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Salisbury Plain Training Area Newsletter December 2014

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TRAINING

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With Christmas approaching training levels on the Plain will start with a burst of activity in the 1st week of December as courses from the Land Warfare Centre and Royal School of Artillery conduct their final exercises before closing for Christmas leave. The 1st week of December will see extensive live mortar and artillery firing on the Larkhill Ranges as Ex CROSSED CANNONS marks the end of 4 major artillery courses. The Land Warfare Centre Light Cavalry, Close Reconnaissance, Anti Tank and Defensive Fire Support courses will all complete their final exercises during this week together with the Armoured Infantry Junior Commanders course in Warrior Armoured Vehicles to the East of the Plain. An Armoured Engineer Squadron from 22 Engineer Regiment will undergo its collective training level 2 test exercise in the 2nd week of December using bridging and water extraction sites on the river Avon and Berril Valley in the West. The remainder of the month will be very quiet in the run up to Christmas and New Year with only low level training being conducted.

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 .

Artillery Live Firing Days from Areas 6th, 7th and 8th: Nil

Artillery Live Firing days on Salisbury Plain (East) 2nd

Late firing on Larkhill/Westdown Danger Area: 2nd, 3rd, 06th, 09th, 11th, 16th, 18th

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown Danger Area: 13th, 14th, 20th - 04th January 2015

Non firing days on Bulford Ranges: 6th, 7th, 20th - 4th.January 2015

Note:

All ranges will be closed over Christmas Stand down period 20th December – 4th January 2015 Inclusive.

Mon, Wed & Fridays – Bulford Ranges are live until 1700hrs for operational training.

Complaints/Enquiries should be made to 0800 0223334.

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
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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