



The 'Dit'



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CONTRIBUTE TODAY!

The unit Newsletter rebranded as 'The Dit' is back and alive! News, Events, Puzzles and Pictures will appear in each month's Edition.

If you would like an Article to feature, please email newsletter@tshastings.co.uk and the Editor will do their best to ensure it is published (Those with pictures will obtain preference)!

Please don't forget to check www.tshastings.co.uk where there is more news **as it happens!**

NAVY BOARD CADET 2010!

Hastings Unit, Sussex District has had the distinct privilege to have **Petty Officer Cadet Paul Huggett** appointed Southern Area Navy Board Cadet 2010. This prestigious award is given to the best cadet in each Area and in Southern this has been commended to Paul.

Paul Joined Hastings Sea Cadets in 2003 as a junior Sea Cadet and rose through the Rates to Petty Officer Cadet attaining his Marine Engineering Electrical & Mechanical First Class, although this did not stop him attaining his Junior Instructors at SCTC Gannet. Aside from this he has gained a wide range of Qualifications including First Aid First Class and BCU 2 star Kayaking complimented with Cadet Pulling Instructor.

Whilst attaining all this Paul has earned his Silver Sea Cadet Aviator wings on the First Sea Cadet Aviation course held at SCTC INSKIP where he learnt valuable skills in Naval Flying and Aviation, this also cemented his career path to become a Royal Navy Pilot.

Paul has also been an excellent role model to younger cadets and stepping up to teach and assist the cadets when required, he has been a consistent example of what a Senior Cadet within a unit should be.

Bravo Zulu to Paul on his new appointment.

HASTINGS CADET RECEIVES "ROYAL RECEPTION"!

Petty Officer Cadet Paul Huggett undertook his first duty as Navy Board Cadet 2010 on Wednesday 17th February by attending the Media Launch of the Cadet 150 Celebrations.

Paul was part of 26 cadets drawn from across all of the Cadet Forces who were lucky enough to secure a Royal audience with Her Majesty in recognition of the great work they have all achieved as young cadets. The cadets are also in town to celebrate the launch of Cadet 150.

As part of the celebrations all the cadets met Kevan Jones, under secretary of state and minister for Veterans and Dawn Butler, minister for young citizens and youth engagement M P for Brent South, outside 10 Downing Street for a quick photo before being whisked off for a tour of London. Cadet 150 is an opportunity to recognise the role young people play in supporting their local communities and how the cadet forces: Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Air Cadets and Combined Cadet Force help support young people into adult hood by giving them the chance to learn new skills and boost their confidence via team work.



Find out More - www.cadet150.org

DISTRICT DRILL COMPETITION

The cold Sunday morning of the 21st February 2010 heralded the Sussx District Drill & Piping Competition at Eastbourne College. Hastings Unit was well represented entering a Junior Sea Cadet Piping Team, Senior Piping Team and an unarmed squad.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, Hastings unit won the Unarmed Squad and Junior Sea Cadet Piping Team categories combined with having the 'best dressed' piping team and coming a respectable second!

Well done to all the cadets involved as they progress to the Area Competition (the next level of competition) on 7th March 2010 to compete against units from across the South East.

Thanks go to all Cadets and Staff in making the competitions such a success.



TRAINING OFFICER'S NEWS

If you are interested in applying for a course please email or speak to the Training Officer (PO (SCC) L Whitear). Email: uto@tshastings.co.uk

APPLY EARLY for new Courses from April onwards on the new National Training Programme to be released **in the next week or so!**

School Holiday Periods will be especially busy so early booking is recommended!

UNIT WEBSITE

Keep Up to date with Unit news as it happens!

Visit the Unit Website at:

www.tshastings.co.uk

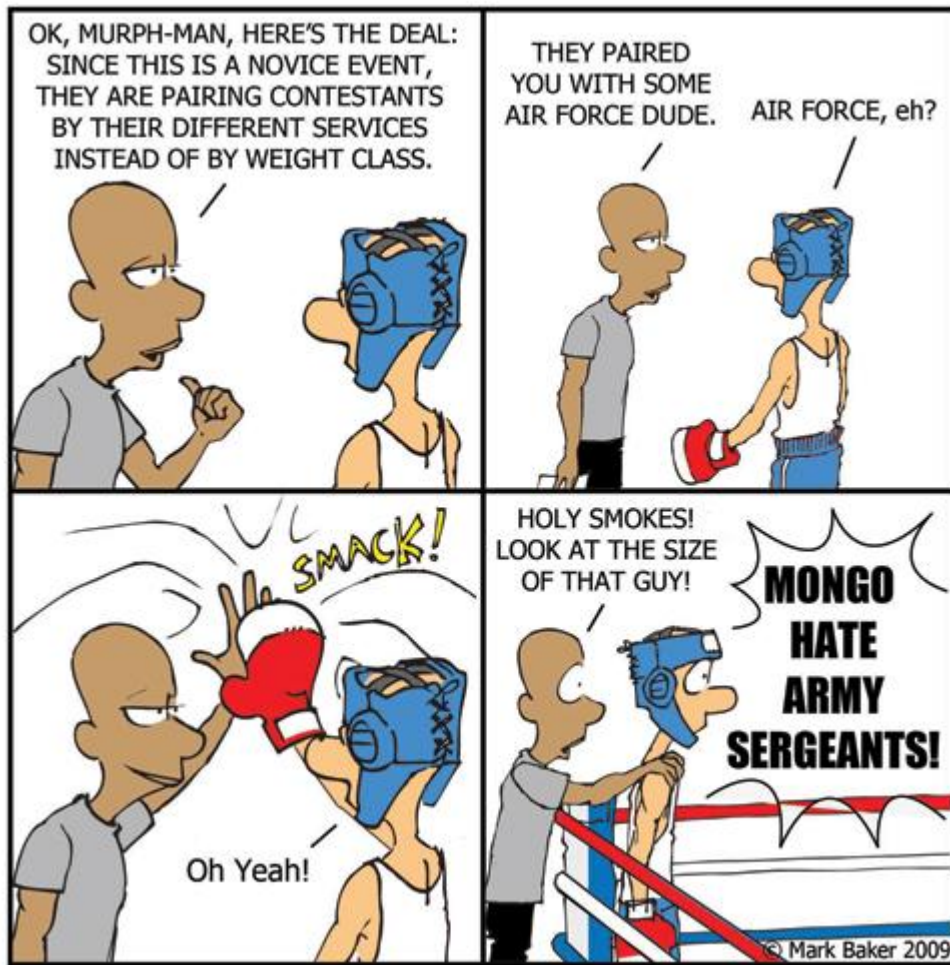
Dates for your Diary (March 2010)

Date	Events	Location
07	Southern Area Drill & Piping Competition	Portsmouth
13	Active Hastings Sumo Wrestling/Assault Course	The Oval, Hastings
12 - 14	Junior Sea Cadet Weekend	Eastbourne
20	Hastings Half Marathon setup	Hastings
21	Hastings Half Marathon	Hastings
23	Royal Navy visibility team Visit	Hastings
19 - 21	Southern Area Cadet Multi Training	Browdown Army Camp
27	War Memorial Re-Dedication	Alexandra Park, Hastings

[Click here for a full version of the most recent unit calendar!](#)

To book yourself/ your cadet on a course please see the Unit Training Officer PO (SCC) Lee Whitear or E-Mail him at uto@tshastings.co.uk

Fun and Games



(Comic – www.pvtmurphy.com)

Caption Competition!

Best Suggestion will be featured next month – Suggestions to newsletter@tshastings.co.uk

