

WELCOME TO THE BECCLES SEA CADETS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Spring 2013 edition!

This is the first Newsletter of 2013. The year has started off very busy, as usual, with lots of activity and news. We hope you enjoy catching up with what has been going on and as always, we appreciate all your support.

Annual Charity Ball at Waveney House Hotel, Beccles

Beccles Unit hosted its Annual Charity Ball in February. The event was very well supported and there were more than 120 people who joined us for the evening. The Guest Speaker was Captain Mark Windsor RN, who is the Captain of the Sea Cadets. He was piped aboard by POC E Bacon and LC J Thompson.

Before the commencement of the dinner PO Nick Gibbs, POC E Buchanan and LCpl C Lees gave a short presentation on Beccles Sea Cadets, which was very enjoyable and informative.

Following this the Chairman, Mr Jason Taylor, gave a short speech and this was followed by Grace, said by our President, Mr Alf Muffett.

During the course of the evening a raffle was run and the proceeds were presented to Captain Windsor to be put toward the new "Royalist Appeal". (picture below L to R: Lt Cdr (SCC) Joe Meadows RNR, Captain Windsor RN, Mr Jason Taylor and Sgt (SCC) Dave Ramsey)

Thanks must go to The Waveney House Hotel for a brilliant evening.

Watch this space for details of next years event—not to be missed!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- 3-5th** RMCD Training
- 9th** Unit Review
- 11-12th** BCU 2* Course Pt I
- 25th** District Sailing Comp
- 26th** District Paddlesport

June

- 14-16th** RMCD Advancement Board
- 15-16th** District Regatta
- 29th** Armed Forces Day

July

- 5th-7th** Cardington White Water Kayaking
- 5th-7th** Junior Regatta
- 19th-21st** Area Regatta

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CVQO—Duke of Westminster Award

P.O. Nick Gibbs has been taking part in the BTEC in Public Services through the Sea Cadets. Recently he was nominated for the Duke of Westminster Award and we are delighted to say he is now in the final 21 in the country.

He travelled to Somerset earlier this month to take part in a gruelling event.



This is a massive achievement for Nick and for the unit so Bravo Zulu!

NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOR THE ROYAL MARINE CADET DETACHMENT

Sadly, due to a change in personal circumstances our Detachment Commander has had to stand down. This position has now been taken on by a former Marine Cadet from years gone by—P.O. Lee Woodward.

We are sure that he will continue to lead the Detachment forward and wish him well in this new venture.

WEYMOUTH 2013

April saw the unit travelling to Weymouth, with members of Norwich Unit, for our second annual camp.

This was enjoyed by all and the cadets and staff had an amazing time. The training centre hosted the GB Sailing Team for the recent Olympic Games and there were some budding Gold Medallist amongst our boating fraternity who took part in Sailing and Power Boating during the week.

The Juniors also joined us and had a fun packed activity week, which included boating, the climbing wall and a visit to the local Nothe Fort.

We have already booked for next year, and have been lucky enough to get a summer week, at the end of August —so hopefully it will be a bit warmer!

Annual General Meeting

The unit held its Annual General Meeting at the end of April and we are pleased to report that Mr Jason Taylor has been re-elected as our Chairman for a further year.

Sadly some members of the UMC did not feel they were able to continue for another year and have stood down. Cards of thanks were presented to: Gloria Saunders, Pete Cracknell and Loraine Loffstadt. A bouquet of flowers was also given to Loraine for all her hard work with fundraising in the past. We would like to wish them all the best in the future.

We are always on the lookout for new members to join our hard working team and if you feel you could give any time to help with our fundraising then please get in contact with us for more information.

ANNUAL GANGES REUNION AT GUNTON HOLIDAY RESORT

Beccles Unit were delighted to be involved in the Ganges Reunion. The event was a great success with around 400 guests.

The unit completed a PT Display and the cadets took part in Evening Colours.

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BRANDED GOODS AVAILABLE!

There are now Polo Shirts and Hoodies available to purchase that are branded with the Unit crest and name

Hoodies are:

9/11 and 12/13 yrs - £14.50
S, M, L and XL - £18.50

Polo Shirts are:

9/11 and 12/13 yrs - £9.99
S, M, L and XL - £11.50

Soft Cell Jackets

£25.00

Payment is required at the time of ordering.

Please bring your requirements and payments to the unit and speak to the Chairman or Administration Officer.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AGAIN FOR 2012!

We are delighted to announce that we are District Champions again, for the second year in succession.

This is down to the dedication of everyone involved, but mainly the commitment of our young people.

As you can see from the picture below, our Commanding Officer was delighted with the news!



ADVANCEMENT BOARD SUCCESS

Recent advancement boards have shown Beccles Cadets to be some of the best in the District. Congratulations to the cadets below for their achievements:-

Promoted to Leading Cadet

Cara Saunders
Jack Thompson

Promoted to Petty Officer Cadet

Emma Bacon
Emily Buchanan
Abbi Langridge

Promoted to Lance Corporal

Charlie Lees
Ben Standley

Good luck to all cadets who will be attending the RMCD advancement weekend in June!

DONATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS!

During our recent Unit Review we were delighted to welcome Mr Reg Sampson from the Beccles Free Masons who very kindly gave us a cheque for £1000.00

Other recent donations from The Royal Society of St George and The RAOB were also very gratefully received.

Without such donations it would be harder for us to offer the amount of different activities and to maintain our premises. Beccles Sea Cadets is a stand alone charity, therefore we are reliant on fundraising and donations to keep us afloat.

A massive thank you to all for supporting us and making your contributions—it really is very much appreciated.

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