



# Brunssum and GK Community Newsletter



June 2022

## Here are the dates for your Diary:

- 8th CLOs Coffee Drop In
- 10th Ladies Night— Postponed until next term
- 11th Summer Reading Challenge, Brunssum Library
- 13th NAAFI Delivery
- 14th Trivia Night at the Brit Club
- 15th Last CLO Coffee Drop in for the Summer
- 17th School Breaks Up For Summer Leave
- 20th Last Orders for NAAFI
- 24th Bacon Butty Day—Pre-order advisable
- 27th NAAFI Delivery

With School finishing soon,  
many of us are planning to visit  
new places, friends and family.  
From all of us down here at the  
NSE, we hope you all have a fun  
and safe leave.



## Security



Summer is almost here !  
With many of us taking  
sometime out over the  
next few months to visit  
places, friends or family,  
remember to take extra  
care to lock and secure  
your home before you  
leave.

If you have an alarm, make sure it is set, working properly and don't leave sensors covered. Make sure all doors and windows are locked.

If you have a door lock or window locks make sure they are serviceable, and you use them, report to DIO if they are not working. If you have an internal door between your SFA and garage, consider this as an external door and ensure it is secured appropriately.

Don't leave door keys within sight or reach from anyone outside. Potential thieves have been known to 'fish' keys through letterboxes or windows that have been left open. This also applies to car keys.

Open/Close shutters.

Purchase a Wi-Fi security camera for your home (e.g. Ring). These are very reasonable and can be purchased from the internet and will allow you to view your home when you are away. You will have seen adverts on the TV for wireless cameras for your front door, there are some good alternatives for sale on Amazon which are relatively inexpensive and easy to install. Please consult DIO before mounting any external cameras.

Use time clocks to show lights in your home during the evening and early morning. Try to use the time clocks with a feature of several days and do not set every day with the same time; a radio on a timer is also a great deterrent. This will give the impression of a normal pattern of life and deter any would-be burglar. Don't advertise your planned period away on Social Media, people use Social Media to check for holidays to select houses to break in to.

Park your vehicle near the garage door so it cannot be opened

If leaving your property vacant, contact the local IMP via the form the HOL has previously sent out. They will arrange for extra police patrols to cover your street and will pay attention to your home address.

Any concerns or criminal activity needs to be reported to HOL, Mr Sweeney:

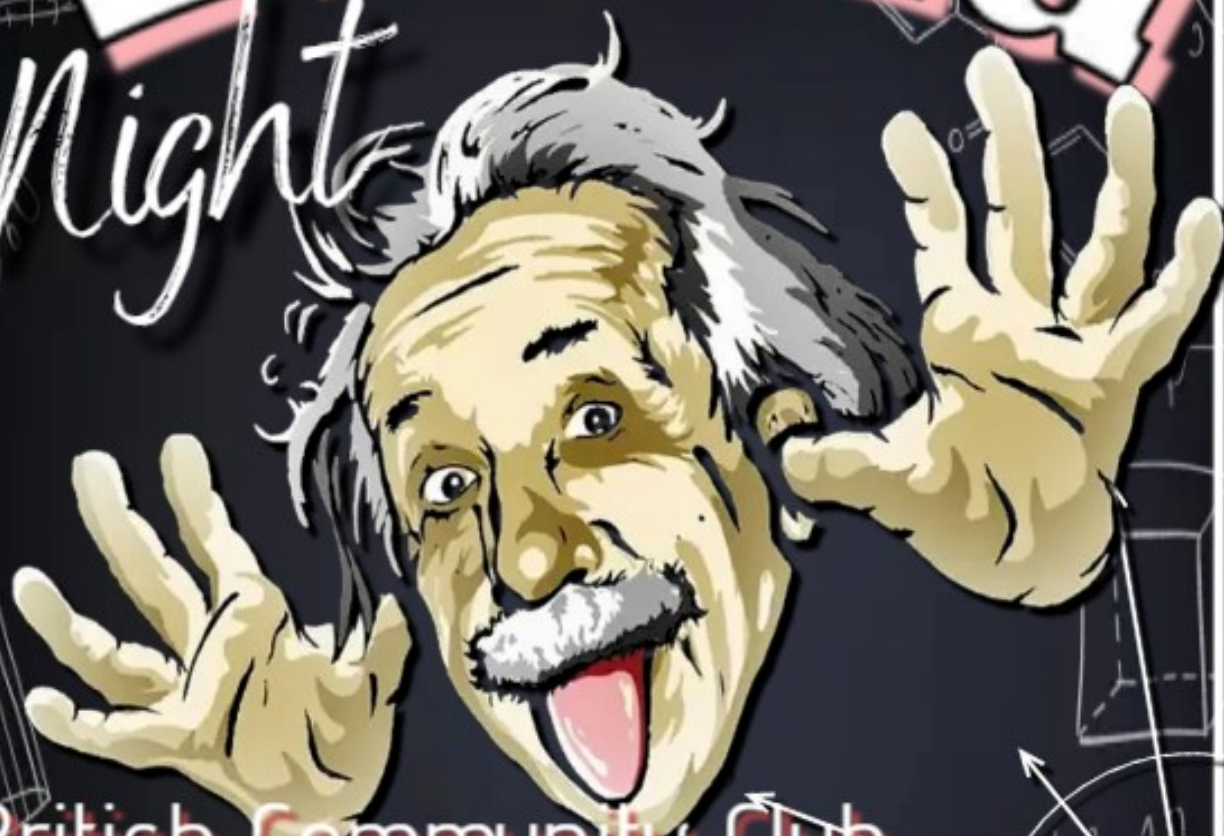
christopher.sweeney472@mod.gov.uk, any questions please get in touch with CLOs, HIVE or NSE.





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# Trivia Night



British Community Club  
Bring your  
international friends

**TUESDAY  
14 JUNE 22**

**BAR OPENS AT  
16:00HRS, QUIZ STARTS  
AT 17:30HRS**



The competition is now on, who will top our leader board? Every month, around the 10th we will ask you for your measurements.

Check out the leader board in the NSE !

## Play Safe

In any environment there is a risk of crime. Many people naturally believe that within the military environment there is a reduced risk to the safety of their children.

Make sure you know exactly where they are going and who with.

Lay down ground rules for timings that your child is to be home by.

Set boundaries for where they can and cannot go.

Ensure your child knows your address and telephone number and stored in their mobile if they have one.

Tell them who they can trust and tell if they are worried.

Advise your child not to play out alone after dark and to play where other people are around.

Remind them of road safety either when walking or on bikes.



Basic Stranger Danger rules include:

- Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger.
- Never get in a car with a stranger.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger.
- Never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult.

Contact our service: 0044 (0) 0808 168 3111

[crt.bfsws@coreassets.com](mailto:crt.bfsws@coreassets.com)

[www.forcessocialwork.com](http://www.forcessocialwork.com)





# Ask AFF on Instagram Stories on 15 June 2022

Visit AFF's Instagram Stories on the 15 June to ask any questions you may have about Overseas Assignments.

You will be able to type in and submit your questions in the question box – these are private and not visible to anyone else.

We will respond to questions throughout the day and publish our responses on the Story. If we need some more information to answer your individual query, we will get in touch with you directly and reply privately.

**aff.org.uk**



Army Families Federation is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales with registered charity number 1176393 and a charity registered in Scotland with registered charity number SC048282 having its principal office at IDL 414, Floor 1, Zone 6, Ramillies Building, Marlborough Lines, Monxton Road, Andover SP11 8HJ

# ~~DON'T~~ TALK ABOUT MENTAL WELLBEING

As your Welfare Champions, we are here to support you and be your listening ear and to sign post you should you require it to a plethora of supporting agencies we have at our disposal. It really doesn't matter how insignificant you think the issue(s) may be but talking it through with someone that wants to help is what matters. 100% Confidential.

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If you need medical help fast (Netherlands), but it isn't a 112 emergency, you can dial 0900 8844. They will be able to book a week, emergency appointment or request an ambulance if required.



If you are struggling and need to talk, our trained Shout Volunteers are here for you, day and night. Shout 85258 is a free, confidential, anonymous text support service.



Togetherall is a safe clinically managed, online community designed to improve mental health. Togetherall provides anonymous, peer-to-peer interactions so that as many people as possible can benefit from instant, east-access and round-the-clock support when they need it. They engage people who don't traditionally ask for help. Their services are FREE to all serving personnel, reservists, veterans and their families.

## The Brit Café Breakfast

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June 0930 till 1100

Pre-ordering is strongly advised to avoid disappointment due to running out of stock

Tea/Coffee €1

British Produce

Bacon Bap  
€2.50

Sausage Bap  
€2.50

Bacon & Sausage  
Bap €3.50



Veggi option €2.50

Add an Egg 50c



# COME JOIN US !



**Summer Reading Program  
Kick - Off  
Saturday 11 June  
At 12:00 pm**

Brunssum Library  
mwrlibrary.armybiznet.com  
HQ JFC Brunssum, Bldg. 604  
DSN 597-4307 +31-045-534-0307

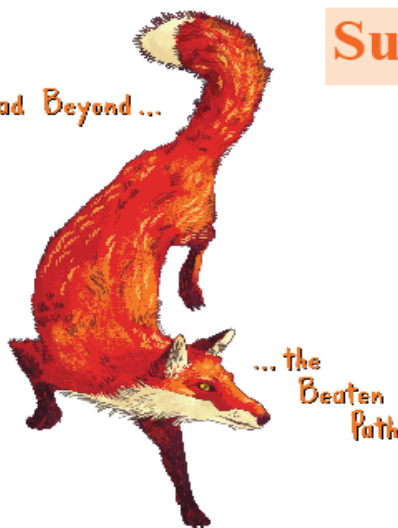


USAG BENELUX-BRUNSSUM  
**FAMILY and MWR Libraries**



# Summer Reading Program

### Read Beyond...



**The Summer Reading Program is for  
all U.S. and NATO ID card holders of  
all ages.**

If you enter the program, you read books (also e-books) and will receive a variety of prizes for the number of minutes you read. Preschool children earn prizes by having books read aloud to them.

**Additionally, we offer amazing, program related, weekly activities.**

**SRP registration at:**

<https://brunssumlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>



Brunssum Library  
mwrlibrary.armybiznet.com  
HQ JFC Brunssum, Bldg. 604  
DSN 314-597-4307 or +31 045 534 0307



## Wednesday Is Always CLOs Drop in @ The NSE

Coffee mornings have changed– the weekly coffee morning meet ups are now be held on a Wednesday 1130-1300. You will still be able to sample the amazing goodies in the Brit Café, but you will also be able to collect your mail while you're here too as there are no shortened opening times on Wednesdays in the Registry. Pop along, have a chat, make a friend and drink coffee! (maybe have a cake too!) You can even try to persuade your lovely other halves to walk down the hill and have lunch with you!



### Coffee Drop In Over The Summer

As lots of us take leave, the regular Coffee Drop in changes, please keep an eye on the FB page and the Newsletter for details over June, July and August.



# Delivery outside the NSE



## FULL RANGE OF GROCERY PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Orders can be placed via e-mail:  
[naafionline@naafi.co.uk](mailto:naafionline@naafi.co.uk)

Card and Cash payments accepted.  
Payment will be accepted on delivery.  
Coffee, Whisky, Gin, Cigarettes and Tobacco are rationed items.  
Please produce your ration card at the time of purchase.

ORDER DATES	DELIVERY
2012	
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2012
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2012	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2012
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2012	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2012	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2012
1 <sup>st</sup> August 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2012
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2012

For more information on how to register, email: [ejsu-brunssum-CLO-mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ejsu-brunssum-CLO-mailbox@mod.gov.uk)

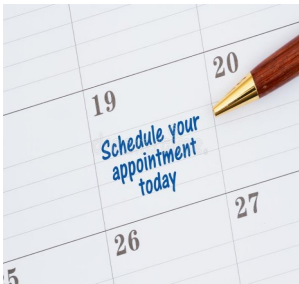
# JFCBS Moral and Welfare



[www.jfcbrunssum.com](http://www.jfcbrunssum.com)



[JFC Brunssum Happenings](https://www.facebook.com/jfcbrunssum)



<https://www.jfcbrunssum.com/sports-fitness/>



## Support Contacts

In addition to contacting your CLOs JFC Welfare Champions and the NSE, there are organisations and people who can help in many ways.

**Please take note of the below welfare points of contact for future use:**

For details on multiple available supporting organisations, and to contact the EJSU welfare team, please visit: [www.ejsu.net/welfare](http://www.ejsu.net/welfare)

### Padre:

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### European Welfare Officer (EWO)

Chris Jones

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**Army Families Federation:** [ejisu@aff.org.uk](mailto:ejisu@aff.org.uk)

**Brunssum Hive:** [brunssumhive@armymail.mod.uk](mailto:brunssumhive@armymail.mod.uk)



**Feeling lonely, low or just fed up?**

**Maybe you could do with someone to talk to?**

**We can provide support via Zoom or face to face. We are completely confidential and operate outside of the Chain of Command.**

**Email: [Brunssum.isc@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:Brunssum.isc@ssafa.org.uk)**

**Or call **FORCESLINE** on 0800 260 6767 or **LIVE CHAT** also available at <https://www.ssafa.org.uk/get-help/forcesline>**

**We are here to support the person behind the uniform and your family.**



# ICDL Remote sign up and invigilation available

We are currently able to remotely sign up Military Personnel and their dependents for IDCL at a reduced rate : Level 1 for £62.46 and Level 2 for £86.40 (both £148.86). Military personnel are able to use their Standard Learning Credits. All payments will need to be made with Visa or MasterCard. To sign up, ensure you have access to a computer and a webcam (placed so we are able to see you in tests). All training is online and can be done at your own pace but needs to be completed within 12 months. When signing up, please let us know what version of Microsoft Office you use so we are able to set your learning and test at the right level. Remote invigilation for testing maybe cancelled in the future (if this happens, we would come to your Education Centre to invigilate the tests there).

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UK JSU Building 306 (there's a café too!) or email  
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We're open from 0900 to 1400 every work day**