

Southwark SCC presentation

Time: 10 Minutes

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I am Cadet Petty Officer George Whitfield from Southwark Sea Cadets, I will giving this quick talk on what we've been up to these last months.

Firstly, I am please to say that our numbers of regularly attending cadets is on a steady rise. In addition to that I would like to announce that within the last six months we've had two members of staff join the unit.

Trainee Instructor Amberslee, who had approached the unit last year TI Amberslee has a keen interest in the workings of the Royal Navy and hopes to join up in the submarine service.

And

Probationary Petty Officer Davenport

PO Davenport joined the unit as a cadets and on turning 18 has been coming back to teach the younger cadets.

The new members of staff mean that we can take on more cadets and give a larger variety of training.

The biggest recent change with TS Cossack has been the introduction of musical training, with the unit hoping to raise a small drum and bugle corps to play on ceremonial occasions throughout the borough. The unit has managed to raise enough funds to buy 5 97s side drums, which are the same drums used by the Band of HM Royal Marines, 14 Bugles, 5 B flat Flutes a pair of cymbals, a bass drum, plus the trimmings such as bugle cords, drum slings, drum sticks, drag ropes, gloves and a ceremonial 60 inch mace. All of which has come to over £10,000

The unit holds a band practice night separate to parade nights where cadets come to learn or develop their skills on the side drum and bugle, and hopefully in the near future, the B flat flute.

The unit has already performed a successful band display at the unicorn theatre for the London bridge group, with 8 cadets making up the band, they had a great time both preparing and training for the event and performing as a band.

Earlier last year Southwark sea cadets teamed up with City of London Sea cadets to enter the London Area Adventure training competition know as the Chosin cup, held over a weekend at Mere-worth army training base and the surrounding areas. The team had to take part in several challenges including orienteering exercise, seamanship, teamwork and leadership, archery and shelter building which the teams had to spend the night under. The combined Southwark and City team had hoped to go on the weekend and just enjoy themselves, so it came as a great shock when the team found out they had won and beaten all other units in London and the surrounding areas.

Just last weekend our unit junior cadet football team came 3rd out of our district, which is a great start to our year.

Thank you for listening and good evening.

Good but mention

- 1) How we have a desperate need for volunteers
- 2) Go round your badges as a way of demonstrating some of the range of activities (miss out the look-a-like PT badge (making sure you mention 4 cadets on Royalist in 2008)
- 3) Mention how we are continually fundraising to improve facilities and that 'you' have just successfully received £7,000 from Southwark Council towards the £13,000 cost of cellar refurbishment and new computers ... don't be modest