

BFG NEWS

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News in brief

Loom shopping mall opens Oct 26

FOLLOWING a two-year construction period at a cost of €135 million the Loom shopping mall will open on Bahnhofstrasse in Bielefeld on October 26.

Among the stores are Primark, Toys R Us, Sinn Leffers, Pandora and a host of eateries.

● Details: www.loom-bielefeld.de

Sunday Shopping in Bielefeld

THE next Sunday shopping day will be on October 29, from 1pm to 6pm.

Also, the city's four-day Autumn Market starts on October 26 in the centre of town. Among the attractions will be handicraft stalls, children's entertainment and a tractor and classic car show on Jahnplatz.

Supporting Army families wherever you live



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Army Welfare Service
Community Support
BAD LIPSPRINGE PLAY SESSION
Play Sessions will run on Thursday Evenings from 17:00hrs - 18:30hrs
€1 per child School Yrs 1 to 4
Activities will include baking, creative arts, games and much more.
A light snack is included and tuck is available to purchase.
Bad Lippspringe Community Centre
240 Detmold Strasse
Bad Lippspringe
For further information contact AWS HQ
05254 982 4340

BEWARE! HAUNTING HALLOWEEN FIRE HAZARDS
KEEP CANDLES AND JACK-O-LANTERNS AWAY FROM AREAS WHERE CHILDREN MIGHT BRUSH AGAINST THE FLAME.
AVOID BAGGY OR OVERSIZED COSTUMES TO PREVENT CONTACT WITH EXPOSED CANDLES OR FLAMES.
USE COSTUMES MADE WITH FLAME-RESISTANT FABRICS.
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL AT HALF-TERM

Army Welfare Service **AGE 5+**

MON 23RD OCTOBER – FRI 27TH OCTOBER
JOHN BUCHAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bookings from Mon 11th September **0930HRS – 1500HRS** Closing Date Fri 13th October

AWS Paderborn Normandy Barracks Mon-Thurs 0815hrs to 1545hrs Friday 0815hrs – 1230hrs Tel: 052459824340	AWS Bielefeld Catterick Barracks Mon-Fri 0900hrs to 1200hrs Tel: 052192543200	Hive Gütersloh Mansergh Barracks Mon-Thurs 0900hrs to 1330hrs Friday 0900hrs – 1200hrs Tel: 05241842220
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OCTOBER HALF TERM RUGBY ACTIVITY WEEK

Swansea Ospreys Rugby Union
Coaches from Swansea Ospreys will be holding activity and training sessions for the young people with the assistance of coaches from Paderborn Pirates and Bielefeld Bulldogs Rugby Clubs.

OSPREYS

Dance €45

LEEDS RHINOS

The camp will be delivered by the all-dancing Leeds Rhinos 'Rhinestones' dance team

ALL ACTIVITY ESSENTIALS
A packed lunch, plenty of drinks and appropriate indoor/outdoor/wet weather clothing and footwear

Bielefeld library presents:
AUTUMN IN THE LIBRARY
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – TUESDAY 24.Oct 10:00 – 16:00

- Things you find in the woods in Autumn
- Handicraft work with conkers and leaves
- Autumn recipes
- Free coffee and homemade cakes

ARMY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE
BIELEFELD LIBRARY Catterick Barracks, Block 8,
0521 925 43 123

Army Welfare Service
Community Support

GÜTERSLOH YOUTH CLUB WANTS YOU

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL YEARS 1&2 1500HRS-1700HRS	WEDNESDAY INTERS YEARS 6&7 1800HRS-2000HRS
TUESDAY SENIORS YEARS 8+1800HRS-2000HRS	THURSDAY JUNIORS YEARS 3, 4&5 1800HRS-2000HRS

AWS and Transport registration forms are available at the HIVE & Station Community Support Monday-Friday 0900hrs-1200hrs
** CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED FROM THE YOUTH CLUB BETWEEN** Monday 18th – Friday 22nd September 0900hrs – 1200hrs

READING FORCES AMAZES PUPILS

HAIG School recognises that being part of a Service family in Germany can result in parents being away from home for long periods, missing out on the simple pleasures of discussing a story or having daily bedtime reading.

To help with this problem it has registered with the Reading Force's charitable organisation. The scheme is for all Service families and friends and taking part is free, fun and easy.

Whether you are at home together or separated by deployment, training or for other reasons, everyone can join in.

Each child is given a special scrap book in which they can record any activities that they have taken part in, in relation to their chosen book.

Best of all, within the scrapbook supplied to every individual child is a freepost postcard, that if sent off, will entitle everyone to a free book to share, before the scrapbooking has even begun.

Shackleton class were the first to benefit from this book bonanza, each receiving a free book in the post last week.

Jayden in year 5 explained: "I think Reading Force is brilliant! It's inspiring, it's fun, easy and it even gets you a free book."

Eve, also in Shackleton class, continued: "Reading Force is an amazing charity as it brings families closer together and you can get a free book, which is great."

"Then when you're finished you can enter competitions to get another book."

Every family who finishes a scrapbook and sends it back to the Reading Force organisation receives a certificate and another free book.

PRIZES

They are also automatically entered into the Reading Force Scrapbook Competition for the chance to win other great prizes.

Reading Force also returns the scrapbooks by recorded delivery, for the family to keep as a special memento.

Reading Force is for all Service families and your reading group can include friends or extended family.



● Amelia and Sofia Kemp with their Reading Force scrapbooks

Taking part in Reading Force gives you something to share and to talk about on the phone, in emails, and over Skype or simply spending time sharing a book in the home.

Mr Coyne, the year five class teacher who initially discovered the scheme was particularly impressed with the quality of the books sent.

EXCITED

He said: "The children in my class were really excited to receive their very own free books today and couldn't wait to start reading them. Every child in the school now has their own scrapbook with the potential for hundreds of free

books coming to the children of Haig School very soon, which is amazing. "We hope everyone has a great deal of fun with the scrapbook challenge and I hope they all have lots of happy family reading hours ahead."

So what are you waiting for?
● Check out <https://www.reading-force.org.uk/> for more details today and get reading!



● Shackleton class in their Arctic themed reading area

HOW TO TAKE PART... IN 3 EASY STEPS!

Taking part is free, fun and easy!

Choose a book. Read it. Share it. Talk about it. Then simply fill your scrapbook with your family's thoughts about the book.

1. Get your free special scrapbook from your local school, HIVE or join Reading Force today and they'll send you one.
2. Choose a book all your family will enjoy reading.
3. All read the book, together or individually and talk about it – face-to-face, over the phone or Skype.

While you are reading the book, fill your Reading Force scrapbook with your family's thoughts and opinions about the book. Include anything you want – eblueys, letters, photographs, drawings, reviews and notes.

News in brief

What's on in Bielefeld

THE annual Autumn Fair (Herbst Kirmes) opens on October 27 at the Radrennbahn in Heepen.

On the opening day, between 3pm and 6pm thrill-seekers pay once and ride twice. A fireworks display starts at 9pm. The fair is open Monday to Friday, from 3pm; weekends from 2pm.

● For details visit: www.kirmes-bielefeld.de

Craft and Chat in Bad Lippspringe

IF YOU knit, crochet, cross-stitch or embroider, come along to Craft and Chat and work on your project in the company of like-minded people.

● The group meets every Thursday, 7pm-9pm, in the Bad Lippspringe Community Centre.

Military Wives Choir, Gütersloh

IF YOU enjoy singing as part of a group, then why not join the Gütersloh Military Wives Choir?

● Visit: gutersloh@militarywiveschoirs.org or Facebook: Gütersloh Military Wives Choir.

Want to become a childminder?

FANCY running your own business; love working with children; want to work from home? Then childminding might be the job for you.

● For further information call 0173 8873811.

Sennelager Library
NEW OPENING TIMES!
OCTOBER
Monday – Friday, 9am – 4.30pm
First Saturday of the month: 9am – 2pm
(closed on German public holidays)
Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
Sennelager Library
Tel: 05254 6620630
Army Library and Information Service

Ladies Football +18 years
Training Tue & Thurs 1730-1900hrs.
Join US!!

Contact: John Pluckwell
Tel: 05254 982 2339
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Bad Lippspringe Sport Pitches

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Paderborn Co-ordinator **Tilly Lambert-Lee**

will be available in the HIVE, Building 15, Barker Barracks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-2pm.
Available on 01520 744 9741 only on those days.

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Bielefeld Station CHRISTMAS FAIR
Sunday, November 26
At Bob's Den, Catterick Barracks
11am – 3pm

If you would like a stall, please contact the Bielefeld Station Welfare Office on 0521 9254 6208

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Health Visitor at Home-Start

The Health Visitor will be on hand for a weigh-in clinic for your baby on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month (see below for dates) from 10am to 11am. Come along and join us and let the children play.

November 14
November 28
December 12*
* This session will be held at Busy Bees (next door to Home-Start)

Home-Start Bielefeld, Block 26C, Catterick Barracks, BFPO 39. Tel: 0521 9254 3121 · Mil: 81 3121
Email: homestartbielefeld@gmail.com

Block 26C
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Bielefeld

We also have a private room available for breast-feeding

Contact the Health Visitor on 05254 982 4807