

**ARMED FORCES DAY 2011**

**Sunday 26th June**



**Babbacombe Downs Torquay**

**Honouring Britain's Armed Forces  
Past, Present and Future**

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## FOREWORD

*Armed Forces Day soon comes around, and once again the Babbacombe Festival has kindly let us join them on what is an excellent location. War, sadly, is on our news and in the newspapers every day from various countries around the world, many of our brave servicemen and women are carrying out the governments mission with great honour and dedication which they have done in so many past conflicts. The ones that did not return and paid the ultimate sacrifice we remember in November on Remembrance Sunday and The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, today is all about saying thank you to the many ex service members who are here, there will be young veterans along side the ex WW11 veterans each have a very different tale to tell from the horror of the trenches, to the modern warfare of today. After the end of WW11, it was hoped that would be the end of all wars, this, as we too well know, was not the end, since the end of WWII British forces have served in, Malaya, Korea, Cyprus, Suez, Aden and Radfan, Borneo, Dhofar, Northern*

*Ireland,, Falklands. Balkans, Sierra Leone, Iraq, and as we read this service personnel are involved with the Libya conflict and in Afghanistan. These days with the modern way of communication, war is live, we more or less see it as it happens with members of the worlds press on site, along side, and reporting. which brings events so close to us. Take time today to talk to a veteran, to listen to what conflict he or she was involved in, you may learn something you did not know to pass onto your children and friends who could not make today. As a Infantry soldier with 35 years service I would like to thank Torbay Council, who, once again have supported this event and is keeping veterans in the public eye and, of course, to the Babbacombe Festival committee for having us here and to you for taking the time to meet us..*

**Major Ron Goodwin. MBE**  
22nd (Cheshire) Regiment (Retired)



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## Veterans Badge Presentations

Veteran's Badges are available for all those who have served in HM Armed Forces, including Volunteer and Regular Reserves and at the event on 26th June, we will be making a formal presentation. If you would like to apply for a Badge, please visit [http://www.veterans-uk.info/vets\\_badge/vets\\_badge.htm](http://www.veterans-uk.info/vets_badge/vets_badge.htm) for an application form – however, to have this presented on the day, please do not return to the address stated but instead to Conway Hoare, Torbay Council, Torre Abbey, The Kings Drive, Torquay TQ2 5JE no later than 1st June 2011 – we will then bring your badge along on the day to be presented. If you are unable to make the 26th, please return to the address on the website and it will be posted directly to you.

## Discounts

*This year we are pleased to offer those currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their families, discounts at local venues and attractions. Our thanks go to these local businesses taking part. Valid ID card required. No offers to be used in conjunction with other promotions and usual admission policies apply. Please quote Armed Forces Day.*

- "Heatwave" at **Babbacombe Theatre** - 2 tickets for the price of 1 on Thursday 23rd June, 8.15pm.



*Up to 3 transactions per sale (buy 3 get 6), subject to availability. TQ & EX residents only. To book contact the Box Office on 01803 328385 and quote, Armed Forces Day Offer. [Babbacombe-theatre.com](http://Babbacombe-theatre.com)*

- **Torre Abbey Historic House & Gallery** - 241 tickets. Offer valid from 25th – 27th June 2011 inclusive. [torre-abbey.org.uk](http://torre-abbey.org.uk)
- **Waves Leisure Pool** at the Riviera Centre – 241 entry on 25th & 26th June 2011. [rivieracentre.co.uk](http://rivieracentre.co.uk)
- **Bygones** - 241 entry - all year round! [bygones.co.uk](http://bygones.co.uk)
- **Greenway Ferries** – 50% of all tickets for serving personnel and their families. Valid 25th & 26th June 2011. [greenwayferry.co.uk](http://greenwayferry.co.uk)
- **Babbacombe Cliff Railway** – All veterans displaying their Veterans Badge or Serving personnel on production of their ID Card will be able to ride the Cliff Railway FREE on 26th June. [babbacombecliffrailway.co.uk](http://babbacombecliffrailway.co.uk)



# PROGRAMME

**Information stands available from 10am.**

**10.00**

Various displays and information stalls on display.

**10.00**

Inter Cadet Games

**10.30**

Torbay Brass Band

**12 noon**

South West Military Fitness Demonstration

**12.45**

Veterans form up for parade  
(Model Village car Park)

**Parade 13.00**

Led by the Royal Marine Band Plymouth March out and turn left onto St Marychurch Road carry on through the cross junction & traffic lights of Manor Road and Hampton/Cliffside Road carry on and turn left into Babbacombe Downs Road past the Cliff Railway.

**13.45**

Armed Forces Tea & Cake in Marquee

**14.00**

Torbay Brass Band

**15.00**

Air Display (a mixture of propeller and jet planes)

**16.00**

Beat retreat performed by the Royal Marine Band Plymouth

Please note programme may change.

**Getting there and parking:**

Complimentary taxis are very kindly being provided by Torbay Taxis. Please book in advance (by 17th June) by calling 01803 211611 and quoting this event. Patient Transport, provided by Torbay Hospital, is also available to book free of charge. To request this service please call Conway Hoare on 01803 208862, again no later than 17th June. Please note, there is no parking directly on site. The nearest pay and display car parks can be found at Princes Street and Walls Hill. Babbacombe Road itself will be closed, however you will be able to drop off at either of these car parks.

*Thank you to supporters and sponsors of the event:*



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