

SEA CADETS KETTERING - 800 NAS Sea Cadet Core 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION - 1st OCTOBER 2017

Kettering Sea Cadets remained known as T.S. Pytchley until 2010 when the UMC and Commanding Officer approved a change of name and the Unit became affiliated with 800 Naval Air Squadron. The Unit officially stood up as 800 NAS SCC on the 27th January 2010, the day after the retirement of Joint Force Harrier and 800 Naval Air Squadron.

Brian Bingham our Vice Chairman and Peter Murray, National Secretary and their wives attended the above event held at 800 NAS Sea Cadets Kettering. The invited dignitaries and guests included, the Lord Lt of Northamptonshire, and The Lord and Lady Mayor of Kettering and Rear Admiral Blount RN OBE, Head of the Fleet Air Arm. The Admiral inspected the Guard congratulating them on their standards of drill and then addressed the assembled audience. He explained that in November last year the unit had a fire in the Boat House, since then the community, Scouts, Brownies and the wider Fleet Air Arm and Royal Navy came together to help and support the Sea Cadets to get back on their feet, including the new Boat House. The Admiral said "What your unit has achieved during the last twelve months is quite incredible. A credit to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant (SCC) Marc Pether RNR and the whole Ship's Company. He said the Royal Navy would be extremely proud, and to be proud of yourselves and of each other. What you have achieved is something amazing. Bravo Zulu."

The Fleet Air Arm Association Reunion Raffle has donated £100 towards funds to help rebuild the Boat House.



Leading Junior Edward Dennis receiving the Burgee, which is presented to the top 30% of sea cadet units across the country who have performed well, not only maintain a quality environment and facilities for the

cadets, but whose ship's company has developed and achieved well in qualification, involvement in competitions and attendance events and courses locally, nationally and by enabling the cadets to experience as much boating as possible both onshore and offshore.



Admiral Blount presenting PO Cadet Miriam Cragg with her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. The first time this has been awarded to a cadet in Kettering



Leading Junior Finn McMahon cutting the celebratory cake with Admiral Blount



PO (SCC) Ian McMahon Guard Commander Reports to Rear Admiral Keith Blount that his Guard is ready for Inspection and the start of a full day of celebrations for 800 NAS Sea Cadets Kettering