

## GARRISON UPDATE

- The Garrison is now complete, the last of 12 Mechanized Brigade having returned from Operations in Afghanistan. Memorial services and Medals parades are taking place with the last one on 4<sup>th</sup> December for The King's Royal Hussars
- Jimmy's Wing at Tedworth House was formerly opened and there was a press day on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Most will also be aware that the Prime Minister visited last Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November with the Minister for Defence personnel Welfare and Veterans, Mark Francois. They were accompanied by the Adjutant General, Lt Gen Gerry Berragan.
- The ABF's Early Christmas fair took place in September and made about £30k for the Charity
- Op CLEAN SWEEP took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October and we amassed about 3 tonnes of rubbish as well as a lot of metal and wood for recycling.
- Tidworth 10 Km Run on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November from Tedworth Park. Successful but very muddy not only for the competitors but also for the Park.
- Centenary of St Patrick's and St George's Roman Catholic Church took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, last Sunday.
- Work started on Somme Road to put in a crossing for heavy vehicles between Perham Down and Ludgershall last Monday. There will be traffic lights and a cycle and foot bypass. Work should be complete around Christmas. Work will commence in the New Year on the Kimpton Road with another crossing being out in.
- Work on Future Army 2020 goes on and one of the options as has already been announced is that a third Brigade might be deployed on the Plain, probably the one currently deployed in Germany. However, nothing is firm at all yet and we await a major basing announcement by the Secretary of State for Defence in mid December when he will announce plans for all future basing across the UK and plans may well change before then.
- In theory my successor should be nominated at the end of November but it looks as though the decision has been deferred till February. My last day in the Army will be 1 July 2013.