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Happy New Year
From all at
Tidworth Town Council

Happy New Year to you! Welcome to Tidworth if you have recently joined us. This issue is jam packed with events from the end of last year (Pages 2,3 & 14) and people with something to say about the activities and groups they

are members of within our community (Pages 9, 11 & 12). Don't forget to check the Calendar on the right here for all of our upcoming events in 2020. I'm sure you will agree after a fantastic 2019, These are not to be missed.

Tidworth Events 2020

February

17th - Tidworth Times is delivered.

TBC - Half term Litter Pick .

April

11th - Easter Event

May

8th - VE Day Picnic

10th - VE Day service with Hog Roast at Holy Trinity

18th - Tidworth Times is delivered.

June

20th - Armed Forces Day

July

18th - Tidworth Town Festival.

August

24th - Tidworth Times is delivered.

September

26th - Mortuary Chapel Open Day

October

TBC - Half term Litter Pick .

31st - Halloween Party

November

8th - Remembrance

16th - Tidworth Times is delivered.

December

5th - Christmas Event

Tidworth Town Council Events in 2019



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

A Family Christmas Fair



Happy New Year!
'Twas the night before Tidworth Town Council's Christmas Fair, and all through the Community Centre, not a tree was untrimmed or fairly light untwinkling...

This being one of the largest free events we put on for our community, second only to Tidworth Town Festival, it needed to be spectacular. And didn't our Councillors deliver?!

Beautiful Reindeer from The Little Zoo were a huge hit and always add that extra bit of Christmas magic to the event.

Blessed with the weather this year the outside activities were a huge success! The Fun Bus with its indoor soft play and the Rodeo Christmas Pudding were both equally busy and with a seating area outside families were able to enjoy a hot drink, a slice of cake or

a mince pie, baked and served by the lovely ladies of Tidworth WI.

Inside things got more interesting... Just past the snowman face-in-hole picture stand, The lovely Teresa Slater was serving burgers and hotdogs raising money for Ludgershall Football Club.

On into our hall where our Tidworth Town Councillors selling raffle tickets, a huge thanks for the fantastically generous local businesses** who donated prizes.

The always delightful ladies from Holy Trinity Church were there with their free Children's Christmas Crafts which we hope your little ones enjoyed? Mine did. Not forgetting where Christmas began, our lovely Rev's Tim & Jim from Holy Trinity Tidworth and St James' Ludgershall came along and twice gave a fantastic telling of the Christmas story for all the children. This was a lovely touch and thank

you to them both for joining us. We think the adults enjoyed this as much as the children.

There were stalls from local businesses. Hannah Winter from Winters Wonderful Cakes had some scrummy cupcakes and cheesecakes, Annika Hancock and her deliciously smelling Bath Bomb Boutique. Bear Necessities by Rachael Wales with her very popular range of Christmas hair accessories. Tara Arrowsmith joined us with all Body Shop's pampering goodies. Ladies from Holy Trinity with their stall of various handmade gifts & Christmas hamper raffle. Finally Jessica Brooks from Dolly Mixture with her handmade Christmas decorations.

Never forgetting our Guest of Honour... The big man himself, Santa and his Elf took some time out of their manic schedule to hand out presents and pose for photographs with Marina Jacklin

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Event. We hope you enjoyed it. If you have any feedback, Ideas or Photos please contact Kayleigh in the office tidworthadmin@towncouncil.gov.uk

A Family Christmas Fair



What an absolute delight the children of Tidworth I met today were, so polite, festively dressed and even came with some decorations for my tree back at the North Pole. I very much enjoyed meeting you all. Ho Ho Ho".

- Santa

PhotoArt. By the end of the day I was truly exhausted but seeing all the smiling faces of families enjoying themselves and meeting friends for some festive fun made the whole day and the months of planning worthwhile. So a huge thank you to Tidworth Town Council Engagement Committee for all the planning, all Councillors and community volunteers who helped on the day. We raised a staggering £495.00 for The Mayors Charity (See TTC website) which supports local organisations and members of our community.

So what next? Easter...

Kayleigh Mooney
TTC Engagements
Administrator



More information on the Mayors Charity can be found on our website <https://tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/grants-mayors-charity-fund>

Thank You!

**Tidworth Town Council gives thanks to Nails by Kirstie, Pothead & Panface, Chefs Delight, Grade 1 Barbers, Teri-fic Ink, Connolly Spars, B-Fit, Pampered by Preston, MummaB Fit, Dollymaids, Moo-Music, UBeauty, KARMA, Marina Jacklin Photoart, Bespoke Hair, Winters Wonderful Cakes and Bath Bomb Boutique for their generous prizes donated to our raffle.



New Mental Health Support Group in Tidworth

NEW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP FOR TIDWORTH – WILTSHIRE MIND
Wiltshire Mind is launching a new Tidworth Mental Health Support Group this year. The group will start on 23 January 2020 and will be held at the Oval, Bulford Road, Tidworth every Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 1.30pm. The group is open to all, for anyone feeling down or experiencing mental health issues. People are welcome to attend at any time during the open hours for a coffee, chat and support. The group will be facilitated by a Wiltshire Mind Support Group Facilitator with the support of volunteers.

The group will be a place to find support, friendship and to share thoughts and feelings in a safe environment. We welcome anyone within the community to attend.

Wiltshire Mind is a local self funding mental health charity which works to support anyone in Wiltshire with mental health issues. They provide a range of services for local people:

7 Mental Health Peer Support Groups (Melksham, Trowbridge, Chippenham, Malmesbury, Devizes, Salisbury, Tidworth)

1 Group for Carers of those with Mental Health issues (Devizes)

An Evening Group for those in work who may be struggling (Melksham)

1-1 Counselling for Adults (Melksham)

Counselling in Polish (Trowbridge)

1-1 Counselling for Young People 11+ (Melksham)

A Charity Shop with volunteering opportunities

A range of Mental Health Training for businesses and organisations

As Wiltshire Mind is a self funding charity they encourage people to fundraise to support their work in Wiltshire, if you can help please do make contact.



Volunteer for Wiltshire Mind Today!

OUR NEW TIDWORTH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP IS STARTING IN JANUARY AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THE GROUP

If you have some free time and would like to help your community, please consider giving your time for a few hours each week to help at our new Support Group which will run on a Thursday morning 10.30am – 1.30pm, starting in January. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

What does the role involve?

- Providing support and assistance to the Group Facilitator
- Talking to people/listening
- Helping with refreshments and setting up the meeting room

What we are looking for

- We welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities who have an interest in supporting others

Please telephone for a Volunteer application form: 01225 706532 or contact the office by email on: office@wiltshiremind.co.uk

Reg Charity Number: 1113751 Reg Company Number: 5498430

For more information on the work of Wiltshire Mind please visit www.wiltshiremind.co.uk or email office@wiltshiremind.co.uk or call 01225 706532.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance



We've saved a generation, help us save the next. This year is a particularly special one for Wiltshire Air Ambulance as we celebrate our 30th year of operation. Countless lives have been saved since we began operating in 1990. As a result, a generation of people

have been able to resume their lives and celebrate special milestones such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries or the birth of children and grandchildren.

To highlight our work former patients whose lives we have saved are featured in videos each month throughout 2020 on our social media channels and website, along with an opportunity to make a donation. We are only able to provide our vital service thanks to the generosity of people, community groups, schools, businesses and grant-making trusts who make donations.

Our charity is not funded directly by the Government and receives no National Lottery grants.

It costs £3.75 million a year to keep our lifesaving service operational. Last year we undertook 1,233 missions – an increase of 12% on 2018.

We are honoured to serve Wiltshire and surrounding counties. With your help we can be here to save the next generation.



To donate, head to our website www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/generation
Registered charity number: 1144097

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. He will in each episode of Tidworth Through the Ages cover either the Military or Civilian activities and changes which occurred during this time.

1914-1918

The Armistice of November 11th 1918 brought the British Army – then a mighty fighting machine to a sudden halt.

The immediate feelings of the soldiers was not one of exaltation or vocal rapture, but one of dog-tired weariness.

But not for long rested restored and revitalised the single prospect above all else was to get home and get out of the Army.

In some parts of the country good order and military discipline suffered, owing to the delays imposed on them for the

Demobilisation of the Army's millions of soldiers.

Tidworth saw none of the troubles that Demobilization gave rise to. The Southern Command Demobilization Centre was at Chiseldon dealing with thousands a day while Tidworth dealt with a mere few hundreds. Mr Williams the Tidworth Railway Booking Clerk recalls the hundreds and hundreds of free Railway Warrants that had to be dealt with at Tidworth Station, and the extra trains that had to be laid on to cope with all the departures.

Soldiers in numbers vanished quickly from Tidworth bringing unemployment or bad employment to many residents, trading in Station Road and other businesses in Tidworth suffered badly. This was to last but a short time when more regular troops began arriving in Tidworth, Cavalry and Infantry unit's once again occupied barracks in Tidworth.

Shops in Station Road 1918 Railway Station –

Soldiers Institute Tea Rooms - Anton's Dairy - Dickenson's Hardware - Mains Sweet Shop - Hewitt's Gents Outfitters - Semples Gents Outfitters - W.H.Smith Stationers - London and County Bank - Shaw Porter Fish Mongers - Annetts Tea Rooms - The Wilts and Dorset Bank - Michael Poolanski Jewellery - Kings Shoe Shop - Fitches Tailors.



In 1920 The War Department sold The Ram In North Tidworth to The Portsmouth United Breweries Ltd.

The first famous Tidworth Searchlight Tattoo took place on the 8th 9th and 10th June 1920 on the polo ground in

front of Tedworth House. The Tattoo was a great success and became a major event in Tidworth until 1939 when the international situation made it impossible to continue. It was another twenty seven years before another Tidworth Tattoo was produced.

The British Legion (Now the Royal British Legion) was established in 1921, Tidworth Branch was formed on 12th July 1922 a hutted club was erected between Station Road and Ordnance Road, This was replaced by the existing building which was opened by HRH The Duke of Gloucester on 27th October 1962.

Some of the first military houses to be provided exclusively for civilian employees were built in 1927 in Nuns Walk (Now Part of Sidbury Circular) and five years later additional houses were built in Nepal Road.

**Anthony Pickernell
TCAP Coordinator
& 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 Times

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Part of our Community - Donna Burns



Hi I am Donna Burns and I am a presenter

and DJ at Castledown FM your local community Radio Station.

Weekday mornings are so much fun for me. I am super lucky to be doing something I thought I would never get the chance to do and be

a Presenter on a Radio Station. Castledown FM is our local community station which brings us local information, interviews and great music from a range of people and genres.

I was initially a guest on Kev Lawrence's Christmas Eve show along with my fellow La La's from the Tidworth Military Wives Choir back in 2016 where we sang a live set and were interviewed. I absolutely loved it!

I was then brought back in to the station by my friend Kelly to help give my point of view on Loan Sharks in a special show that Castledown FM produced telling the stories of people who have had their lives turned upside down by non-regulated money lenders. It was at this moment I knew I wanted to be part of this amazing team of people.

Kelly invited me to join her on a Wednesday morning for her Hump Day Hooray Show, and I absolutely loved it. I have never laughed so much and knew this was just what I needed to help me with my mental health. Being an army wife and mum of 5 children can really affect your sense of identity. I was no longer just me and my priorities and goals in life had changed dramatically. My youngest child has asthma and was constantly in and out of hospital so I couldn't work. I could however volunteer at the Radio Station. I was able to have some me time as well as do something productive that helps others.

I was soon asked to help run the desk for a Monday Morning Show which saw me doing the technical side of Radio and being an actual DJ. It is so nerve wrecking at first but after a few shows it becomes second nature. The next step was for me to have my

very own show on a Tuesday Morning. This was my baby and something I was so happy about. In 2017 Showcase Tuesday was launched. I wanted to help new and existing musicians and acts show everyone what they are all about. I ask quite relaxed and informal questions to help us to get to know the people behind the talent.

I have had the pleasure to interview many people over the last few years and have been able to find friendships with a lot of them. My most nerve wrecking interview was with Giovanni Pernice a Dancer from Strictly Come Dancing back in 2017. He was so lovely and I was able to get such a great show from our chat.

Another community venture I have become involved with is a community Pastoral Support team headed up by Rev. Tim Laundon. This will involve members of the team visiting and supporting members of the public who would like someone to talk to due to being ill, lonely, housebound or even going through Cancer treatment. I myself am a cancer survivor and know first-hand how scary the whole process can be from diagnosis and treatment to given the all clear and constantly worrying about it returning. I would like to be there for others the way people were for me.

Being the wife of a soldier means you move around a lot and you can feel as though you don't belong in the community. I have never felt like that here in Tidworth. The local people are so kind and friendly and I feel have been very accepting and accommodating of my family. We love living in Tidworth and I love working within the community, I hope to be living here for a long while yet so I can continue to be part of such an amazing town, community and family. Go team Tidders!

Donna Burns

Castledown FM Presenter

Member of Tidworth Community



If you are interested in volunteering for CastledownFM, perhaps an idea for a show or simply something to talk about on air with one of the presenters. Please head to their website www.Castledownfm.com or send an email to admin@castledownfm.com

If you would like to volunteer your time with The Pastoral Support Team you can contact them via email revtimlaundon@gmail.com

A word from The Editor

Dear Reader,

You may not have realised it but this edition marks the beginning of the ninth year of *Tidworth Times*. Originally it was published to try and tell the residents of Tidworth about services and events that Tidworth Town Council organised. During my time as editor we have tried to include more of our community and we regularly try to get organisations to submit articles, and to that end; do you organise or take part in any group that could write an article?

Mr Anthony Pickernell is writing a series of pieces on the history of Tidworth and I wish to publically thank him for the time he is putting into doing this.

In the next issue we are intending to have an article on the work of our Flood Warden. And as a follow on we are thinking of writing a series of articles "Day in the

Life/Week/Month of a ..." could you help with that? Do you have an interesting or unusual job that people in Tidworth might like to learn more about?

Perhaps more controversially, how are the roadworks affecting you? We are only part way through the disruptions which should eventually mean traffic flows better through the town. Are they a minor irritant or a major hassle?

What would get you to put pen to paper? We welcome your input.

Cllr Rupert J Gregory
The Editor



If you would like to contact the Editor you can do this via Tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Community Services Committee Update

I am Annie Nichols, the Tidworth Town Council's Services Administrator, and hopefully getting to grips with who does what where? As a mixed civilian and military town, including Perham Down, we can all work together to keep our hometown clean, and tidy, and exciting for visitors to come to. Please contact me if you have anything I can help you with.

The Community Services Committee meets on the second 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 smooth running of the town.

Grounds Maintenance

The Services Committee meets with our grounds maintenance contractor Tivoli each Wednesday after the Services Committee meeting. This is an excellent forum to discuss issues raised by Council and/or Members of the Public, as well as the contract that is in place. The contract includes grass cutting and litter picking around our Tidworth Town Council areas. We have recently negotiated an increase in bin emptying in our five Play Parks to weekly over the school holidays. It is usually carried out fortnightly, but when the schools are closed the need to empty the bins increases. We are also installing another bin next to the youth shelter by the A338 Neighbourhood playpark, and this will also be emptied weekly.

The **Parish Steward** is employed by Wiltshire Council, and visits all Wiltshire parishes. He is rostered to visit Tidworth every two months for two days. He will call into the Community Centre to collect a list of tasks including gully clearing, drain clearing, minor repairs to signs,

verges, minor potholes in roads and footpaths, and clearance of weeds. He is a lovely man and very accommodating.

Wiltshire Council has recently introduced a new incentive for Town Councils, which enhances what the Parish Steward is already doing. They are called "**The Sparkle Team**". You may notice a group of workmen going around our town over a period of three or four days, cleaning signage, removing weeds, removing debris, collecting litter, and removing graffiti. The Sparkle Team visits our Town every other month, so if you notice any mulch or litter that needs removing, and it is on Wiltshire Council's land, please let me know.

All of these services are in place to maintain a welcoming environment for our Town's population, both in appearance and cleanliness. You can appreciate that this a very busy aspect of the Community Services Committee, but with your help in reporting issues, we can work together to achieve this very important aim. Everyone is most welcome to come and observe our meetings.

You can also report any issues on the "My Wiltshire" app, available on all Apple and Android devices, or via the Wiltshire Council website. Any issues involving highways, roadworks, lighting, litter, anti-social behaviour,

pollution, abandoned vehicles, grass cutting, right down to your "missing bin collection". You will be able to track your service request on line to its' conclusion.



Annie Nichols
Tidworth Town Council &
Services Committee
Administrator

If you have any comments, questions or information relating to the maintenance and management within Tidworth & Perham Down and you would like them to be brought to Tidworth Town Councils attention, Please contact Annie tidworthadmin2@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk and she can put you in contact with the relevant councillor.

PCSO Dan Catterick

My Name is Dan; I work for Wiltshire Police as a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). I help police the area in and around Tidworth. My role as a PCSO plays a big part in community policing. There are many people who may not understand exactly what my role entails but there are many things myself and my colleagues do in order to help keep your community safe. From things such as intelligence gathering, liaising with local organisations and businesses, dealing with low level crimes, public reassurance and neighbourhood disputes. A big part of this is showing a policing presence within the community. I'm originally from County Durham but grew up in Tidworth due to family military connections so I feel like part of the community. I've always wanted to join the police from a young age. After joining Wiltshire Police in Jan 2019, I applied to be a Police Community Support Officer with aspirations to becoming a Police Officer. I found this a positive way of

gaining experience required. I work out of Amesbury Police Station alongside a great team of Police Officers, other PCSO's and Local Crime Investigators (LCI's) We all have our unique roles in order to combat the diverse challenges that a modern Police Force faces. I'm looking forward to continued interaction with the Tidworth and Perham Down Community and updating you via this newsletter. If you have any comments of concerns, you can contact me via the comments and communication box held at Tidworth Community Centre, Wylde Road. This can be done anonymously if you wish. If you see me out and about, please do come say hello or give me a wave.

**PCSO for Tidworth & Perham Down
Dan Catterick**



If you would like to report something or contact PCSO Dan, You can do this Via Amesbury Police Station or calling 101. If it is an emergency please call 999.

1st Tidworth Scout Group



First, what is scouting?

Scouting exist to make young people's lives better, helping them realise their full potential and take their place in society, Scouting aim is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.



The method of achieving the aim is through the provision of exciting and adventurous activities with progressive training based on the scout promise and law guided by adult leadership. And most of all give them the skills for life. Scouting is an inclusive, values-based movement and membership is open to all those who share our fundamental values. Here in 1st Tidworth Scout Group we have 5 sections within the group Two Beaver Scout Colonies Forest Beavers with 24 young people and



Woodland Beavers with 22 members all aged between the age of 6-8yrs old Woodland meet on a Tuesday evening and Forest Thursday evening

There are two Cub Scout Packs, Tiger Cub Pack with 33 young people and Lion Cub Scout Pack with 27 Lions meet on a Monday evening and Tigers a Wednesday evening with young people aged between 8 -10½ yrs old.

Our oldest group of young people are members of the Scout Troop totalling 39 of them all aged between 10½ -14yrs of age meeting on a Thursday evening That makes a total of 145 young people within the group (and still growing) here in Tidworth at present we are trying to build up the resources to give all our young people within the group the best possible fun, exciting challenges and adventures so they enjoy the best experience of what scouting is all about.

Our leadership team is always looking for new volunteers to join our team to enable us to give every young person as many challenges, adventures and skills for life we can possibly give them.

**Group Scout Leader
Steve Rhodes
(Graywolf)**



If you would like more information on 1st Tidworth Beavers (6-8yrs), Cubs (8-10yrs, Scouts (11-15yrs) or Explorer Scouts (16-18yrs You can contact Diane Rhodes (Raksha) via email Tidworthraksha@btinternet.com

Slimming World with Zara



game until I met Zara. Zara gave me a warm welcoming smile when I joined her group and explained to me all about the amazing foods I could still enjoy. Group members offered me tea and immediately made me feel welcome. I don't know for certain what clicked in my head but I knew this time I was in it for good!

When I started my journey, this time round, I was pregnant. I wanted to join because the thought of running round after 3 little boys all under 5 and extremely over weight terrifying. "How would I keep up with them" "I can't fit down the slide at the park or go on the swings" "I don't want my children to face the repercussions of my bad habits in food choice's" We all have our own reasons to want to become more healthy and active. Well mine was my children!

I really enjoy everything Slimming Worlds Food Optimising has to offer, nothing is off limits! I could never understand how it worked I just knew it was working for me!

Yes I've had the odd slip up here and there but I've given myself a shake and jumped back into food optimising 100% with the support of my group.

One of the things that sticks is something that one of the lovely members at Tidworth group said "there are 21 meals in a week if you have one bad meal just get back on it don't ruin the other 20"

When I was voted Miss Slinky 2019 in our group it was extremely emotional. I was just so overwhelmed at what the others in group thought of me.

I'm still on my journey, I'm not finished yet but I'm hoping to hit goal this year with the help of my lovely leader and group support. So far 5 stone gone for good never to return!

Some of my favourite recipes are:

- Slimming World Curry
- Spaghetti Carbonara
- Diet Cola Chicken
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Paprika Pork and Apple Burgers.

I have made so many amazing friends at Slimming World, some I know will be friend's for life. "

Emma Beattie
Slimming World Tidworth

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Rather than Zara telling you what the benefits of joining Slimming World are she wanted to show you. Here one of Zara's ladies, Emma, shares how her life has changed since joining Slimming World a year ago. In her own words, she explains the difference its made to her life.

"My name is Emma Beattie, I'm 27 years old, married and have 3 young children. I attend Zara Colwell's Wednesday 9am Slimming World Group at Tidworth Community Centre.

I have suffered with my weight most my life including my child hood. It's always been a struggle to keep weight off or even maintain a healthy weight I've just never found the right thing that works for me.

I have joined Slimming World on a number of occasions but have never really had my mind in the

Zara's Slimming World groups run on Wednesday mornings @ Tidworth Community Centre, Wylve Road, SP9 7QE - 9.00am and 11.00am Contact: Mobile - 07519 722385 Email - bigbird_168@icloud.com

Home Start Kennet



Home-Start helps young families in the Tidworth/Ludgershall area who are going through tough times. Our fantastic team of volunteers visit families once a week to help them cope with difficulties such as: isolation, multiple birth, mental health issues, loneliness and challenges unique to military life. Support is as individual as the families we work with and could be accompanying a parent to a toddler group or playing with a child whose parent is too ill. Often, just listening can make all the difference.

We're looking for volunteers who have:

- A friendly, positive nature
- Great listening skills
- Empathy
- Parenting skills or relevant life experience
- Time to visit families weekly for 2 hours

We offer:

- Full training
- Opportunity to gain an accredited qualification.
- Payment of childcare costs covered during training (subject to terms & conditions)
- On-going support and mentoring
- Opportunity to meet new people

Next training starts March 2020 in Tidworth.

To find out more about volunteering or if you need support, please get in touch.

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If it hadn't been for Home-Start, we would have lost all hope. Every time I think of them, I smile."
- Andrea, Mum.

******NEW******

Home-Start Tidworth Families Group, Thursdays at the Ashdown Centre on Drummer Lane for parents under 5's.

10am – 12.00 noon

There will be refreshments and toys available. Come down, say hello and find out if this is for you! For more information, please contact Caz or Claire on **01672 569457** or **Home-Start Kennet** on Facebook.



If you are in need of some support in a kind and confidential environment please contact HomeStart Kennet T: 01672 569457 E: hskadmin@homestartkennet.co.uk W: www.homestartkennet.co.uk

Tidworth Town Councils Spooktacular Halloween Party



On 31st October the Town Council held it's first Halloween party for the community. Myself, Cllr Rupert Gregory and my wife Tzaneen started decorating the community centre hall and getting the venue ready for when the children arrived.

Cllr Steve Slater arrived and set up the music and entertainment station along with props. And our mayor Cllr Brian Pratt arrived so he could open the event.

At 16.00 we opened the doors and the children arrived to music, pumpkins, candy floss and sweets and biscuits to make the party a night of joy.

The event took months to organise and wow was it worthwhile,

Tickets for the event were snapped up within two days of being advertised and the children and parents flocked in. We had a full house as one or two people that had tickets did not arrive but some arrived that did not have tickets so we let them in to enjoy the night as we had the space to do so.

The candy floss was flying out as the children loved it and came back again and again for more. Also the pumpkin carving was in full swing as pumpkins were being carved six at a time at the pumpkin station by parents after their children designed what they wanted the pumpkin to look like.

Most of the children arrived in fancy dress and we had four prizes for the best fancy dressed: These were for boy's aged 0 to 5 and 6 to 11 and girls 0 to 5 and 6 to 11. We also had a prize for the best carved pumpkin to



which we had about 14 to choose from. Each winner won a £10 'The Works' voucher, Well done to all the winners and too all those that did not win but did a fantastic job at dressing up for the occasion.

I put on a mask so I could join in the fun but thought it was too scary for the children so removed it.

We also played a game which involved five adults being wrapped in toilet paper

so they looked like a mummy with which the children did the wrapping up.

The biscuits and sweets were placed on a table so the children could help themselves went down very well.

The judging of the best fancy dress started at 17.30 and the best pumpkin at 17.45 before the event closed at 18.00.

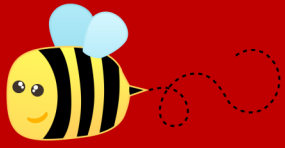
On leaving each child was given a bag of sweets to which was a brilliant end to a fantastic party.

I was so pleased that so many children had a lot of fun and took away so many memories from our first successful Halloween party.

I would like to thank Cllr's Steve Slater, Brian Pratt and Rupert Gregory and my wife Tzaneen for all their work in helping me make this event work for the community, Not forgetting our Engagements Admin for helping me organise this event.

Cllr David Wright
Tidworth Town Council &
Community Engagements





The BUZZ Club

Clarendon Juniors After School Litter Pick



On Monday 11th November, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and family groups from Clarendon Junior School joined forces to undertake a community litter pick around the school grounds and the local area. Even though it was a bit chilly, lots of parents and children joined in and collected an amazing amount of waste.

In total:
 25kg of waste was collected of which:
 17.2 kg was non-recyclable
 2.9kg was plastic bottles
 0.6 kg glass bottles
 1.5kg cans
 And also a 3kg metal scooter that will be recycled.

Pupils who attended the event commented: "It is better around school now we have picked up all the litter" (Ryley Y3) and 'I enjoyed it so much!' (Ellie Y4).



This was an enormously successful event and more litter picks will take place throughout the school year to continue to keep the school and local area looking its best!

Bev Richie
 Admin Officer
 Clarendon Juniors

Bird watching in Tidworth and Perham Down

Perham Down polo pitches is a great place to go bird watching. The postcode for Perham Down Polo Pitches is SP11 9LS

Here are some tips from Cllr George Paine



Buzzard

Look out for the white markings underneath the wings and the tail feathers



Kite

Kite's have a different tail to the buzzard, see how the tail feathers split into two.



Kestrel

You will see them hovering above ground looking for mice and other small rodents to eat.

They are smaller than the Buzzard and Kite.



Greater Spotted Woodpecker

You will usually hear one before you see it. Listen out for a tapping sound. You will be very lucky if you manage to spot one of these beauties



Green Woodpecker

There are lots of these birds in the area, they move in large swoops of 20-30 birds



Crow

You will see lots of these, they are a common bird in the area.

Can you hear them squawking? They are very noisy.

Council Meetings

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 3rd March**
- **Tuesday 7th April**
- **Tuesday 5th May**

Start time: 7.00 pm

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

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Mayor's Blog

A belated happy new year to all in Tidworth and Perham Down Communities, we have started a new year but also a new decade.

December is always a busy month for any Mayor and for the Tidworth Mayor this is no exception.

Liam and his 'Show Off' dance troupe kindly invited me to attend his Christmas show. I was delighted to attend. It was wonderful to see so many children and adults giving their best performances possible. I was pleased to note how inclusive his classes are with two young children with disabilities included in the shows! Who knew that Liam is also a very good magician?

I also attended the Tidworth Military Christmas Concert. With Tidworth Town Council and the Mayor, hosting a small reception for the local community and all those who contribute to making our communities a better place. I was delighted to invite the Local Community Police Team, who do so much to keep our community safe, Tony Pickernell who is the TCAP coordinator. It was also a pleasure to invite some of my Ludgershall Council colleagues along in recognition of their contribution to the community. The concert was, as always, a spectacle of entertainment and watching one of the things that the military bands do well. It was nice once again to see so many

young, talented soldiers perform.

I was also asked to attend a Christmas Church service at Holy Trinity Church, Tidworth. Where I gave a reading for the service and then hot chocolate was enjoyed afterwards. Once again it is nice to see members of our community come together in a celebration, especially after the intensity of the recent elections.

I also attended the Tidworth Nepalese Community Association day, which was organized by Richard Rogers Tidworth CEM. This was a successful event with representatives coming from Wiltshire Fire, Police Services and also a presentation from Dr Lucy Davies and a nurse who spoke Nepalese. Their message was about health and well being. This was attended by about 60/70 people, old and young alike from the Nepalese community,

We continue to push forward as a council with the Civic Centre plans. Indeed the 'Geo-tech' surveys have come back, outlining planning permission has been granted, with only a few follow up points. The Civic Centre is being built in partnership with Wiltshire Police and when completed, will truly be a building that is at the heart of our community. As well as being a building that will be admired by all who visit!

A couple of examples of how

Tidworth Town Council can influence decisions made in our community, I attended a recent Community Area Transport Group (CaTG) meeting and was pleased to make representations on behalf of the community regarding the flashing beacons, lighting and road markings at the Zebra Crossing, on Pennings Road. I am delighted to be able to say these were fixed the following day. Tidworth Council has also agreed to spend £750 towards a design project for new street lamps on the new foot path between Perham Down and Tidworth. Although the infrastructure was put in place, street lamps were not erected due to the flight paths of bats in the area. Following my recent Facebook video (see this link for more information [facebook.com/acllrbrianpratt](https://www.facebook.com/acllrbrianpratt)) Wiltshire Council will liaise with their ecology department for further advice and guidance.

Cllr Brian Pratt
Mayor



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