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## **A Truly Eggcellent Event**



### **The Grand Green Unveiling!**

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025, saw **TS Otter** host our grand Solar Panel unveiling. Our local MP, **Cameron Thomas**, came along as the guest of honour to tour the unit and to meet our cadets and volunteers.

It was a hot and sunny day, perfect for burgers, buns and chips, and a spot of precision drill from our Guard team. Our guests had the opportunity to be shown around the unit by the cadets who not only explained what activities and opportunities are available to the **Sea Cadets**, but also described what being a **Sea Cadet** has meant to them.

After the Solar Panels were officially unveiled, **Mr Thomas** was presented a **TS Otter** cap tally memento by **PO Newbury** and **Mrs Silvester** (Unit Chair). In fact, we made such an impression that he has expressed a desire to come back and visit again, perhaps even during the boating season or at Pickle Night!

Well done to all the Cadets and Volunteers who made the day go brilliantly!

**BZ to all!**

### **Random Navy Fact:**

You may have wondered why **Royal Naval** bases, like **HMS Raleigh**, have ship names. The **Royal Navy** has always been prohibited from ruling over land. So, the **Royal Navy** decided to commission the land as a ship. These are known informally as “**stone frigates**”. The first official stone frigate was a small island off the coast of **Martinique**. In **1803**, the island was commissioned into the **Royal Navy** as **HMS Diamond Rock** and was even classed as a “**sloop of war**”. **HMS Diamond Rock** even had her own captain and crew!

### **UNIT NEWS!**

There was another busy **Divisions** on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2025** with lots of awards being made.

**Swim test:** Cadets **Isla, Nicky, Louie**

**Discover Kayaking:** CFC **Luke K**

**Basic PT:** Cadet **Kelsey**, CFC **Naomi, David & Keira**

**Intermediate First Aid:** Cadets **Isla & Nicky**

**Intermediate Seamanship:** Cadet **Will**, CFC **Callum**

**Intermediate Catering:** CFC **Esme**

**First Aid at Work:** LC **Jon & AC Fin**

**Two years Good Conduct:** CFC **Betty & Luke O**

**Promotion:** CFC **Keira, Issy & Callum**

Good Luck to LC **Jon**, who will be on **TS Royalist** and sailing from Brixham to Poole on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

And we hope our **Junior Sea Cadets** have a great time at the Green Weekend at Deer Park, Cowley on May 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Word from the Commanding Officer.**

This month, we have participated in many community events, such as our **Solar Panel** unveiling and the **St George's Day Parade** in Gloucester. Many thanks to the cadets who attended - your points have been placed on the board!

We are looking forward to finally getting back out on the water again! Weather permitting, we will be parading at **Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club** from **7<sup>th</sup> May**. Over the next few weeks, the **TO** will ask for your preferences, so get thinking! Don't forget that the **District Regatta** is being held over the weekend of **May 30<sup>th</sup>**! Parents are more than welcome to stay to support their cadets in the racing!

Over the summer, we have our **Unit Review (18<sup>th</sup> June)** and **Royal Naval Parade (16<sup>th</sup> July)** - these are Divisions, where we will welcome **VIPs** who shall rate our unit based on sections like our community engagement and participation in Sea Cadet Activity. These are **very important** dates so please ensure they are in the diary!

### **Events & Training Dates Ahead!**

The **District Regatta** will be held once again at **Tewkesbury Sailing Club**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May** - Paddle sports

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Rowing (fixed and sliding seat)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Sailing

If cadets have the correct qualifications, they may be entered for one of the events - Paddle sports, Trinity rowing, or Sliding seat rowing. Sailing will be a separate competition.