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**Salisbury Plain Training Area
Newsletter
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After the quiet month of April, May starts with the final 2 weeks of EXERCISE WESSEX STORM. This is a very light Brigade with few armoured vehicles. The remainder of the month sees 6 armoured Company/squadron deploying to both east and west of Salisbury plain at varying times. There are the usual courses deploying from both Warminster and Larkhill where both Lt Gun and AS90 will be firing. May is busy consequently all tank crossing sites on both the A360 and the A345 will be busy.

Reporting of poor military discipline and potential dangerous training.

Please report any concerns you have of poor military discipline or potential dangerous training activity that you have observed on the training area, for example, military personnel stopping civilian vehicles on the public highway to allow a military convoy to cross at a designated tank crossing point. The military must give way to the public and should only cross the highway when it is safe to do so. Please report all concerns to the Complaints Help Desk on 01980 670819 in the first instance.

BYELAW GOVERNANCE - ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Parish members are encouraged to report all illegal activity on Salisbury to the Wiltshire Police. If serious crime is experienced the 999 should be dialled, and for all other reports including: illegal off-roading, illegal motor biking, drone use, poaching, hare coursing, petty theft, camping on MoD land, kite flying please call 101 and list the call as 'antisocial behaviour' and a Byelaw violation.

Once reported please inform Range control on the Plainwatch number: 01980 67 4700

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MONTHLY FIRING CALENDAR FOR MAY 2017 (Subject to Change)

1. ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING DAYS FROM AREAS 6, 7 AND 8:

Nil

2. ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING DAYS ON SALISBURY PLAIN (EAST):
Nil
3. LATE FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA:
02, 04, 06, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 27, 30
4. NON- FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA:
01, 13, 14, 20, 21, 29
5. NON- FIRING DAYS ON BULFORD RANGES:
01, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29

Note: All Complaints/Enquiries should be made to 01980 620819.

Note: Bank Holidays – 01 & 29 May

ACCESS

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

This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and changes may occur. Access timings for the next week can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 674763.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned open dates for 2017 are as follows:

Event	Open	Closed
Summer	1800hrs Fri 25 Aug 17	0800hrs Tue 29 Aug 17
Remberance Day	0900hrs Sat 11 Nov 17	1400hrs Sat 11 Nov 17

A leaflet on public access to Imber is available online and should be read in advance of any visit:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/435909/Imber_A5_Leaflet-final_Online_version.pdf

Note. Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE CRIME ON SALISBURY PLAIN?

If any crime is taking place call 999, (or 101) and do not under any circumstances challenge the offenders.

The new Rural Crime Partnership for Wiltshire and Swindon (hereafter 'the Rural Crime Partnership') has been established by Wiltshire Police in consultation with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Swindon to provide governance for, and oversee delivery of, rural crime strategy. It provides coherence, direction and guidance to the delivery and apportionment of rural policing resources across the county in the context of the Community Policing Model. The first meeting was held at Wiltshire Police Headquarters on 18th October 2016, this is seen by Headquarters SPTA as a positive initiative in order to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour on Salisbury Plain.

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

Health and Safety reminder for *all* Military Training Areas and Ranges:

- Do not touch or tamper with Military debris.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Clean your footwear before you enter your car or home.

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