

Newsletter



Welcome to the second edition of our quarterly on-line Newsletter. Here you will find highlights from the latest press releases and you can read more by clicking on 'Full Press Release' link below. Please send any suggested items, news or events you would like to see included and any subscription requests to fred.hughes@serfca.org.

You can do almost anything in Alternative Venues South East

Need a conference hall or a small meeting room, somewhere to celebrate a 21st birthday, space for physical or safety training or somewhere to park 30 new cars?

Alternative Venues South East has a range of interesting buildings in an area stretching from Oxfordshire to Kent. They include 19th Century Houses and modern state-of-the-art training facilities, all of them large well-equipped Territorial Army (TA) Centres and Cadet Detachments – ideal for business, sporting, training and social activities. Most of the venues are available seven days a week and all of the TA Centres have professional catering facilities and secure parking.

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The Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey welcomes her new civil & military Cadets



For the first time, the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey's Military and Civil Cadets came together at a special briefing and reception last week held at County Hall in Kingston-upon-Thames.

At the event, Mrs Sarah Goad JP, the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, thanked her two outgoing Civil Cadets for 2010 – Girl Guides Alex Landers and Bronwyn White – and officially appointed her two new incoming Civil Cadets for this year: Katie Nash and Will Robertson from St John

Ambulance. Her four Military Cadets – Leading Cadet Sam Crewdson from Surrey Sea Cadet Corps, Cadet Sergeant Liam Randall from Surrey Army Cadet Force, Cadet Warrant Officer Vicky Chelliah from Surrey Wing Air Training Corps and Cadet Corporal Samuel Mead from Royal Grammar School Guildford Combined Cadet Force were officially appointed in the summer.

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The Ministry of Defence awards South East companies for their support to the Reserves

Representatives from 38 companies and organisations from the South East were guests of the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Dame Mary Fagan DCVO JP, and Vice Admiral Charles Montgomery CBE ADC RN, The Second Sea Lord and Commander in Chief Naval Home Command, at a presentation evening and reception on board HMS Victory, the oldest commissioned warship in the world. The evening was organised by the Ministry of Defence Campaign - SaBRE,

(Supporting Britain's Reservists & Employers).

The evening was an opportunity to thank employers for their support of the Reserve Forces (The Royal Naval Reserve, Territorial Army and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force) in particular, during mobilisation and operational tours.

During the evening Dame Mary Fagan presented eighteen SaBRE Certificates to organisations who had confirmed their support to the Ministry of Defence.

Over 100 guests were invited to attend the evening and before the presentations many of the guests were given a guided tour of HMS Victory. Presentations and supper followed the tour.

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Presentation to TS Ark Royal

Reigate Sea Cadets T.S Ark Royal were presented with two framed Pictures of H.M.S Ark Royal, at a ceremony on Tuesday 5th July, one depicting the Ship passing through the London Flood Barrier, together with other items of Memorabilia including a copy of Her Majesty the Queen Mothers launch speech for the Warship.

The items were presented to the Unit by Mr David Loderick MBE who served on the ship as Fleet Master at Arms and also served at Southern Area Sea Cadet Office. Mr Loderick told Officers and Cadets that he could think of no better place for these Treasured items than Reigate Sea Cadets T.S Ark Royal.

H.M.S Ark Royal, which is now sadly decommissioned was the Units adopted Ship, and Cadets and staff had many trips on board Ship. The connection with Ark Royal and Reigate town goes back to the Armada when Lord Howard of Effingham lived in Reigate priory and acquired the Ship Ark Raleigh from Sir Walter Raleigh, changing the name to Ark Royal. Needless to say it was a sad day for Reigate Sea cadets when H.M.S Ark Royal was decommissioned.



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Southampton Soldiers pedal their way to £9060.15 for local charities

Three soldiers from Southampton's Territorial Army 266 Port Squadron proudly donated over £9000 to Southampton General Hospital's Cystic Fibrosis Unit and the military charity, 'Help for Heroes'.

The three: Staff Sergeants Dave Rush, Gareth Davies and Lance Corporal 'Singe' Gordon peddled their way 980 miles from the tip of the United Kingdom, John O' Groats, to the toe at Cornwall's Land's End. They were sponsored by friends and family and the people of Southampton generously dropped coins and notes into

collecting buckets during their training sessions as they huffed and puffed in public in the foyer of Totton's Asda supermarket. As they rode the length of the country the support team also busied themselves manning the buckets en-route; all in all a staggering £9060.30 was raised to be equally divided between the two causes.

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The Mayor of Ashford kindly donates to Cadets D of E fund

Recently Cadet Staff Sgt Scott Newens, 18 and Cadet Staff Sgt Patrick Scullian 17, both from Ashford Tobruk Detachment of the Kent Army Cadets (KACF) were presented with a cheque for £200 towards their trip to the Pyrenees to take their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition in July of this year (7 cadets from the county are taking part).

The Mayor was delighted to present the cheque in memory of John Kemp a former Ashford Councillor and Cadet Executive Officer in Kent ACF from 1987-1996.



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Army Cadets help to open new climbing wall

At 12.30hrs, on Saturday the 9th April at Blighmont Territorial Army Centre, Millbrook, Southampton, a brand new climbing wall facility was officially opened by the Chairman of the Connaught Trust Lieutenant Colonel Julian Linington MBE TD.

Local Army Cadets from the Southampton Detachment of the Hants and IOW Cadet Force christened the Wall and made the 'Maiden' climb. First on the wall were Cadets Elijah King and Olivia Andrews. Olivia said, "I have used a climbing wall before, but this one has lots more optional climbs, you can move the foot holes and make the climb easier or harder, it is cool."

The climbing wall – which will be available for hire – along with the venue and equipment, is one of the very few of its kind that can be hired in the Southampton area.

The Wall cost 12K and equipment 1.2K, funded jointly by the Connaught Trust, South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association, the Alexander Fairey Memorial Trust, and members of the Territorial units based at Blighmont TA Centre.

The Wall is 43 square meters of high quality climbing surface and is provided with 4 independent climbing lines rising to a height of 7.7 meters with 220 bolt on holds.

Anyone hiring the venue will have to provide their own instructors and have the necessary qualifications, but the equipment is available to hire along with the wall.

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An Army Cadet has set a new National athletics record.

Corporal Gemma Donovan, from Hilsea, set a new national cadet record for the 400m, helping the south east region to win the National Champions Cup. The 16-year-old, from 2 Platoon, B Company, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Army Cadet Force, was taking part in the annual national championships held in Nottingham. As a member of the South East Region Athletics team she received a 400m gold medal and a national champion badge for 2011. Gemma also went on to win another gold medal in the high jump and two bronze medals in the 100m and the team relay.



South East Air Cadet wins education charity CVQO's coveted Duke of Westminster Award



CVQO is proud to announce the outstanding achievements of Harry Lane, 18, from Crawley, who was named as the winner of the educational charity's prestigious Duke of Westminster Award.

At the ceremony and luncheon at the Royal Air Force Club in London, Harry was presented with the Duke of Westminster Award by Admiral the Right Honourable the Lord West of Spithead for his commitment to his time as a member of the Air Cadets, and to his community. The Duke of Westminster Award is an annual competition organised by CVQO to recognise the most outstanding cadet from four cadet forces: the Combined Cadet Force, the Sea Cadet Corps, the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps.

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606 Squadron member starts in a new role



Warrant Officer Andrew Bailey joined the Corps of Royal Engineers in 1973 and retired after a little under 23 years in 1996. During this period he served in Germany, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Kenya, Canada, Norway the UK. Following a short period out of uniform he enlisted in the RAuxAF in 1997, joining the newly formed Helicopter Support Sqn (now 606 Sqn) at RAF Benson as a Sgt Supplier.

Following a recruit course and trade training he was promoted to Flight Sergeant and was appointed Sqn WO in 1999. During his time as Sqn WO he also held the appointment as Station WO RAF Benson for 4 months in 2001. On return to the Sqn he was immediately mobilised for 4 months as the first Deployed

Operating Base WO at Seeb in Oman for OP VERITAS.

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Portsmouth march shows the entire Reservists' pride

Proud naval reservists have exercised their right to parade through Portsmouth for the first time. More than 200 part-time sailors from HMS King Alfred took part in the march with bayonets fixed and colours flying, which they have the right to do since being granted the Freedom of the City by Portsmouth City Council in 2003. King Alfred is Portsmouth's naval equivalent to the Territorial Army. As they marched through the busy city centre they were led by their marching band, curious shoppers joined those who had come to see the parade

on Commercial Road, clapping and cheering them. Paying tribute to the reservists, Lord Mayor Councillor Cheryl Buggy praised their 'loyalty, skills and dedication' as well as their professionalism and told them: 'No-one makes you join the reservists, it's something you volunteer to do on top of your day job and credit should be given for that.'

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