

NEW WALTON JUNIOR CADETS AIM HIGH!

Walton on the Naze Juniors have had a jam-packed weekend; from rock climbing at Essex University to climbing the rigging within a Hornpipe routine for Sea Sunday! Walton Juniors have certainly hit the ground running, with the new Junior Section only having started in January 2011.



Junior Cadet Swarbrick

Officer in Charge of the Junior Section, Petty Officer Lesley Monk, and her team of Junior Staff, including Civilian Instructors Rosie Hatt and Emma Potts, and Petty Officers May Andrews and Jay Watcham, took 25 cadets to the University of Essex's indoor rock climbing wall. Fundraising Facilitator, Rosie Hatt, raised over £1,200 for the cadets to have this amazing opportunity. Walton Senior cadets who have helped with the New Junior Section were also invited to attend the event. The Senior cadets have certainly taken to their new Juniors, who parade separately to the Senior cadets on a Wednesday evening. A 'Big

Cadet, Little Cadet' relationship has proved invaluable with teaching younger children the fundamentals of a Sea Cadet parade night. The rock climbing session was certainly enjoyed by all; with many fears of heights being conquered! All of the cadets were determined to reach for the top of the wall, even the staff!

The following day, 25 Walton Junior and Senior cadets attended the Sea Sunday Service on the 17th July at Frinton-on-Sea. St Mary's Church was transformed into the deck of HMS Victory with a panoramic life-size backdrop. There are not many Commanding Officers who will drive all the way down to Portsmouth just to take a picture of Lord Nelson's historical deck, but Lieutenant Gary Dodd is certainly



Juniors performing the Hornpipe in the aisle!



A last minute practice outside St Mary's Church

dedicated to his cadets! The cadets helped Unit Padre Don Smith, a Newhaven Sea Cadet in his youth, to put on an exciting and lively service. The Juniors entertained the whole congregation with a full Hornpipe dance routine down the aisle of the church. Readings were also given by Marine Cadet 2nd Class Lawrence O'Connell,

Marine Cadet Sarah Hawes, Petty Officer Cadet Tom Horton, Able Cadet Charlie Rainbird, Cadet Madison Carpenter, Petty Officer May Andrews and Unit Administrator Margaret Andrews. A member of the church congregation commented "...We can't believe that young people of today can conduct themselves in such a mature way. Walton Sea Cadets are a credit to their community."



TS Illustrious, Walton Unit, in front of HMS Victory Backdrop