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It's hard to believe that Tidworth Town Festival is nearly upon us once again! On Saturday 20th July we gather at Tidworth Town Community Centre Field for an amazing, fun filled family event, with free entry and activities for everyone.

The main stage will once again be sponsored by Wilmont Building Services which will have a great sound system, full lighting show and a fabulous line-up of bands, local acts & choirs.

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For more information on the acts, facilities and timetable of the day, please head to the Facebook page 'Tidworth Town Festival'

We have a NEW Mayor

During our Annual Town Council meeting on May 14th 2019 Cllr Mark Connolly stepped down from his role as Mayor of Tidworth and Nominated Cllr Brian Pratt to take his place. After a vote taking place Cllr Brian Pratt accepted the nomination, Cllr Brian Pratt was named as the new Mayor of Tidworth.

We would like to wish Cllr Brian Pratt all the very best of luck for his term in office. Please see **page 16** for a few words from our new Mayor.



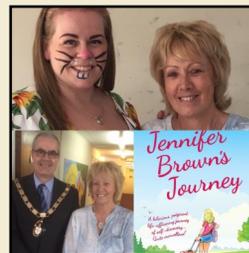
Don't Forget to check **The BUZZ Club** on page 11 for this issues activities and competitions!

Fun Day - An EGG-straordinary Success!



The sun was shining. The breeze was light. There was a distant sound of chirping chicks and bleating spring lambs brought along by Little Zoo. The music from the Fairground ride was starting up. Mayor Mark Connolly, in his chains, smiling and ready to greet the excited children and families already gathering. Inside tables were overflowing with wonderful books from Angela Langley, cakes from Winters Wonderful Cakes & creations from local businesses, Handmade by Mollie & me and Oh_Bow_Tastic. Lovely ladies from Holy Trinity church had their table adorned with some fabulous crafts for the children to enjoy. Cllr Sue Fell, who at the time chaired the Engagements Committee, was ready and waiting

I lost count at around one hundred for the number of children's faces painted by my skilful (?) hand with bunnies, chicks Easter eggs and one butterfly for a lovely little girl who asked so nicely. I'm told by the exhausted but happy ladies from Holy Trinity that they used up all their crafts and this is something they had never done before. How fantastic! The raffle was a huge success. So many very generous prizes donated by fantastic local businesses**. Refreshments were delicious, served by C'llr George Paine & Deputy Mayor Brian Pratt. Arguably, my favourite (if chaotic) part of the day was the twenty or so eager young faces with some



with her raffle books, prizes and egg hunt sweets. C'llr Gregory was setting up the Egg hunt across our field. Deputy Mayor Brian Pratt & Cllr George Paine, (members of the Engagement Committee) were in the kitchen standing by with teas, coffees and squash. I was ready and waiting with my face paints and Easter bonnet table and prizes kindly donated by Tesco Tidworth.

of the most creative Easter Bonnets I have ever seen. Well done and thank you to all who took part. Thank you all for coming and joining us for a fantastic community event. Together we raised £331.00 for the Mayors Charity. It was an absolute delight to meet you, we had a great day; we hope you enjoyed it too. So onwards to Tidworth Town Festival, we are very excited. Look forward to seeing you there!

Then... In you came, with your smiling faces and excited children. One hundred and eighty five children, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE, took part in our Easter egg hunt. That's just wonderful.

Kayleigh Mooney
Town Council Administrator



**A huge thank you to Angie Langley, B-Fit, Marina Jacklin Photoart, Trimmers, Gemmas Spray Tans, Hair By Katy, Aj @ KARMA, Amanda Sullivan, Nails By Kirstie, The Little Flower Shop, C&M Embroidery, Winters Cakes, Handmade by Mollie & Me, Oh_Bow_Tastic for the prizes donated to the raffle.

For more information on the Mayors Charity, how funds are used or if your group would like to apply for a grant, please see our website - www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Tidworth Tornadoes Update

You'll remember in our last issue of Tidworth

Times we reported our very own Tidworth Tornadoes were jetting off to Spain to take part in a European Tournament. Here C'Ilr Anna Sharlott gives us an update on how it went. Spoiler - We're very proud!

"In April Tidworth Town Tornadoes U14s made a significant imprint in one of the

biggest European Tournaments in youth football. Matches took place over four days, with more than two hundred teams competing from over thirty five countries.

"The competition was tough. There tournament was dominated with high level academy teams; our little Tidworth Team had a huge challenge ahead. The children competed in an age category above their own and some of the players were up to four years older (due to European rules). They did us so proud and really worked as a team throughout the whole event."

"They came 9th out of 35 teams in their age category. Not only did the children put in an impressive performance but our supporters were something I have never experienced before as a football mum. The singing and cheering never stopped which made us very popular with the other teams and their supporters. We made really good friends with a German team who we hope to arrange a tournament with in the future.

"For the parents, it wasn't about the results. It was about giving the whole team an experience most grass root footballers will never be fortunate enough to get. The tans have already started to fade but the memories will remain forever.

"None of this could have been possible without the work of the whole team pulling together to fundraise. We received some very generous donations of cash and raffle prizes and are truly grateful to everyone who made the trip possible.

"Tidworth is a very special little town and it was an honour to be part of a community who provides such opportunities for our youth. Tidworth Town Football Club has a very large membership and I'm not aware of any other local organisation with so many youth members from both the army and civilian community. I really hope that Tidworth Town FC can continue to offer this experience to youngsters in the future and that the club can continue to grow and nurture our little superstars".

C'Ilr Anna Sharlott
Football mum



If you would like more information on Tidworth Town Football club and any of the teams, Please head over to their website where you will also find all the contact details for The Chairman, Secretary and Team Managers. www.tidworthtownfc.co.uk

Youth Cafe Opening Night

What an opening night we had, over thirty people turned up to see the Mayor of Tidworth Cllr Mark Connolly open the Cafe including the Andover Advertiser. The cafe supplied drinks and snacks to welcome people through the door and as soon as the ribbon was cut the youths were using the pool and table tennis tables. Now on an ordinary night the cafe gets between fifteen and twenty five teens through the door, not bad for the summer months. We've added a fußball table to the games on offer thanks to a kind donation from the Ludgershall Youth Club. We would like to find additional funding so that we can keep it free for the teens to attend as this seems to be keeping numbers higher. It's important to be able to offer somewhere safe for the teens to go where they can be supervised but not judged. Talking to some of the teens who attend they would like to see a TV and game console installed so they can watch the football and play just dance. We have some proper cheeky characters, who attend, but they are great fun and we enjoy the banter. One night we were told "erm it's six minutes until closing" when I had the nerve to try and close

early. On hearing that we were going to be closed over May half-term a lad called Josh commented how unfair it was and said "as long as you're going to be open over the summer". Our teens may be ones of few words but the fact that they turn up week in week out leads us to believe they enjoy the facility and having somewhere that is just for them. So on their behalf and mine I'd like to say thank you to Paul at the Clarendon Club for leasing us his function room, to Tidworth Town Council for helping us with funding and a huge thanks to Josh 1 & 2, Sam, Robyn and Katie who give their time freely to help run the cafe.



Steph Ball
Youth Cafe Manager



Tidworth Teen Cafe is open to all 13-17 year olds from 6pm to 9pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Clarendon Club's function room.

Home Start

At Junes full Town Council meeting we were joined by Joanne from Homestart Kennet who gave an interesting talk about the work they do.



Homestart provides practical and emotional support to families

with children under 5 who are finding it hard to cope. This could be something as simple as sitting down and having a cup of tea and a chat, looking after the children so that mum can have a bath in peace or go for a walk. Volunteers will visit a family in their own home for two hours a week and support parents as they learn to cope and gain confidence. To be a volunteer there are no qualifications other than being a

good listener and non-judgmental, of course parenting skills or relevant life skills are beneficial. The organisation tries to match the volunteer with the family who would most benefit from the experience and skills they have to offer. There is training involved to protect all involved and volunteers will need to be DBS checked (enhanced level). Families can self-refer for this great service.

For more information on how to volunteer or if you think you may benefit from that extra bit of support please contact hskadmin@homestartkennet.co.uk or telephone 01672 569457

Meet our Town Steward



Some months ago, The Editor decided to try and find out more about the positions that existed in the council and the people who fill them; these are often the very people the public see as they go about their duties. To this end, he sat down with Ro Lucas, the Town Steward, and over a curry, they discussed the role. What follows is a summary of that conversation. The editor began by asking what the duties of a Town Steward were. And over starters, Ro gave a brief history of the recent past, explaining that his predecessor had the title "caretaker" (the editor immediately understood that job title). Ro added that these days the council employs cleaners who, on a regular basis, vacuum etc. and deal with day-to-day issues.

In the event of an area specifically needing cleaning between the cleaner's visits Ro steps in. He also covers general emergency maintenance on the building & on occasions liaises with contractors the council has tasked to carry out more extensive work.

As the main course arrives, the editor asks about other aspects of the role. Ro explains that he is also responsible for checking the Community Centre Field, Play parks, Cemetery, the Mortuary Chapel and its grounds, and ensuring they are safe and the plant growth is kept under control. This is often involves strimming, cutting back hedges etc what might be summed up as general grounds maintenance. Ro does this in addition to the contractors so that if an area experiences "unexpected growth" it is cut back sooner rather than later. In particular, Ro is keen to keep the War Memorial looking at its best. It is clear from the conversation that this is the aspect of the job that Ro really enjoys, not surprising as he runs his own Grounds Maintenance business. Under closer questioning, the

editor learns that the council is building up tools and machinery so he does not need to use his own. Ro has the responsibility of advising on purchases and then maintaining equipment, including the small workshop that the council has.

As the sweets get served the conversation turns to time. The Town Steward role is a ten hour a week paid post. Ro has some flexibility in how he manages the tasks & plans activities in order to use the hours productively. He works closely with the Town Clerk who alerts him to any unexpected work, which may include, for example, the removal of fly tipped rubbish. He is also present at the setting up of some events, such as the Festival, just in case his skills and knowledge are required. The Editor left the restaurant with a deeper understanding of the role of the Town Steward and, coincidentally, with a greater appreciation of older tractors.

C'Ilr Gregory
Member of Engagements
Committee
&
Editor of Tidworth Times

Marriage Tax Allowance

Anna Sharlott, who is also and accounting is up to £250. whizz, would like to share some information. However, you can get on Marriage Tax Allowance you may or may not have already heard about. a rebate by back-claiming by up to four years. The amounts for each year are:

Are you married or in a civil partnership? If so you may be entitled to a £1,150 tax break called the marriage tax allowance.

The marriage tax allowance allows you to transfer £1,250 of your personal allowance (the amount you can earn tax-free each tax year) to your spouse or civil partner, if they earn more than you.

This can reduce their tax by up to £250 every tax year (6 April to 5 April the next year). To benefit as a couple, you need to earn less than your partner and have an income of £12,500 or less. Your partner's income must be between £12,501 and £50,000 for you to be eligible.

The marriage tax allowance for the tax year 2019/20 **Anna Sharlott**



HM Revenue & Customs

For More in depth information and to see if you qualify and to apply please go to www.gov.uk/apply-marriage-allowance

Tidworth Town Festival



NEON

Headliner

group will be spending the day sharing what they do, with the opportunity to join in and maybe learn a new skill.

Our friends from Castledown Radio will also be there to cover the event live on the day. There will be various stalls and food vendors as well as a fully licenced bar. However we welcome everyone to bring along picnic blankets and your own supplies. Glass is prohibited and will be confiscated as this is a health and safety risk.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fantastic family event for the local community.

Gates open at 12pm with live music kicking off mid-afternoon and finishing at 10pm.

It's all so exciting! All details on performers and timings will be on the Facebook page 'Tidworth Town Festival'

We're looking forward to seeing you all there and enjoying the atmosphere all together!



AJ Mayhew
Festival Coordinator

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Headliners Neon, will be bringing a carefully chosen mix of the best 90's, 00's, 10's music, through to now with an awesome hip hop kick. Also on the bill are One Last Thrill, CLS, The Tribe, For Tomorrow as well as local favourites Military Wives Choir, Paige Dobson & Tamzin Stead and many more.

There will be a wide range of activities for the whole family including a free bouncy castle, circus workshop & rock climbing wall. We have a big red rocket and a mini big top that will host shows throughout the day. We have rope walkers, stilt walkers and balloon modellers to keep the kids entertained.

There will be dancing and martial arts displays from local groups.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorer Scouts from Tidworth 1st Scout



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Over 60's - Tidworth



The Tidworth Over 60's meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 1.45pm in the Tidworth Community Centre. There are about thirty members currently, new members are always welcome.

The meetings consist of a variety of events, these include 'Teas', where we just spend the afternoon chatting, Skittles at Queens Head. Bring & Buy to raise funds, as well as a delightful Bingo afternoon.

Talks for pleasure on flower arranging, information -

The Bobby Van and any other interesting speakers we can find. All of our meetings naturally include a cup of tea or coffee when there is an opportunity for our members to catch up and have a chat.

We have also been on a number of visits including Exbury Gardens, Watercress Line Lacock for this year. We are all looking forward to our annual visit to Swindon Pantomime.

Throughout the year we have the support of Tidworth Town Council, both practically and financially, which we greatly appreciate. The Tidworth Over 60's meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 1.45pm in the Tidworth Community Centre. There are about thirty members currently, new members are always welcome.

C'Ilr Ann Birch
Chairwoman of Over 60's

If anyone is interested in joining the Over 60's please contact Ann Birch on 01980 843341

No Strings Badminton



No Strings Badminton is a local session held at Tidworth Leisure Centre. Wiltshire Council are working in partnership with Badminton England to deliver No Strings badminton sessions across the county.

No Strings is an initiative set up by Badminton England to encourage adults to engage in badminton in an informal, relaxed and friendly environment. The sessions are open to people of all abilities and are a brilliant way to be physically active, meet new people and have fun.

Tidworth's weekly session Mondays between 12.15pm and 1.15pm. It doesn't matter if you have never played before as all players of all ages and abilities are welcome.

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Becca Higgs
Sports Development Officer
Wiltshire Council

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Community Services Committee Information

The Community Services Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, to discuss the maintenance and management of the Community Centre and its' surrounding grounds. We also deal with general grounds maintenance across the town, five play parks, the Mortuary Chapel and the Civilian Cemetery. Although this Committee's profile is low key, the work it carries out is essential to the running of the town. In each edition of the Tidworth Times, I will focus on one aspect of how the Community Services Committee benefits the town.

The Community Centre on Wylde Road is very well used by local groups and clubs, for all ages, young and old. It houses clubs including martial arts, Mason Academy of Dance, Moo Music singing, Brownies, Rainbows, Whistles and Decibel's Choir, Slimming World, Weight Watchers, and the Over 60's Club. Please take a look at our website to see the timetable of these groups. There is bound to be something of interest for all of our Community; and why not hire the Hall for your own party or gathering. There is also plenty of outside space which can be used at the same time. Whatever the occasion, we will do our best to accommodate you.

Citizens Advice Bureau runs a surgery in the Community Centre between 10.00am and 15.00pm



every Wednesday. If you would like advice or help with just about anything from welfare, benefits, housing etc. from fully trained staff then please drop by. No appointment is necessary, and the service is free and confidential.

The Centre itself has recently had the kitchen upgraded and further improvements and repairs to the Centre are on the way, these will be discussed at our meetings. We have installed a solar panel and security camera focusing on our wonderful War Memorial, this will enhance the lighting and protect it. We have upgraded our CCTV coverage around the Centre and its grounds.

Everyone is most welcome to come and observe our meetings, I think you will be surprised at what we actually do. 🌸

Annie Nicholls
Tidworth Town Council &
Services Committee
Administrator



For more information on what your Services Committee are doing or to speak to them you can contact Annie on tidworthadmin2@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk



Citizens Advice Tidworth

Citizens Advice Bureau Tidworth provide free, confidential advice and campaign on issues affecting people's lives. People come to us with all sorts of issues. You may have money, benefit, housing or employment problems. You may be facing a crisis, or just considering your options. Whatever problem you face, we'll help you find a way forward. 🌸

Drop in Clinic Tidworth Community Centre Wednesday 10.00am - 3.00pm

Phone - 03444 111 444 - Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Your New Tidworth Town Council

After the Annual Full Town Council meeting on 14th of May. Where our new Chairman, Deputy Chairwoman and Chairs of Committees were chosen, we would like to introduce you to the new Tidworth Town Council.



Mayor
C'Ilr Brian Pratt



Deputy Mayoress
C'Ilr Sue Fell



Chair of Engagements Committee
C'Ilr Steve Slater



Chair of Projects Committee
C'Ilr Andrew Connolly



Chair of Staffing & Policies Committee
C'Ilr Mark Connolly



Chair of Services Committee
C'Ilr Steve Anderton



Engagement Committee
C'Ilr George Paine



Engagement Committee
C'Ilr Anna Sharlott



Services Committee
C'Ilr Nigel Arch



Services Committee
C'Ilr Humph Jones



Engagement Committee
C'Ilr Rupert Gregory



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Excellent Ofsted for two local Nurseries

There was double success at two TNB (Tidworth 'n' Bulford) Garrison Early Years and Play settings recently with the news of their fantastic Ofsted inspections. St Andrews Pre-school and Jammie Dodgers After School Club, Tidworth were awarded **OUTSTANDING** and Noah's Ark Under Fives, Bulford were graded as **GOOD** by Ofsted.

Both settings were highly praised for the quality of care given to the children and for the fantastic relationships they build with their families and communities.

The reports celebrate the hard work and commitment by their managers and staff in creating welcoming and supportive settings which really help each child to develop and make great progress.

These recent Ofsted reports reflect the ongoing quest by TNB Garrison Early Years and Play to provide high quality childcare within our communities. All TNB Garrison Early Years and Play settings are graded as outstanding or good by Ofsted and are highly regarded by the families they support.

Sarah Hawkins

TNB Executive Coordinator



Manager Shayley celebrating with some of the children at Noahs Ark



Manager Louise & Staff from St Andrews & Jammie Dodgers

For more information on TNB nurseries and to read the current OFSTED reports please go to - www.tnbearlyyears.org

Science Week with Clarendon Infants and Wellington Academy

After speaking with Mr Dan Jackson, Head Teacher at Clarendon Infants, he sent me some lovely pieces of writing pupils had completed about recent activities they had taken part in.

"During Science Week we learned about the body and our bones. We made paper aeroplanes and tested them to see whose went the farthest. There was this little machine and you put the aeroplane nose first and it made the aeroplane fly. I made a dinosaur parachute and a human parachute. The T-Rex needed thicker ropes because the T-Rex was the heaviest and it needed a bigger parachute. The big children (Year 9s from Wellington Academy) came and helped us find out that the Tesco bag was the strongest. They also helped us with floating and sinking. We had a nail that's blunt and a ping pong ball, and a golf ball and tin foil and a normal ball. The nail sank because it's made out of metal and the ping-pong ball floated. The golf ball sank and the normal ball kind of floated and kind of sank. We did electronics too and the metal let the light bulb glow up and we had some plastic and it didn't let the light bulb glow up.

"The Firefighters came to see us too and told us how to stop, drop and roll. You have to do this is there is a fire in your house and some of it gets on to you. You stop, drop and roll and it gets the fire off you."

The school would like to thank the staff and pupils of Wellington Academy for their support in making Science Week such a success and Lidl Tidworth for their generosity in supporting us to resource our experiments.



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

Poetry Week with Clarendon Infants and Wellington Academy

This is another piece from a pupil at Clarendon Infants about their recent activities during Poetry Week. "We wrote lots of poems like colour poems and fire poems and sound poems and animal poems. We learned that some poems rhyme and some don't and that some are like stories. I liked the poem about the little boy eating the chocolate cake the best. The mums and dads came in to hear our poems on Friday afternoon. Poetry week was really fun because we got to write lots of poems and we learned poems to tell to our mums when they came in to school. Our teacher read a poem to us and we had to imagine the picture in our heads and then paint it. Here are some of the poems written by children at Clarendon Infants."

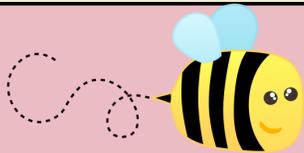
Blue

Blue is a sparkly diamond.
 Blue is the beautiful sky on a sunny day
 Blue is the nice cold calm sea.
 Blue is the colour of my sparkly blue eyes.
 Blue is my favourite colour because it makes me feel happy.

Its's Spring

Blue flowers are pretty
 Red flowers to
 Even orange but turquoise and yellow are more fun
 IT'S SPRING IT'S SPRING

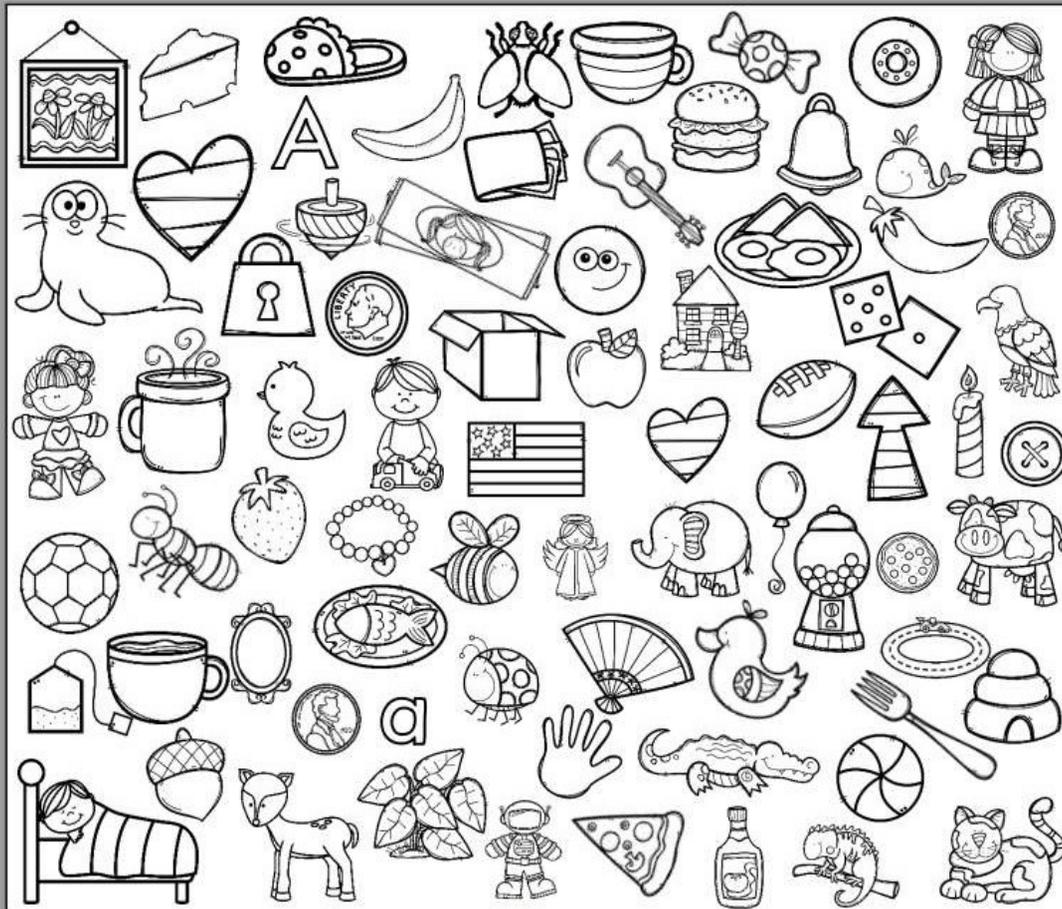
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The BUZZ Club

Treasure Hunt

Find the pictures and color them in. Check off each picture as you find it.



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The BUZZ Club

GCSE's 2019

GCSE's 2019, a time which has been very stressful for many of us young students about to explore the world of work. This is just the first step we will take to get what we want, but every single step counts towards us achieving our dreams of becoming the best person we could possibly be.

"The feeling of teachers pressuring you for three months before our exams was the hardest, we'd brush them off our shoulders and say "we've got ages yet" "I'll start to revise in April". Soon April comes around and you begin to panic. The stress and anxiety creeps up on you blindly and before you know it you're in the thick of it. Teachers cramming as much information into

you as possible, students crying in corridors, scared of the questions we have all been preparing for our whole school life. It's scary, I'm not going to lie, but I know it's all going to be worth it.

"I'm coming towards the last few days of my exams and the relief which we have wanted since the 13th of May is almost here. Nineteen exams complete, four more to go. Time has gone way too quickly for us all to keep up.

"My plans for the future have now been set in my mind, like a lot of us 16 year olds. My dream of becoming a midwife is beginning. My course for Health and Social Care and A level Biology have been secured. All that's left hanging over my shoulders

are my results. Am I going to get the grades I need? Am I going to be able to follow my dreams of helping women and their babies?

"I guess it's all down to results day now, when our nervous, trembling fingers will open that envelope, wondering if the last five years and twenty three exams have been worth it.

"...August seems so far away, but like the exams, it's just round the corner."

Shyan Barber-Mclean

Age 16



Avon Valley School Pupil

Good Luck to all awaiting exam results in August from all at Tidworth Town Council

Anagram

Some summer themed words have been jumbled up, can you figure out what they are meant to be??

- Ahoy Lid 
- ABC eh 
- Pancaked Busted 

If there is something you have done locally which you would like to talk about? Perhaps you have something you would like to ask a Councillor. Please do get in touch, they would love to hear from the younger members of our Community.

Competitions

POSTCARD

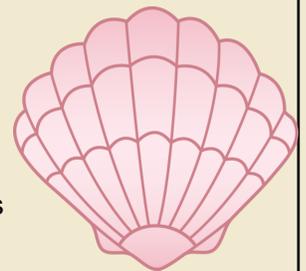
Where are you going on your holidays? Whether you are playing in your garden, or at the park, flying, sailing, driving. We would love to hear from you.

Could you send us a postcard or just draw us a picture of where you've been? What you've been doing.

Or even your dream holiday. What would you do there? Kayleigh & Annie in the office will be working all summer so your pictures will brighten the place up and the winner will receive a Gift Voucher from The Works!



Can you find all the Sea shell hidden within the pages of our magazine? When you have, ask your parents to send us your answer, Name, Age and Contact details in an email or Facebook Message and your name will go in the draw to win a gift voucher for The Works!



Closing date for all competitions will be 06/09/19. All entries must be in by this date.

Council Meetings

Tidworth Town Council Contacts

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 July**
- **Tuesday 6th August**
- **Tuesday 3rd September**

Start time: 7.00 pm

Location: Community Centre, Wylve Road

See our website or Facebook page for Agenda items.

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Mayor's Blog

Hello and welcome to my first Mayor's blog.

Firstly I wish to thank my predecessor, Cllr Mark Connolly, for his years of leadership of Tidworth Town Council and, in particular, for the last two and a half years during which time I have acted as his Deputy. An experience from which I learned a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed. It is both an honour and pleasure to serve as Mayor. Over the next year I look forward to meeting with many of the residents and organisations in and around the Tidworth and Perham area that come together to make it such a great community in which to live.

A little about myself and my time as a Tidworth Town Councillor. I have been married for 17 years and have two children, ages 21 years and 9 years. I really enjoy being part of the community here.

I trained as a Learning Disability Nurse in 2007, leaving in 2015. I have been volunteering at a local radio station, Castledown FM, for 2 years, where I have a show on Thursday mornings, which is great fun. I hope you will listen in and get in touch.

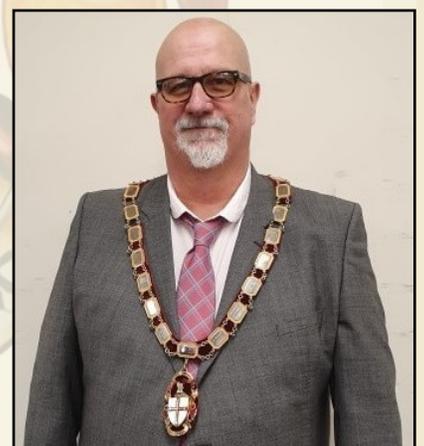
Also as a parent, for the last 4 years I have enjoyed serving as Chair of Governors at Zouch Academy School.

I joined the council in 2014, initially serving as a member of the Community Engagement Committee before taking on the role of Chair of that committee. After I became Deputy Mayor I continued to attend these meetings, and supported the council's more major events, such as those at Christmas, Easter and The Festival, as well as some of the less glamorous (but nevertheless important) like the litter picking.

This year sees the continuation of roadworks in the local area, as Wiltshire County Council looks to improve traffic flow. This includes the roundabout at the bottom of St Andrews Road and Ordnance Road, the introduction of a filter lane at The Ram Junction and the removal of the right hand turn at the bottom of Station Road. Hopefully by the end of June we will see the link road between the A338 and A3026 Ludgershall Road. This is especially important as we welcome new residents to our community, many as a result of Army rebasing. I wish to extend a warm welcome to all those arriving in Tidworth.

Tidworth Town Council always welcomes resident's constructive views and opinions and I can be contacted on mayor@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

Mayor Brian Pratt



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