

WELCOME TO THE BECCLES SEA CADETS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2014!

After a very busy year with lots going on we hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter to update you on a few of our achievements and activities. Looking ahead to another busy year this year, so watch this space for our achievements and news.

OFFSHORE VOYAGES

24 cadets and 4 members of staff have enjoyed voyages offshore on TS Jack Petchey and TS John Jerwood over then summer.

In June the cadets travelled up North to enjoy a week off the West Coast, starting in Ireland and finishing across in Scotland. They had a great time and were lucky to have fantastic weather.

Later, in August, the trip was in the south of the country. Starting in Gosport and ending the voyage in Jersey. Again a great week, with lots of great stories.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

W/B 6 January 2014

Unit re-opens

24-26 January

Area Drill & Piping Comp

27 February

Annual Awards Night

1 March

Annual Charity Ball



Pictured left T.S Jack Petchey.

Below the crew all ready to set off for T.S John Jerwood.



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Royal Marines Cadet Summer Camp

6 Royal Marines Cadets and 3 Sea Cadets attended the annual RMCD Summer Camp at Beckingham Training Camp in August. The cadets all took part on fieldcraft exercises and training and all spent time sleeping "in the field"...

The cadets are pictured below about to leave for the camp.



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.

NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDER FOR THE ROYAL MARINES 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/Sgt Callum Featherstone, assisted by Sgt Dean Harrington, as his DSM. With their enthusiasm we are sure that the detachment will continue to go from strength to strength. We would like to wish the DC well in this new venture.

COMPETITIONS and ACHIEVEMENTS

We have taken part in competitions throughout the summer and the cadets have done the unit proud with some great successes:-

District Sailing, held at Lackford Lake. We competed in all three events and LC Thompson, AC Aldous-Ball, MC Folkard all went on to take part in the Area Competition. The Bosun crew came 4th at Area, which was a great result. MC Folkard went one step better and won his PICO class, thus taking him to Nationals, which we are delighted to report he won!

Also the unit have competed in the Drill & Piping competition at RAF Honington. The Standard Party came a very well deserved 3rd and the Piping Team came 1st, retaining the trophy for the 5th year running!

We are also delighted to inform you all that at the recent Area Conference we were triumphant again:-

The unit was placed 2nd in the Area (not bad for an Area with 62 units)! Also, we won the Offshore Trophy and also the trophy for the most improved Royal Marines Cadet Detachment so a great day for Beccles Unit.

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CHARITY SUMMER BALL 2014

Our annual Charity Summer Ball has now been booked for 1 March 2014.

It will be held at The Waveney House Hotel in Beccles and the Guest Speaker is Commander Charlie Bagot-Jewitt RN, the Eastern Area Officer.

Tickets will be £30.00 per head and we guarantee an enjoyable and fun evening.

Please join us and support our unit.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AGAIN FOR 2013!

We are delighted to announce that we are District Champions again, for the third 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

The recent RMC advancement board was very successful.:-

Kieran Keating and Saffia Adda both attended the board for advancement to Corporal both of whom were successful and Kieran won the trophy for the best Royal Marine Cadet on the Board. A fantastic achievement and very well deserved.

NEW BUILD NEWS!

We are still busily trying to raise funds for our new premises, but we are delighted to say that we have now had news that Sea Cadet Headquarters are willing to assist us with this.

We are very excited about the news and will keep you updated.

Anyone who has any funding information which may be of help to us please do let us know we are always very grateful for help and ideas.

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