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November 2017 Newsletter

Following a very busy October the month of November will see an increased level of activity across the whole of Salisbury Plain. The month is dominated by Exercise LIGHTING ACE run by 12 Bde. 1 Scots Guard Battle Group (BG), supported by a German company and The Royal Lancers in CVRT, will be trialing the British army's latest data communication hardware and software. The BG will be conducting all phases of combined arms operations across the whole plan to test the data communications. 3(UK) Division are also on the plain running their own planning and communications exercise. The first and last weeks will see Land Warfare School running 3 major training exercises with Challenger 2 and CVRT. They will be joined by the final course exercise from the Defence Logistics School, Ex TIMBER TRUSS. The public should be aware that tank crossings over the A360, A345, A338, B390, and the C22 (Tilshead to Chitterne) roads will be very busy and if conditions are wet mud clearance parties will be working on the crossings. Notice is also given that the training areas in the Copehill Down and Bourne Valley (SPTA East) areas will be heavily used over this period and that recreational use of the Salisbury Plain military lands is to be restricted to public rights of way only as per the byelaws.

Please report all concerns to the Complaints Help Desk on 01980 620819 in the first instance.

Related Links - Gov.uk/DIO

MONTHLY FIRING CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2017 (Subject to Change)

1. ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING DAYS FROM AREAS 6, 7 AND 8 (East of Chitterne):

Nil

2. ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING DAYS ON SALISBURY PLAIN (EAST) (North of Bulford & West of Tidworth):

Nil

3. LATE FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA (North of Larkhill):

02, 04, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

4. NON- FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA:

11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

5. NON- FIRING DAYS ON BULFORD FIXED FIRING RANGES:

04, 05, 18, 19, 25, 26

6. LATE FIRING DAYS ON IMBER RANGES, AREAS 1, 2, 3, 4 (East of Warminster)

Nil

GOVERNANCE

Members of the public are reminded when on land subject to the Salisbury Plain Military Lands Byelaws 1981 (S.I.1981/1982) under Byelaw 5 it is an offence to fail to comply with the provisions of Byelaw 3. Under section 3(1(d)) no person may “engage in or carry on any trade or business of any kind whatsoever...”

To do so may result in a Warning Off, whereby you will be asked to leave the Training Area or a fine being issued.

In simple terms - this means for example Commercial Dog Walkers are not permitted to conduct their commercial activities on Military lands without prior permission, (meaning a commercial licence issued by the MoD). This does not affect your right to use public rights of way, but you are reminded that you are expected to have your dog(s) under effective control, as advised by the Countryside Code and must not interfere with military training.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

3. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of byelaw 2, no person when on the Military Lands shall except with the prior permission and in accordance with the terms of such permission.

(g) deposit refuse, rubble, waste or litter or abandon any vehicle or vehicle part or article;

(h) damage, cut or remove grass, turves, growing crops, shrubs, trees, timber, wildflower roots or humus;

(i) remove sand;

In simple terms this means: **do not fly-tip or litter, do not cut down trees for logs or remove foliage/turf and do not remove sand** on/from Military lands.

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
Remembrance Day	0900hrs Sat 11 Nov 17	1300hrs Sat 11 Nov 17
Christmas	0900hrs Wed 27 Dec 17	0800hrs Wed 03 Jan 18

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.

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 674700 or email PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk.

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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