

# IN OTTER NEWS

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## WELCOME BACK!



### Welcome back to all the T.S. Otter family.

We hope you enjoyed your festive break and are looking forward to another year of excitement and adventure.

We were all sad to see SLt (SCC) **David Anderson** RNR step down at Christmas after many years of being the CO. We hope you're enjoying some well-earned rest, sir!

2025 Brings us a new Commanding Officer as PO (SCC) **Megan Newbury** steps up to fill some big shoes. We also have a new Unit Chair as **Mrs Claire Silvester** takes on a daunting role.

There are exciting times ahead for **T.S. Otter!!**



#### Random Navy Fact:

There have been 12 ships in the Royal Navy called **HMS Otter**. The last was an Oberon Class Submarine that was launched in 1961 and decommissioned in 1991. When do you think the next **HMS Otter** will be commissioned?



### CO's Corner:

Happy New Year! For those of you who were unable to join us for the Carol Service in December, I have recently taken over command of **T.S. Otter** from SLt (SCC) **David Anderson** RNR. By way of introduction, I'm PO (SCC) **Megan Newbury** and I have been involved in the Sea Cadets since 2012, where I joined as a junior cadet at Evesham Unit. I worked my way to Leading Cadet before taking a short break to begin university. During my studies, I returned to the unit to instruct and stayed with the organisation ever since! Over a few house moves, I found my way to Tewkesbury Unit around two years ago and was appointed First Lieutenant. I am looking forward to taking **T.S. Otter** into a new era under the new command team and I look forward to getting to explore more of the organisation and what we can do for cadets.

**You may remember that we ran a donation at Christmas for Tewkesbury Food Bank and we have heard from them about what it achieved! BZ to all involved!**

### Your Christmas Donation

I wanted to write and say a big '**Thank You!**' for your donation of 50.6kg to Tewkesbury Foodbank. This is enough food to provide over 30 meals for people that can't afford food.

We've had a really busy time recently, with more and more people needing our help. Donations like this mean we can maintain this vital service, and we're so grateful for your support.

Thank you!

Michael



### Training Dates Ahead

**MACT = Multi Activity Cadet Training**

**TCSC = Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club**

- Severn District MACT Feb 21-23<sup>rd</sup> and March 21-23<sup>rd</sup> ( for cadets who have been accepted)
- Area Drill and Piping competition, HMS Raleigh, March 7-9<sup>th</sup> ( Drill team)
- SW Area MACT 14-16<sup>th</sup> March ( for cadets who have been accepted)
- District Boating Regatta, TCSC, weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup>. **All cadets will be involved.**
- Area Combined Regatta ( Trinity Rowing + boat handling), Bristol, June 28<sup>th</sup> (winners at District)
- Area Paddlesport and Yole regatta , Sutton Coldfield, July 5<sup>th</sup> (winners at District)
- Area Sailing, Weymouth, July 18<sup>th</sup> (winners at District)

The professional group and individual photos are from our Annual Awards Evening photo shoot on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024. These photos were taken by **Nick Jones** from the **Photo Studio Tewkesbury**.  
Thank you, **Nick**, for your brilliant work!