



# Newsletter

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## Committee

We are sad to announce that AVM Sandy Hunter has been unable to continue as Chairman of the Branch. Victor Spong will act in this role until we can find a replacement. We welcome any nominees for this position, and all will be considered at the next Committee Meeting.

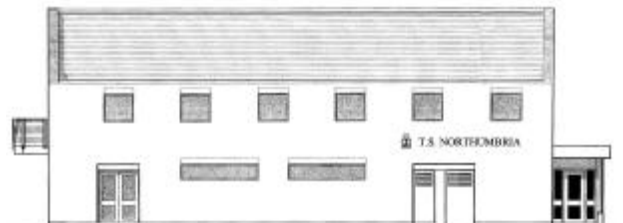
## Role of the Branch

Our aims are:

- To develop resources to assist the management and operations of Units within the region
- To raise funds for projects which help cadets across the region
- To create a network to promote the activities of the MSSC in the region

## Initial Project

Having successfully obtained the funds for installing the pontoons, thanks to the wide support from those who voted for the project in The People's Millions, the next phase of development for the Derwenthaugh Boat Station is to build a residential centre. This will be of benefit to all cadets in the region.



Your MSSC Branch Committee have accepted the invitation to coordinate the funding for this project. Not only will this give us a focus for our activities, it will help us to develop the network we shall need for future projects.

## SeaCadetFest - MetroCentre *Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March*

The SeaCadetFest will be held at The MetroCentre, Gateshead on the weekend of 29-30 March. This event was instigated in order to promote the Sea Cadets in the Tyne-Tees Area.

Through performances and static displays, the Cadets show off their skills to the general public.



We plan to have a stand for the MSSC Branch.

If any non-uniform members are available to man the table for an hour or so, on either day, please let me know.

## Tyneside Launch - Trinity House *Thursday 17 April*

We are inviting representatives of the maritime industry and charitable trusts to join us for this event. Sea Cadets will be helping out, including the band from North Shields Unit. The intention is to raise the profile of the MSSC locally, as well as to help create a network of contacts for all Units.



If any member would like to attend, could you please contact me as soon as possible.

Whilst the event is free, it would be appreciated if any member attending were prepared to make a donation towards the cost.

## Teesside Launch - HMS Trincomalee

The Branch Committee have decided to postpone the launch at Teesside until we are able to develop a better membership and contact base.

At the moment, we have no Teesside representation, and events such as these are difficult to organize without local knowledge.

It is hoped that this will be rectified and the Launch Event can go ahead later in the year, or early next year.

## Summer Event

The Summer event is planned to be held at the Derwenthaugh Boat Station, hopefully



in August, to mark the commissioning of the new pontoons. .

## Autumn Event

We are hoping to arrange a visit to South Tyneside College in October, who have a Bridge simulator.



Further information on these two events will be sent to all members as soon as it becomes available.

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