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Foreword



Welcome to the autumn edition of the Bulletin. We hope that you find it an entertaining and informative read. This is a community magazine, so please do get involved by telling us what you have been up to, where you have visited and what you would like in the magazine.

The winter issue will have a full section dedicated to the families and will provide a guide of events over the Christmas season. Why not pick up your pens and write us an article.

Lt Col Ian Woodbridge



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Editor's notes

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For those of you newly arrived at HQ ARRC and reading the Bulletin for the first time, particularly those from our Partner Nations, I offer you a very warm welcome to Innsworth and Gloucester. I hope you and your families will settle in quickly and enjoy your time in the United Kingdom.

I thought it would be useful to set out my priorities for the remainder of this year and for 2013. They are; ensuring HQ ARRC is ready to take command of the Land Component of the NATO Response Force (NRF) in January 2013; leading the debate within NATO on how best to deliver a properly integrated theatre headquarters, and re-establishing the ARRC family within the wider Gloucestershire community. In all of this, I am absolutely clear that the maintenance of a strong ARRC family, to which all feel welcome, all can contribute, and all can draw support from, is the cornerstone of this Headquarters and essential for its wellbeing.

The autumn will be busy. We will launch shortly into a series of exercises designed to test our readiness and prepare us thoroughly for the NRF task. On 1 January 2013 we will take command of the NRF Land Component and will be placed on reduced notice to deploy in support of a wide variety of potential operations across the globe. During 2013, we will continue to train hard in order to maintain our readiness to deploy with the NRF and also to refresh and develop our core skills as a war fighting headquarters.

Welcome once again to all new arrivals; I look forward to meeting you during the course of the next few months.

*Lieutenant General James Bucknall
Commander ARRC*



The NATO Response Force

The following article is written to better inform military readers of the background of the NRF as we continue preparations throughout the remainder of the year. The author was responsible for delivering the latest revision of the NRF concept and has worked on NRF issues since its inception.

In November 2002, a year after the 11 September 2001 attacks on the United States, the then US Secretary of State for Defence Donald Rumsfeld launched a surprise initiative called the NATO Response Force (NRF) at the Prague Summit.



The political idea was to assemble a technologically advanced Joint (air, land, maritime, special-forces) expeditionary force, composed of the European elements of the NATO Force Structure, which would have global reach. The force was designed to be “transformational”; to act as a driver for modernisation of European forces and as a catalyst for increased deployability.

Deployability is defined in terms of both movement and logistic sustainment over strategic distance. Strategic distance in this case means, outside the boundaries of NATO territory, or territory adjacent to NATO borders, where host nation support might be available.

During the same summit, the Allies also launched a Prague Capabilities Commitment. This was political agreement to modernise forces and develop particular niche capabilities required for deployability, such as strategic sea and air lift, air to air refuelling, enhanced medical and logistic support, and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance capabilities.

Timelines for assembling the NRF were also directed at Prague. An initial operational capability by November 2004 and full operational capability by November 2006. Further details were determined by the Military Committee in NATO Headquarters in Brussels before the concept being handed down to SHAPE to implement.

Ironically, the concept was being launched at the same time the Allied Mobile Force (AMF) was being closed down. However, it was not politically acceptable for the AMF to be used as the mechanism for delivery of the new capability as the AMF was not Joint and because it had too much Article 5 associated baggage, which did not fulfil the expeditionary vision.

In parallel the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) initiative for use on, or adjacent to NATO territory, scaled to Major Joint Operation (Corps sized, 1000 air sorties a day, or multi-carrier level operations) was retained, with the NRF acting as a precursor for the CJTF follow on forces. Hence, the use of the Graduated Readiness Forces (Land) to provide the Land Component, which had the capacity to deliver a corps level operation.

As 2006 approached it was becoming increasingly evident that the ambition set for the NRF was too high for a number of very practical reasons. Some Alliance nations were at full stretch sustaining operations in Afghanistan and Iraq simultaneously. Both operations were lasting longer than had been anticipated. Secondly, these enduring operations were expending the vast amounts of cash that was required to modernise forces to achieve the level of transformation required. It should be remembered that the Prague Summit, had been before the Iraqi operation was launched in early 2003.

Nevertheless, in late 2006 a joint live exercise was held in the Cape Verde Islands, under the direction of the then Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) General Jim Jones and the NRF achieved full operational capability on schedule, after a last minute intervention from the US to achieve the level of rigour required.

Throughout 2007, into early 2008 various initiatives were launched in order to improve NRF force generation of the under the direction of the DSACEURs, General John Reith and McColl, and the new SACEUR, General John Craddock. By August 2008, it was apparent that radical surgery was required to help the nations provide forces for the NRF, especially as Iraq and Afghanistan continued, with the later requiring more and more forces.



The global economic crisis was beginning to bite, putting further pressure on the money available for defence. Finally, the Russian attack on Georgia on 8 August precipitated political direction for more emphasis on the core NATO task of collective defence.

In September, SACEUR discussed the issue with the Chiefs of Defence Staff and it was agreed that a revision of the overall NRF concept was required urgently, with a view to a revised NRF being



fully capable by 2015, when it was anticipated that Afghanistan would have drawn down. This received political endorsement by the Defence Ministers' in October, which initiated the formal change process.

By Christmas that year, three options had been presented to the NATO Military Committee for endorsement: Option A: Operational Command and Control (C2) only, Option B: C2 and a defined Immediate Response Force (IRF) and Option C: C2, the IRF and a pool of forces made available by nations on their own terms and conditions better able to suit prevailing operational tempo and the economic climate.

Option C (Charlie): the three tier construct was agreed. The only part of the SACEUR's recommendations, which was not agreed, was the common funding of both training and operational deployments of the IRF in order that nations shared both the risk and financial burden, and encourage force generation.

It is important to note three key issues. The Operational C2 is the only guaranteed force element available to SACEUR to deploy without resort to approval from the nation concerned during the force generation process. There is never any certainty that the nations providing the tactical C2 through the components commands, would participate in the operation, neither would any other force elements. The IRF was created on agreement that the elements would all train together in order to have coherence and credibility as a multinational force before deployment, otherwise the offers might as well be to the Response Forces Pool (RFP). It was accepted that the force that deploys after the force generation process was unlikely to resemble the IRF and therefore the SACEUR's priority was generation of coherent C2.

Other major changes were also agreed. These were a clarification and agreement at political level of the purpose of the NRF and a revised mission statement, which coincidentally resembled the original AMF mission. A readiness profile was put in place to match the likely availability of the strategic lift, the logistic burden was reduced to realistic levels and an annual rotation cycle was to be put in place. All these measures were designed to reduce the burden on the nations and to help them provide forces to the NRF.

Specifically, of note for the land component was the use of the existing affiliations mechanism, enabled by the HRF(L) commanders to assist in the delivery of force packages for the NRF, especially after 2014, when the demands of forces decreased. The view was this would bring greater multinational coherence and credibility.

In early 2009, SACEUR signed off the implementation directive. The new structure was to be in place by the end of 2010 and the annual rotation cycle was to be implemented in 2012.

Force generation since the revision of the NRF has been growing year on year. As the operational burden from Afghanistan decreases, so the forces offered to the NRF from 2013 and beyond have increased substantially, especially to the Response Forces Pool (RFP). Nations have rarely committed IRF elements to all train together as envisaged.



It remains to be seen, whether this trend is sustained as the economic crisis is continuing well beyond the estimates in 2008.

The NRF is often criticised because it is not used enough. However, this is not the fault of the NRF concept or construct and suggests that the NRF requires some sort of official activation or launch. The use of any forces, NRF or not, is achieved by political consensus being reached in the North Atlantic Council of all 28 nations. The NRF simply provides a training and force packaging mechanism. It is often overlooked that the NRF provided the command and control and forces (less a land component) for the operation in Libya without "NRF activation" as such.

Nearly, 10 years after the initiative was launched the NRF provides the Alliance with a crisis management tool amongst other levers at its disposal, it provides the military with a training engine to practice command and control and many nations use their NRF participation to justify development of deployable capabilities.

Without the NRF the chances are the Alliance would only have to reinvent it.

HQ ARRC Support Battalion Update

The Support Battalion is now in a period of transition, from being heavily committed to operations in Afghanistan and facilitating the return of Combat troops through Cyprus we are now refocusing to support the ARRC groups forthcoming NATO Reaction Force role.



This transition will mark another busy period. A number of our soldiers have been supporting the London Olympics and our Engineer Support Troop has been preparing the exercise sites at RAF St Mawgan and Oakhampton in readiness for Ex NOBLE LEDGER and Ex STEADFAST JUNCTURE. In isolation this would be a considerable achievement, however it is further complicated by the reduction of the Battalion down to 252 personnel which means we will lose 186 personnel from our current strength.





■ The Battalion marches through Tewkesbury



■ The Master General of Logistics Gen Sir Kevin O'Donoghue presents Operational Medals to Support Battalion soldiers

The downsizing of the Battalion by 186 posts has already started, 41 redundancies were announced on 12 June 12, and the other 145 personnel will leave through the normal posting cycles and will not be replaced.

This period of change, although initially unsettling, will create many positive new opportunities for the way the Battalion conducts its day-to-day job of supporting the Headquarters, changing the way we approach the complex task of sustaining a Corps size HQ on exercise or operations for the better.

We should take this opportunity to recognise the immense support that the Battalion has received over the past year from the people of Gloucestershire and in particular from Tewkesbury. During May upon our return from Afghanistan the Battalion marched through Tewkesbury to great acclaim with HRH the Duke of Gloucester taking the salute. The Battalion then returned to Imjin Barracks for the consecration of the Battalion's memorial wall and the presentation of operational and long service and good conduct medals. In September we will be further honoured when Tewkesbury bestows the freedom of the Borough to HQ ARRC and The Support Battalion.

HQ 1st (UK) Signal Brigade

HQ 1st (UK) Signal Brigade, based in Imjin barracks, has Regiments in Stafford and Bramcote as well as the Support Battalion stationed in Gloucester. The Brigade delivers Communications and Real life support for programmed and contingent operations in support of National, Coalition and NATO operations.

The Brigade is made up of the following units; 30th Signal Regiment, based in Bramcote, lead on the provision of Combat Command Support for national contingent operations. 22nd Signal Regiment, based in Stafford, lead on the provision of Information and Communications Services (ICS) for NATO contingent operations. ARRC Support Battalion provides operational capability in support of both NATO and National programmed and contingent operations.

It has been a busy year so far for the Brigade which has deployed troops on Operations and Exercises to Libya, The Falkland Islands, Canada, Kenya, America, Cyprus, East Africa, Afghanistan, North Africa, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Georgia. In addition we have trained a number of soldiers as a preparatory measure for the threatened fuel tanker driver strikes.

Currently the Brigade is focussing on supporting the London Olympics, where we will be providing over 170 soldiers and Officers to assist with security operations. Following this we will be participating in a range of Exercises to support the preparation of the ARRC group its NATO Response Force role in 2013.

The Brigade headquarters has recently celebrated the achievements of our Chief Clerk, Sgt Simmons when he was awarded his medal for Long service and good conduct as well as his accumulated campaign service medal (ACSM). We also congratulate WO1 Mathers and WO1 Brenton in receiving their ACSM and WO2 Sainsbury receiving his Warrant.



■ Signals Brigade personnel adventurous training in Spain



■ WO1 Brenton at the top of a Via ferrate in Spain

The Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) has one of its sites based at Imjin. Do you know what goes on in Innsworth House?



Behind the doors of Innsworth House is a small part of the Service Personnel & Veterans Agency, but the work we do here could directly affect you.

What is the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) and how do they help me?

Well you might not know the outright answer to that question but many of you will have heard of at least some of its **services**. You are probably aware that SPVA pays your salary and pension but did you know SPVA is spread over four sites up and down the country. One of these sites is here on Imjin Barracks.

The **Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre (JCCC)** is one of the main functions of the **SPVA team** based at Imjin Barracks and is responsible for the administration of all casualty casework for the UK Armed Forces worldwide. The JCCC is operational 24/7, 365 days to ensure our Armed Forces have the service they need whatever the time of year. The work is split into two areas. First, 'compassionate travel' for bringing a UK Service person back from an overseas location, e.g. during a family emergency. Second, casualty notification, repatriation and family support for serious illness/injury or death of a Service person, wherever and however that occurs. The JCCC receives around 89,000 calls a year from Service personnel and their families. You will see civilians coming and going at all times of the day and night, this is to ensure that the phones are manned constantly **and that help is at hand**. JCCC has around 33 members of staff on strength at the **moment**; this includes the night shift workers.

Had a medal recently? QDJM or your OSM Afghanistan? Well all current UK campaign medals and previously unclaimed World War II medals are issued by **SPVA's MOD Medal Office** from their offices

here in Innsworth House. Significant investment in personnel and JPA technology coupled with the laser engraving machines allows prompt delivery of medals to serving personnel, veterans and their relatives. The Medal Office also receives around 250 applications a week for historical medals for Service back to World War II. Each historical request needs to be thoroughly investigated by the team which involves some painstaking scrutiny of some very old paper files before awarding any medal entitlement. With the increase in family history and grandchildren studying the war years at school this part of the department is increasingly busy.

The **Continuity of Education Allowance Governance Team (CEAGT)** is also based in Innsworth House. Formed in October 2011, the team of 8 are responsible for Continuity Education Allowance (CEA) governance and the authorisation of all Continuity of Education Allowance Eligibility Certificates (CEA EC) a role previously undertaken by the Children's

Education Advisory Service. Service Personnel and Unit HR Staffs can contact the team via the dedicated enquires line 95471 5693 **01452 718693** and the CEAGT group mail box, although we understand some personnel from ARRC have already made contact.



Like most organisations an element of support staff are required and SPVA is no exception. On the top floor of Innsworth House you will find our **Business Support functions**, made up of the Finance teams, the Commercial team. Corporate Business Management, Secretariat, SPVA Imjin site i-hub and the Media & Comms site representative.

So that's Innsworth House, that's what's happening on your doorstep right now. Look out for more news on SPVA and its services in future editions.

Events Diary

Date	Event
November 2012	
3 Nov	Firework Display at Gloucester Docks The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2ER Tickets: TBC Adults £5, child £2.50, family £12.50 (2+2) available from Gloucester Quays Customer Service Desk, Gloucester TIC and National Waterways Museum. Further information contact 01452 396572
13 Nov – 15 Nov	Russian State Ballet and Opera House – Swan Lake & Sleeping Beauty Cheltenham Everyman Theatre Regent Street, Cheltenham GL50 1HQ From 7.45pm – 10.00pm Box Office: 01242 572573
16 Nov – 18 Nov	'The Open' at Cheltenham Racecourse Gates open at 10.00am first race at 1.10pm and the last race at 4.05pm Ticket prices are variable Box Office 0844 579 3003
30 Nov – 13 Jan 2013	Dick Whittington Cheltenham Everyman Theatre Regent Street, Cheltenham GL50 1HQ Ticket range from £11 to £22 Variable performance times Box Office: 01242 572573 Visit everymantheatre.org.uk
16 Nov – 2 Dec	Cheltenham Christmas Market Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 1LH Opening times 10.00am – 6.00pm and until 8.00pm Thurs–Sat Sunday 11.00am – 5.00pm Visit www.christmasmarkets.com
December 2012	
1 Dec	Christmas Wreaths Workshop The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5NX From 10am till 12pm Tickets £15 Visit www.roses theatre.org
1 Dec – 5 Jan	Aladdin The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 5NX Various times Tickets £11.50–£16.50 Visit www.roses theatre.org

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1 Dec	Santa Fun Run Bathurst Estate, Cirencester Park, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 2BU £12 per adult, £8 per child (minimum sponsorship applies) email jillg@caninepartners.org.uk
5 Dec	Training Session with Becci Trower Home Farm Equestrian Gloucestershire GL51 9RS Visit horseeventsuk.com/horse_event
6 Dec	Chef's Demonstration – How to make the perfect Christmas Dinner The Greenway Hotel & Spa, Shurdington, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 4UG £27.50 per person Visit www.thegreenwayhotelandspa.com
8 Dec	Ghost Hunt at Woodchester Mansion with 6th Sense Paranormal Woodchester Mansion, Gloucestershire GL10 3TS 8.30pm – 4.30 am Tickets £49 per person Visit www.ssparanormal.co.uk
11 Dec	Unaffiliated Evening Dressage Home Farm Equestrian, Gloucestershire GL51 9RS Visit horseeventsuk.com/horse_event
13 Dec	Corinium Cinema Evening showing – It's a Wonderful Life Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 2BX 7pm Cost: £5.50 adults or £4.50 concessions
14 Dec – 16 Dec	Gloucester Quays Festive Fayre Christmas Market Gloucester Quays, St Ann Way, Gloucester Gloucestershire GL1 5SH Visit www.gloucesterquays.co.uk/events/very-victorian-christmas-market/
20 Dec	Festive Family Film: Arthur Christmas [U] The Bacon Theatre, Hatherley Road, Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 6HE 5.00pm Tickets: £6.50 to include a Christmas treat Visit www.bacontheatre.co.uk
30 Dec	Children & Adult Unaffiliated Dressage Competition Home Farm Equestrian, Gloucestershire GL51 9RS Visit horseeventsuk.com/horse_event

ARRC Group Welfare Update

By WO2 (BSM) Andy Griffin

While writing this, the British Summer is upon us and the sale of umbrellas and wellington boots has risen sharply throughout the UK in the past few months. Hopefully by the time you are reading this the weather will have changed for the better.

What Can The Welfare Office Do For You?

The Welfare Office is situated to the rear of the Mace Shop (opposite Imjin Barracks), alongside the Innsworth Station Community Centre. The Welfare team is there to offer you advice, help and support on a wide range of topics including; relationship problems, housing, health and schooling to name but a few.

If unsure then please call in and if we can't help you ourselves we'll know someone who can. We can also put you in touch with specialist agencies and secondary welfare support agencies such as: Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), Army Welfare Services (AWS), Army Families Federation (AFF), Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS), National Health Service (NHS), UK Border Agency, Army Benevolent Fund, Royal British Legion and SSAFA.

Dealing with individual Welfare Issues is not the only thing we do in the Welfare Office, we also try and bring the Community together by organising trips and events throughout the year and we hold discounted tickets for local attractions and clubs. Please keep an eye out for these either on the ARRC Community Facebook site or Posters/Flyers. The ARRC Community Facebook site is designed for all personnel working on or linked to Imjin Barracks, contact the ARRC Public Affairs Office on 01452 718500 or search ARRC Community on Facebook for further details.

The Welfare Office holds tickets for entry to the following local attractions:

- Bristol Zoo
- Cattle Country
- Slimbridge (Wetland Centre)



These tickets can be hired offering a large discount on the normal entry charge. Hire Cost is £10 for a Family of 4 saving you between 66% to 75% of normal entry.

We also hire out the Innsworth Station Community Centre for private functions and events ie. Children's Birthday Parties. You may also wish to hire one of our bouncy castles which are ideal for children's parties.

Functions

It is now time for us to start planning for the spouses Christmas Function, we would really like families to get involved with the planning of this and to offer suggestions on what you would like to do.

Coffee Mornings/Afternoons

Coffee Mornings/Afternoons are held throughout the Innsworth Station area at the following times:

We hold coffee mornings/afternoons on the following days:

Tewkesbury Wheatpieces	1st and 3rd Tuesday each month 10.00–11.00
Innsworth Community Centre	Every Wednesday 10.00–11.00
Kingsway Beacon Children's Centre	1st and 3rd Wednesday each month 14.00–15.00

Contact House

The Welfare Office holds two Contact Houses within Innsworth which are available for hire. They are primarily to allow single soldier's access to their children for periods up to 2 weeks. The houses can also be hired for other reasons, such as moving in or out of SFA or when you have visiting relatives.

The Welfare Team

Major Jo Robinson – AGWO
Email: joanne.robinson823@mod.uk
WO2 Andy Griffin – UWVO
Cpl Kev Sherwood – Welfare JNCO
Cpl Hansacker – Housing NCO
Cpl Ridley – Housing NCO
Nicky Torrie – ILO
Sue Miles – Housing Officer/Hospital Liaison
Anne Peuple – Administrator
Pte Borman – Driver
Pte Matanavou – Driver
Tel: 01452 730309

The Imjin Barracks EURO 2012 Football Tournament



To celebrate the Euro 2012 football tournament, over 100 soldiers from Imjin Barracks took part in a football competition mirroring Euro 2012 on Wednesday, 20 June 2012.

16 teams representing all the units and branches based at Imjin Barracks were involved. The majority of the teams came from Headquarters, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (HQ ARRC).

Mirroring HQ ARRC's multinational makeup, one particular team saw players from Italy, Germany, Turkey, Portugal and America competing together. Additional teams were fronted by the Royal Air Force, HQ 1st Signals Brigade and the ARRC's Support Battalion.

The teams and fixtures were drawn to represent both the countries and fixtures playing in the actual matches being played during Euro 2012.

In a high quality, but ultimately one-sided final, England beat Greece to win the award of Imjin Barracks Euro 2012 champions. The winners, from 252 Signals Squadron, were presented their trophy by the Deputy Commander of the HQ ARRC, Major General Marcello Bellacicco.

HQ ARRC's Corporal Chris Earle, who organized the competition, said: "as a multinational headquarters, holding a football competition to mirror the Euros seemed an ideal opportunity to bring together the whole barracks".



News From The Station Headquarters



■ Lt Col (Rtd) Bernard Barton-Ancliffe

Hello from Station Headquarters. I have met many of you, but for those whom I have not yet met I am Lt Col (Rtd) Bernard Barton-Ancliffe the Station Staff Officer, or the SSO for short. I work in Station Headquarters to coordinate all the services that keep the Station running, and keep an eye on our relations with the local community. I have an advantage in dealing with the local community as I live very close to the Camp and have direct connections to local councils, local schools and churches and many other local organisations. Additionally I meet with the local authorities on a regular basis to keep them up to date on our needs both on the camp and in our Service Families' Areas.

Local Activities And Things To Do

Here is a brief list of things you might consider doing in the local area, for more details call into the HIVE to get details (01452 712612 Ext 7848) or check out the ARRC Community face book site. Gloucestershire has a great web site (and app for smart phone users) called "Explore Gloucestershire", this has up to date information on things to do and see, free events and ideas for family days out.

Anyone For Swimming?

There are several swimming options available in the area. In Gloucester and Tewkesbury there are very good indoor pools, Cheltenham has an outdoor lido for when the weather is warm.

Golf

Many of you play golf already. There are probably many more who like golf but are not a member of a club, or who just want to play occasionally. The Support Battalion has a block membership at a local course. For a small fee, serving military and their dependents can join the Innsworth Station Golf Society and take advantage of much reduced rates to play golf. For details, contact the Welfare Office.

Youth Football

Innsworth Station has a Community Youth Football Club. This is open to all dependent children of those stationed on or connected to Innsworth Station. There is article on pages 14 and 15, for further details contact Cpl Earle on 01452 712612 Ext 5110.

The ARRC Support Battalion is the focal point for sports clubs on the station, the list below outlines who the points of contact are. If you would like to help out or start a new club then give Maj Fiona Reid a call on 7928.

Imjin Barracks Sports Points Of Contact

Sport	POC	Tel 01452 712 612 +ext
Sports Offr	Maj Walker	7928
Aquatics	Lt Dean	5635
Athletics	SSgt Hall	5259
Badminton	Capt Phipps	5259
Boxing	2Lt Todhunter	5646
Clay Pigeon	Capt Kendrick	7024
Cricket	WO1 Foulger	8171
Cross Country	Capt Phipps	5259
Equestrian	Capt Pittaway	5588
Female Sports	2Lt Clarke	8173
Fishing	Maj Clark	5796
Football	SSgt French	5830
Golf	SSgt Cooper	
Hockey	Capt Clarke	5474
Kayaking	WO2 Herbert	8149
Karate	COH Parr	5475
Motor Sports	WO1 Wright	5569
Mountaineering	Capt Stone	7822
Netball	Sgt Gall	5239
Orienteering	Maj Levick	7878
Rugby	Capt Hallsworth	5779
Sailing	Bdr Robertson	7822
Shooting	Lt Dean	5635
Skiing (F)	2Lt Todhunter	5750
Skiing (M)	2Lt Dean	5635
Squash	Capt Stone	7822
Tennis	2Lt Clarke	8173
Triathlon/ Cycling/MTB	Lt Johl	5624
Tug of War	Lt Naismith	7822
Community Youth Football Club	Cpl Earle	01452 712 612 Ext 5110



FC Innsworth Youth Football Club

FC Innsworth Youth Football Club is a community football club aimed at 2–10 year old boys and girls within the Innsworth community. Based at Imjin Barracks the Club runs training sessions and friendly matches throughout the season. The Club is primarily run for the fun and enjoyment of Innsworth Station dependants but has also opened its doors to the local Innsworth community. All sessions are FREE, however a £10 registration fee applies.

We subscribe to the Football Association's child protection and best practice guidelines and our aim is to provide a safe and friendly environment for young people to enjoy and play football whilst developing their techniques and skills. We require all our coaches and volunteers to have a current CRB certificate and they hold a minimum Level 1 FA Coaching qualification.

The new season starts on 01 Sep 12 with the first of 2 open days. The open days are great taster sessions for the children as well as an opportunity for parents to come down and meet the coaches and

committee and have a chat about what the club has to offer. Sessions throughout the season take place every Saturday morning and teams will also take part in locally organised Mini Soccer events. There are no leagues or cup competitions at this age so emphasis is purely on fun and enjoyment.

The Club have recently established strong links with Gloucester City Football Club and Education Through Sport which has opened up some great opportunities for the Club and Imjin Barracks families. Such opportunities include; Match day mascots, discounted match tickets, match day experiences, player appearances, and soccer camps held at Imjin Barracks.

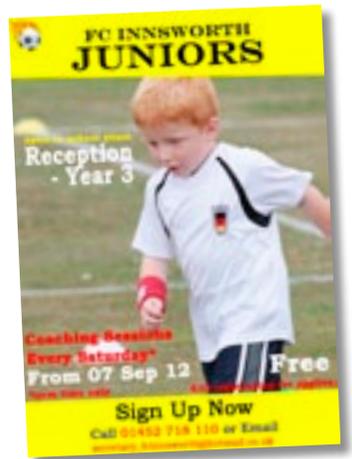
We are always looking for new players and coaches as we continue to develop our Club. Why not come along to one of our open days, or register your interest by contacting Chris Earle on 01452 718 110, email on secretary_fcinnsworth@hotmail.co.uk or find us on Facebook.



■ Club members meet Gloucester City AFC mascot 'Roary the Tiger'.



■ First Kicks



■ Juniors

Photo Club

It has been a great start to the new Innsworth Station Photographic Club. We started in May and it has gone from strength to strength. The club meets fortnightly with instruction and top tips given on all aspects of photography. So far the Club has covered the technical basics of photography, composition, portraiture and landscapes.

The club is completely free and caters for anyone from complete beginners to professionals, there is something for everybody.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the photography club. It is aimed at all abilities and suitable for people with any sort of camera from an iPhone to a professional one. We have covered a range of topics including portraits and landscapes and have been taught how to use the camera in a manual setting (if it has one). The classes are really informal and any questions you have about your individual camera can be asked. I have paid for courses that have not been as easy to understand and have not covered things in such detail. I would love to go in to photography professionally one day and this has given me a really good grounding." Alison Alexander

If you are interested in learning photography, or just want to improve your holiday snaps, then why not come along to the club.

For further details look for Innsworth Station Photographic Club on Facebook or contact Warrant Officer 2 Stu McKenzie on 01452 718711 or 07595292892.



■ Miriam Mathes



Jen Owens ■



Miriam Mathes ■



Silke Seidel ■



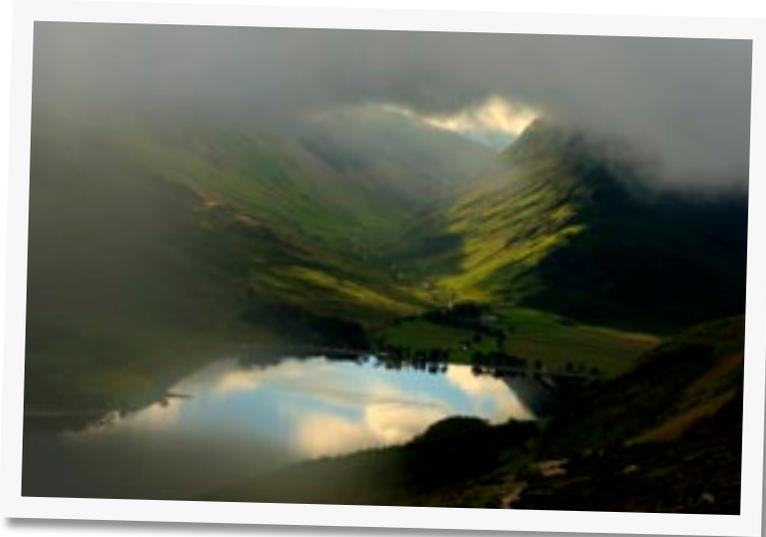
Alison Alexander



■ Around Derwent Water ■



■ Alison Alexander



■ Buttermere



■ Silke Seidel ■



■ Ang McGriff



■ Alison Alexander

ARRC Photo Compilation





Imjin Station: Useful Telephone Numbers

Organisation	Telephone
Welfare Office	01452 730 309
Gloucestershire Police	101 (Non-emergency)
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Station Staff Officer	01452 712 612 ext 7848
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Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre	01452 519951
Innsworth Barber Shop	01452 712 612 ext 6033
Gloucester Tourist Information Centre	01452 396 572
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Innsworth Stores	01452 712 612 ext 7387

ARRC Community Facebook Group

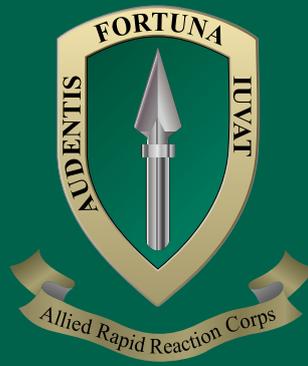
A unique and secure social network for ARRC staff and their families

Following the success of the ARRCnet Facebook site – which was designed to help support the families throughout the duration of the ARRC's deployment to Afghanistan in 2011 – we are launching a new and improved version for the wider ARRC Community.

The new page is designed to be enduring and broader in its appeal. It will follow the same style as the previous version in that it will be a private group designed to enable all those with a connection to the ARRC to chat and share ideas. It aims to become primary forum for ARRC staff and their families to exchange information.

To join in and start sharing information search for 'ARRC Community' on Facebook and ask to join the group.





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