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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-imber-range-perimeter-path>

This Newsletter can now be found at the above link.

STOP PRESS

Considerable damage has been done to the byway network by large numbers of four wheel drive (4WD) users during the very wet winter. Landmarc and Wiltshire Council have been conducting repairs in the drier weather especially in Chitterne, Shrewton, Tilshead and Wyllye parishes. We are working with Tread Lightly and Wiltshire Council to educate all users on sustainable use of green lanes and will publish a Good Practice Guide (GPG) shortly.

A section of stock fence is soon to be erected between the Impact Area and the perimeter tank track on Ridgeway in Market Lavington and Easterton parishes in the area of Lavington Vedette. This will not affect rights of way and will include a kissing gate for the proposed new **Lavington Loop** footpath.

There will be an update on Plain Watch in next month's edition.

TRAINING

June will start with fairly low levels of training in the first week.

10 – 24 June sees the major training event involving 3rd Battalion the Scottish Regiment and 3rd Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment on Exercise WESSEX THUNDER using the AWES weapons effect simulation system. 3 SCOTS are a light role battalion equipped with light wheeled vehicles and 3 YORKS are an armoured infantry battalion equipped with Warrior and Bulldog supported by a Challenger tank squadron and armoured engineer troop for their role as the Land Warfare Centre Battle Group. WESSEX THUNDER will train in the West and Centre of the Plain. Local units from Tidworth and Bulford conduct fairly extensive training on the East.

24 – 30 June, 12 Mechanised Brigade will rehearse and conduct an armoured battle group obstacle crossing demonstration on Imber Ranges. In the same period squadrons from 1 Royal Tank Regiment (Challenger), the Light Dragoons (CVRT) and 4 Logistic Support Regiment together with a Royal Netherlands Marine Corps mortar battery will carry out low level training in the Centre and East.

Late firing on Larkhill Ranges on: 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 27th June

Live firing on Salisbury Plain (East): 21st, 22nd June

AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil

Complaints about Firing Noise should be made to (01980) 620819.

Military Flying – Helicopters, Hercules (C130) and fast jets may be active at any time. Fox Covert & Everleigh Dropping Zones will be active for most of the period.

Complaints about low flying should be made to 0207 218 6020 or e-mail www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area. These details have changed.

Provisional Dates for Major Exercises. During the following exercise access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

10 Jun 13	-	24 Jun 13	Ex WESSEX THUNDER
26 Aug 13	-	13 Sep 13	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
11 Nov 13	-	25 Nov 13	Ex WESSEX THUNDER

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.

Larkhill Ranges. No firing is planned for: 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 29th, 30th June.

Note: Due to the risk of "cook off" from unexploded ordnance the range is closed during fires.

Bulford Ranges. No firing is planned for: 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th June.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened.

IMBER

Provisional Summer Opening Dates. Provisional dates are from 1600 2 August to 0800 23 Aug.

St Giles Day. The St Giles Day service will take place on the weekend 21/22 Sep, details to follow.

Service of Remembrance. The Remembrance Service is on Saturday 9th Nov (with access from Warminster only). Details to follow.

Provisional Christmas and New Year Dates. Planned dates are: 1600 20 Dec 13 – 0800 6th Jan 14.

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.
3. Church opening times can be found at www.imberchurch.org.uk.

What Can You Do to Reduce Crime on Salisbury Plain?

If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700). The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.

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