

Newsletter

April-June 2026

A Message from the CO

As we come to the end of another busy and successful quarter, I am incredibly proud to reflect on everything our cadets, volunteers, and supporters have achieved.

The month started off with our Royal Marines Cadets attending Easter Camp, developing their fieldcraft, teamwork, resilience, and confidence in a challenging environment, with cadets from around Alpha Company.

This was followed with boating, which has been a major focus this quarter. We have delivered a significant number of boating hours across the unit, helping cadets develop confidence, competence, and recognised qualifications. This was reflected in our excellent regatta results, with a total 44 medals coming back to Sutton Coldfield Unit, accompanied by 14 trophies.

We have also had some very special individual achievements. I am delighted that one of our cadets has been appointed as a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the West Midlands, and another has been appointed as the Royal Sutton Mayor's Cadet. These appointments are a huge honour and reflect not only the calibre of the cadets selected, but also the strength and reputation of our unit.

Away from training, we held a successful AGM and supported the local Fun Run, continuing to play an active role in our community. These events remind us that Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets is not only about developing young people, but also about service, citizenship, and making a positive contribution locally.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, the support of parents and carers, and the continued effort of our cadets. Thank you to everyone who has given their time, energy, and enthusiasm this quarter.

As we look ahead to the next quarter, I am excited to see our cadets spend more time afloat, and in the field, gaining qualifications and experiences as we head towards our Unit Review in September.

Yours Aye,

Sub Lieutenant (SCC) Ryan Richards RNR

Officer in Charge, Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets

Presentation Evening 2026

On 3rd April, we hosted our Annual Presentation Evening at the Sutton Coldfield Royal British Legion. This was an evening of celebrating our cadets achievements from the previous 12 months, and recognising those that stood out in specific categories. The evening was then wrapped up with music and dancing.

Some of the winners from the evening:

Best Junior Sea Cadet: Leading Junior Cadet Jenkins

Best Junior Cadet: Cadet Soul

Best Sea Cadet: Able Cadet Weir

Best Royal Marines Cadet: Cadet Sergeant Birdi

Cadet of the Year: Able Cadet Weir

Best Division: Maintop

Best Staff Member: Midshipman Evans

Congratulations to all category winners!



Alpha Company Easter Camp

From Friday 10th April to Sunday 12th April 2026, our Royal Marines Cadets, and some Sea Cadets, spent the weekend at Caerwent.

The experience gained at Caerwent has not only strengthened their individual skillsets, but also reinforced teamwork, resilience, and the ability to operate effectively in challenging environments.

Bringing the skills and experience back to Sutton Coldfield Detachment, the cadets will now look to build on this momentum, applying what they have learned to further develop their confidence, leadership, and fieldcraft within the Detachment.

We look forward to getting more cadets onto the Alpha Company Summer Camp in August!



Lord Lieutenant Cadet Investiture

On Wednesday 15th April, we had the privilege of having one of our cadets, Cadet Corporal Soul, appointed as a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for the West Midlands.

The event was attended by our Detachment Commander and cadets from the Detachment, who made up part of the Guard of Honour.

As a Lord Lieutenant Cadet, Cadet Corporal Soul will support the Lord Lieutenant in various duties, from civic events to ceremonies.

We are very proud of his achievement, and look forward to supporting him across this year.



Care Home Visit

On Sunday 24th May, our Royal Marines Cadets had the pleasure of visiting a local care home, where they spent time with residents. The cadets enjoyed taking part in games and activities, creating a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for everyone involved.

Throughout the visit, cadets had the opportunity to sit with residents, chat, and listen to stories from their lives and experiences. These conversations gave our young people a valuable chance to connect with another generation.

The visit was a wonderful example of our cadets putting the values of respect, kindness and service into action. It was a meaningful and enjoyable experience for both the cadets and the residents, and we are very proud of the way our Royal Marines Cadets represented the unit within the local community.



Royal Sutton Fun Run

On Sunday 31st May, our cadets supported the local fun run in Sutton Coldfield, running a water station at Four Oaks Gate.

The Royal Sutton Fun Run is a fantastic community event, bringing together people of all ages in support of good causes. It was a brilliant opportunity for our cadets to be part of something bigger, supporting both the runners and the wider local community.

As always, our cadets represented the unit superbly, showing teamwork, enthusiasm, and a real willingness to help. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and grateful to have been able to play a part in such a successful event.



Warwickshire District Rowing Regatta

On Sunday 7th June, Sutton Coldfield Unit hosted and competed in the Warwickshire District Rowing Regatta.

The results are:

Junior Girls: 3rd 🏅

Junior Boys: 4th

Open Boys: 5th

Open Boys: 5th

Our cadets gave it their all, and kept good spirits throughout the day, bringing home 3rd overall in the Rowing Regatta!



Warwickshire District Yole and JSC Rowing Regatta

On Sunday 14th June, Sutton Coldfield Unit hosted and competed in the Warwickshire District Yole and Junior Sea Cadet Rowing Regatta.

The results:

Junior Mixed Yole: 2nd 🥈

Open Mixed Yole: 1st 🥇

Open Boy single Yole: 2nd 🥈

Open Girl Single Yole: 1st 🥇

Junior Sea Cadets Rowing: 4th

Well done to all teams, especially after the uncertainty of when the regatta would be run, and good luck to the two yole teams going forward to Area!



Royal Sutton Coldfield Mayor's Cadet

On Sunday 14th June, LC Poole was formally appointed as the Mayor's Cadet for the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield during the annual Civic Service.

The appointment recognises LC Poole's commitment, professionalism, and dedication to both Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets and the wider community.

During her time as the Mayor's Cadet, LC Poole will attend community events with the Mayor around Sutton Coldfield and the wider area.

BZ!



Warwickshire District Boat Handling Regatta

On Saturday 20th June, Sutton Coldfield Unit attended the Warwickshire Boat Handling Competition, hosted at Tamworth & Lichfield Sea Cadets. We entered two teams - Rowing Boat Handling and Powerboat Handling.

The results:

Rowing Boat Handling: 1st 🏆

Powerboat Handling: 3rd 🥉

The boat handling competition is a competition that focuses on the cadets technical skills.

Good luck to the Rowing Boat Handling team at Area!



Warwickshire District Paddlesport Regatta

On Sunday 21st June, Sutton Coldfield Unit hosted and competed in the Warwickshire District Paddlesport Competition.

The results:

Time Trial

Junior Girls K1 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Junior Boys K2 Time Trial: 2nd 🥈

Open Girls K1 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K2 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Junior Girls K2 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K1 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Open Girls K2 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Sprint

Junior Girls K1 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Junior Boys K2 Sprint: 2nd 🥈

Open Girls K1 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K2 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Junior Girls K2 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Junior Boys K1 Sprint: 2nd 🥈

Open Boys K1 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Open Girls K2 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Cross Stream

Open Girl, Kayak: 2nd 🥈

Open Boys, Kayak: 2nd 🥈

Open Girl, Canoe: 2nd 🥈

Open Boy, Canoe: 2nd 🥈

Open Mixed, Canoe: 2nd 🥈

With these fantastic results, we also received the trophy for Overall Paddlesport Regatta.

We are very proud of their achievements, and wish them all the best at the Area competition!



South West Area Paddlesport and Yole Regatta

On Saturday 27th June 2026, our cadet competed in the South West Area Paddlesport and Yole Regatta.

The results:

Time Trial

Junior Girls K1 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Junior Boys K2 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Open Girls K1 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K2 Time Trial: 2nd 🥈

Junior Girls K2 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K1 Time Trial: 2nd 🥈

Open Girls K2 Time Trial: 1st 🏆

Sprint

Junior Girls K1 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Junior Boys K2 Sprint: 2nd 🥈

Open Girls K1 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K2 Sprint: 2nd 🥈

Junior Girls K2 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Junior Boys K1 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Open Boys K1 Sprint: 2nd 🥈

Open Girls K2 Sprint: 1st 🏆

Yole

Open Girl Single: 1st 🏆

Open Mixed Double: 2nd 🥈

Sutton Coldfield Unit made up the majority of the Paddlesport flatwater entry, and half of the Yole entry for Warwickshire District.

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Waste Mission - Grant Recieved

This quarter, we have been fortunate to receive a grant from Waste Mission, for £1,000. This grant has allowed the Unit to purchase more equipment for our Royal Marines Cadet Detachment, as it is growing, and renovate our storage area to increase the sustainability of the equipment we own.

Our Royal Marines Cadets immediately got involved with the new storage and equipment, as we purchased bergens, side pouches, and sleeping bags, before racking out the new storage space to make sure that the equipment stays dry and in the best condition for our cadets!

We are very thankful to Waste Mission for their donation, and look forward to seeing our cadets use the kit in the field soon!



Divisional Parades

Across April, May, and June, our cadets have taken part in the next three Divisional Parades of the year, with some very close competition between Maintop, Quarterdeck, and the Royal Marines Cadets.

Each month, the divisions have been scored not only on the results of the divisional game, but also on attendance, qualifications gained, and individual achievements. This has made the competition much more than just one activity, rewarding consistency, commitment, teamwork, and personal development across the Unit.

The gap has closed greatly since the March update, with only 3 points separating 1st and 2nd, and only 10 points separating 2nd and 3rd - it's all still to play for! It has been fantastic to see cadets supporting their teams, encouraging each other, and taking pride in representing their division.

We would like to thank the OC from the 495 (Sutton Coldfield) Squadron - RAF Air Cadets for being our VIP in April!



Promotions

New Entry Cadet to Cadet:

New Entry Cadet Bude-Fratila
New Entry Cadet Ginez-Renhard
New Entry Cadet Marfo

Recruit to Royal Marines Cadet

Recruit Kanengisser
Recruit Salama

Cadet to Cadet First Class

Cadet Moore
Cadet Warner

Cadet First Class to Ordinary Cadet

Cadet First Class Hopkins
Cadet First Class Mogg
Cadet First Class Satish



Ordinary Cadet to Able Cadet

Ordinary Cadet Collins
Ordinary Cadet Slater

Cadet Corporal to Cadet Sergeant

Cadet Corporal Moore

Probationary Petty Officer(SCC) to Petty Officer(SCC)

Probationary Petty Officer(SCC) Sanford

Qualifications

Advanced First Aid

- Able Cadet Ng
- Ordinary Cadet Hopkins
- Cadet Lance Corporal Marfo
- Royal Marines Cadet Weston

Intermediate First Aid

- Ordinary Cadet Mogg
- Cadet First Class Caldecott
- Cadet First Class Gibbons
- Cadet First Class Moore
- Cadet First Class Warner
- Royal Marines Cadet Munn

Basic First Aid

- Ordinary Cadet Mogg
- Cadet First Class Caldecott
- Royal Marines Cadet Salama

Basic Seamanship

- Able Cadet Salter
- Able Cadet Slater
- Able Cadet Slater
- Able Cadet Weir
- Cadet Corporal Moore
- Cadet Corporal Wilkinson
- Ordinary Cadet Satish
- Cadet Lance Corporal Bailey
- Cadet Lance Corporal Bolton
- Cadet First Class Davies
- Cadet First Class Jones
- Cadet First Class Moore
- Cadet First Class Warner
- Cadet Kanengisser

Meteorology - Proficiency

- Leading Cadet Birdi
- Able Cadet Ng
- Able Cadet Soul
- Cadet First Class Caldecott
- Cadet First Class Gibbons

Basic Piping

- Able Cadet Salter

SCC Rowing Instructor (Cadet)

- Cadet Lance Corporal Marfo

SCC Row Coxswain Module

- Able Cadet Collins
- Able Cadet Soul
- Able Cadet Ng
- Ordinary Cadet Satish
- Cadet First Class Jones

SCC Row 3

- Ordinary Cadet Hopkins
- Ordinary Cadet Satish
- Cadet First Class Gibbons
- Cadet Fisher-Tsang
- Royal Marines Cadet Cardinali

SCC Row 2

- Cadet Lance Corporal Bolton
- Cadet First Class Caldecott
- Cadet Azmy
- Cadet Bude-Fratila
- Cadet Chauhan
- Cadet Jackson
- Cadet Nelson
- Cadet Smith
- Cadet Shirvani
- Cadet Taylor
- Royal Marines Cadet Newey
- Royal Marines Cadet Salama
- Junior Cadet First Class Hodaj
- Junior Cadet Ghafoorian-Pakdel
- Junior Cadet Green
- Junior Cadet Jonson

RYA Youth Sailing Stage 3

- Ordinary Cadet Hopkins
- Cadet Kanengisser

Qualifications

RYA Youth Sailing Stage 2

- Cadet Lance Corporal Bolton
- Cadet Azmy
- Cadet Shirvani
- Cadet Smith

RYA Youth Sailing Stage 1

- Cadet Goffe-Wood

RYA Youth Sailing Taster

- Cadet First Class Moore
- Cadet First Class Weston
- Cadet First Class Warner
- Royal Marines Cadet Salama

BR Go Row 2 (Sliding)

- Cadet Corporal Moore
- Cadet Corporal Soul
- Cadet First Class Warner
- Royal Marines Cadet Johnson

BR Go Row 1 (Sliding)

- Cadet Lance Corporal Marfo
- Cadet Jackson
- Cadet Soul

RYA Powerboat Level 2 (Displacement)

- Able Cadet Collins
- Cadet Corporal Wilkinson
- Ordinary Cadet Hopkins
- Cadet Lance Corporal Bolton

RYA Powerboat Level 2 (Planing)

- Cadet Corporal Wilkinson
- Cadet Lance Corporal Bolton

Paddle Safety and Rescue Training

- Cadet Lance Corporal Marfo

Paddle Explore

- Royal Marines Cadet Kanengisser
- Royal Marines Cadet Weston

Paddle Discover

- Able Cadet Collins
- Able Cadet Ng
- Able Cadet Soul
- Able Cadet Weir
- Ordinary Cadet Hopkins
- Ordinary Cadet Satish
- Cadet First Class Caldecott
- Cadet Chauhan
- Cadet Jackson
- Cadet Soul

Paddle Start

- Cadet Sergeant Moore
- Able Cadet Salter
- Cadet Lance Corporal Bailey
- Cadet Lance Corporal Bolton
- Cadet First Class Davies
- Cadet Azmy
- Cadet Bude-Fratila
- Cadet Ginez-Renhard
- Cadet Kanengisser
- Cadet Shirvani
- Royal Marines Cadet Johnson
- Royal Marines Cadet Munn
- Royal Marines Cadet Newey

RYA Start Motor Cruising

- Able Cadet Collins

Offshore Sail - Grade 2

- Royal Marines Cadet Weston

Offshore Sail - Grade 1

- Cadet First Class Poole

ILM Level 3 Award in Leadership and Management

- Cadet Corporal Soul

Weapon Handling Test (GPA2)

- Cadet Sergeant Moore

Junior Sea Cadet Commodores Broad Pennant

- Leading Junior Cadet Collins
- Leading Junior Cadet Jenkins

Junior Sea Cadet STEM Badge

- Junior Cadet First Class Hodaj

Junior Sea Cadet Blue Badge

- Junior Cadet First Class Hodaj

First Aid at Work

- Lieutenant(SCC) Mobley RMR
- Probationary Sergeant(SCC) Charlton
- Mrs Vyse

SCC Rowing Instructor (Adult)

- Petty Officer(SCC) Blick
- Petty Officer(SCC) Sanford

SCC Row Coxswain Module

- Petty Officer(SCC) Taylor

RYA Powerboat Level 2 (Displacement)

- Probationary Sergeant(SCC) Charlton

RYA Powerboat Level 2 (Planing)

- Probationary Sergeant(SCC) Charlton

Dates for your Diary

July

Saturday 11th July – Sutton Triathlon
Saturday 11th July – Sunday 12th July – Sutton Community Games
Friday 17th – Sunday 19th July – South West Area Sailing Regatta

August

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th August - Dawn til Dusk
Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd August – National Band Competition

September

Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th September - Powells Pool Users Regatta*
Friday 25th September – Unit Review
Friday 25th – Sunday 27th September – National Sailing Competition

October

Sunday 18th October – District Trafalgar Parade
Sunday 25th October – National Trafalgar Parade
Saturday 31st October - Concert of Remembrance

November

Saturday 7th November – Poppy Selling
Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday
Friday 13th – Sunday 15th November – National First Aid Competition

December

Saturday 19th December – Mess Meal*
Sunday 20th December – Last Parade

***Date is subject to change**