



Commanding Officer



Lt Col Justin Kingsford outside RHQ.

The main aim of this e-Newsletter is to extend a warm welcome and invite you – the wider Regimental family – to join us for the Regimental Open weekend 26 – 28 September 2014. There is a lot more by way of detail over the next few pages; please take the time to register your intentions early by sending us an e-mail or writing / calling the team.

By way of a brief update, 2014 has seen us focussed on our future readiness role. We take over as the Lead Armoured Battle Group in October 2014, with elements remaining committed and at readiness until the end of 2015. C Squadron is already at readiness as part of the 1 ROYAL WELSH Battle Group; the remainder of us finalise our preparations in BATUS, Canada, this summer. Of course, none of this is particularly new to us and we are relishing the return to our core role. In addition, we continue to make time for all manner of other important Regimental activities. Sport has enjoyed some significant successes over the past 12 months with a total of 24 King's Royal Hussars and attached soldiers and officers representing the Army or higher level in a total of 18 sports, which is something of a record I believe. Highlights include: achieving 3rd place in the Army Alpine downhill; runners up in the Army basketball; most successful football season since 2007; Royal Armoured Corps boxing champions, with three boxers making it to the quarter finals of the Army Novice competition; inter-Regimental polo champions for the first time in 26 years.

I hope you all enjoy the summer and look forward to seeing you all in Tidworth at the Open weekend.

Key Regimental Appointments

- CO: Lieutenant Colonel Justin Kingsford
- 2IC: Major Julian Smith
- A: Major Will Hodgkinson; B: Maj Anthony Sharman; C: Major Rupert Hope-Hawkins; D: Major Alan Ponde; HQ: Major Mark Witham
- Adj: Captain Tom Gibbs; RSM: WO1 Bretherton



Regimental Open Weekend

The King's Royal Hussars will be hosting a Regimental Open weekend from 26th – 28th September 2014 and would very much like to invite the wider Regimental Family to enjoy a weekend of catching up with old comrades and seeing what the Regiment is up to.

As part of the Army 2020 (A2020) reforms The King's Royal Hussars is the first Armoured Regiment to change to the new Type 56 (3 x 18 Tank Sqns) structure. As part of a re-focus to be ready for contingency operations, anywhere in the world, the Regiment forms the Interim Lead Armoured Battle Group later this year. This provides an Armoured Battle Group at high readiness prepared to deploy wherever there is a need. The September 2014 Open weekend is therefore an opportunity to see the Regiment in its new structure and witness first hand the potent capability of the King's Royal Hussar Battle Group and the modern role of armour in the 21st Century.

The Open weekend will comprise a series of events spread over three days as follows:

Friday 26th September 14 – Cocktail Parties.

- Two separate cocktail parties will take place on the Friday in the Officers' and the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Messes. The likely start time is 1830 Hrs. Due to the limitations of space, these two parties will be by invitation only.
- The Corporals' Mess and Aliwal Arms will be open for any soldiers and association members that are not a part of the cocktail parties and will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Saturday 27th September 14 – The Open Day.

- This will take place at Aliwal Barracks Tidworth from 1000 – 1600 Hrs. The intent is very much to host a family day, so please bring children (and grandchildren!). Throughout the day you will have an opportunity to experience the varied elements of the Regiment and Battle Group. The main activities are as follows:
 - **Static Vehicle Display.** You will see a representation of the armoured vehicles that make up The King's Royal Hussars Armoured Battle Group. This is an ideal opportunity to get up close to the armoured vehicles and crews of today.
 - **Manoeuvre Demonstration.** An exciting demonstration of combined arms manoeuvre capability will take place on the training area immediately behind the barracks.
 - **Gunnery Simulators.** The opportunity to test your skills as a Challenger 2 Gunner on the Precision Gunnery Training Equipment simulator system.



- **Children's Zone.** Situated around the Regimental Welfare Office there will be a host of entertainment and activity for the little and not so little ones amongst us, including Face Painting, a Bouncy Castle, an Inflatable Assault Course, a Climbing Wall, a Petting Zoo, and much more.
- **Sport.** An exhibition Regimental team versus Old Comrades football match, an Inter-Squadron Tug-of-War competition, static military fitness display and a children's assault course.
- **Military Band.** The Royal Artillery Band will be performing on the main square during the day.
- **Raffle.** Tickets will be available for purchase through the day for the chance to win prizes donated by friends of the regiment.
- **Tour of Messes.** There will be an opportunity to tour both the Officers' and Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes.
- **Refreshments.** These will be available for purchase throughout the day and lunch will be in the form of a barbeque prepared by our own military chefs.

Those are the highlights of the day, but there is also an opportunity to make a night of it as well at the Garrison Musical Pageant:

- **Garrison Musical Pageant.** The Tidworth and Bulford Garrison will be holding a musical pageant at the Tattoo Ground Polo Pitch next to Tidworth House after the end of the King's Royal Hussars' Open Day. This is a completely free event and gates open from 1630hrs with the event running until 2000hrs. This will be the largest military musical event outside of London with at least 7 full military bands scheduled to perform. The King's Royal Hussars combined messes will establish a bar and picnic area for those that wish to continue the day. There will also be Garrison run food and refreshment tents for those that do not wish to bring a picnic.

Sunday 28th September 14 – Regimental Parade and Drumhead Service.

- There will be a simple and relatively short service on the Regimental Parade Square for families, guests and any that wish to attend at 1030 Hrs.

Accommodation. Unfortunately there is no accommodation available within Aliwal Barracks. On the next page is a list of Hotels and B & Bs in the area. As an alternative there is hard standing for a limited number of caravan parking spaces within Aliwal Barracks, which can be made available on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to bring caravans should contact the Open Weekend Team as soon as possible. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.



List of Local Accommodation

With other events going on in the local area, accommodation is quickly being booked up. So book soon. This list is not exhaustive.

Ser	Hotel	Distance from camp	Contact Details	Rooms <i>Prices will vary</i>
1	Parkhouse Motel , Cholderton, SP4 OEG	3.5 miles	01980 629256 info@parkhousemotel.com www.parkhousemotel.co.uk	Single: £60-£69 Twin/double: £79 Family (3): £86 Family (4): £89
2	The Red House Hotel , Cholderton, SP4 OEG	3.5 miles	01980 629542 reception@theredhousehotel.co.uk www.theredhousehotel.com	Single: £80 Double: £90
3	The Holiday Inn , Solstice Park, Amesbury	7.6 miles	0845 2413535 reservations@hisalisbury-stonehenge.co.uk www.hisalisbury-stonehendge.co.uk	Single or Double: £73 (may vary)
4	The Antrobus Arms Hotel , Amesbury, SP4 7EU	9.3 miles	01980 623163 enquiries@antrobusarmshotel.com www.antrobusarmshotel.co.uk	Single/Double: £50 - £85 Family: £90
5	Fairlawn Hotel , Amesbury, SP4 7DL	9.3 miles	01980 622103 www.fairlawnhotel.co.uk	14 Guest Rooms Single: £64 Family: £95 Double: £79 - £85
6	Travelodge Amesbury , A303 Eastbound, Countess Services, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7AS	4.7 miles	0871 984 6218 www.travelodge.co.uk/Amesbury	Double/Twin: £47
7	The George Hotel , 19 High St, Salisbury, Amesbury	5.1 miles	01980 622 108 www.georgehotel-amesbury.com	Single: £44 Double: £54 Family: £69
8	The Shears Inn , Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis, Marlborough, SN8 3ED	5.9 miles	01264 850 304 www.theshears.co.uk	Single: £70 Twin/Double/family: £80 – £90
9	The Premier Inn Andover , West Portway Ind. Estate,	7.4 miles	0871 527 8020 www.premierinn.com	Single/Double/Family: £39-£62



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10	Milford Hall Hotel , 206 Castle St, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 3TE	12 miles	01722 417 411 www.milfordhallhotel.com	Single: £122.50 Double: £132.50
11	The Cathedral Hotel , 7-9 Milford St, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2AJ	12 miles	01722 343 700 www.cathedralhotelsalisbury.co.uk	Single: £75 Double: £85 Family: £99
12	The Hatchet Inn , Lower Chute, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 9DX	6.4 miles	01264 730 229 www.thehatchetinn.com	Single: £70 Double/Twin: £80 Family: £90
13	Mecure White Heart Hotel, 1 St John St, Salisbury, SP1 2SD	12 miles	01962 312 801 www.accorhotels.com	Single: £77 Double: £84 Family Available
14	Kimble Cottage B&B, Abbotts Ann, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 7BG	7.3 miles	01264 710 592 www.kimblecottage.co.uk	Single: £45 Double/Twin: £75
15	Mandalay Guest House, 15 Stonehenge Rd, Amesbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7BA	6.2 miles	01980 623 733 www.mandalayguesthouse.com	Single: £50 - £65 Double: £65 - £75 Family: £80+



For the diary: Tercentenary Celebrations

3 of the 4 antecedent Regiments that make up The King's Royal Hussars will celebrate the 300 year anniversary of their formation in 2015. This presents a significant opportunity to: commemorate the lives and actions of our forbearers within the wider Regimental community; enhance the good name of the Regiment within Defence; and embed the Regimental reputation within the fabric of society.

This historic occasion will be marked by a number of high profile events; a '300th Officers Dinner' at the Dorchester Hotel on Saturday 4 July 2015, a series of commemorative parades in our key recruiting areas between 4 and 11 July 2015 and the Tercentenary Parade, reviewed by HRH the Princess Royal, on Saturday 18 July 2015.