

## WELCOME TO THE BECCLES SEA CADETS NEWSLETTER

### Welcome to the December 2011 edition of the newsletter!

The Unit has had a fantastic year and we are rightly proud of all our Cadets' achievements so far. We would like to thank you all for your support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have a prosperous and happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you for a busy 2012!



### FAREWELL TO SUB LIEUTENANT SIMMY SADLER

Beccles Sea Cadets said farewell to a long standing member of the Unit this week. Sub Lieutenant (SCC) Simmy Sadler RNR received gifts and cards from the Ships Company on her last parade night at Beccles, before moving to Huddersfield to be with her partner.

Having joined the Unit as a Cadet, Simmy achieved the rate of Petty Officer Cadet, before moving on to become a member of staff. With a short break in service, Simmy has gone on to become a qualified Rowing Coach, Piping Examiner and Seamanship Instructor - devoting many hundreds of hours teaching and training the Cadets and Staff at the Unit. Simmy is the current Girls' Nautical Training Corps National Piper, and up until she leaves, is the Principal of the Unit's RYA Centre.

All members of the Unit will miss Simmy and would like to take the opportunity to wish her well in her endeavours in Yorkshire.



### UNIT ALMOST CLEANS OUT AT DISTRICT DRILL AND PIPING

On 9th October, the Unit participated in this year's Drill and Piping Competition at RAF Honington. Entering both Armed and Unarmed Squads, Colour Party and both Individual and Team Pipers, the teams had trained hard in preparation for the tough competition they knew they'd face.



Fantastically, the Unit left with Best Armed, Best Guard Commander, Best Dressed and both the Individual and Team Piping Trophies. A massive well done to all involved and a special thanks to the staff, Royal Marines Cadets and supporters that travelled with the Unit to help on the day.

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## GIRLS RUN AWAY WITH SENIOR TROPHY

The Unit took part in the District 5-a-Side football competition at the UEA, Norwich on 24th September, competing in all categories.

All teams played well on the day and enjoyed one of the largest competitions for some years.

Congratulations go to the Senior Girls team, who won their category and go on to the Area Competition in December. Good luck!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

20 - Last parade night

### JANUARY

4th - First Junior Parade  
5th - First Senior Parade  
9th - First RMCD Parade  
20-22 - Adult Training  
27-29 - Area D&P Comp

### FEBRUARY

3-5 - Area PT Course  
15 - Knit & Knatter  
19 - LC/POC Board  
24-26 - Adult Training

### MARCH

9-11 - Area MACT  
16-18 - Area PT Course  
16-18 - Area MACT

## TRIO OF AWARDS FOR BRAVE

Members of Beccles Sea Cadets are thrilled to be ending 2011 in style, with the news reaching them of some fantastic awards. Earlier in the year in October, the Unit was presented with the East Anglia District Cup for 2011 which is awarded to the best Sea Cadet Unit out of seven in the District.

Not content with being the best in the District, the Unit was then presented with their Annual Efficiency award from their Area office which manages over 60 Units across the East of England. This award is only presented to the very best Units in the Area and the Unit was also pleased to find out that they actually scored as the third best in the Area too.



To add to the excitement, the Commanding Officer was also presented with the Peter Bayliss trophy at the Eastern Area Conference in November which is awarded to the Unit in the Area with the best Training Organisation.

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander (SCC) Joe Meadows RNR stated "These awards go to prove that the massive amount of effort that the Cadets, Staff and Committee put into the Unit really pay off. To be awarded such high accolades give a massive boost to the team and we have set our sights even higher for 2012."



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## DISTRICT TRAFALGAR DAY PARADE

Lowestoft played host to 2011's District Trafalgar Day Parade. With a 24-man Guard to fill, Beccles Unit provided not only Guard members, but also many platoons members including Junior, Senior and Royal Marines Cadets.

With fantastic weather conditions, the Cadets hit the main street around 1.30pm and made their way to a service at St Margaret's Church. On conclusion, a special presentation was made back at base by the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk to the Unit - the District Cup!



## REMEMBRANCE 2011

Once again, the Unit put forward a great turnout to the town's annual Remembrance Parade. Starting with a short Act of Remembrance at the memorial on Peddars Lane, the Unit, joined by other Cadet Forces and veterans, made their way to the town centre to take part in the Remembrance Service.

With almost 100% turnout on the day, and all Cadets smart and seamanlike, it really was a sight to behold.

Well done to all.



## CADET ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations go to the following Cadets

Enrolment to Cadet:

Cdt Johnston  
Cdt Wilkinson  
Cdt Clarke  
Cdt King  
Cdt Buchanan A  
Cdt Warner  
Cdt Aldous-Ball

Enrolment to Marine Cadet:

MC Adda  
MC Waters  
MC Kewley  
MC Davis  
MC Hunt

Advancements:

AC to LC Bacon  
LC to POC Stanley  
JC to JCFC Law  
JCFC to LJC Staples-Roberts  
AC to LC Bianco  
AC to LC Shaw G  
JCFC to LJC Clancy  
JCFC to LJC Mummery

APO to PO Spillings  
PCI to A/Sgt Knowles  
PCI to A/Sgt Tyrrell

Well done from the whole ships company!

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## DONATIONS RECEIVED AND FUNDRAISING COMPLETED THIS QUARTER

£5572.00 - Proceeds from the Beccles Duck Race 2011  
£1160.36 - Proceeds from Tickets and Raffle at the Charity Ball  
£1454.15 - Proceeds from the Late Night Shopping event  
£25.00 - Mr & Mrs A Macfarlane  
£200.00 - Feoffees  
£50.00 - Beccles Middle School  
Provision and installation of Water and Space heaters for our toilets - Mr Jason Taylor  
A week's offshore voyage (worth £250) - CSF Marine Consultants

All our fundraising events were a great success, but without everyone pulling together it would not have been possible. We would like to say a massive thank you to all involved whether you are a member of the unit or not.

If you think you would be able to help at future events please give me a ring - Happy Christmas!

Lorraine Loffstadt - Unit Chairperson

## GRAND CHARITY BALL 2011

The Charity Ball this year, was held again at the Waveney House Hotel. It was an absolutely fantastic evening, kicked off with a PT Display by the Cadets themselves. We would like to thank the following for their donation of raffle prizes:

- 7 days accommodation in Alvor , Portugal for 4 people. ( committee member donation )
- Meals for two from The Wherry, Geldeston; The Locks, Geldeston; The Waveney House Hotel;
- A night's accommodation in the honeymoon suite at The Gillingham Swan, Gillingham
- Ellough Laser experience (two hours for 4 people)
- Bernice Broom's celebration cake
- Lowestoft Car Hire for a weekend's car hire
- Various bottled alcohol (committee member sourced)

## FOR SALE

17 Ft Dolphin two-berth cruiser with Mercury 20 HP, four-stroke engine. Requires a canopy and some TLC

Safety Certificate valid until March 2013 and Broads Tolloed until March 2012

Reserve price of £500.00 - Sold as seen

Contact Lorraine on 07773 493160 or Joe on 07795 821454



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lt Cdr Meadows and SLt Meadows for being awarded their SCC IM Assessors qualification, enabling them to train and qualify people in Instructional Methods.

PCIs Knowles and Tyrrell on their promotions to Acting Sergeant.

Acting Petty Officer (on loan to Bedford) Spillings on his advancement to substantive Petty Officer.

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2011

On a frosty night in November, Staff and Committee members turned out in force to steward the town's Christmas Lights Switch on and Fayre.

A great evening was had by all, with the public of Beccles swamping the town centre to sample the festivities.



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