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Salisbury Plain Training Area Newsletter November 2014

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TRAINING

November will see a lot of activity across the whole of Salisbury Plain.

Artillery, Mortar and Heavy Machine gun live firing will take place during the 1st and last weeks of the month.

The first week of the month the Land Warfare Centre Combined Arms Tactics Division will deploy an Armoured Battle Group with opposing forces on Ex LIONS STRIKE. At the same time the Royal Tank Regiment Reconnaissance Squadron in CVRT will conduct low level troop training alongside an Armoured Cavalry Squadron from the Royal Dragoon Guards and a Multi Launch Rocket System battery from 39 Regiment Royal Artillery.

From 8th to the 23rd November the Field Training Unit will run an Army Weapons Effect Simulation Exercise WESSEX STORM for 1 Scots Guards in the Mechanised Infantry role across the whole Plain, involving the use of Jackal and Mastiff wheeled armoured vehicles. These will be in escorted convoys using the B3098 and A342 during parts of the exercise. Concurrently the Land Warfare Centre Reconnaissance and Tactics Division Light Cavalry and Support Weapons School Anti-Tank courses will conduct their initial course exercises. In the final week of November the Armoured Infantry JNCO Warrior Comd Course will train in the East of SPTA on Ex SHARPENED WARRIOR, together with the Defence Logistic School final exercise Ex TIMBER TRUSS, including 2 Challenger 2 Squadrons plus Regimental HQ from the Royal Tank Regiment.

Information about low flying is available from the MOD Low Flying Advisory Service (0845 600 7580) or on line at www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area .

Late firing on Larkhill Ranges on: 5th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th.

Live firing on Salisbury Plain (East): Nil

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown Danger Area: 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th.

Non firing days on Bulford Ranges: 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 29th, 30th.

Mon, Wed & Fridays – Bulford Ranges are live until 1800hrs for operational training.

Complaints/Enquiries should be made to (01980) 620819.

Upcoming Major Exercises. During exercises access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

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) 67 4763.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned open dates for 2014 are as follows:

Event	Open	Closed
Remembrance Service	Sat 08 th Nov	Convoy from Warminster gate at 1000hrs.
Christmas & New Year	1600hrs Thurs 18 th Dec	to 0800hrs Mon 05 th Jan 15.

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
2. 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 and do not under any circumstances challenge the offenders.

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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