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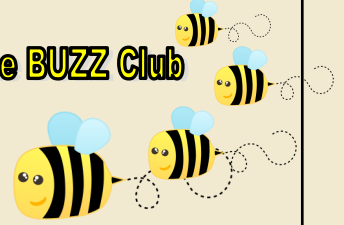
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And Much, Much More...

## Town Council and Wiltshire Police Announce Partnership to Build NEW Joint Facilities

I am pleased that we can finally announce Tidworth Town Council and Wiltshire Police are working together to build a new civic centre and Community Policing Team hub to replace the community centre at Wylve Road.

The civic centre is needed with the growth in the town in recent years. It will be a modern facility that will enable far more use by local groups and the wider community. **Continued on page 4...**



Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire, Angus McPherson Mayor Mark Connolly and Inspector Liz Coles.

## Tidworth at the Movies



Brooklyn Eames, aged 5, as PT Barnum - Full story on Page 14

## Remembrance 2020

Sunday 8th November 2020

Gates will open at 10.30

Service will begin at 10.55

Silence at 11.00

Wreath laying at 11.05

Social Distancing measures will be in place. There is a Track & Trace QR code at the entrance also stewards taking names & phone numbers on the gate.

We hope you will join us for the act of Remembrance.

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



# Old Paratroopers Never Die



**T**hey go to Civvie Street, when I hell and got out. It only took regroup... me three years, to or live in get my first glimpse Tidworth. of a director stand,

It is said, that the army lives on its characters. And of that, it has been said that I certainly am one of those. I joined the army in 1973, my basic training, was

carried out at the

and only then, from through the dial sight of a 105 mm .pack howitzer.

Since then, I have travelled worldwide, in the service of Queen and Country, experiencing the dining etiquette of

depot of the Royal Artillery, Woolwich. I had been told, by the friendly recruiting Sargent, that at 6'2". I was in fact, too tall, to join the tank regts, as I would not be able to fit inside one, due to my height. I had thought, that driving a tank, would be the easy option, and ideal for me. All you would have to do, if it rained, was close the hatch, and if it got a bit cold, turn on the heater. There would be absolutely no walking involved. So I would not get tired, or dirty. When we had come back from being on an exercise, I would merely get a big hose out, and wash the thing down, easy, simple, go for a beer.

Having read all the Commando comics, I knew not to be a signaller, as radios were heavy, and in all the films, they usually got shot. So, after doing the aptitude tests, and being told I was capable of being a Regimental Surveyor, I gladly signed on, and took the Queen's shilling. Thinking that I would be able to build roads, and buildings, in



As a 2066 once stated: "He tends to lead a curates egg style of existence". Nothing's changed Bob. Today I dodge a different type of flack, I work for the MOD as a Civil servant. As part of the in house security team at Tedworth House.

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# How our misfortune turned into fortune

**O**n Christmas Day 2019 my husband and I was greeted with the best gift ever - we were expecting baby number two! We were so excited and had lots of plans as a family of four. However, all this changed within an instant when we discovered I had suffered from a missed miscarriage in February and underwent surgery on Valentine's Day. I couldn't understand why, why us? What had we done to deserve this?

I've always been a great believer of working through tough times by distracting yourself with something else - so that's what I did.

After doing some research, I came to the realisation that there was nothing around the area in regards to support for those who have suffered from miscarriages or infant loss; the nearest being 16 miles away in Devizes. As a large military community I was shocked, with so many families in one close knit area and there was nothing local.

So, I set up a local support group on Facebook called "Miscarriage and Infant loss support group (Tidworth and surrounding areas)". Within 24 hours I had over 30 people request to join the page; women and men, ranging in different ages, sharing stories of their losses from over twenty years ago to now. I was in shock and amazement at the same time that so many people, within walking distance, had gone through this misfortune and had no where to turn to. I arranged monthly "meet ups" - one on an evening and one on a weekend so everyone had a chance to attend. I had felt like my misfortune had made me accomplish something good for myself and the community and I felt ready to go back to work.

## Then...coronavirus struck.

My work was one of the first places to be shut down and then slowly, so did the whole country. I tried to keep busy but being cooped in the house didn't help and my mental health



went downhill rapidly. Again, I tried to pick myself up and find a distraction; where is where my next adventure began - making fudge!

A friend had told me she was going to make some, so I thought "I'll give it a go!"

It turned out to be the most amazing fudge I had ever had (biased I know!).

So, I made some more and got others to try it. I gave various samples to friends, family and neighbours; the feedback I received was amazing.

I have always been quite creative and had the idea of creating a small business - within a week "Oh Fudge Sticks" was open.

With the business in mind, I wanted to create a charity fudge to raise money and awareness for miscarriage and infant loss. I created "Angel Wings" - a vanilla rainbow bar; where all profits go to The Miscarriage Association.

You never really know how your custom supports a small business, whether you're helping a parent pay for swimming lessons for their child, help pay for that holiday they've longed for or like myself, helped with my mental health.

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Everyday I question how we have done so well and cannot thank everyone enough for the support and custom we have received. We have future plans in mind and a lot more products to bring out. Who knows where we could be within the next year!

Our misfortune turned into fortune and thanks to the business our angel will always be remembered; not only by us but by everyone.

**Katie Jones**  
Owner  
Oh Fudge Sticks

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# TIDWORTH CIVIC CENTRE

**Continued from page 1...** community than the existing community centre, which has served us well but is limited in its use and is showing its age. The police being part of the project is a massive coup for the town. It will mean the closure of the Amesbury and Tidworth stations and the local team being permanently based in Tidworth, which can only be good news for the town.

Initial drawings of the building are shown on the opposite page as a taster. A public consultation on the plans will be held later this year prior to the former planning application being submitted in January 2021. The building of the centre is likely to take place from mid-2022 to autumn 2023.

The last few months have been very difficult for all of us and in particular local independent businesses. I have helped several local businesses with grant applications and given information on social media on how they can apply.

I have also worked closely with the Tidworth Chamber of Commerce, so much so that the Town Council is now a



member of the Chamber and sits on its committee so that we can work together more easily for the benefit of the community.

Anti-social behaviour has unfortunately been on the increase recently around the town. The Council removed the buggy shelter outside of the Council offices and the bus shelter next to the Wylle Road play park (opposite the Post Office) due to ongoing issues at both sites. I have been liaising with the police about areas of concern and targeted patrols are taking place.



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# TIDWORTH CIVIC CENTRE



Proposed West Elevation - View from Pennings Road



Proposed South Elevation - View from Ordnance Road



Proposed East Elevation - View from Wyllye Road



Proposed North Elevation

## Plans from different viewpoints

who want to give something to the community. It is a rewarding role and you can help organise events such as Tidworth Festival and provide facilities for the town. If you are interested, please contact Carly Lovell at [Townclerk@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Townclerk@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Cllr Mark Connolly**  
**Mayor of Tidworth**  
**Chair of Tidworth Town Council**



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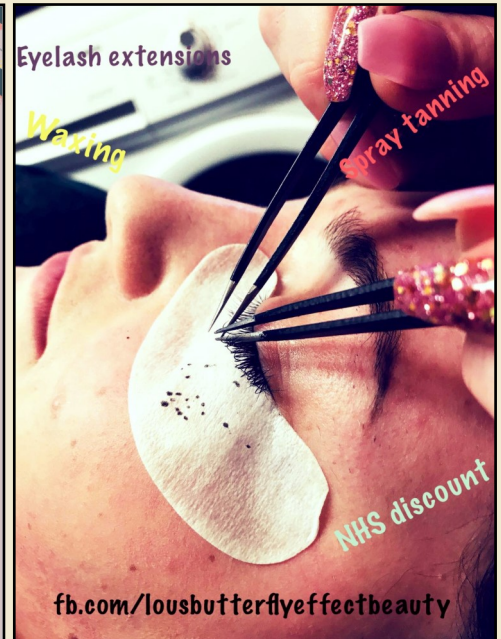
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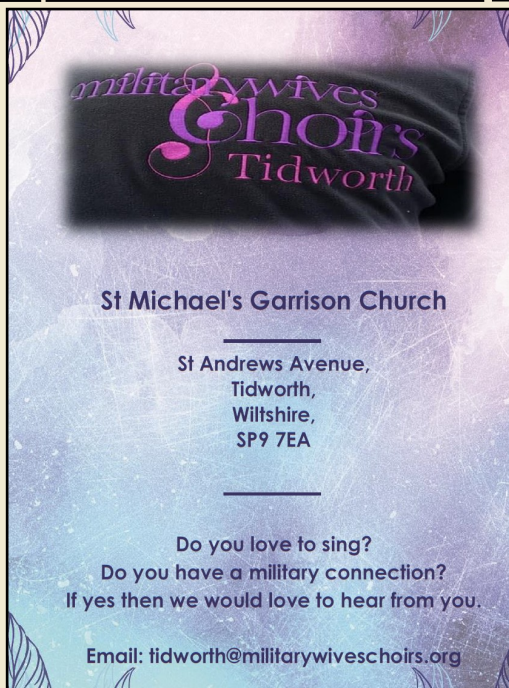
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# Local Business Gives Clarendon Infants Classrooms a Facelift

**C**ommunity spirit and collaboration is alive and kicking in Tidworth. Thanks to Aspire Defence Capital Works (ADCW), over 300 children and staff at Clarendon Infant School and Nursery are benefitting from cleaner, brighter and lighter classrooms.

Following an approach to ADCW by the school, Site Manager Simon Stanley and School Business Manager Helen Price worked with ADCW Project Manager Tom Barnes, to consider what improvements could be made to the overall learning environment. A schedule of painting works was created. The most recent redecoration works were carried out over the February half term to minimise disruption to pupils and teachers, giving them a welcome surprise to return to after the holidays. The work is part of the School's wider ambitions to further improve the learning environment.

And ADCW's support didn't stop with redecoration. A recent survey of trees at the school had identified some work that needed to be done. Such work can be a real drain on school resources but, again the local business came up trumps. Tree surgeons from Coombs were already in the area, and generously undertook some of

the work.

Executive Head Teacher, Karen Ward, commented, "The happiness and well-being of our children and staff is very important to us and we are delighted with the improvements and very grateful to Aspire Defence for their ongoing support."

Aspire Defence is currently working across Salisbury Plain Training Area to complete new and improved infrastructure to support the Army Basing Programme, including significant investment at Tidworth and Perham Down.

Tom Barnes said, "As members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, and a business that is delivering facilities to benefit Service personnel and communities in the local area, we have been delighted to work with Clarendon Infant School to enhance their learning environments. It is fantastic to hear the children and staff are enjoying their 'new and improved' classrooms."

**Helen Price**  
School Business Manager  
Clarendon Infants School



ADCW contractors Kevin and Imad with school caretaker Simon Stanley (centre)



The cleaner, brighter classroom

If your school or nursery has any news you would like to share, please contact [tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)



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# Zouch Academy: Life in Lockdown



**U**nder cold blue skies and bright autumn sunshine, the gates of Zouch Academy swing open at 8.25am on the last Monday morning in September. The 450 children have been back at school for nearly a month now and memories of the summer holidays are fading as quickly as the warm weather. Entry into school is smooth and organised and the staff

welcome the children with beaming smiles. By 9am, everyone is safely in school and learning is underway, but just getting to this stage has taken weeks of arduous planning, risk assessments and constant adaptation to the ever-changing government guidance. The children arrive in staggered time slots depending on their classes; staff, parents and older children wear masks; pupils wait on cones spaced out to allow for social distancing; the playground is divided into zones to keep activities within class bubbles; and outdoor learning such as PE and Forest School is all planned taking into account the Covid safety arrangements. Inside the classrooms, there are also many adaptations. Although the school has tried hard to keep learning environments as familiar as possible, children must sit apart with all of their books and belongings in their own tray; coats must be kept on chairs, lunches (in disposable bags) under tables; even the teacher has a cordoned-off area to keep themselves socially-distanced; and of course the constant hand-washing. Despite all this, the children and staff are just delighted to be back!

On 18th March, the teachers sat in a classroom late in the evening as Boris Johnson announced that schools would close. But for Zouch, 'closing' never really happened – in actual fact, the school was open for more days between March and July than it ever usually would be. This was because of the government guidelines to remain open for the most vulnerable children including those with special needs and for children whose parents were key workers. As three quarters of the families at Zouch have at least one parent currently serving in the military, the school had a high number of key workers (up to 100) whom they proudly support during lock-down. The staff followed the principal's mantra of: 'above and beyond' to keep school open during the holidays, even on Good Friday and Easter Monday!

Throughout this time, the teachers and teaching assistants focused on children's well-being through a wide-range of activities such as art, poetry, outdoor

learning, music and self-led research projects. The children even did daily PE lessons provided remotely from coach Jamie's back garden! Whilst the staff worked on a rotational basis, those not in school were working from home to keep in touch with the children outside of school. They provided daily on-line video lessons and resources and gave feedback to children on-line via blogs and email. They even phoned every child at least once a week to check they were well and provide parents with support on home learning. Although life for everyone at school had become almost unrecognisable, the Zouch Values around which the whole school philosophy is based, became more important than ever!

Grace, a child who attended school almost every day of lockdown, said the following about her experience in July:

***"My parents still send me to school because my mum is a prison officer and my dad looks after the elderly. Being in school means that children like me can be looked after and our parents can still do their important jobs. Everything in school has still been great because of the amazing staff and head teacher!"***

***"When everyone is back, I will be able to do my maths again and play games again which include everyone. We can make each other happy again, use our values again and celebrate each other's achievements again. I will be able to see my friends and we will be able to hug each other because this whole time we have missed each other. Maybe one day we'll have a school party!"***

Although hugs and parties may still seem like a way off, Grace, like all the other children, is now back in a full class and loving her experience of school, even if things may not be exactly as they were.

Whilst the prospect of full-reopening this September was somewhat daunting for everyone involved, for the staff and many children, it felt like school had never really closed at all. Seeing the classes full of smart, happy, engaged children has been amazing and there has been a real sense of the whole school community pulling together to make things work, even in such trying times.

As one person wrote in a thank you message:

***"When the world was told to stay apart, the Zouch Family stayed together!"***

**Joseph Williams  
Vice Principal  
Zouch Academy**



# Community Services Committee Update

The Community Services Committee has continued to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, via Google Meets which is working very well after the initial hiccups, and we intend to continue with this method for the foreseeable future. We discuss the maintenance and management of the Community Centre and its' surrounding grounds including the War Memorial, grounds maintenance on council land around Tidworth, five playparks, the Mortuary Chapel and the Civilian Cemetery.

Since Covid-19 and the lockdown started we have been heavily involved in producing risk assessments and guidelines as directed by our governing body The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), in order to open the playparks safely, the Community Hall, its' grounds, and to ensure areas around Tidworth remain safe. It is a huge responsibility and one we believe is always moving in the right direction.

Our Playparks are open with the following restrictions posted on each gate.

- If anyone in your household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms please do not enter this playpark.
- Users are responsible for cleaning/sanitising equipment before use.
- Maintain social distance between family groups of at least one metre.
- Limit supervising adults to one parent, guardian, or carer with each child to reduce the risk of spreading infection.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke whilst in this playpark.

- Consider using a face covering.
- All rubbish, including disposable face coverings or gloves to be put in the litter bins, or taken away and disposed of elsewhere.

Please remain aware of how your actions may impact on others enjoying this facility.

We are also working hard to help Community Centre Classes back, but with each individual group having to produce their own Risk Assessments and Guidelines, this is proving to be a very difficult task due to the diversity and population of the groups. Our Community Centre timetable will be remaining in place, until we learn otherwise, but there is no question that we hope all of our existing classes and groups will return when it is safe to do so. To that end, we have no capacity for new groups, nor are we allowing private functions back to the Centre until further notice.

It sounds quite depressing but you can be confident that we are doing all we can to have some normality back, and hopefully by the time you read this, Stokes Fair will have visited at the end of September and provided some much needed Covid friendly entertainment.

**Annie Nicholls**  
**Tidworth Town Council**  
**&**  
**Services Committee**  
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## PCSO Dan Catterick

Hello everyone the last couple of weeks have been rather busy for my colleagues and I in the Tidworth policing team, Covid-19 has presented us a new challenge in policing and in the way we do our job. However this has not stopped us from being able to deliver an effective response to local policing. We also welcomed PC Sharon Duggan into the neighbourhood team as the local beat manager for Tidworth and Ludgershall and we have set a number of local priorities to tackle over the next couple of weeks. A big issue for the neighbourhood team at the minute is Anti-social behaviour around the town, parking issues around the schools and drug usage and supply – which is a big priority for us, gathering intelligence, working with local businesses and engaging with the public in and around Tidworth to help build warrants is just a few of the ways we combat these issues which is constant in our daily duties.

Covid19 has had an effect on all of our lives, whether that be in the work place or in our home lives and it is no different for me and my colleagues. In the neighbourhood team we have had to change and adapt the way we work within the community and other agencies. Some statements and other enquires may now be conducted over the phone rather than face to face where appropriate, and many of our interactions with the public are now done from behind a face mask as per government guidelines. I haven't been able to interact with all of the local schools and their students the way I normally would due to the schools being closed over the last couple of months, and even with their return in the last couple of weeks measures have had to be put in place to make sure we are following guidelines set out by the government. Our regular school patrols have resumed to help tackle a number of issues reported by schools and the parents alike over the issue of parking.



Which will continue into the coming weeks? Tickets have already been issued to some parents due incorrect parking and the ignorance of road markings which are there to prohibit such parking and countless words of advice have been given.

Regular patrols have been actioned around the town in our Anti-social behaviour hot spots and will continue to be actioned in order to tackle this behaviour happening around Tidworth. I have been working closely with businesses around the town who are suffering the effects of anti-social behaviour and this partnership will continue through the coming weeks. The neighbourhood team have also conducted a number of speed watch ops through Tidworth and surrounding

areas and many more are planned for the coming month... so watch your SPEED!!

My colleagues and I would like to thank everybody for their patience, understanding, and cooperation in keeping Tidworth safe during these difficult times.

**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.**

## A day in the life of...

**H**ello Residents of Tidworth!  
I am Abe Allen and I have recently been co-opted to the Tidworth Town Council. My aim is clear. I want to serve the interests of our community, to make Tidworth the best place to live and work in Wiltshire.

I have been a resident of Tidworth since 2019 however; I have now found my "forever" home here and I plan to settle for the long-term!

### About me

I am young. 20 to be precise however, I do not let my age define who I am, I have a strong work ethic and I'll always do what I can to act in the best interest of my community. I have come from a predominately military background and have moved across the country and overseas with my family throughout my life. I was also "shipped off" (as they say) to Boarding School in Suffolk during my secondary education, though I absolutely loved it. Following my GCSEs, I decided not to follow the traditional route of A-Levels and University but instead completed a Level 4 Apprenticeship with the Civil Service, in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. I now work for the MOD and I have since left my family home. In addition to being employed as a Civil Servant I am also actively involved in my workplace Trade Union and I am very passionate about supporting my members on an individual basis and collectively when negotiating with management. I have always enjoyed helping people and I take great pride in improving the lives of MOD employees. In my free time (if I ever have any!), I enjoy spending quality time with my partner and pets, socialising with my family and friends, renovating homes and performing (I dabble(d) in acting and singing).

To me, community isn't a term I use loosely. I believe it is much more than a word but, a set of values that we should all follow. Being part of the community means offering a helping hand to those in need. It means

supporting our local, smaller businesses (I'm certainly an avid supporter of the local Takeaways!). It means feeling like you can have a chat with your neighbours 'just cause'. It means working together to support and level each other up. I want everyone in Tidworth to feel like they have a sense of community and to be a part of building their version of what a community looks like.

I am keen to make Tidworth a better place. From the commute in the morning, to the shopping trip at the weekend, I want our residents to feel proud of our town and take pride in calling it their home.

I'm sure you're fed up with my article by now, but, as I

**(P.S. Here's my first opportunity to encourage you to #shoplocal – even something as simple as a portion of chips from the chippy, a trip to one of the beauty salons/hairdressers or posting a letter/parcel to a family member from our wonderful post office!)**

previously mentioned, I am here to serve you and to make our community the best place to live in and the best place to come to work in.



I hope you enjoyed this article; I look forward to writing my next one!

**Abe Allen  
Tidworth Town  
Councillor  
Member of  
Engagements  
Committee**

**If you have any questions for me, there's something you'd like my support with, or you just need someone to talk to – please do feel free to contact me! I don't bite, I promise. I can be reached on my email at [Abe.Allen@TidworthTownCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Abe.Allen@TidworthTownCouncil.gov.uk).**

# Change in Local Small Business during Covid-19

**H**ello everyone, I am Steve Anderton, Tidworth Town Councillor and local business man. I have been asked to share my experiences while going through a pandemic. From a Town Council prospective everything has carried on as normal with virtual meetings taking place and any issues that have arisen being resolved within the government guidance. We are fortunate to have a diverse group of councillors for Tidworth with a wide range of experiences, skill bases and knowledge. Not forgetting our great team that collate everything Carly (Town Clerk) Annie and Kayleigh (Admin Team). Therefore I would say apart from the odd hiccup of people getting used to the modern method of communication, the day to day Town Council business has continued as normal. The unfortunate cancellation of some events we put on for the community was a disappointment however we are hopeful everything will return to normal soon and in the meantime we've had an open air cinema experience on the 22nd of August and we look forward to seeing what other events we may be able to try. On a personal note being self-employed like many sole traders living and working through this pandemic it has been very trying and problematic. My business has to date dropped 91.2% 51 of my friends and contacts that worked within the courier business have folded 18 other businesses I know have closed their doors. Many think there must be more business available to those still trading unfortunately with other businesses closing, business is scarcer to find. Many businesses would not accept normal prices for courier work so the amount a client would pay for the service dropped dramatically, leading to many owner drivers not working, as it was not financially viable to put the key in the ignition, leading to others folding. I was a little lucky at the start of the pandemic to be collecting and delivering products to the Covid19 test centres unfortunately that work levelled off and finally disappeared when the main big contractors no longer required owner driver services. My other clients managed for a while to continue to give out business where it was deemed essential. Unfortunately they soon ran out of stock. With their goods coming from the UK or abroad, as factories globally shut down. At this point in time (mid-August) some were reopening and starting to produce product. However lead times are in some cases 12 weeks. So if everything was to go back to normal now many would still need to survive a further 3 months before business normality resumed. Many traders did not qualify for any form of government funding or local council grants for numerous reasons. My home and office removal/clearance business ceased overnight. My waste clearance business was classed as an essential service, unfortunately the commercial disposal sites I use closed to all but staff members. So although waste materials could be collected, there was nowhere to dispose of the waste. Some of these companies doubled their skip prices and many 'waste only' traders folded. This all sounds negative, which it is for many sole traders and businesses. That's the reality of this pandemic it's very difficult and trying times for everyone trying to make a living in whichever way they work. I continue on, trying to remain positive, diversify and focus into other fields. I am still trading, how long for, I don't know. The cards have been thrown up into the air and I'm waiting to see where they land. I will continue to talk to others in the same situation, to see whether we can combine our businesses into one and rebuild that way. As we have returned to a little normality it is clear many types of businesses have increased prices, trying to make up for lost revenue. Again we then have to adjust our prices and many clients will not engage your/my services as they see any quote as too expensive. What they never consider is the sheer costs involved before you make a profit. I have discarded some of my business interests and focus on my Courier, Waste Clearance, Home and Office Clearance and Free Recycle business whilst training as a member of Utility Warehouse.

Onwards and upwards is the motto!

**Steve Anderton**  
**Tidworth Town Councillor**  
**Chair of Services Committee**



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## Engagement Committee Chairman says

**H**ello,  
I thought it would be a good idea to give you the community an insight into how things have been impacted on various matters due to covid.

I work as a bus driver and in April I was furloughed for a period of time and of course I missed doing my job on a daily basis but sometimes life takes a twist and started thinking how to keep motivated.

I kept myself occupied by doing jobs around the house that I would do normally on a day off or a week's holiday if I was not going away.

Also the time gave me the opportunity to have more time to make more council meeting and have a more hands on approach.

One thing that did have a big impact on me was the use of technology. I had never used or even heard of anything like zoom or meets before but I soon had to get use to it

In June I was asked if I would like to take up the role of chairman of the engagements committee to which I accepted.

The role of the engagements committee is as it says!

To engage with the community in many ways including organizing the events that the council put on throughout the year.

We all know that 2020 has not been kind due to Covid and due to the everchanging guidelines from the government and social distance measures the events this year have had a massive hit and we have had to adjust to this.

Our premier event! the summer event had to be cancelled but we will be working harder than ever to bring it back next year bigger and better than ever.

Of course we have had to cancel events but we have been working hard on trying to put an event or two on if we can. Notably the open air cinema. Our first one and organized at very short notice but it was very well attended and we will look at the prospect of making it onto the calendar for next year.

Also the photography competition was very good and thank you to everyone who sent in their entries and the hundreds and hundreds of votes to choose the winning pictures. The winning pictures will take pride and place on to the new Tidworth postcards.

Again this was a new idea that was put together to engage with you our community and we are very pleased that you helped us to make these events a success.

If anyone has any ideas of what they would like to see or maybe how we can improve then please contact us and put your idea forward for us to discuss.

To end I would like to thank everyone on the engagements committee for all their hard work as it is not a one person job, It is a team that work together to do the best we can. And thank you to our Admin Kayleigh for all the hard work she puts in and putting up with us while we fire our opinions across to each other.

**David Wright**  
**Tidworth Town Councillor**  
**Chair of Engagement Committee**



## Introducing New Councillors



**I** would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new member of Tidworth Town Council.

I met my wife Donna whilst serving in the Royal Engineers at Perham Down in 1995 - 2002. On completion of 26 years military service, it seemed only natural to return to Tidworth where we have many family and friends. All our 4 children have attended Wellington Academy school and Donna went to Castle down School.

I am currently employed by KBR Aspire Defence located in Larkhill & Warminster.

Since our return to Tidworth in 2011, I have been an active member of the community and until recently was Chair of the Tidworth Armed Forces Day committee. I care deeply for both the Civilian and Military sides of the community and look forward to being an active member of the council.

**Eddie Stead**  
**Tidworth Town Councillor**  
**Chair of Projects Committee**

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# Tidworth Goes to the Movies



**W**hat a fantastic day we had! And what wonderful weather! Tidworth Town Council decided, due to Covid19 restrictions, and having to cancel so many events in 2020, they would like to put on a community event which would be suitable for all ages.

A Cinema was the choice of the Engagements Committee! The choices of movies were endless but Trolls Wold Tour and crowd pleaser, The Greatest Showman made the final cut (nice pun there - ed).

Sweet Treats Tidworth set up with popcorn, sweets, drinks, candyfloss and with allergy, gluten free & sugar free options.

Strong Slice Pizza joined us for the evening showing. Absolutely delicious!

All our Social Distancing measures were set out and with our councillors volunteering in their Hi-Viz, the gates were opened.

We had more than 400 people join us and it was an absolutely wonderful day. The weather held off with only a light shower in between showings.

That did not dampen the spirits of one young man, Brooklyn Eames, aged 5. Who came dressed as PT Barnum himself! He danced and sang the whole way through The Greatest Showman and even posed for a picture in front of the screen (after a bit of bribery from grandad!).

So to all of you who joined us a huge thank you. We hoped you enjoyed it? If you didn't make it this time, we hope you will join us next time. To all our councillors who volunteered their time, thank you for stewarding, you made the day run smoothly.

A fantastic way to end the summer holidays. A bit of fun in this strange 'new normal'.

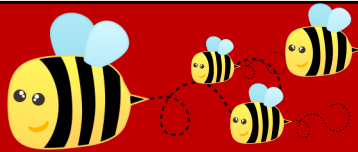
What's next...?

**Kayleigh Mooney**  
Tidworth Town Council  
Administrator

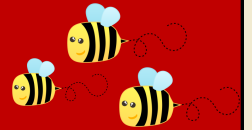


**If you have any suggestions on things you would enjoy taking part in, please contact Kayleigh via the Facebook page or [tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tidworthadmin@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)**





# The BUZZ Club



## Running for my Grandad



**M**y grandad passed away 5 years ago, when I was 4, of Motor Neuron Disease and I wanted to raise some money to help find a cure. My mums friend Emma Holcroft had just completed a charity run and this inspired me to do this challenge.

The challenge was to run 21 miles between 1st of July and 21st July and I wanted to raise £100 for the Motor Neuron Disease Association.

The running was very tiring at times as it was quite hot but I still found it fun.

My goal was to complete 21 miles but I ran 32 miles and I raised over £1100 for MNDA.

On my final run it was amazing when I saw the soldiers clapping for me and my friends waiting for me at the finish line and it was brilliant that the Mayor of Tidworth presented me with a medal.

Thank you to everyone for sponsoring me and also my mum for running with me all the way.

**Amy Wolf**  
**Age 9**

For more information on MNDA please go to  
[www.mndassociation.org](http://www.mndassociation.org)



## Remembrance 2020

Could you please draw on this poppy?

You could do:

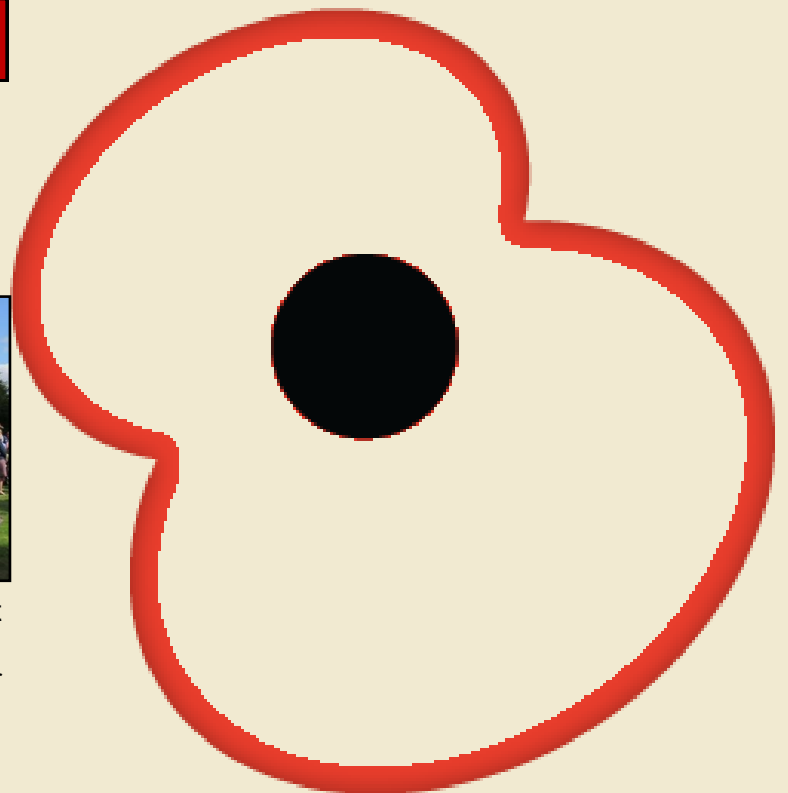
- What you think remembrance is?
- What it means to your family?
- What you think it means to our community?



We would like as many poppies as possible to be put on display around Tidworth War Memorial.

They will all be laminated and displayed for Remembrance Sunday 8th November and remain in place for Remembrance Day 11th November.

These can be put into Tidworth Community Centre post box.





## 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 6th October**
- **Tuesday 3rd November**
- **Tuesday 1st December**

**Start time:** 7.00 pm

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

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## Tidworth War Memorial



**T**here is a fine War Memorial in the Military Cemetery on the road to Collingbourne Ducis. There is a wonderful bronze sculpture of a soldier going off to war in the British Legion grounds. But, Tidworth did not have a War Memorial of its own until 2018.

At a time when everyone was thinking about the 100 years anniversary of The Great War, a small team formed up, determined that this omission should be put right. The design chosen from many ideas put forward was a central column with appropriate scenes and words carved into 8 marble panels in a circle around it. Our schoolchildren had been learning all about The Great War as we approached its centenary, so they were asked for their ideas as to what scenes they thought should be depicted on these panels. Their sketches were passed to professional artists who turned them into the marvellous scenes you see today. We showed the children the 'professionalised' sketches, and they were asked to confirm that their ideas had been accurately captured, and if not, they were altered until they did. After 'sign-off' by the children, Young Johnson of Westbury, one of the leading monumental stonemasons in the country, was commissioned to build the memorial. The plinth on which the conical column stands has 4 faces. The northern face shows the Men of Tidworth who fell both in The Great War and in World War 2. The southern

face shows all the Conflicts that people from Tidworth have been engaged in, starting with The Great War.

On Remembrance Sunday 2018, Tidworth residents gathered for the first time around their own memorial for the service. In 2019, about a thousand civilian and military residents of Tidworth came together again for the Remembrance Sunday service there. We shall do the same again this year.

In August we added another name, John Storton, to those who fell in World War 2. His family had approached the Town Council, the War Memorial sub-Committee considered the evidence, and we were pleased to be able to approve the addition.

It is good that we now have somewhere in the town where everyone can assemble to remember those who were injured, or who made the supreme sacrifice, so that we might have the freedom today to choose how we live our lives. You will notice that the memorial is illuminated for a few hours each night after darkness falls, which gives it a gentle, almost ethereal glow. Driving past on the A338, you get an even better view of the memorial from the new roundabout than you did before. And you are always welcome to walk into the monument, stand there awhile, and remember.

**CLlr Humph Jones**  
**Deputy Mayor of Tidworth**  
**Chair of Leadership**  
**Committee**



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