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December will be a quiet month but as ever with range space and training at a premium SPTA remains busy up until the 22 Dec when the range closes for the Christmas break and reopens on 8 Jan 18. Although the range is busy there is little armour on the plain, all the training troops are in the light role with wheeled vehicles. 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 DECEMBER 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):

05, 07, 09, 12, 14, 19, 21

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

02, 03, 16, 17, 23 Dec 17 – 08 Jan 18

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

09, 10, 16, 17, 23 Dec 17 – 08 Jan 18

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

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Note: Christmas stand down period for all areas on SPTA – 23 Dec 17 – 08 Jan 18

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.

(m) dig or search for any projectile or any lead or other metal, pottery, bottles, or any other thing or interfere with or take or retain or be on possession of any projectile or lead or other metal, pottery, bottles or any other thing found within the Military Lands;

(n) have in his possession any device for detecting metal;

In simple terms this means: Whilst on Salisbury Plain Training **do not pick up or dig up any objects, do not remove any items, and it is illegal to metal detect** on 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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