

Salisbury Plain Training Area Newsletter September 2014

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TRAINING

After a quiet August training will resume at low levels throughout September. The Royal Tank Regiment will be training with a Squadron of Challenger 2 Tanks on Salisbury Plain East for the first two weeks.

A Company from 1st Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment will use the West for low level training in Warrior Combat Vehicles in the 1st week followed by a Warrior Company from 1^{st} Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in the East $15^{th} - 19^{th}$.

Armoured sub-units from 26 Engineer Regiment and 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh in Warrior vehicles will train across the Centre and East of the Plain.

Autumn training levels will increase substantially in October and November returning to levels last seen prior to the start of Operations in Afghanistan.

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: 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th.

Live firing on Salisbury Plain (East): Nil

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown Danger Area: 6th, 7th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th.

Non firing days on Bulford Ranges: 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 27th, 28th.

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
Summer	1600hrs Thurs 21 st Aug	0800hrs Tues 02 nd Sep. Warminster gate at 1000hrs.
Remembrance Service Christmas & New Year	1600hrs Thurs 18 th Dec	

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 <u>PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk</u>. 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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