

News Letter Winter 2009

2009 was a brilliant year!
But 2010 will be better!

**I just love being part of a
success story, don't you!**

Hi there,

A real bargain at £9.00 monthly!

The Sea Cadets in St Albans cost last year £16,000 to run, that's over £450 cadet/year or £8.75 a cadet/week.



What this means to you is;

you are asked to make a donation to the St Albans Sea Cadets, which donation becomes due once your cadet takes their first uniform. This will be dis-counted (£7.00) for families with more than one child attending.

I am sure you will agree that this is outstanding and extremely good value for money considering the worth given back to your child/children during their life in the Sea Cadets.

As your donation falls within the Inland Revenues Gift Aid scheme, we will be claiming income tax relief on the donation you make. Similarly you will be able to claim income tax relief on the same charitable amount.



One small point, please do not sign-up using a Charity Bank. Tax is deducted at source for your benefit and a short fall to us occurs. We can't claim the tax back.

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A note of re-assurance; all monies received are expended directly upon the Cadets of the Unit in one way or another, no monies are syphoned off by any third party for whatever reason.

Your donation is requested by the 14 January 2010 and monthly there after. Of course if you are already signed up then you can smile! ☺

If you have any issues arising out of this note please ring me on 01727 760272 or by email on brian.hewitt@ntlworld.com or meet me most any Friday evening from 9.00pm onwards.

All cheques made payable to St Albans Sea Cadets or by Standing Order sort code 60-18-11 Acc No 06428681 make the reference your cadets surname.

Brian Hewitt Treasurer

Please action straight away; we really do need your support!

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Stage 1 - Unit improvements nearing completion.

The work covers all parts of ship and includes; upgrading the fire alarm, new security system, (something we have never had before), upgrading the room lighting, emergency lighting, external flood lighting, other front and rear door PIR activated lighting, external wall renewal, installing insulation, part renewing the roof coverings and installing insulation, initial making good repairs and ultimately renew the back door. (18 January).

The next round of work will embrace refurbishment of the toilets, provision of accessible toilet and showers, wc and baby changing, develop an accessible entrance and user friendly decorations, new renewed heating boilers and a classroom building.

These are exciting times again - watch this space!

Brian Hewitt

Unit Hiring's

October/November 09 saw the busiest time ever in Unit hiring's which exceeded 16 mornings, afternoons and evenings. We even had a week long event.

Totspartyhire.co.uk (run by the Sea Cadets), please pass on the details to anyone who might just need such a venue. There might be a commission here for the right "agent" that can up the anti in getting more bookings so to speak. Sales leaflets and business cards are available.

Just think if we can get 3 to 4 days worth of bookings the cadets get back to being free again.



At present we are chatting with people who want to create a child minding service 5 days a week 8 while 6.30 aimed at the working mum's and dads.

In addition the St Albans Table Tennis club are looking us over.

Brian Hewitt

Lost and Found Galley Helpers needed

We have lost our regular galley manager and are looking for a group of Mums and Dads to come down from time to time and sell "nosh" to the cadets at Stand Easy on Tuesday and Friday a parade nights.

At the moment his means we will not be able to keep the galley open every night. I will publish shortly a simple rota and hope you can accommodate our suggestion.

We are very stuck on this one.

Thanks to Julie and Margaret for making the drapes

Patricia Gosling

What's On in 2010

SERIOUS FUN AHOY!!

T.S. St. Albans Sea Cadets! COURSES 2010 –

Course details to follow; they will include week long opportunities at National level:

- Full Bore Shooting (over 14 yrs)
- Junior, Sea and Marines Summer Camps (summer holidays)
- Air Aquaint at RAF Culdrose (over 12.5 yrs summer holidays.)
- Cadet General Training (over 12.5 yrs, many dates)
- Sail training in square rigged brigs and regular racing yachts
- Plus there is a great long list of specializations available too.

Other courses will be available over weekends and run at District level too.



Hot Special

OFFSHORE SAILING WEEKENDS

Qualifying for Offshore Hand, Offshore Seaman, RYA Start Yachting and Competent Crew Qualifications

DATES

21-23 May	3 boys
4-6 June	3 boys
18-20 June	2 girls
15- 20 August	4 boys
22-27 August	4 boys
17-19 Sept	3 boys

And all for Only £49.

Bursary grants may be available.

You must book early to get the places you want. See the training officer - **PO(SCC)Ted Hill**.

Finally, when you do a course we ask that you write a few words about it and share any photographs for the

website and/or press releases to the local and navy paper.



You really have to do this please; it helps no end with grants and subsidies that we apply for! Ted will tell you there is not a lot of cash out there and every effort helps.

PO(SCC)Ted Hill.

Breaking News from the Quarter Deck!

There are many exciting courses still available you can do, more details are available in the office. www.seacadetfun.com and also visit the **Accounts** section to see how good other similar courses have been.

News from the Training Office

2009 was another busy year with cadets at all levels achieving success within the various training elements.

As well as progression up the ranks, cadets also played an active part in putting their training to the test with notable success in the last couple of months.

Unit Web Site

Cadet Story writers wanted!

I will pay £1.00 for every article received which has a minimum of 199 words in it. That's about a page column. The article must be a real life event of cadets on course, weekend away, competition and in the unit and most of all be able to be published for all to enjoy.

This has to be the easiest pocket money earner ever. No limit on the number of submissions received. Email is the easiest method of let me have your work.

(brian.hewitt@ntlworld.com)

Offer expires 28 February 2010.

Sam Hewitt

Success at air riffle shooting.

Roger Frost reports on the District Shooting.

Once again, St Albans Sea Cadets have had a good year in the annual District Air Rifle Shooting competition which was held at Hertford and Ware Unit on Sunday the 13th December. Two teams from T.S. St. Albans were entered. Team 1; O/Cdt Jueno, O/Cdt Wood and Cdt Fox.

Team Two; L/Cdt Threadgold M/Cdt Landau and M/Cdt L/Cpl Lansdown.

Team 1 came first in the overall team competition scoring the highest overall score.

Team 2 came second overall.

The highest individual score was recorded once again by O/Cdt D. Jueno.

The second highest score was recorded by M/Cdt Landau.

The third highest score was recorded by O/Cdt Wood.

We once again hold the trophy and shield for the respective competitions held every year.

Thanks should be given to Lt Cdr Waylett for his continued support and coaching for this event.

CI Roger Frost

Cadet's Xmas Disco

This year sees the new format disco buffet, which worked out quite well, providing an evening of entertainment and modest eats.

Mr Music travelled up from Surrey in the bad weather conditions to support our evening.



Sainsbury's Bag Packing

A good opportunity to raise funds covering 40 tills with 50 cadets was always going to be an ambitious project. We had the best day of the year with the store being jammed packed all day.

5-A-S In November.

We celebrated success as they took three trophies at the District 5 a side football tournament. Playing at the Metropolitan Police Centre in Hendon the three teams from St Albans took on other Sea Cadets from across Hertfordshire and taking three trophies.

Junior Sea Cadets (10 –12),
Senior Female Sea Cadets (15- 18),
Senior Boys (15 – 18)

Junior Cadet Max August also won the "Player of the Tournament" Award for his cat like prowess in goal for the junior team. Congratulations to PO Nash who trained the teams to peak performance.

PO(SCC) Ted Hill.

Mega Tree Planting

Cadets demonstrated they were not fish out of water when they were part of the record breaking attempt to plant 20,000 trees in 1 hour in Sandridge last month.



Working with cadets from Welwyn Garden City as one of the teams, the cadets smashed the previous record of 18,000 trees by planting over 20,300 trees and piping another record attempt in Kent by 14 trees.

We didn't do much training for this particular event but all of the cadets worked well demonstrating exceptional teamwork. They have also left a lasting landmark which will be visible for generations.



No doubt in a few years this land will be a forest, something to look forward to.

PO(SCC) Ted Hill.

RNP Inspection

We are now working through preparations for our RNP (inspection) in February and as part of this, cadets are undertaking a range of specialisations including First Aid, Communications, Marine Engineering and Navigation as well as being put through their paces for the Drill and Piping competitions in early 2010.

Coming Soon

As we move to better weather we hope to get back on the water with training in sailing, pulling, kayaking & powerboating.

Cadets can also access week long courses at Royal Navy establishments learning a whole range of new skills or experience a week at sea on one of the training vessels (details from PO Hill).

Staff also receiving training to ensure the quality of the skills passed on are of a high standard. **Congratulations** go to Sgt Wales, PO Heard, PO Hill & TI Wales for passing a range of courses in 2009.

Coming-Up

We have also provided specialist training such as Seamanship, First Aid, Communications, Marine Engineering & Cook Stewards and we are trying to establish a new specialisation of Chartwork (Navigation) – another watch this space.

But it's not just training at the unit. Cadets can apply for a range of courses at Royal Naval establishments and at sea with sailing, power-boating and much more.

These courses usually last a week and frankly are a bargain at £60 including all training, meals, accommodation and travel!

PO(SCC) Ted Hill.

News from the Junior Cadet Office

The junior division at St Albans Sea Cadet unit is for 10-12year olds prior to becoming a fully enrolled cadet. Previous training undertaken by the juniors was put to good use during our recent activity weekend.

The next ceremonial event on the calendar will be the district Trafalgar day parade on Sunday 18th October when all the juniors will join the rest of St Albans Sea Cadets parading through the streets of Stevenage.

Also Remembrance Day Parade in November. More drill practise!

APO Paul Packham



Honorary Alderman Arthur Nowell

During the local government year from May 1994 - May 1995, as the District Councillor for the Ward of St Stephen), I had the great privileged to be chosen by my fellow Councillors to be the Mayor of the City and District of St Albans. In that position I found myself as the *ex-officio* President of around 40 local associations and charities which included the Sea Cadets. As their President, I chaired their AGM and realised what a wonderful opportunity and help they provide for youngsters in the locality.

When my year as Mayor ended and I was no longer busy with 500 civic engagements, I came onto the Sea Cadets Management Committee where I've assisted ever since as their Vice-Chairman!

I am now 79 however, so if some of the parents would come forward, I might be able to think about retiring!

Arthur Nowles

Next news letter in March 10

St Albans Sea Cadets

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***6.30 for 7.00pm
don't be late
for this very important date!***

Royal Navy Parade 2010

Tuesday 2nd February 2010

Parents and Friends see your cadets' at work!

**Cadets will undertake a number
of activities to demonstrate
their skills and abilities.**

Bring along your friends too for a great night out!

Light refreshments available during the evening

<http://stalbans-seacadets.org.uk>

TotsPartyHire.co.uk

St Albans Sea Cadets Controlled