



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA (SPTA) NEWS SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010

This forecast shows our planned training. Unfortunately operational requirements mean that dates and times can change. The warning flags and signs show the actual range danger areas on a given day. Late night firing times Tues, Thurs and Sat from March to October 2330hrs and from November to February inclusive 2100hrs inclusive.

General comments about military training should be made through Parish Councils to the Liaison Officer nominated by the appropriate Garrison Headquarters. **Specific complaint should be made in writing or IF URGENT by telephone as shown below**

HEADQUARTERS SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA
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**PLAINWATCH
SPECIAL CONTACT
NUMBER
01980 674700**

**Lieutenant Colonel
for Commander**

TRAINING: February was an extremely active, noisy and hectic month; thank you for your forbearance during 4 (Mechanised) Brigade pre-operational deployment exercise prior to moving to theatre in Afghanistan. March will be a quieter month, but that said there will be activity and limited artillery noise. We have two artillery Regiments on exercise one with AS90; but this will be only for two days! Throughout March 16 Air Assault Brigade will be undertaking driver training on the new to service vehicles that are deployed in theatre in Afghanistan; this will reduce considerably their acclimatisation when they deploy to theatre.

ARTILLERY FIRING FROM SALISBURY PLAIN (WEST): NIL

LATE FIRING ON SALISBURY PLAIN (WEST): NIL

ANTI-TANK FIRING ON SALIBURY PLAIN (WEST): NIL

ARTILLERY FIRING FROM WITHIN THE TILSHEAD, CHITTERNE AND SHREWTON TRIANGLE: 16th, 29th, AS90

ARTILLERY FIRING FROM SALISBURY PLAIN (EAST): NIL

LATE FIRING FROM SALISBURY PLAIN (EAST): NIL

LATE FIRING ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN RANGES: 2nd, 4th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th.

NON FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA: 6th, 7th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th.

NON FIRING DAYS ON BULFORD RANGES: 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st.

NON FIRING DAYS ON WARMINSTER RANGES: 6th, 7th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th.



HELICOPTER NIGHT FLYING: Night flying normally takes place Mondays to Thursdays inclusive over parts of SPTA. Some aircraft will show no lights but all will operate under strict area control.

AIR ACTIVITIES: Dates and timings below are correct at the time of printing but may be altered due to aircraft serviceability or weather conditions.

AIRCRAFT TRIALS: Aircraft trials have priority over Larkhill Range on Wed and Fri from 1200 - 1700 hrs which may involve circuits crossing the Avon Valley.

PARACHUTING: Parachuting is scheduled to take place on EVERLEIGH and FOX COVERT DZs during normal working hours on most weekdays. Outside working hours and at weekends the dates and approximate times are:



PARACHUTING

FOX COVERT DZ (130)

1st - 7th

18th

22nd - 26th

EVERLEIGH DZ (130)

8th - 17th

29th - 31st

STRIPLANDINGS

DEPTFORD DOWN C130)

24th

25th

UPAVON

NIL



FAST JET ACTIVITY APPROX TIMES ONLY

SPTA 'W'

10th

11th

SPTA 'E'

11th

SPTA 'C'



ROADS THROUGH IMBER RANGES (AND IMBER VILLAGE) EASTER 2010

Due to the high density of pre-operational deployment taking place on the Plain over the Easter period, the roads through Imber Ranges (and Imber Village) will NOT be open to the public.

PLAINWATCH NUMBER 01980 674700

PLAINWATCH is specifically designed to rapidly identify suspicious activity on the Plain: firstly and principally to identify criminal activity but secondly to deter such activity.

We seek the support of those Parishioners who regularly use the Plain for recreational purposes, who when doing so spot what could be termed suspicious or even criminal activity taking place. No approach or contact should be made with potential offenders. If such an opportunity occurs we would be pleased to hear from you via a special telephone number which we have set up within our 24 hour Operations Cell: **01980 674700**. We would welcome your assistance in making the Plain more secure and a safe place to enjoy.

POLICE WARNING

THIEVES OPERATE ON THE TRAINING AREA

SECURE YOUR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

AT ALL TIMES