

Larkhill

New Year Honours list: Olympians amongst honourees



Ed McKeever, Heather Stanning and Laura Bechtolsheimer all won gold medals

Three Wiltshire Olympians have been recognised in the New Year's Honours list.

Canoeist Ed McKeever, from Bradford on Avon, has been appointed MBE in recognition of his gold medal in the kayak sprint.

Army captain Heather Stanning, who is based at Larkhill and won Team GB's first gold of the Games, in the woman's pairs rowing, is also appointed MBE.

Dressage champion Laura Bechtolsheimer, of Malmesbury, is also recognised.

McKeever is currently away on his honeymoon but his father said his son was "delighted and proud".

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Olympic rower Heather Stanning returns to army life



Olympic rower Heather Stanning may have been one of Team GB's golden girls at London 2012 but she is now back in khaki in Wiltshire.

The Yeovil-born gold medal winner is a captain in the Royal Artillery based at Larkhill Camp, but put her career on hold so she could train full time.

She now expects to serve in Afghanistan next year.

Stanning and rowing partner Helen Glover took gold in the women's pairs in July.

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