venue this year. With this the committee took the painful decision to postpone the event.

“That said nobody wanted to accept that we couldn’t have the event and after a lot of soul searching we approached Tidworth Town Council for permission to hold our event on the Community Centre Field. With their support we set about organising a more confined, but never the less packed, event for the celebration of our Armed Forces.

“We worked tirelessly to make good with our pledge and sourced enough stalls and arena participants for the day to be worth attending. And then with five weeks ‘till the day we were told the Lucknow Sports Field was going to be available and we could use it. We then set about going from a small compact event to the larger scale one we had originally anticipated and needed to be able to fill the space.

“The 22nd of June arrived and with it amazing weather. We were still without one of the larger



“I have to say that amongst everything that went on through the day my personal favourite was the family fun spot in the arena. I would just like to congratulate the under 16 girls team on their successful defence of their tug of war title.

“What looked at one stage to be non event turned out to be a great day with in excess of 2000 local people supporting this great day which is credit to my colleagues on the Committee for the dedication shown to this cause.

“Now we start the journey to 2020 which also is the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2.”



Cllr George Paine
Armed Forces Day
Committee Member



For more information and announcements regarding Tidworth AFD 2020 please see local Social Media.

Over 60's Update

The June meeting was our Summer Tea which is a social occasion – no speaker, just invited guests.

This year we had two guests. Richard Rogers who spoke of improvements to our countryside and Reverend Tim Lauden who wishes to make contact with more residents in Tidworth and Ludgershall.

We wanted to say “thank you” to two of our members, John & Betty Percey. Mr & Mrs Percey joined us many years ago when Tidworth Over 60's was in danger of closing. John became Chairman and continued for many years ensuring the future of the club.

One of John's hobbies is crochet and he has made over 100 blankets for a charity in New Guinea.

Knowing this we presented him with many balls of colourful wool. Betty was given flowers and a vase with our thanks for all they had done. The meeting finished with tea and a raffle.



We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Tidworth Community Centre, Wylde Road. For more information contact Mrs Ann Birch – Chairwoman – ann435birch@gmail.com

Decibelles & Whistles - Community Choir

The Decibelles & Whistles Community Choir would like to give a big thank you to all those who purchased tickets to their Motown Extravaganza show which took place on 30th March at the Tidworth Community Centre.

They would also like to say thank you to the lovely Paige Dobson and Half Blood (Tamzin & Georgia Stead) who joined them for the show and who gave such great performances on the night.

A big thank you is also to go to all the local businesses who donated such wonderful prizes for the raffle held during the evening, to name a few, The Ram, Khepri Tanning Studio, The Little Florist, Pothead & Panface, Mark Fell Photography and Tidworth MOT Centre plus many more.

The show was to raise money for our two chosen charities, namely Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Wiltshire Portage, who we will support for the whole year.

We can confirm that a total of £470 was raised on the night through ticket sales, raffle tickets and light refreshments. If you like to have a good old sing song and are free on a Thursday evening, then come along



and join us at the Tidworth Community Centre, Wylde Road from 8.30 – 10.15pm. The first session is free. We have people of all abilities and disabilities too. Men and women welcome to join our happy little band.

We do our bit to bring a little happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves, those who are now living in nursing homes and missing music from their lives.

**Denise Paine
Decibelles & Whistles**

If you would like to get involved with Decibelles & Whistles you can contact Karrina Bryan or Denise Paine via their Facebook page 'Decibelles Tidworth' or on 07864 673621

Tidworth through the Ages

Anthony Pickernell is a local man with so much knowledge of our Tidworth's rich history it would be a shame not to share it with those who live here. So here is the first instalment compiled from the records of Mr Kenneth Pickernell, Anthony's Father, of Tidworth Through the Ages. Each episode will cover either the Military or Civilian activities and changes which occurred during this time.

1914-1918

Anthony Pickernell is a local man with so much knowledge of our Tidworth's rich history, it would be a shame not to share it with those who live here. So here is the first instalment of Tidworth Through the Ages. Each episode will cover either the Military or Civilian activities and changes which occurred during this time.

When war was declared on August 4th 1914 Tidworth appeared calm, even unimpressed since by then War had been

recognized as inevitable

On July 29th 1914 all units of the British Army received a signal from

The War Office, indicating those measures that were to be taken

immediately, together with a warning that a subsequent signal might contain the single word "MOBILIZE"

For Some weeks prior to this Tidworth had become a place of unhurried activity. Even before the War Office signal of July 29th 1914 Mobilization and War were known to be certain and imminent, Detailed plans for the former had been drawn up with meticulous care, and the primary stages were well advanced

From Reveille to lights out there was a never ending procession of horse drawn Wagons making their way to Tidworth Railway Station or The Ordnance Depot from which arms, ammunition, clothing and other equipment had to be drawn. For the Infantry there were kit inspections, arms, equipment and medical inspections. For the Cavalry all this plus horse and

saddle inspections – everything was doubly checked and finally checked again.

It was not surprising that within six days of the order to Mobilize Tidworth Brigades were ready to move out – its 2nd Cavalry Brigade and 7th Infantry Brigade were ready to join THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, of which they were a part.

The 7th Infantry Brigade commanded by Brigadier General F.W.N. McCracken C.B. D.S.O. The Brigade left Tidworth on the 11th and 12th August 1914.

The 2nd cavalry Brigade commanded by Brigadier General H.De. B.

Lisle left Tidworth on the 14th August 1914 leaving only The 9th Lancers to follow the following day.

For the duration of the War the day to day life in

Tidworth showed no



9th Lancers Tidworth Camp

let up in the level of activity soldiers coming to Tidworth - soldiers Leaving Tidworth. The bloated Tidworth military population was further enlarged by hundreds of Australian ,Canadian and New Zealand soldiers from their camps at Bulford. From the desolation of Bulford Tidworth appeared as a city of "Bright Lights" and so to Tidworth they flocked. The hustle and bustle came to an abrupt end with the Declaration of Armistice of November 11th 1918. Tidworth Garrison had stood the test, that conditions of War had imposed on it with distinction.

Anthony Pickernell
TCAP Coordinater
Tidworth Historian

If you have any questions for Anthony or pictures or Tidworth Through The Ages, Please send them to tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk They could appear in the next issue of Tidworth Timz

Local Business Directory

- Alterations
- Extensions
- Renovations
- New Builds
- Insurance Work
- Home Improvements

WILLMONT
BUILDING SERVICES



**ALL TYPES OF BUILDING WORK
& MAINTENANCE CARRIED OUT & GUARANTEED**

FREE ESTIMATES
T: 01264 790500

Checkatrade.com

Unit 4D, Fitz Gilbert Court, Castledown Business Park,
Tidworth Road, Ludgershall, Wiltshire SP11 9FA.



www.willmontbuilding.co.uk office@willmontbuilding.co.uk

Bespoke Hair
STATION ROAD



5 Station Road, Tidworth, SP9 7NN

01980 842452

Facebook - Bespoke Hair and Beauty

Monday - Wednesday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday - Closed

Occasions
Freelance Florist

Freelance Florist &
Venue Decoration Hire

Wedding Flowers
Events
& Funerals



Packages to suit every budget
Over 20 years experience
Friendly Personal Service

M: 07876740676 T: 01980-635116

www.flowersbyoccasions.co.uk

lesley@flowersbyoccasions.co.uk

TAXI

01980

84 • 84 • 84

To advertise in our next edition call Andrew on 07985199123

Local Business Directory

Your local Solicitors

Barker Son & Isherwood LLP



Our Services

Wills, Powers of Attorney & Probate

Property Sale & Purchases

Divorce & Family Matters

Employment Law

Dispute Resolution

Care Home Fees & Court of Protection

Personal Injury & Medical Negligence

Debt Recovery

Business & Commercial Matters

Road Traffic Offences

What our clients say....

"A professional, efficient legal service"

Call Us: ☎ 01264 791156

Email: info@bsandi.co.uk
7 Tidworth Road
Ludgershall



e-Bikes  **Central**

**Electric Bike Specialists
Sales & Hire**

01264 749005

www.e-bikescentral.co.uk

9 Tidworth Road, Ludgershall SP11 9QD

Cycle  **Central**

**Road & Mountain Bikes
Repairs and Servicing**

01264 792956

www.cyclecentral.co.uk

13 High Street, Ludgershall SP11 9PZ

chatty  **flamingo**

*working with women to help them feel
more confident on the inside & out*

****NEW** courses & workshops
in Ludgershall from October 2019**

Life is too short to feel anything less than amazing!
If you feel life is passing you by or you want some
motivation or a boost in confidence, this range of
self development courses and workshops are for you.

Amazing, beautiful you!

Colour analysis, style & image, accessories and makeup -
this course helps you rediscover your inner goddess and
increases confidence

Create your own happy

Happiness is an inside job, learn the skills and techniques
to create your own happy!

Discover your life purpose & transform your life
Ever thought, is this it? This course is a real game changer!

Stop overthinking, start living

Learn how to turn your overthinking into a positive
and live your best life!

Full list of courses & workshops with dates and times
on www.chattyflamingo.com

To find out more call on 07557 881024 or
email hello@chattyflamingo.com
www.chattyflamingo.com



To advertise in our next edition call Andrew on 07985199123

Local Business Directory



PSYCHIC TAROT READINGS
£32

Consult the tarot cards for insight and guidance into any area of your life or situation.

Love & Relationships
Work & Finances
General

Tarot Parties & Gift Vouchers available

Give us a call on 07557 881024 or
email hello@chattyflamingo.com

www.chattyflamingo.com



Holistic Therapist
IPHM Approved

Tarot readings are for entertainment purposes only and do not replace medical, legal or professional advice/services.



104.7
castledown FM
connect • inform • entertain

Are you looking for a new challenge?

**We're looking for volunteers to join our friendly team,
could it be you?**

There's loads of ways to get involved with your community radio station:
Be a presenter * Help with events in the community * Social Media * PR
Roving Reporter * Blogging * Production * News * Admin * Design
Copywriting, and lots more.

If you've got the passion, we've got the opportunity!

To find out more visit www.castledownfm.com
or call Andrew on 07985 199123

To advertise in our next edition call Andrew on 07985199123

Salisbury Hospice



in their own homes and through non-residential and inpatient services at the hospice. The support offered can be for up to a year or even longer in some cases. Did you know the hospice supports patients from across the region including right here in Tidworth.

At the beginning of June we held one of our principle annual fundraising events Bubble Rush event. 750 runners took part in a fun filled day with the 5K course covering our wonderful participants head to toe in 10,000 litres of bright foamy bubbles! It was amazing to see so many families and friends supporting this year's Bubble Rush, enjoying a fun packed day filled with bubbles and sun.

So far £24,000 has been raised, with sponsorship still coming in. A huge thank you to all the Tidworth participants that took part.

As well as the events organised by the charity, we are lucky to have an amazing number of events organised by our supporters in the community. A great example is The Fabulous Family Fun Day. Now in its 6th year, it remembers Lyn Fitcher and raises vital funds for the hospice with a football tournament throughout the day, beer tent and live music. Incredibly, this year the event raised over £14,000!

We'd love to develop a fundraising group here in Tidworth to develop a supporter led event, helping raise awareness and vital funds.

David Woollatt
Salisbury Hospice

Salisbury Hospice Charity was set up in 1981 to provide palliative care and support for terminally ill patients and their families and friends within our region.

It costs £2.4m a year to run the whole service. Some funding comes from the Government, however Salisbury Hospice Charity aim to raise £1.5m a year towards this. The hospice helped almost 1,000 people last year and this would not have been possible without the funds raised by our brilliant supporters. Essential funds that mean the hospice can continue offering nursing and medical care, emotional and practical support, welfare advice, occupational and physiotherapy, complementary therapies, spiritual care and creative activities.

The care provided is free to patients and their families

If you would like more information or to be involved please contact Tamsin Murley on 01722 416353 or email tamsin@salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk or visit our website www.salsiburyhospicecharity.org.uk

St Mary's Mortuary Chapel

By the time you read this our Mortuary Chapel Open Day will have just taken place (21st September). However this beautiful 18th Century Building, which was built using the demolished remains of Tidworth's St Marys Church, is a unique treasure.

If you have not seen it, you really should take a walk up there and have a wander around. With its peaceful setting and remote location, this is a truly hidden gem in our town.

The grounds are open to the public, however, viewing for inside of the Chapel need to be arranged in advance with Tidworth Town Council. Who will be happy to arrange this for you.

You can find St Mary's Mortuary Chapel on Church Lane, Tidworth SP9 7SN.



To arrange a viewing call 01980 847390 or email tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Halloween

A festive Halloween poster for a 'Spooktacular Halloween Party'. The background is dark with orange and green polka-dot borders. It features a bat, a witch, pumpkins, and a 'Trick or Treat' bag. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large yellow 'SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY' and 'THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 4-6PM'. The Tidworth Town Council crest is in the top left.

Tidworth Town Council presents

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY

MUSIC
GAMES
PUMPKIN CARVING &
FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION
CRAFTS
REFRESHMENTS

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
4 - 6PM
TIDWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, WYLYE

FREE TICKETS, WHICH CAN BE EXCHANGED ON THE DAY FOR A SWEET CONE, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE 9.00AM - 1.00PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Tidworth Town Council are pleased to announce that on the 31st October at 16.00 to 18.00 at the Community Centre we will be having a children's Halloween party. There will be entertainment including a disco, games and pumpkin carving. As well as other spooky items there will be ghoulish decorations

The event will be by ticket but is free.

At the event the children will be able to exchange their tickets for a cone of sweets.

With the pumpkin carving the children will be able to design their very own pumpkin and the parents will be able to carve it out. The best design will win a prize and afterwards the children will be able

to carry their pumpkin home all lit up. All children taking part in this activity must be accompanied by an adult.

For tickets please contact the admin team at the community centre.

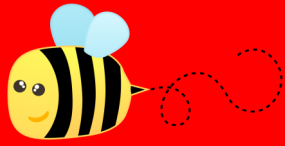
Please ensure you have one ticket for each child attending this Spooktacular event.

Cllr David Wright

20 Things to do before 2020

Locations and info to help you with the 20 things to do before 2020

- Tidworth Polo Pitches are located behind Tidworth house. There are plenty of places to park around the area, however for the walkers among you, it is a very scenic walk to the pitches from all over Tidworth.
- Tidworth Leisure Centre can be found on Nadder Rd, Tidworth SP9 7QN.
- A spectacular firework display is put on at Carter Barracks in Bulford, however if you cannot make that, Why not try doing some sparklers at home? (With a responsible adult).
- Basic Fat Ball Recipe - All you need is vegetable/beef suet or lard and bird seed mix. Mix one part suet to two parts seed, transfer to a saucepan and gently heat, stirring until the fat melts. To make fat balls, use an ice cream scoop, or mould with your hands, into balls.



The BUZZ Club

20 Things to do before 2020

<p>Climb a really big hill</p> 	<p>Go on a welly walk</p> 	<p>Make a flower arrangement out of wild flowers</p> 	<p>Pick some edible fruit and eat it</p> 	<p>Go on a walk around the polo pitches. Count how many different animals can you spot during your walk</p> 
<p>Go on a bird watch</p> 	<p>Play at heroes park</p> 	<p>Attend the Town Councils Christmas Event – (Saturday 7th December)</p> 	<p>Watch the sunset</p> 	<p>Eat a picnic in the wild</p> 
<p>Carve a pumpkin</p> 	<p>Watch a firework display –</p> 	<p>Take some photographs of Your favourite places to go in Tidworth</p> 	<p>Go on a hunt for leaves & conkers</p> 	<p>Go swimming at the leisure centre</p> 
<p>Make a winter bird feeder</p> 	<p>Give up some free time to help someone</p> 	<p>Bake a cake</p> 	<p>Go star gazing</p> 	<p>Go for a run around the Esso field</p> 

Name: _____

Age: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian contact Name and Number: _____

What did you enjoy the most? _____

What did you enjoy the least?? _____

If you would like to send any photos of what you have been up to, you can send them to tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Please tear this page out check off your completed activities!

Council Meetings

Tidworth Town Council

Tidworth Town Council is here for you, so why not come along and see what a full town council meeting is all about. Ask any questions or raise concerns you may have.

Full Town Council Meeting Dates:

- **Tuesday 2nd October**
- **Tuesday 5th November**
- **Tuesday 3rd December**

Start time: 7.00 pm

Location: Community Centre, Wylve Road. See our website or Facebook page for Agenda items.

 www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

 **Tidworth Town Council**

 **@TidworthTownC**

Town Clerk

Carly Lovell

townclerk@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Administrator—(Services)

Annie Nicholls

tidworthadmin2@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Administrator—(Engagements)

Kayleigh Mooney

tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Telephone Number—01980 847390

www.tidworthtowncouncil.co.uk

Mayor's Blog

So far my term of office has been incredibly busy. I have attended many different functions, some have been with the military while others have not and many have been throughout the wider Wiltshire community. I see one of my roles, as Mayor of Tidworth, is to raise the profile of Tidworth as it is: a great place to live & work, own and run a business and raise a family. It has, generally, a low crime rate and good relationships with the local policing teams. I have met with the Garrison Commander and some of his team, when I was able to spend some time touring round 'inside the wire'.

As the Chair of council, I also plan to ensure that the organisation (Tidworth Town Council) is prepared and robust enough to be able to build and run the new 'Civic Centre' which is in the pipeline to be completed somewhere in 2022. We are aiming to provide a building which is flexible enough to meet the increasing demands of our growing community over the next five decades and be a building of which the community will be continually proud.

Of course the main event that has occurred is the brilliant, and much anticipated, annual Tidworth Town Festival. Without doubt one of the most successful Festivals so far! Even with the weather predicted to be poor, on the day, the turn out was still amazing, I am sure the numbers far exceeded those from previous years and the weather was sublime and a fun day seemed to be had by all present!

Tidworth Town Council is proud to provide these free events for the whole of our community and we intend to ensure that they continue to go from strength to strength in future years. It is extremely important for me to point out that all of the council, including paid staff team, put in a huge amount of time and effort to make these events happen. In fact we are already reflecting on this year's event in preparation for planning next year's event.

Don't forget that we also have some other events for you to put in your diary for the rest of this year. You'll find details of these inside this issue. Tidworth council is proud to show this off to our local community. We also like to keep you up to date on our activities via our Facebook page.

We are also holding a Halloween event for local youngsters to enjoy a disco and spooky goings on (see page 14 for details) and our annual Christmas event on Saturday 7th December.

Cllr Brian Pratt
Mayor



If you would like to receive this newsletter via email please email tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk and put 'Tidworth Times' in the subject line.