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October is the start of EX WESSEX STORM, 1-20 Nov, with 4 SCOTS, a mechanized BG. They will be exercising from Warminster West to Tidworth East conducting challenging operations. There are also infantry company and armoured squadrons exercising at varying times during the month: a very busy time on the plain.

Safety is all important. 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.

There is live firing from all weapon systems including AS90 from 19 Regiment, Royal Artillery and various infantry sections of mortars. It should be noted that late night firing on Tuesday and Thursday evening will finish at 2

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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

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 .

MONTHLY FIRING CALENDAR FOR October 2016 (Subject to Change)

Artillery Live Firing Days from Areas 6, 7 & 8:- NIL

Artillery Live Firing days on Salisbury Plain (East):- NIL

Late firing on Larkhill/Westdown Danger Area: 04th, 06th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th & 27th October 2016

Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown Danger Area:- 01st, 02rd, 08th, 09th, 29th & 25th October 2016

Non firing days on Bulford Ranges: 01st, 02nd, 08th, 09th, 15th, 16th, 29th & 30th October 2016

Note: The Combined Arms Manoeuvre Demonstration will run over the period of Mon 10th – Thurs 22nd October so there will be an increase in noise levels within Area 13 and around Knighton Down Arena north of Larkhill Garrison.

Note: All Complaints/Enquiries should be made to 01980 620819.

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 2016 are as follows:

Event	Open	Closed
Remembrance Sunday (Imber church only)	09.00hrs Sat 12 Nov 16	13.00hrs Sat 12 Nov 16
Christmas / New Year	18.00hrs Fri 16 Dec 16	08.00hrs Tue 03 Jan 17

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, (or 101) 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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