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Welcome

It has been all change at Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF with Colonel Nigel Wilkinson handing over command to Colonel Robin Fox at the end of last year. Colonel Wilkinson has served with the Regular Army, the Reserves and latterly with the ACF for many years; his enthusiasm and experience has meant that the cadets of his county have much to thank him for in the five years he commanded the county. Both Colonel Nigel and his wife, Caroline, are wished the very best in the future from the Officers, Instructors and the Cadets of Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF.

As the weather starts to become rather better and days longer weekend camps, expeditions and other outdoor activities will be starting to recommence ready for spring and the summer. Do remember that without all the planning and preparations by the many Officers and Instructors who give up their time freely it would not happen, spare a thought for them as they work so hard to give all of our youngsters the chance to enjoy the “Cadet Experience”. This copy of the Cadet Review is no exception and there are many heart warming stories of the achievements of the cadets and their leaders.

Please continue to send, high quality stories and pictures in for the magazine, which makes for excellent reading material, not just around Yorkshire and the Humber, but nationally. A plea though, do look closely at the quality of the pictures being sent with stories; many have been rejected as they of poor quality or content and would detract from what would otherwise be good contributions. Keep sending your stories, but do please note the copy dates below.

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Mayor’s Cadets
Appointed in Rotherham

For our young people have received formal recognition after being selected to carry out the special duties of “Mayor’s Cadets.” Flight Sergeant Nicole Weyman was joined by cadets from the Army Cadet Force, Sea Cadets and Girls Venture Corps at a special event hosted by the Mayor of Rotherham, Cllr Eve Keenan.

The Mayor’s Cadets scheme is in its third year in Rotherham. In addition to benefiting the young people who take part in terms of their own personal development and experiences, the scheme also helps to underline the Council’s commitment to the Armed Forces Community.

Cllr Keenan said: “We are the only South Yorkshire Authority that currently has Mayor’s Cadets, and many I say how lucky I am to have such wonderful young people on board in my year of office! I’m forever proud of how the people of Rotherham support our local community, so I’m delighted that so many young people are involved in cadet organisations here in Rotherham, making a positive contribution to society and taking part in some fantastic activities. I hope that going forward many more cadets will enjoy the opportunity to gain experience of taking part in official duties and engagements, escorting future Mayors of Rotherham on engagements such as Armed Forces Day; or at this time of year, Remembrance Sunday.” she added.

Cllr Keenan then announced that she would like to extend her duties and engagements, escorting Mayor’s Cadets from across Yorkshire and the Humber from all three services, and the CF, for just over six months, between April and the end of October 2017.

The Association was inundated with entries representing a myriad of experiences from band and parade, to exercises, adventure training, together with community and fundraising activities. Preliminary judging was undertaken by professional photographer Stephen Garnett and former Schools Cadet Expansion Officer for the North East RFCA, Liz Green. Shortlisted entries were then judged by RFCA Chairman Brigadier David Hargreaves, Vice Chairman Colonel David Fuller OBE and Chief Executive, Colonel Jason Wright, whose job was made extremely difficult by the high calibre of entries.

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1. Bailey Thornhill, Sheffield Sea Cadets
2. LCpl Lucas Hibbert of Acomb Detachment, Yorkshire North & West ACF
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Royal Marine Cadet Corporal Joseph Judson of Scarborough was presented with his certificate and badge of office by the Lord Lieutenant at a separate occasion.

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Hull Sea Cadets

Festival of Remembrance
Hull City Hall
10 November 2017

Cadets from Hull Unit (TS Iron Duke) and Filey Unit (TS Unseen) took part in a display of club swinging and dancing the hornpipe for a very well attended Festival of Remembrance at Hull City Hall on Friday, 10 November.

Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets from TS Iron Duke were also in attendance to help out at the City Hall entrance. A very good Concert, enjoyed by all.

Remembrance Parade and laying of the wreath at Hessle

THE JUNIOR CADETS, together with other youth organisations, took part in a short march through Hessle to attend a Church Service and laying of wreaths at the Hessle Memorial. This year JFC Maddy Clark was responsible for laying the wreath of the Hessle Royal British Legion.

Remembrance Sunday
Hull Cenotaph

All Cadets, including the Royal Marine Cadets of TS Iron Duke attended the Service and march on a very cold and wet Sunday. The Lord Mayor’s Cadet OC Sapphire Whitham accompanied the Lord Mayor. Our Cadets, aided by CPO Freda Cheesman, also handed out service sheets.

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Mirfield celebrates Remembrance Day in force

Sunday 12th November 2017, a cold day but not freezing, and the Kirklees Council grit spreaders were on the road in the small Yorkshire town of Mirfield. It has previously been reported in the national press that “traditionally the biggest Remembrance Day parade has been organised by the British Legion branch of Mirfield West Yorkshire which attracts thousands of people every year”, so after the horrific events around the country earlier in the year, security after the horrific events around the country earlier in the year, security for the Remembrance Day Parade in Mirfield has a high priority.

Well before the day, representatives of the Royal British Legion in Mirfield, Kirklees Council and West Yorkshire Police had met to review the arrangements for the parade, to best ensure the safety of all those marching, as well as the thousands of others who turn out to support the event.

With a strong police presence, the council gritters to “top and tail” the parade as it marched, and side roads blocked off with other vehicles the event was carried out smoothly and without hindrance.

At 2.00pm the town came to a complete standstill as the parade set off, consisting of three marching columns preceded by the Royal British Legion Bluer’s division as it marched through the town to the war memorial in Ings Grove Park where a commemorative service was held. The park was packed out with more than 8,000 people, both those who marched on the parade and supporters who lined the streets.

Leading those marching were Deputy Lieutenant Iqbal Bhana, MP for Dewsbury and Mirfield Paula Sherrif, and Mayor of Mirfield Paul Blakeley, each of whom laid a commemorative wreath during the service in the park. Amongst the marching columns were serving members of the armed forces, and some members of the general public, and a very strong representation of the youth of community: scouts, guides, cubs and brownies, Army Cadet Force and staff, committee and cadets of the 868 Squadron, and their cadets also formed the entirety of the standard bearers for the event.

Following the service, the parade reformed and marched back through the town to the applause of onlookers, and a salute was taken by the Deputy Lieutenant. At the end of the march, the crowd were treated to an impromptu display by the band of 868 (Mirfield) Squadron Air Cadets, who had led the third column of the parade under the command of Flight Sergeant Joe Jenkinson from the Squadron. The main body of the Squadron had marched in the first column, and were joined on the day by some ex-cadets now serving in the Royal Air Force.

Reflecting on the parade, 868 Squadron commander Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell said to his team “Well done to everybody for a terrific performance on the day!” With some cadets engaged in parades elsewhere in the country, two on a gliding course, another two at work and one injured, we still had 55 cadets on parade - an amazing turnout: providing all the standard bearers, leading column three with the band and the largest contingent in the first column. Everybody clearly took pains with their appearance and even our newest members looked good. You can all be proud of yourselves, I certainly am proud of you.

Penistone events

Cadets from Endcliffe Hall Detachment spent a very cold weekend in Penistone to cover poppy collecting, Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday over a weekend.

Affiliated with the Penistone Royal British Legion in the town, the cadets happily engaged with the community and even enjoyed a cup of tea with the vicar and Beryl after the Armistice Day bell ringing at the Penistone War Memorial.

Beryl is the standard bearer for the Royal British Legion in Penistone, but the Penistone branch stole her for the weekend. She says that she only became involved with the Legion after the death of her husband, whom she misses terribly. She doesn’t know what she would do if she wasn’t part of them. She was escorted by L/Cpl Philip Foster and Felix Duffy during the weekend, due to the very mixed weather.

Local businesses also got involved, with one of the cafes providing free hot drinks for the cadets, and the Legion put on beef spread sandwiches at the end of the day for them.

After all the wreaths had been laid, the Last Post was played followed by Reveille. The church service was conducted by the vicar with the assistance of some of the town’s youth organisations. The church was packed to bursting, with some having to sit on the floor, after running out of chairs.

After the service, the standards were handed back to the bearers, notifying the exit from the church, and they assembled outside the church in readiness for the march past of the cenotaph. The Deputy Lieutenant took the salute and then it was back to the Legion for some well-earned refreshments.
Cpl Christian Bartey and Cadets 40/40! Well done to Sgt Baillie, their team captain, was the top Competition, having achieved third Solo Drummer section of the Band Region Competitions, and Cpl First Aid team representing the squadrons in the Wing, as winners (Mirfield) Squadron following on Competition success also held at RAF Cranwell – bronze for freestyle event. 28th started off bright and early with reveille being at 05:45 and having to march to breakfast at 07:30. I was then lucky enough to compete at the Royal Air Force Air Cadets national swimming championships after winning the regional competition in backstroke, butterfly and 100m individual medley. This was held at Loughborough pool. Competing in these events I came away with not only a silver medal but with two personal bests despite not competing or training competitively for over a year.

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Obviously, the logistics for the day required the support of many people, especially Wg Cdr Steve Molloy, the Corps First Aid Officer who agreed to schedule the North Region entry in the competition last in the day. Sqn Ldr Pat Mellish, the North Region Sports Officer who agreed the timely release of Sgt Baillie and WD Danny Rouse, the Wing First Aid Officer, who acted as taxi driver to get Sgt Baillie from one event to other in a timely manner.

After the event Fit Lt Peter Douhan, Squadron Commander of 868 (Mirfield) Squadron, where the first aid team came from, said, “I would like to express my own gratitude, coupled with that of Cdt Baillie, for efforts that so many people have made to facilitate her participation in both the Swimming and First Aid competitions.

The standard of competitor in both has been very high. In particular, despite getting a personal best time in the butterfly swimming event, Sgt Baillie did not get a medal position for that race, although she did achieve silver medal for backstroke. However, the First Aid went well and her team came second in the competition; very well done to all of them and to Mr Lionel Green, our Squadron First Aid instructor, who put such effort into training the team. For Sgt Baillie it is no small achievement to be selected to get a runner-up placing in two national Air Cadet competitions, on the same day!

I know she was especially grateful as this will be the last year she can compete in the Cadets’ First Aid competition, next year she will progress to the Young Adult category.”

The First Aid Team: Cdt Daniel Bartey, Cpl Christian Bartey, Sgt Kiara Baillie and Cdt Caitlin Pugh with their coach Civilian Instructor Lionel Green.
Aiming High Smashing Targets
By Cpt Dave Ackroyd 250 (Halifax) Sqn

Cadets from 250 (Halifax) Squadron have recently been awarded certificates, having successfully completed Module 1 of the CPSA (Clay Pigeon Shooting Association) “Discover Clay Target Shooting” course.


The course which was delivered over six sessions, is a variation on a one-day input which has been based, culminating with a session which was classroom based, strong focus on safety. The final session was classroom based, with shooting under instruction. This provided the fundamentals of clay target shooting but with a strong focus on safety. The final session was classroom based, with shooting under instruction. This provided the fundamentals of clay target shooting but with a strong focus on safety. The final session was classroom based, with shooting under instruction. This provided the fundamentals of clay target shooting but with a strong focus on safety. The final session was classroom based, with shooting under instruction. This provided the fundamentals of clay target shooting but with a strong focus on safety.

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The on-range training by Mick Hudson was carried out at Hazel Bank Shooting Ground in Knarsborough, North Yorkshire. This location is an ideal fit for the cadets, where the staff and members alike are very welcoming and supportive of the cadets. The sessions provided a steady input of theory, mixed with shooting under instruction. This provided the fundamentals of clay target shooting but with a strong focus on safety. The final session was classroom based, culminating with a session which was classroom based, strong focus on safety. The final session was classroom based, with shooting under instruction. This provided the fundamentals of clay target shooting but with a strong focus on safety.

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Cadets are now able to handle and shoot shotguns safely and competently without close supervision, and they were awarded a certificate and log book.

Silver DoE Expedition
By Cpl Jamie ‘Alfred’ Butler

ON THE 23RD OF September 2017, myself and 3 other 148 (Barnsley) squadron cadets embarked on our Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, which lasted three days and took us on a journey of well over 50 kms throughout the Yorkshire Dales.

On the first day we arrived at squadron nice and early ready to set off to our start point in Catgill, where we pitched out tents and cooked our evening meals. After a quiet night we awoke to find that unfortunately it had rained a little but we weren’t going to let that dampen our spirits! We set off merrily on our final day which took us over hills and moors to our end point of Gordale Scar.

Overall the expedition was thoroughly enjoyable and I would recommend progressing DoE to silver level for anyone who has completed their bronze. As always, we are extremely grateful to the hardworking staff team who gave up their time to train us prior to and during the weekend to come and supervise and assess us, helping us to achieve our awards.

Archery Evening
By FS Shannon Copeland

On the 22nd of September 2017, myself and other 148 (Barnsley) cadets went to 23 (South Elmsall) Squadron to partake in an evening of archery.

We helped set up all the equipment and were split into groups where we took turns to shoot, collect arrows and so on. To enable us to shoot we were shown how to hold the bow and fire effectively by trained staff. We all had at least 6 shots each, and it was clear to see that the cadets including myself thoroughly enjoyed it all.

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GLIDING SUCCESS FOR MIRFIELD AIR CADETS

Three cadets from 868 (Mirfield) Squadron visited RAF Topcliffe in North Yorkshire for a day at the beginning of October. All three enjoyed great success on the day, being able to complete the newly introduced Air Cadets Aviation Training Package and gaining their Bronze Gliding Wings.

The course started with ground school training, including the controls of the aircraft and how they affect the glider in the air. They then all progressed to practicing simulated flying in one of the Air Cadet Part Task Trainers, before going on a lengthy flight in the Yigialant motor glider to put all their learning into practice and demonstrate the skills they had been taught, in the air.

Well done to Sgt Anas Galib-Khorshid, Cpl Thomas Fedzin and Cdt Gabriele Krederaitė. They are the first cadets from the Squadron to achieve their Bronze wings and can now look forward to the Silver wings course, which will train them to solo standard.

Squadron commander Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell said, “as we are Air Cadets, it is important that our members get to experience not only the excitement of flying and gliding, but also the opportunity to have this level of training and to develop their skills. It is of course very pleasing that all three have been identified as good prospective candidates for the next level, which should conclude in their being able to fly a glider solo!”

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**Air Cadets support world’s biggest coffee morning**

AIR CADETS from 868 (Mirfield) Squadron took part in a specially arranged coffee ‘morning’ during their evening meeting on September 29th, as a fund-raising activity for MacMillan Cancer Support. The evening Coffee and Cake session formed part of the evening’s activities and was organised by Civilian Instructor Charlotte Stringer. A wide variety of cakes were provided by her and other staff, members of the Squadron Committee and other cadets themselves, all laid out and priced up. During the evening the Squadron also had a visit from the Wing Warrant Officer, Adrian Burridge, who was delighted to find the welcoming array of delicious to try.

Cadets and others took little persuasion to part with money in order to consume the cakes on display, and all £1.25 raised was raised in donations for the charity.

The Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Dunsell said “This has made for a relaxed evening for all and a break from our normal routine! It is so good to be able to offer some contribution to such a worthwhile cause as MacMillan Cancer Support – and it is a small thank you for the support they give to so many others in society.”

**Adventure Training**

By Kevin Wright

A day saw an early start to our expedition as we met the coach just outside the centre of Rotherham for our journey back to the site of Wight. We had the one stop on the way down to Portsmouth, as cadets just love burgers, and arrived at the port with a couple of hours to spare. We spent that time in groups having a look around Portsmouth and managed to grab some glimpses of the new aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth, which had arrived just a couple of days before us.

After a delayed crossing we arrived at the centre and were pleasantly surprised at the high standard of the log cabins we had been allocated for accommodation. If Carlberg did adventure centre... .

After the evening meal and centre familiarisation the first activity was the campfire. This was a great way to unwind after a day of travelling, and worked well with the weather. The group got to spend the evening in the outdoors; relaxing and enjoying some quality time together whilst they shared marshmallows, sung songs and played games.

Day two started with Keelboat sailing in the Solent. Here the cadets learnt how to sail a larger dinghy. It was a rewarding experience that introduced the group to a set of new skills. They learnt how, when and why to raise and lower the sails, and the importance of the lead that gives the boat its name.

Every cadet got hands-on experience and had the chance to steer the boat and get to grips with all the basic techniques required. Cadet Joshua Broadbent said, “It’s not as easy as it looks on the television.”

After lunch the challenge course followed, with obstacles and initiative exercises to give members of the group some fantastic opportunities to work together as a team, make decisions, and solve problems. It provided plenty of chances to push individual limits and take on physical challenges too; and they enjoyed getting covered in mud!

Cadet Holly Brewster stated, “There’s no way I can get over that.” when challenged by the pyramids but with some encouragement from her peers she attempted it and overcame her fears. You can see the video of her doing this on Youtube under Challenge Courses – Pyramids.

Then the cadets did a buggy build challenge which gave them the opportunity to work as a team and encourage some lateral thinking! Each team designed and built a moving buggy that would carry the team members and complete a series of challenges, using just the materials provided. Creativity, communication and perseverance all came into play throughout this interactive and fun challenge. The challenges also involved transporting water, as you can guess most of this ended up on the cadets.

The day finished with an ambulance activity around the centre, which gave the young people a chance to let off some steam at the end of the day.

Day three started with Archery. The centre has its own outdoor range and they encouraged safety awareness from the outset as the instructors taught the basics. It had great individual and team challenges, which needed accuracy, control, concentration and a steady hand.

The cadets particularly enjoyed the competitive nature of the activity and the forfits from the games. The cadets were then encouraged to consider how they use their senses, how much they rely on their sight, touch and hearing.

They were then blindfolded before setting off to complete the Sensory Trail - negotiating obstacles and carrying out a series of challenging tasks. It was an extremely effective way to help them develop trust in one another and improve their communication skills.

On the ground, they were introduced to basic climbing techniques and once on the wall, each cadet needed determination, clear thinking and adrenaline to reach the top! They built different skills, involving perseverance, strength, risk control, and the need to trust in their belay partner and equipment. Corporal Keith Manoogian, really enjoyed this activity and tried several times to get a personal best time for the climb.

The Giant Swing had two members of the group harnessed into a swing while the rest of the young people hauled them upward - up to 10 metres into the air! The two people in the swing had to reach a joint decision about when exactly they wanted to pull the ripcord that sent them plummeting earthward! The fall was fast, exhilarating and lots of fun! This was a firm favourite with the entire group.

The day finished with a Splash activity meeting challenges to get pieces of equipment to protect a water balloon before retiring to their cabins, all thoroughly exhausted from their activities.

Our fourth day commenced with Problem solving exercises, a series of challenges that featured puzzles and physical problems that tested the young people’s initiative and ingenuity. The cadets worked closely together in small teams, sharing ideas and completing set tasks. It was an activity that helped them gain a good appreciation of each other’s strengths when it came to planning, communicating and making decisions.

It was back to the water next as we divided into two halves to learn to paddle rhythmically and effectively in a race across the water against each other in dragon boats. Tactics, technique and brute effort all played their part, but ultimately, it was just a lot of fun and laughter with no real losers!

Next was the Cat Walk, so called because it’s an activity to test those skills a cat would be good at. The cadets began by ascending the full height of a telegraph pole, safely attached to a harness. Once at the top, they had challenges to test their individual balance, skill and courage. The cadets watching from the ground offered lots encouragement and support so it was great for teambuilding too.

We then had an activity based near the ground. The Low Ropes allowed the members of the group who suffer with a fear of heights to participate in an off ground challenge. But even close to the ground, negotiating obstacles and challenges was not as easy as it looked. It was a great confidence and communication builder. The day finished with Capture the Flag. An inclusive, high-energy game in which the cadets worked in teams to capture the opposing team’s flag, while avoiding being captured or losing their own.

The final day commenced with All Abroad. This was a great teambuilding activity that required high levels of trust. In teams of up to four, the cadets took turns to climb a six metre pole to reach a small platform. As each individual arrived on the platform, space at the top got more and more limited so it required teamwork, good communication and plenty of peer encouragement.

Tunnel Trail followed before we left the centre. The group explored a series of underground tunnels. The tunnels varied in size and there were various tasks to carry out. Completing the tasks helped improve self-confidence, thinking skills and teamwork.

After lunch we pushed off for home via the ferry and more burgers before handing the youngsters back to their grateful parents.
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**South Yorkshire Young Leaders competition**

**ON SATURDAY 14 October** the annual South Yorkshire Young Leaders competition was held at the Lifewise Centre. The event brings together Cadets from across the county to take part in leadership and team building challenges. The team with the most points at the end of the day is awarded a shield, which they retain for 12 months.

This year, Police, Fire, St John Ambulance and the RAF Air Cadets took part. The Cadets started the day by taking the pledge against hate as part of the Hate Crime Awareness Week. During the day, all the Cadets took part in problem solving, first aid skills, general knowledge, communication skills, memory tests, team building and observations exercises. The Cadets also had the opportunity to experience the Smoke House and the Lifewise Centre. The event was a fantastic opportunity for Cadets from a number of organisations to come together, share their experiences and skills and pit themselves in competition against each other.

The worthy winners of the competition were the RAF Air Cadets. RAF Training Officer Nikki Friel commented, “This was the first time we have taken part in this competition and so we were very surprised to come first and win the trophy. Although we were a small team of Cadets, all agreed that the day had been very enjoyable and a great way to demonstrate working together and to put their skills and knowledge into action, together with getting to know Cadets from other organisations. We look forward to participating next year.”

Superintendent Neil Thomas had the honour of presenting the shield and said, “This was a fantastic opportunity for Cadets from a number of organisations to come together, share their experiences and skills and pit themselves in competition against each other. The day was a great success and my thanks go to the staff at Lifewise for hosting and organising a great event.”

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**All Change for Children in Need**

It was all change for Children in Need night for the staff and cadets at 868 (Mirfield) Squadron! Staff and cadets at 868 (Mirfield) Squadron are currently in the process of changing their rank badges as there are new rules and regulations for the ranks and roles on the previous Tuesday evening, so all the ‘new’ appointments knew what they would be doing. They collected their new rank badges and appropriate headgear when they arrived on Friday night, and set about organizing themselves.

The new ‘staff’ ran their own evening programme for their fellow cadets, but also had to deal with other routine administrative work, telephone queries, and run the canteen. In particular, Oliver Lowe spent the evening as the Squadron Commander and had a ‘surprise’ visit from Councillor Sean Guy, who came to thank the cadets on behalf of both the Town Council and the local branch of the Royal British Legion for their turn out for the Remembrance Day parade. After the usual canteen break, which was also run by new staff for the evening in place of the usual committee members, cadets parted with more money to participate in ‘Sponge the NCOs’ – the established cadet NCO’s dressed down to t-shirts and shorts for the privilege of having wet sponges thrown at them by cadets. They got very wet, but were soon brought back inside to dry off, change and have a hot drink.

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ON FRIDAY 15TH December evening the Squadron held one of its final events of the year, at Christ the King Church on Stocks Bank Road in Batley, to celebrate the successes and achievements of the second half of 2017. The Squadron attended in force and was supported by parents, friends and relatives of all cadets.

The principal guest for the evening was Colonel David Fuller DBE MNI DL, “Vice Chairman (Cadets) of the Reserve Forces’ and Cadets’ Association for Yorkshire and the Humber, and he was joined by the Squadron President, Major Stan Hardy, Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire, Squadron Leader Dominic MacCarron, Wing Sports Officer and Councillor David Finder.

The Squadron Band provided a stirring introduction to the proceedings, and then the Squadron Chaplain, Rev’l Christine Shedd, conducted the formal enrolment of 16 new cadets. The Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubl, welcomed everybody to the proceedings and made a short opening address, which reflected on some of the successes of the year, including 32 cadets taking up 47 places on residential course and camps over the summer period, sports: winning the Wing Swimming Championships; and in Athletics - winning Overall Boys and coming second in Overall Girls categories. But most especially flying and gliding with 13 cadets and Mrs Doubell flying in Chinoook and Puma helicopters during North Region Aviation Day and gaining 1 Romanz and 2 Silver (Solo) Gliding Wings - the first after the “pause to gilding”.

Col Fuller then took over proceedings and in all there were over 200 certificates to be presented to 66 cadets plus adult staff, including: • Recognition of 6 Blue, 9 Bronze, 1 Silver and 2 Gold D of E Awards • 30 certificates representing an adequate progress through the Corps’ classification programme, plus 5 BTEC awards in Aviation Studies, each equivalent to 2 GCSEs • 28 swimming competence certificates at Basic and Intermediate levels • 43 First Aid certificates, comprising 22 Heartstart, 16 Youth First Aid, 2 Activity First Aid and 3 First Aid at Work Awards.

Squadron Leader MacCarron, took to the stage to present the Wing Sports Cadet of the Year trophy to Sergeant Kiara Baillie, and also (on behalf of the Wing D of E Officer) presented the Trophy for the Most Engaged by the Cadets to Warrant Officer Michelle Allred, the Squadron’s D of E Officer.

Other trophies were presented to:
- Alex Irving - Gillian Lockwood Trophy for Cadets’ Cadet (as voted for by cadets)
- Daniel Barter - Contribution to First Aid
- Civilian Instructor Linnel Green - President’s Cup for efforts to overcome personal challenges

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In his address, following, Maj Hardy went on to announce that the reputation of the Squadron had gained them a repeat invitation to assist at a prestigious Lord Lieutenant’s Garden Party to be held in the summer of 2018. He also spoke as a representative of the Queen and said how much interest she takes in the activities of the cadet forces.

In all, an amazing evening was had by all and it was a fantastic social event to celebrate the success of the year! Flt Lt Doubl later said “That was an excellent evening, and I am sure provided an introduction to the concept and ‘formality’ of a service mess dinner but with a menu and environment appropriate to the cadets – everybody likes a Christmas dinner and some party games”.

A big thank you to Tim and Carol Wood at The Old Colonial for providing the catering and venue for the fine meal, and to Mrs Doubl for organising the table layouts and the games.

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F or the cadets and staff of 868 (Mirfield) Squadron, the final activity for 2017 was their traditional Christmas Dining in Night, a celebratory event in the form of a RAF mess dinner. On 19th December the men donned their white shirts and bow ties and the ladies their evening dresses and headed off to the Old Colonial in Mirfield. The guest for the evening was Squadron President Major Stan Hardy, who is also a Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire, and he made sure he arrived in good time for a ‘meet and greet’ session with the newer cadets, who were introduced by Flight Sergeant Kiara Baillie.

The formalities of the occasion were started with grace, said by the Squadron Chaplain, Rev Christine Shedd. An excellent three course meal was served, with the meal lightened by a Christmas Quiz and a pass-the parcel game. When the time came for speeches there was a high value sweepstake taken for how long the Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubl, would speak for and was won by the newest cadet, Blue Cockcroft.

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Supporting the
Drill and Ceremonial Camp

Each year the Royal Air Force Air Cadets host a major Drill and Ceremonial camp for over 250 cadets which culminates in a full armed ceremonial parade in front of some very high profile VIPs. This year the Wing was asked to provide the band as due to other commitments the National Marching Band was unavailable.

To do this was quite a tall order – to field a band capable of providing over an hour's worth of music, including a march past in quick and slow time, with all the necessary General Salutes and other ceremonial music is not a small affair, even less so on the short four weeks notice given!

Cadets from the Wing travelled down to Bodney training camp in Norfolk, where they stayed alongside the resident drillie cadets and staff, practiced for a day before travelling to RAF Honington where the parade was held. As a few of our musicians were away on holiday, we were privileged enough to work with a couple of cadets from other wings who came to supplement our numbers – and that just meant even more friends for us to make!

The band played a range of songs to march the cadets around, including the Dambuster's March, the theme from Pirates of the Caribbean, Scipio and naturally the RAF Marchpast.

Wing Band
helps to celebrate
RAF Fylingdales’
25th Anniversary

In the spectacular, but rather bland North Yorkshire Moors lies RAF Fylingdales, a small radar site, part of the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS). 2017 saw the new Solid State Phased Array Radar (SSPAR), which replaced the iconic golf balls celebrate its 25th year of operation, and the Wing Band was asked to help celebrate this important milestone.

Friends of RAF Fylingdales, including current and previous servicemen and women, contractors and quite a few of the previous station commanders attended a dining in night, including a Colonel coming across from the United States specially to mark the important occasion. The band comprising of cadets from across the county gathered to entertain them over dinner - playing numbers such as I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miserables, the Theme from the Dambusters, and You Raise Me Up. The band enjoyed interacting with the diners, and even got to help celebrate a previous Station Commander’s birthday, playing Happy Birthday for her, along with for the SSPAR itself. The current Station Commander, Wing Commander Darren Whiteley, commented “It is great to see the young band supporting our functions as they have for the last year, the interaction between our staff and the Cadet band is positive and perhaps in the future these talented young men and women will join the Air Force and progress to senior ranks. I am sure they will have fond memories of RAF Fylingdales.”

Commenting on the support the band has given to the station, the Wing Music Officer, Pilot Officer Adam Waudby said “As always it is a pleasure to support our parent station to celebrate an important milestone in their history - and to continue to link the parent station with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. The cadets really enjoy the opportunity to talk to, and interact with the Royal Air Force and support them - and to thank them for their devotion to duty and protecting our skies (and even space!).

Wing Band
music video

The adventures of the Wing Music Services throughout 2017, starring the cadets and staff can be found on youtube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToIS-Lyecula&v=12s
To round off 2017, Central and East Yorkshire Wing Music held a Christmas Music camp during December at RAF Linton on Ouse. Thirty five cadets from across the Wing spent the weekend playing through their favourites from the year’s repertoire, and also dusting off the Christmas Carols and music - from Michael Buble to Les Miserables, we played it all. In addition to musical fun, some traditional Christmas activities did occur with an evening of Christmas games and quizzes, and even a considerable amount of pizza.

We were also privileged to be visited by the Corps Bandmaster, Warrant Officer Mike Jeffries. He brought a different outlook to the band, and his surprise appearance was much appreciated by the cadets and staff, especially in the continued development and progression of the band.

The weekend saw a few ‘first times’ for the band - with it being the first time the String Quintet was joined to the main Concert Band (making an Orchestra), and also a cadet playing Bagpipes along with the main band to a stirring rendition of Highland Cathedral.

The Wing Music Officer, Pilot Officer Adam Waudby commented: “This year’s Christmas Camp was the culmination of a fantastic year by the Wing Music Service. Throughout the year the cadets and staff have consistently worked hard to improve and develop all three of our bands, and it was good for a more relaxed camp to occur and for everyone to enjoy themselves and have a bit of Christmas Cheer.”

2017 has been a very busy year for the band, with exploits up and down the country - and there are many more plans afoot to make 2018 even more successful (watch this space!). Want to get involved? Look for us on facebook/twitter (@ceyorksmusic) or ask your staff to make contact with us to get yourself involved!
Otley cadets help the homeless over Christmas

National award for top Scarborough photographer

Senior Cadet Heading to Bavaria

Master Cadet Competition for A Company CSM
First Aid in action

By SI Fiona McCallion

All of our cadets receive First Aid training and this skill has often come in handy when faced with real-life situations. In fact, several occasions were reported last year where cadets had to take charge of a situation where adult members of the public were present but did not know what to do. It has emerged that this has happened again, this time to 16-year-old Cadet LCpl Jasmine Shaw.

On 14th December 2017, LCpl Shaw was on her way to B Company’s Fulford Detachment in York. She was driving her moped near the city centre when she spotted a person lying on his back on the pavement, with two men and two women standing around him. She initially drove past, but, when she realised that the standing adults were not carrying out first aid, she stopped her moped, turned it off and ran back to where the man was lying. She informed the group that she was a First Aider and that she could provide help.

After confirming that an ambulance had been called, LCpl Shaw carried out a primary survey, noting injuries to his face, and recorded his pulse rate. His two male friends said that the casualty’s restlessness and aggression were completely out of character so LCpl Shaw also suspected concussion. She asked the casualty some basic questions and discovered he was unable to remember his age and name. Despite an almost 40 year age difference, she had to become quite assertive and instruct the man to stay still. She asked one of the bystanders to take his coat off to cover the casualty. She then attempted to stem the flow of bleeding from his head wounds, and maintained this position for another five minutes until the ambulance arrived.

Detachment Commander, Jeff Millward, was both surprised and impressed when LCpl Shaw arrived at her detachment and told him what had happened. “I am very proud of her and what she did to help,” he said. He also praised the adult volunteers who have been involved in providing first aid training to cadets like LCpl Shaw.

B Company Christmas Camp

By SI Fiona McCallion

ON THE LAST training weekend of the year, cadets and their instructors from B Company enjoyed what is traditionally known as ‘Christmas Camp’ at the Cadet Training Centre, Strensall.

Starting on Friday 8th December and closing on an increasingly-snowy Sunday afternoon two days later, the weekend was both fun-filled and action-packed! Activities on Saturday included archery, shooting, drill and First Aid, followed by a special meal in the evening (where the cadets were served by the adults) and a disco.

Sunday was achievement-packed with competition trophies, Praiseworthy First Aid awards, medals and promotions being presented. These included the promotion to Cadet Company Sergeant Major of Fulford Detachment’s Bentley Wiley, a very worthy holder of this prestigious rank. The Commandant, Colonel Jim Greenslee congratulated all of the winners and praised all of those who took part in the weekend’s events. We’re already looking forward to next year’s adventures!

THE DAY BEFORE Remembrance Sunday, York-based cadets were hard at work raising funds for the Royal British Legion, both by selling poppies and packing bags for happy customers at the Morrisons store on Foss Islands.
Wenlock Cadets attend CLC

Two Cadets, Corporal Ben Fairburn and Corporal Gurvir Toor from Wenlock (RAMC) Detachment, attended a Cadet Leadership Course on 28 October – 4 November 2017 at Sennybridge Camp, Wales. Cpl Fairburn takes up the story of attending CLC and taking on the numerous challenges and tasks, both physical and mentally, that they had to overcome.

Starting the week after we arrived was a PT session led by Physical Training Instructors (PTI) in the Armed Forces which was physically demanding and challenging to overcome. After this we went on to carry out lessons taught by Maj Teesdale who went through the Army Cadet Leadership Code and the Values and Standards of being in the Armed Forces. Being taught by Maj Teesdale was a privilege that not many cadets will receive because he has first-hand experience of being a leader in both combat and the working world.

On the following day the we all embarked on a large-scale expedition of 14 miles up the Brecon Beacons which was a difficult task as the terrain and ground was both hard to navigate and hard to walk across. But nevertheless, the cadets got through it without many troubles. On the Tuesday we took part in a Fieldcraft and Leadership training day led by experienced regular soldiers. The cadets took part in things such as attacks at both section and platoon level, target indication, ambushes at platoon level and individual fire and movement to ensure that all the cadets were up to speed and were all conducting the same attempts at leadership on the exercise. Throughout the day we were given chances to lead by being given command appointments such as, Section Commanders, Section 2ICs and Platoon Commanders to lead the attacks and ambushes.

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**Ex Science in Action**

By Capt Oliver and Thomas O’Loughlin

We cadets, Corporal Oliver O’Loughlin and Corporal Thomas O’Loughlin from Wenlock (RAMC) Detachment, attended Exercise Science in Action (STEM) Course on 22-27 October 2017 at Westdown Camp, Salisbury Plain.

**Day 1 (Sunday)**
After a long drive to Westdown Camp, Salisbury Plain we arrived at 1500hrs. We settled down into our billets and knowing what the week would have in store for us. We then attended an opening brief, where we were informed of our itinerary for the exciting week ahead.

**Day 2 (Monday)**
After a good night’s rest, we went to meet our instructors, staff and the cadets we would be working with for our time on the course. We then received a lecture by a representative of the Land Warfare Centre which had the influence on the maths side of the STEM approach. We used tape traps to challenge a rat with the RBL also looked around the different types of recovery work and a competition of boys versus girls where the boys came out on top by a matter of seconds.

**Day 3 (Tuesday)**
After an exciting first day, the Tuesday morning we had lessons on; the equipment and technology used by the Royal Signals and how it is all used on the battlefield, the equipment included things like a signal jammer which works by putting a stronger signal in the surrounding area to overpower any other signals. In the afternoon, we put our practical heads on; to help and build, different things to solve challenging problems such as making an improvised antenna from telephone wire to make a phone call.

We then visited the Army Armour Corps (AAC) at Middle Wallop where we had a demonstration of how to marshal a B1 212 aircraft and then had a go at it ourselves. Then we were led to the top Tech flight simulators that the AAC use to train their pilots. Next, we had a tour of the Apache Squirrel gunship weapon system which was amazing and a one in a lifetime chance for many of us.

**Day 4 (Wednesday)**
Today we travelled to Sheringham where the Royal Logistics Corps showed us different ammunition that has been used in the past and present day by the army. We also looked around the different vehicles and weapons systems that the army has to offer.

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**Standard Bearer Training**

By Lt Liam O’Loughlin

Adult Instructors and Cadets attended Standard Bearer Training, in Banner Drill, in Goole on Saturday 30 September 2017, which was conducted by John Courtley - the County Youth Officer for the Royal British Legion.

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**Wenlock get into the community with a bag pack**

By Lt Liam O’Loughlin

1 Cadet and 2 adults from Wenlock Detachment attended a Charity Bag Packing Event on Sunday 1st October at Morrison’s in Anlaby, to raise money for Clic Sargent Cancer Charity and the Royal British Legion.

Sunday was always a busy day for shoppers – “The cadets worked extremely hard to assist the shoppers to pack up their shopping. All day they fully engaged with the public talking to them about why we were raising money and showcasing the brilliant young people we have in our organisation.”

Well done to all involved in this fundraising event - the money raised will be very welcome by both charities.

**By Lt Liam O’Loughlin**

Great Pilgrimage 90 in France and Belgium to represent the Royal British Legion and the Army Cadet Force. They will carry the Standard through a number of parades and finally ending at the Menin Gate, in Ypres, on the 8 August 2018 marking the 90th year.

Lt. O’Loughlin said “It was an honour and privilege accept their invitation to represent the Royal British Legion and the Army Cadet Force in this chance of a life time opportunity. I’m really looking forward to the opportunity to do something which means so much to many people. I would like to thank John for assisting in the training and look forward to working closely with him and the RBL in the future.”
OC Sapphire Whitham
Presented to her majesty the Queen

On Thursday 16 November, Her Majesty The Queen visited Hull during its City of Culture year. OC Sapphire Whitham, as Lord Mayor’s Cadet, accompanied the Lord Mayor. After leaving the Royal Train, Sapphire was presented to Her Majesty The Queen, who commented on the smartness of her uniform. In addition to her proud parents watching in the VIP area, everyone at TS Iron Duke thought Sapphire did extremely well representing Hull Unit.

Petty Officer Cadet Brandon Palmer
First Sea Lord Cadet 2017

PETTY OFFICER Cadet Brandon Palmer has completed his year in post as firstly the Navy Board Cadet and then in April becoming the first ever, First Sea Lord’s Cadet for Eastern Area Sea Cadets. The appointment was presented by Admiral Sir Phillip Jones RN, the current First Sea Lord, at a ceremony in Portsmouth onboard HMS Victory.

In a full year he represented Scarborough Sea Cadets and the town in various high-profile events around the country. In March Brandon attended the Mountbatten Festival of Music which consisted of escorting VIPs including the Duke of Edinburgh HRH Prince Phillip, HRH Princess Anne and the First Sea Lord to their seats.

He attended the Sea Cadet Corps national competitions and multiple meetings with the Navy Board as the link between the Sea Cadets and the Royal Navy. His role included voicing issues and ideas from the cadets throughout the year culminating at the cadet’s national conference at Weymouth to the hierarchy of the Corps including the CEO, Martin Coles, and Captain Sea Cadets, Captain Philip Russell RN. He had the honour at the National Trafalgar Parade of carrying the casket holding a piece of Nelson’s ensign that flew onboard HMS Victory during the famous sea battle.

He also spent a day on the German battleship SMS Hessen and took part in the training exercise “the Thursday war”. It is a year he will never forget and a year that has seen him go from strength to strength.

Commanding Officer of TS Scarborough, Sub Lt Natalie Davies RNR, added “Brandon has had an amazing time and I’m immensely proud of all he has achieved not this year but as a Sea Cadet, he has shown true qualities that we strive to install in our cadets and he will always be our first ever First Sea Lord’s Cadet.”

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Trafalgar Day Parades

North and East Yorkshire District Sea Cadets
Trafalgar Day Parade and Service
Sunday 29 October 2017

Hull Unit (TS Iron Duke) welcomed cadets from units at Scarborough, York, Harrogate and Filey, who were taking part in the annual Trafalgar Day Parade and Service held at Hull Minster on Sunday, 29 October 2017 during Hull’s City of Culture celebrations. Distinguished guests included The Hon. Mrs Susan Cunliffe-Lister, the Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull and Admiral of the Humber (Cllr John Hewitt, President of Hull Sea Cadets) and the Lady Mayoress – Hon Alderman Mrs Betty Hewitt.

Vice Admiral Bob Cooling CB North and East Yorkshire District Sea Cadets and his wife Mrs Helen Cooling, with Colonel David Fuller OBE MVM DL, Vice Chairman Reserve Forces’ and Cadets’ Association for Yorkshire and the Humber. The Service was conducted by Chaplain (SCC) Duncan Harris RNR – Hull Unit Chaplain and North and East Yorkshire District Chaplain and Revd. Irene Wilson, Associate Vicar of Hull Minster. The Harrogate Sea Cadet Band were a welcome addition to the Service and afterwards the cadets and Staff joined invited guests, parents and supporters to enjoy a buffet and refreshments in the Minster before returning home.

By PO (SCC) Christopher Smith

SHEFFIELD WAS HONOURED to host a spectacular show of formal parading to mark Trafalgar Day, watched by hundreds of people. Sea and Royal Marine cadets marched through the city to the music of the Barnsley Sea Cadet Unit Band; and the Lord Mayor and Master Cutler took the salute and met cadets and adult volunteers.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Anne Murphy, speaking to staff on the day said “you should all be so proud of what you’ve done today” and speaking to cadets during the inspection “I was astonished at the places they get to travel to, across the UK and sailing on the seas”. Cadets were then treated to a large buffet in the Town Hall, followed by a tour of the parlour and shown the collection of HMS Sheffield memorabilia, including the freedom of the city scroll.

Trafalgar Day is a chance to showcase skills and talents to spectators and tourists, in addition to high profile guests. For more than 100 years, Sea Cadet units up and down the country have marked the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar with parades. In 1805, Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson defeated the French and Spanish fleets of Cape Trafalgar in South West Spain, losing his life at the height of his most famous victory.

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A “Secret Santa” sent in a sum of money to be used for the Cadets of TS Iron Duke to thank them for helping raise funds for the Poppy Appeal, as they were so impressed with our young people.

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A great night had by TS Scarborough as they recognised the achievements made by the cadets and staff throughout 2017. They were joined by Colonel David Fuller OBE MM VM, Vice Chairman of Yorkshire and the Humber RFCA as VIP as he handed out the accolades to the proud recipients.

After Ceremonial Colours, including the inspection of the Guard and the Blessing by the Unit Padre, Rev Pam Jennings, POC Brandon Palmer opened the evening with a presentation on his year in post as the First Sea Lord Cadet for Eastern Area.

The awards started with the “Smart as a Carrot” award to the best overall standard of dress throughout the year, this winner was CFC Owen Richardson with POC Jess Marton and AC Charlie Wallace-Dowson as joint runners-up. The Attitude to Learning winner was OC Alec Gascoigne with runner up CFC Maisie Lea.

The Service to Sea Cadet Corps is awarded to anyone who is part of the unit and shows continued dedication to the corps, this year’s recipient was hardworking treasurer Mrs Elizabeth Blades with PO Jordan Hanlon and CPO Richard Vinson being recognised for their efforts.

Our new Band Award for consistency and overall effort as part of Band was awarded to POC Charlie Davies with the runner up being POC Niamh Senior. The Commitment award was made to AC Shannon Marson for her continued commitment to everything Sea Cadet, with POC Victoria Robinson as runner up.

The Junior and Senior Peers Award is voted for by the cadets and is awarded to both the Junior and Senior who sets the correct example to their peers, by being a good role model and continuing to set the standard. This year’s Junior winner was LJC Izzy Hope with CFC Libby Scorton as runner up. The Junior Sea Cadet of the Year Winner for 2017 was LJC Izzy Hope.

An extremely poignant moment of the night occurred as we presented The Clive Linton Memorial Trophy. Clive Linton was our Royal Marine Cadet Detachment Commander until his untimely passing in October 2017. Clive will always be remembered for his dedication, organisation, leadership, sense of humour and friendship; all traits the Best Royal Marine Cadets will demonstrate to have the honour of being awarded this trophy and be extremely proud to receive it. The Clive Linton Memorial Trophy (Royal Marine Cadet of the Year) winner was LCpl Iga Lukasik with Cpl Owen Hunt and MC Caitlin Murphy as runner ups.

The Senior Sea Cadet of the Year was awarded jointly to POC Jack Vinson and POC Victoria Robinson with a close runner up POC Nathan Senior. The last new award for 2017 was the Fundraiser of the Year which was presented to CFC Imogen Jordan Robinson. The unit runs a points system where cadets are awarded points throughout the year for behaviour, dress, attendance and all-round attitude, this year’s Individual Points Award winner was AC Shannon Marson with joint runners up OC Nathan Davies and CFC Alfie Allen.

The coveted Divisional Trophy went to Victory Division for all their efforts throughout the year. Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups, thank you to all our invited guests, parents and supporters on a night that rounded off 2017 in style.
Canada trophy success for Scarborough

Scarborough Sea Cadets ended 2017 on a high after receiving the coveted Canada Trophy, which recognises the best Sea Cadet unit in the UK. TS Scarborough which has 90 cadets attending has gone from strength to strength and was selected for the award out of more than 400 others across the country. The trophy is awarded annually to the unit considered to have attained the very highest standard of all-round efficiency, training, qualifications and cadet participation.

Scarborough Sea Cadets, which is charity funded solely by donations, also won the Stephenson Trophy for best unit in Eastern Area for the third consecutive year, and have tasted success throughout the year in all aspects of the Corps competitions including rowing, sailing, football and drill training the country for the National elements gaining silverware along the way.

Six (SCC) Natalie Davies RNLI, Commanding Officer said: “Receiving the Canada Trophy is a fantastic honour for everyone associated with TS Scarborough, with this achievement being the culmination of many years of hard work. It is recognition of the dedication and professionalism of our unit staff and management team, the support we receive from parents and volunteers and, above all, the sheer effort, commitment and excellence of our wonderful cadets.”

She added “I am incredibly proud of what the cadets have achieved, not only through qualifications and advancement, but also their success in competitions and supporting the community. Our team is unbelievably hard working and winning this prestigious award is recognition of that. The unit won’t rest on its laurels; it will strive to continue to give the cadets the opportunity and the best sea cadet experience possible whilst being smart as a carrot.”

The Canada Trophy recognises the best Sea Cadet unit in the UK and is the pinnacle of accolades. This would not have been made possible without the dedication and commitment of cadets, the Commanding Officer her team of adult volunteers and the leadership from the Chair person Mr E Roberts and the unit management team.

The Sea Cadets have offered the young people of Scarborough once in a lifetime opportunity for just short of 100 years and with the units centenary coming up in 2018 it shows no signs of stopping. The Unit has its permanent Headquarters, situated behind the Newcastle Packet in the beautiful old St Thomas church along with the old Castle Community Centre which is undergoing refurbishment to become its own State of the Art accommodation and boating facility to help deliver a greater experience for young people. The unit is made up of 3 sections; The Junior Sea Cadets, 10-12 Years; Sea Cadets’ 12-18 Years; and Royal Marines Cadets, 13-18 Years.

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The Captain Sea Cadets, Captain Phil Russell RN, said: “Congratulations to Scarborough Sea Cadets for winning this year’s Canada Trophy. We have some fantastic units up and down the country, and it is great to recognise the work they are doing. Winning the Canada Trophy is a wonderful achievement reflecting the fact that the unit has achieved the very highest standard, the cadets and volunteers should be very proud.”

We are now looking forward to a successful and fun 2018.

On Tuesday 12th December we held our annual presentation evening. Over the year we have grown in numbers and nearly doubled what we were last year so we actually grow out of our unit and had to hold it in the local boat club ‘Strawberry Island’ if we had any more family and friends I think we would grow out of this venue too.

The evening is always great as we get to show our cadets skills off and what they have achieved throughout the year. They all give so much to the unit and our community. Able Cadet Adam Martin and Able Cadet Lewis Vincent made a presentation about their time offshore and Able Cadet Elliott Goulding gave a presentation on Navigation. Our Junior section showed off some of their semaphore skills too.

Awards given were community work, training award, boating award, Executive Officer award, Best dressed, work, training award, boating award, and some of their semaphore skills too. This is the 3rd year of re starting the awards evening and our Unit President, Lance Bombardier Ben Parkinson MBE, was by our side as usual, presenting the awards for runner up cadet and junior cadet of the year and the runner up junior and senior cadet! The evening is always a surprise for the cadets and I know the单元 management team as well.

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1 YORKS are based at Warminster and are Armoured infantry equipped with Warriors. They are now being held at the very highest state of readiness and will deploy to Estonia in June 2018. Catterick-based 2 YORKS are currently the Kabul Protection Unit on Op TORAL and it is a responsibility they will hold for the next four months using the latest Foxhound protected vehicles.

4 YORKS are our county-based, light infantry reserves with Army Reserve Centres located across Yorkshire and Teesside. After some tough exercises in the snow they are now back on adventurous training, skiing in Austria.

They have conducted training in Tunisia, an exercise in Slovenia and have deployed on ops in Afghanistan, working alongside our 2 YORKS regulars. Yorkshire’s Warriors are not only known for success on operations, but also for our achievement in sport at every level. Our reputation as ‘Best Sporting Regiment in the Army’ is not a simple boast, the results speak for themselves - Army football champions and Rugby Union and League finalists and many soldiers and officers have been selected to play sport at Army level. All of our soldiers are encouraged to participate in sport and adventurous training, from boxing, cycling and cross country running, to rock climbing, skiing and motor cross enduro!

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