



# Newsletter

Sept - Dec 2025

## A Message from the CO

As we move through another busy and rewarding quarter at Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets, I want to take a moment to thank every cadet, volunteer, parent and supporter for the commitment you continue to show. The strength of our Unit has always been built on teamwork, young people pushing themselves to improve, adults giving their time and experience, and a community that believes in what we do.

This quarter has been a brilliant example of our values in action. On 9 November 2025, our cadets and staff proudly paraded at the Sutton Coldfield Remembrance Day service, forming part of the wider parade and providing a guard at the cenotaph. It was a moment of real pride to see our cadets represent the Unit with such professionalism, respect, and maturity, honouring those who served and reinforcing the standards we expect of ourselves.

We have also continued to strengthen our links with the local community. On 18 November 2025, two of our cadets attended the Rotary Club Dinner and delivered a presentation on our Unit and our future development plans. Opportunities like this not only showcase what our cadets can achieve, but also help us build the relationships and support that allow the Unit to grow and create even more opportunities for young people.

Finally, I'm delighted to report a fantastic start to the 2026 competition year. On 22 November 2025, our Royal Marines Cadet Detachment achieved our first competition success of the season by bringing home Gold at the 1 Troop Drill Competition. This is a testament to the hard work, discipline and determination shown in training. Well done to every cadet and member of staff involved.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and feel proud of everything that has been achieved this quarter. As ever, we look ahead with ambition, continuing to deliver nautical adventure, life skills, and leadership development, while representing Sutton Coldfield with the standards and pride our community has come to expect.

Yours Aye,

Sub Lieutenant (SCC) Ryan Richards RNR

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

# Royal Naval Parade

On October 3rd, the unit held its bi-annual Royal Naval Parade.

We were honoured to be joined by our Area Officer, Cdr Gary Mills RN, and would like to thank him for attending and taking part in the evening's events.

The parade began with a ceremonial routine, during which the Area Officer inspected the Guard and Divisions and presented awards to cadets in recognition of their achievements. This was followed by a series of evolutions telling the story of the D-Day Landings, showcasing the cadets' teamwork, drill, and historical understanding — with the Area Officer even getting involved.

The parade concluded with the Junior Sea Cadets proudly carrying out the Evening Colours routine, bringing the evening to a fitting close.

Thank you to all staff, cadets, parents, and guests who supported and attended the parade. We had a very successful evening, and have been awarded a Burgee for our efforts.



## District Trafalgar 2025

On October 13th, our cadets took part in the annual Warwickshire District Trafalgar Parade, hosted in Tamworth.

The Trafalgar Parade is an important event in the Sea Cadet calendar, held to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar (21st October 1805) and to remember the service, sacrifice, and heritage of the Royal Navy. For our cadets, it is a meaningful opportunity to reflect on naval history, demonstrate respect, and uphold the traditions and values on which the Sea Cadet Corps is founded.

Our Sea Cadets, Royal Marines Cadets, and Junior Sea Cadets all turned out smartly in their uniform and proudly represented the unit throughout the parade. Their excellent behaviour, discipline, and presentation were a credit to themselves and to TS Sutton Coldfield.

Well done to all cadets who took part — you should be very proud.



# Handover of Command

On the evening of 17/10/2025, SLt (SCC) Thomas Owen RNR formally completed the handover of command of T.S. Sutton Coldfield to SLt (SCC) Ryan Richards RNR.

We would like to thank SLt Owen for his dedication and hard work during his tenure as Commanding Officer and wish him every success in his future ventures. His commitment and leadership have left a lasting positive impact on both the unit and its cadets. We are pleased to confirm that SLt Owen plans to return to T.S. Sutton Coldfield following a short break.

We would also like to wish SLt Richards every success in his role as Officer in Charge of T.S. Sutton Coldfield. We have every confidence that, under his leadership, the unit will continue to grow, inspire young people, and uphold the finest traditions of the Sea Cadet Corps.

BZ!



# National Trafalgar Day

Today, two of our cadets were honoured to form part of the Sea Cadets' Massed Band, leading the National Trafalgar Day Parade in London.

Our Cadet Sergeant proudly led from the front as Lead Drum Major, while our Leading Cadet performed as part of the musician section of the band. Both cadets represented T.S. Sutton Coldfield with professionalism and pride on this national stage.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement. For more pictures please click [here](#).



# Unit Command Update

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Lt Cdr (SCC) Steve Warwick RNR, Warwickshire District Officer, attended the unit to formally swear in SLt (SCC) Ryan Richards RNR as Officer in Charge of T.S. Sutton Coldfield and present him with his commission scroll. We wish him every success in his command going forward.

Following this, SLt Richards confirmed the appointment of Lt Andrew Rose RN as Executive Officer and Lt (SCC) Lynsey Mobley RMR as Detachment Commander. They are joined by PO (SCC) Esmé Taylor, who will be continuing in her role as Unit Training Officer.

We look forward to seeing the command team continue to develop the unit and provide outstanding opportunities for all cadets



# Concert of Remembrance

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, our cadets and staff were proud to support Sutton Coldfield's first Concert of Remembrance.

Everyone turned out smartly and represented the unit with dignity and professionalism. We are extremely proud of their involvement in such a meaningful event.

Thank you to all supporters who attended, and we look forward to seeing you at the Remembrance Parade next Sunday as we continue to remember and reflect together.



# Royal Navy Engagement Evening

November the 5<sup>th</sup> saw us welcome the Royal Navy Engagement Team to the unit, where they delivered a range of Practical Leadership Tasks (PLTs) and answered cadets' questions about life in the Royal Navy.

Our cadets engaged fully with the activities, demonstrating strong teamwork, a healthy spirit of competition, and excellent camaraderie, while further developing their leadership skills throughout the evening.

We would like to thank the Royal Navy Engagement Team for their time and support and look forward to welcoming them back in the future.



# Lady Mayor's Show

On November 8th, two of our cadets and one member of staff were invited to take part in the Lady Mayor's Show in London as part of the Sea Cadets' Massed Band.

All three represented the unit with pride, performing admirably on parade and making a valuable contribution to the musician section of the band. Their professionalism and commitment were a credit to themselves and to T.S. Sutton Coldfield.

The event also received coverage from BBC News — did you manage to spot them?



# Poppy Selling

Ahead of the Remembrance Parade, our cadets were out in Mere Green supporting the Royal British Legion with the Poppy Appeal.

Every year, we support at Sainsbury's Mere Green and the surrounding area, and our cadets always turn out professional and ready to volunteer some of their time.

We thank them for their support, fundraising for the Royal British Legion.



# Sutton Coldfield Remembrance Parade 2025

For Remembrance Day, our cadets and staff paraded at the Sutton Coldfield Remembrance Day, forming part of the wider parade, and providing a guard for the cenotaph to honour and pay tribute to those who risked everything for our country, many of whom we will never meet.

The parade was a solemn and poignant reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of all who have served, and our cadets represented T.S. Sutton Coldfield with respect and pride. Standing together, they took part in the ceremony with discipline and reverence, ensuring that the memory of those who gave their lives is never forgotten.

We will remember them.



## District Officers Commendation

On November 16th, we were privileged to welcome back Mr Evans, who returned to the unit following his departure to BRNC earlier this year.

During his visit, our Officer in Charge presented him with a District Officer's Commendation, issued by Lt Cdr (SCC) Warwick RNR, District Officer for Warwickshire, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to T.S. Sutton Coldfield and his contributions to the Dawn to Dusk boating weekend.

We are extremely grateful for all the support Mr Evans provided during his time volunteering with the unit and wish him every success for the remainder of his training at BRNC.

We are delighted to confirm that, upon completing his training, Mr Evans will continue to support the unit, volunteering whenever he can.



## Wylde Green Rotary Club Visit

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, two of our cadets, accompanied by two members of unit staff, attended a meeting of the Wylde Green Rotary Club.

Our cadets delivered a confident and engaging presentation about the unit, sharing highlights from our recent activities, future development plans, and explaining the positive impact Sea Cadets has on young people within our local community. They spoke proudly about the opportunities available, from adventure training to leadership development, and represented the unit exceptionally well.

The evening also provided a fantastic opportunity for them to demonstrate the presentation and communication skills they have developed during their time with us — a true credit to themselves and the unit.

We would like to thank Wylde Green Rotary Club for the warm welcome and look forward to building a strong relationship and working together in the future.



# 1 Troop Drill Competition Success

Congratulations to our Royal Marines Cadets who attended the 1 Troop Drill Competition on Saturday 22nd November — the first competition of the 2026 competition year.

Demonstrating outstanding teamwork, precision and discipline, they proudly secured 1st place 🏆 for Best Drill Team. As a result of their success, they will go on to represent 1 Troop at the ACoy Drill Competition next year. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the dedication, commitment and hard work they consistently show in training.

We are incredibly proud of you all — BZ!



## Operation Sleighguard

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December we proudly hosted our final parade of 2025 — Operation Sleighguard!

Our cadets took part in a range of fun and challenging activities, all organised and led by our Senior Cadets. With one clear mission in mind — save Santa! — teams worked together using teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills to complete each task.

We're pleased to report that Santa was successfully rescued, bringing a fantastic year at Sutton Coldfield Unit to a close on a high note.

A full photo album from the evening is now available on our Facebook page.



# Promotions

## New Entry Cadet to Cadet:

New Entry Cadet Salama  
New Entry Cadet Shirvani  
New Entry Cadet Smith

## Recruit to Royal Marines Cadet

Recruit Cardinarli

## Ordinary Cadet to Able Cadet

Ordinary Cadet Salter

## Royal Marines Cadet to Cadet Lance Corporal

Royal Marines Cadet Charlton

## Cadet Lance Corporal to Cadet Corporal

Cadet Lance Corporal Moore  
Cadet Lance Corporal Wilkinson

## Able Junior Sea Cadet to Leading Junior Sea Cadet

Able Junior Cadet Kanengisser

## Promotion to Petty Officer

Probationary Petty Officer (SCC) David Styche  
Probationary Petty Officer (SCC) Wendy Blick

## Promotion to Sergeant

Probationary Sergeant (SCC) Jasraj Sagoo



# Qualifications

## Cadet Drill Instructor

- Leading Cadet Kanengisser

## Advanced Marine Engineering (Electrical)

- Able Cadet Ng
- Able Cadet Soul

## Advanced First Aid (First Aid at Work)

- Leading Cadet Marfo

## Pre-Cadet Drill Leader

- Cadet Sergeant Birdi
- Cadet Corporal Moore

## Basic First Aid

- New Entry Cadet Taylor
- Cadet Jones
- Royal Marines Cadet Bailey
- Royal Marines Cadet Bolton
- Royal Marines Cadet Johnson
- Royal Marines Cadet Munn
- Royal Marines Cadet Roberts
- Royal Marines Cadet Sniukstaite

## Offshore Seaman (Sail)

- Cadet Lance Corporal Marfo

## Offshore Grade 1

- Leading Cadet Marfo
- Able Cadet Kanengisser

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh

- Cadet Corporal Wilkinson
- Royal Marines Cadet Bratt-Rose

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

- Able Cadet Salter
- Able Cadet Soul

## Crest Award

- Junior Cadet First Class Drewry
- Junior Cadet First Class Hodaj
- Junior Cadet First Class Nelson
- Junior Cadet First Class Sniukstaite

## Junior Sea Cadet STEM Module

- Leading Junior Cadet Kanengisser
- Able Junior Cadet Collins
- Able Junior Cadet Goffe-Wood

## Junior Sea Cadet Red Module

- Junior Cadet First Class Drewry
- Junior Cadet First Class Sniukstaite

## RYA Essential Navigation and Seamanship

- Sub Lieutenant (SCC) Thomas Owen RNR

## Pre-Drill Instructor Course

- Petty Officer (SCC) Esmé Taylor

# Cadet Voice

Following a successful round of interviews, we are delighted to announce that Sutton Coldfield Unit now has two Cadet Voice Representatives.

Cadet Voice is the way the Sea Cadet Corps gathers feedback directly from cadets, helping to shape the future of the organisation — including policies, courses and competitions. It ensures that young people have a real say in the decisions that affect their cadet experience.

Representing Warwickshire District, we are proud to have Cadet Corporal Moore, who will collect feedback from units across the District and present it to the Area Team. This ensures that cadet views are heard at District level and clearly understood at Area level.

Representing South West Area, we congratulate Royal Marines Cadet Bolton, who will gather feedback from across the Area and feed it directly to the National level of the organisation — including the Captain of the Corps and the MSSC CEO.

This is a fantastic achievement for both cadets and a great opportunity to make a real impact. We are incredibly proud of them and are excited to see the difference they can make at both a local and national level.



Congratulations

## Dates for your Diary

### March

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March – South West Area Drill & Piping Competition  
Saturday 21st March – Presentation Evening\*

### April

Sunday 5th April – Unit Closure (Easter Sunday)  
Friday 24th – Sunday 26th – National Drill & Piping Competition

### May

Sunday 31st May – Royal Sutton Fun Run

### June

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th June – Warwickshire District Combined Regatta  
Saturday 20th June – Warwickshire District Sailing & Windsurf Regatta  
Saturday 27th June – South West Area Paddle & Yole Regatta

### 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  
Saturday 25th July – South West Area Combined Regatta

### August

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd August – National Band Competition

### September

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\*

### 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**