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# Welcome to Love Andover Armed Forces Day 2017!



Hello! We cannot explain how excited we are to bring Armed Forces Day back to Andover. As you can see, there's such a huge amount going on today that we are sure that you will learn, see and take part in something new.



Today is a chance to say thanks and #SaluteOurForces for all they do -

supporting the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community; those who are busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism.

And of course today, we are proud to be working with a great many veterans who have protected us over the years - as well as a large contingent of cadets.

If you have Instagram on your phone, please follow us at **loveandoveruk** today as we will be posting real-time photos as the day's event progresses. All photos from students at John Hanson School will be available online at the town's new website **www.loveandover.com**.

Please be respectful and vigilant on the park today, especially because of heightened security concerns - but most of all have fun and enjoy Love Andover Armed Forces Day!

David Harber and Maurice Sweeney Love Andover, from Andover Radio

PS: We gratefully acknowledge the huge support we have had from the Ministry of Defence, Groundwork and the Tesco Bags of Help initiative, the various exhibitors and participants today and the great businesses listed in this brochure. Please don't be under any illusion that today's event was in any way courtesy of Andover town council.

### **Royal Engineers**

22 Engineer Regiment are based at Perham Down, near Tidworth. They are part of the Corps of Royal Engineers, whose soldiers are known as "Sappers".

Sappers are multi skilled soldiers, combat engineers and tradesmen working alongside all parts of the Army. They deploy across the world and provide

support to a range of units, including armoured infantry, cavalry and mechanised regiments to enable the battle group to create obstacles and manoeuvre effectively across the battle space.

As a unit at high readiness, 22 Engineer Regiment are ready to fight at short notice anywhere across the world, usually in support of 1 Armoured Infantry Brigade.

The Regiment has a strong sporting ethos with teams regularly competing in rugby, football, boxing, golf, cross country, swimming, field gun and volleyball. Today, 22 Engr Regt will be hosting a bridge building exercise.

The Corps of Royal Engineers has been involved in every major conflict the British Army has fought and has ever since lived up to its motto "Ubique" meaning "Everywhere".



# Sapper, noun.

Derived from the French word sappe ("spadework," or "trench") the word became connected with military engineering during the 17th century when attackers dug covered trenches to approach the walls of a besieged fort. They also tunnelled under walls and then collapsed the tunnels, thus undermining the walls. These trenches and tunnels were called "saps," and their diggers came to be called "sappers."



#### **Veterans In Actions**

Veterans In Action (VIA) is a military charity set up in 2009 by two ex-Royal Engineer friends, one of whom had been injured physically and one who suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). These ex-sappers wanted to help troops who have been injured both physically and psychologically.



The Andover-based charity specifically helps those who have suffered the effects of war or who have found the transition to civilian life difficult by helping them to rebuild their confidence, self-esteem and self-belief by hosting adventurous but fun expeditions.

PTSD Awareness Month is October this year and the charity is holding the 'PTSD4Andover' walk on Saturday 7th October between Stockbridge and Andover.

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# The Army Air Corps

The Army Air Corps (AAC) enjoys long standing ties with Andover and North Hampshire and was privileged, in 1987, to be awarded the historic Freedom of the Borough of Test Valley.



AAC soldiers from Army Aviation Centre, Middle Wallop, have exercised that Freedom over the years, most recently in 2016 when they marched through Andover town centre in a spectacular display of ceremony and tradition, culminating in a flypast and a service of commemoration.

In 2017 the Army Air Corps celebrates its 60th Anniversary, having been formed 1st September 1957, on the foundations of the Glider Pilot Regiment (GPR) and the Air Observations Post (Air OP) Squadrons. In this Diamond Jubilee year Her Majesty the Queen has granted permission for a new AAC Guidon with more recent AAC's Honours emblazoned upon it. The Corps has committed personnel to global operations, including Iraq and latterly Afghanistan, as well as maintaining vigilance over security at home.



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As the British Army's aviation combat arm, the AAC is equipped with Wildcat and Apache Attack aircraft to provide offensive action, intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance (ISTAR) as well as control and direction of firepower.

The skilled professionals who operate these high-tech, cutting edge aircraft are formed of tight-knit teams of groundcrew as well as aircrew, sergeant pilots as well as officer pilots demonstrating the rich variety of diverse careers the Army Air Corps offers to potential recruits.

Army Aviation Centre at nearby Middle Wallop, is the hub of AAC training and spiritual home of the 'blue beret'. The airfield, where World War II Spitfire and Blenheim Squadrons were once based, also houses the Museum of Army Flying which is currently undergoing substantial expansion to cater to the growing number of visitors it attracts.

To read more, please find the Army Air Corps on Twitter and Instagram @armyaircorps, Facebook, TheArmyAirCorps, and our website http://www.army.mod.uk/aviation/air.aspx

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# **WHAT'S ON TODAY?**

TIME	EVENT
10:30	FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
10:30	ROYAL ARTILLERY MARCHING BAND
11:00	FALCONRY DISPLAY (Part 1) From The Hawk Conservancy
11:45	SOUTHERN JACOBITES (Part 1) Pipe Band
12:00	SECTION ATTACK from Army Cadets
12:30	LIVE MUSIC from ALEX KRUPA
13:00	DOG TRIALS (Part 1)
13:30	WESSEX MEDIEVAL Re-enactments
14:00	SHALLOW VERA LYNN
14:30	22 ENGINEERS BRIDGE BUILDING
15:00	FALCONRY DISPLAY (Part 2) From The Hawk Conservancy
15:30	VETERANS BADGES PRESENTATION with Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and Mayor of Test Valley
15:45	LIVE MUSIC
16:15	DOG TRIALS (Part 2)
16:45	SHALLOW VERA LYNN
17:00	MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAY
17:30	SOUTHERN JACOBITES (Part 2) Pipe Band
18:00	CLOSING CEREMONY
18:15	LIVE MUSIC
19:00	THE MIGHTY HUMP

<sup>\*</sup> Timings of the day are approximate



# LOVEANDOVER HOSTS

Hi I'm Steve and I've been hosting stuff in Andover for 6 years! I run my own business which includes producing news updates for clients all over the world, creating online radio shows or "podcasts", and coaching individuals and organisations in the effective use of media.

I often host things at The Lights including the business awards and my own events, but I'm really looking forward to meeting you today for Love Andover Armed Forces Day.



Having worked for the forces' radio station in the past I have so much respect for the work that our service men and women do. I hope you have a great day!



Hey, I am David and I am honoured to host Love Andover Armed Forces Day – and thank you for coming! I am the founder of the new Andover Radio – we'll be launching on-air later this year and I really hope you'll come and get involved. You'll hear lots more about us in the coming months.

Today, I will be the one glancing enviously at the bar, breaking all the silly health and safety rules and gently

ribbing anyone who comes near me while I have a microphone in my hand... except the AAC guys... they have guns. Have a great day!

Hi I'm Heather Cullen and I'm the newest addition to the Andover Radio crew – I've been working with the huge amount of musical talent around Andover for a while now and host various open mic nights across the town, in particular the ever popular Butters Café event each Thursday evening. I'm really proud to have been asked to be part of this great event for Andover – I hope you have fun today!





Hello cheeky, I'm Shallow Vera Lynn! I was a bit of a wayward child in Andover and was conscripted into the Army as a punishment for my quick witted, bullet-like innuendos. Despite initial protests, I took my punishment with relish! Especially with all those hunky men around. Sadly, I was recently dishonourably discharged – but emerged as new woman. Today, I am really looking forward to meeting some of my future ex-husbands!

# The Royal Artillery Band History

Although many regiments had bands of sorts for marching and parade purposes, it was during the Seven Years War (1756-63) that the Officers of the Royal Artillery serving in Germany, felt that they wanted a more musical combination to play on social occasions.



It was during the six months at Minden, and at the instigation of Captain William Phillips, that the Royal Artillery Band and Orchestra was formed. He had the Articles of Agreement drawn up so that the original eight musicians could be engaged to provide the Regiment's Music. The nine original Articles were written in both English and German, the first Article reads:

'The Band to consist of eight men, who must also be capable to play upon the violoncello, bass, violin and flute, as other common instruments.'

The Musicians were capable of performing as a parade band or orchestra as required, a double-handed tradition which has been maintained to this day. With the signing of the Peace of Paris in 1763, the British Troops were withdrawn from Germany and the newly-formed Band and Orchestra returned with the regiment to Woolwich, where the Band has been ever since, making The Royal Artillery Orchestra the oldest established Orchestra in Great Britain.

The Band continues to perform around the world supporting the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the wider Armed Forces. The Band has also played in different parts of the world; New Zealand, America, France, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, Africa, Switzerland, China and more recently Russia representing



Great Britain in the 2011 Moscow Tattoo.

The Band has now relocated to Tidworth Garrison as part of the restructuring of Army Music.



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# The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment

In 1992, The Royal Hampshire Regiment merged with the Queen's Regiment to become The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR), which inherited the Freedom of the Borough of Test Valley granted to The Royal Hampshire Regiment.



Nicknamed the Tigers, PWRR is the English senior line

infantry regiment of the British Army. The regiment has been involved in every major conflict since the Second World War, and is the most decorated in the British Army, having been awarded 57 Victoria Crosses for acts of valour and gallantry.

The Tigers are a fighting Regiment – thriving on complex, tough operations. They train hard to fight hard, and pride themselves on their courage under fire.

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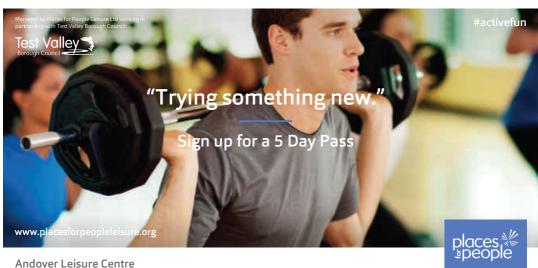
#### Wessex Medieval Alliance



Wessex Medieval Alliance are 14th to 15th century historical re-enactors, covering the periods known as The Hundred Years War and The Wars of the Roses. Today they have a small display with knights, men-at-arms and archers supported by an authentic camp in which you may see a maille maker or stone mason at work.

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# The Mighty Hump



The Mighty Hump will round off today's event with a toe-tapping session of jazz blues, rock, and goodnesss know what else they spontaneously create in one of their world famous jams.

The Mighty Hump was formed in 2004 for a one-off garden party, with a line-up that included an 8-year old trumpeter. The band have gone through various artistic phases like Apocalyptic Heavy Metal, Balkan Tango (with accordions)... even a poetry phase. Today, the band is in a jazz funk stylee. But, to be honest, we're not sure what they're likely to invent this evening. But we guarantee it will be MIGHTY!

# Introducing Alex Krupa!

So, I'm Alex. I'm a local American country singer/songwriter from the UK. I sing covers but I'm focusing more on my own material. Most don't know what to expect when I say this or have any interest in country music. But after they hear me there are always pleasant comments. My voice is based around

storytelling with a gravel tone, a resonant voice and a range you wouldn't expect. I'm excited to share the experience with you. From storytelling to just a good old song to dance/sing to. Keep an eye out. If you haven't heard anything like it before. My job is to get at least one of the songs stuck in your head for the rest of the day.



### **Andover's Chelsea Pensioner**



### Frederick Charles Abraham

**REGIMENT 23494646** 

Service: 11th November 1956 to 11th November 1978

Total Service: 22 years.

Joined RHC: 6 August 12

Aged: 74

Place of Birth: Wellinborough

Medals: GSM (NI)

Following Frederick's Army service, he found employment as an MOD Storeman in Andover and RMAS and later became a Sergeants' Mess barman in Middle Wallop. He was also a Royal British Legion Standard Bearer for many years.

Frederick enlisted at Wellington on 12 November 1956 as a National Serviceman and went on to serve for 22 years in the REME. His service was equally split between postings within the UK and Germany with tours of Libya, based at Tripoli and Cyrenaica, from 31 July 1960 until 26 September 1962 and then later to Malaya from 17 January 1966 to 7 May 1968. He also had a 6 month tour of Northern Ireland from 23 May 1975 to 29 November 1975 and his final posting to 70 Aircraft Workshops REME at Middle Wallop. He was discharged on 11 November 1978 having been promoted to the rank of Corporal.



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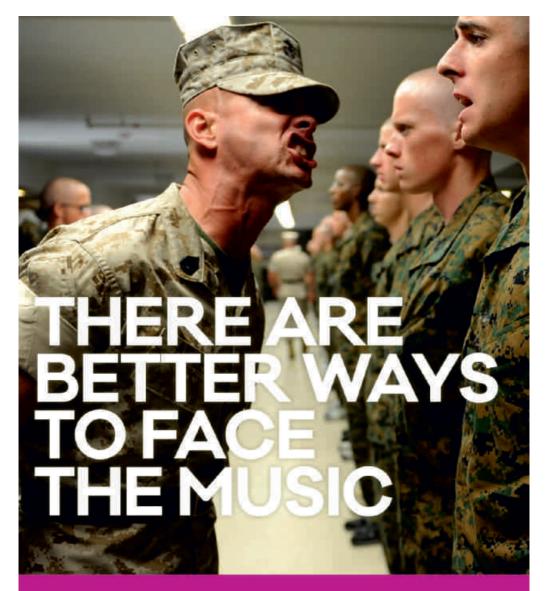
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We are proud to maintain connections with the armed forces; often working with local military organisations & other charities, as well as health & social care services to ensure individuals receive the care & support that's right for them – our respite care service being a perfect example of this.

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