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**Salisbury Plain Training Area  
Newsletter  
DECEMBER 2016**

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### **DECEMBER 2016 Newsletter**

December should be a quiet month but as ever with range space and training at a premium SPTA remains busy up until the 16 Dec when the range closes for the Christmas break and reopens on 5 Jan 17. Although the range is busy there is little armour on the plain, all the training troops are in the light role with wheeled vehicles.

The week 1 – 5 December will see extensive live mortar and artillery firing on the Larkhill Ranges as Ex CROSSED CANNONS marks the end of four major artillery courses. The remainder of the month will be quite in the run up to Christmas and New Year with only low level training being conducted.

**Safety:** 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.

#### **Related News**

[Sanctuary Magazine celebrates 40 years](#)

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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](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](http://www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area) .**

### **MONTHLY FIRING CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2016 (Subject to Change)**

1. ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING DAYS FROM AREAS 6, 7 AND 8: Nil
2. ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING DAYS ON SALISBURY PLAIN (EAST): Nil

3. LATE FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA: 01<sup>st</sup>, 03<sup>rd</sup>, 06<sup>th</sup>, 08<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. NON- FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA: 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. NON- FIRING DAYS ON BULFORD RANGES: 03<sup>rd</sup>, 04<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Note: Christmas stand down is 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 08<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**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) 674763.

**Imber Ranges.** The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned open dates for 2016 are as follows:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Christmas / New Year	1800hrs Fri 16 Dec 16	0800hrs Thur 05 Jan 17
Easter	1800hrs Thur 13 Apr 17	0800hrs Tue 18 Apr 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.

The new Rural Crime Partnership for Wiltshire and Swindon (hereafter 'the Rural Crime Partnership') has been established by Wiltshire Police in consultation with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Swindon to provide governance for, and oversee delivery of, rural crime strategy. It provides coherence, direction and guidance to the delivery and apportionment of rural policing resources across the county in the context of the Community Policing Model. The first meeting was held at Wiltshire Police Headquarters on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016; this is seen by Headquarters SPTA as a positive initiative in order to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour on Salisbury Plain.

Members of the Rural Crime Partnership for Wiltshire and Swindon

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700) or [PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk](mailto: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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