

**Commander Rob H Noble BSc(Hons) CEng CIP MBCS MinstLM MIAP RD RNR**

**Commanding officer HMS Sherwood**



Cdr Noble joined the RNR as a Radio Operator Class II in February 1985 at HMS Mercia in Coventry. He took his Admiralty Interview Board in July of that same year becoming an Acting Sub Lieutenant. He took his Fleet Board in 1988 achieving a First Class pass having served on both Ton and River Class Minesweepers. He then immediately joined the Naval Control of Shipping (NCS) Branch as it was then called. In 1990 he was promoted to Lieutenant. In 1994, with the closure of HMS Mercia, Lt Noble transferred to HMS Forward in Birmingham. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1997 he then held a series of Senior Management posts for four different Commanding Officers of HMS Forward, including six years as the First Lieutenant and Wardroom Mess President.

As a Lieutenant he undertook the last ever ROSAC (ICSC(M)) held at Greenwich and then as a Lieutenant Commander he completed the SRODC (ACSC(M)) at Shrivenham. He has completed numerous courses and exercises as an NCS and latterly as an MTO(NCAGS) officer including appointments in Dubai, Chile, Singapore, Germany, the Netherlands and the Orkneys. In 1992 he represented the RNR at the Young Reserve Officers' Workshop in Washington DC.

In 2000 he received his RD from HRH Prince Michael of Kent. When HMS Forward was awarded the Freedom of the City of Birmingham he was the Parade Commander, a role he performed proudly at several events during his time as 'the Jimmy'.

In March 2009 Cdr Noble assumed command of HMS Forward. On relinquishing command of HMS Forward in April 2011 he took up a national post as SO1 RNR Recruiting (Units), part of CMR's Virtual HQ until April 2014.

In September 2014 Cdr Noble assumed command of HMS Sherwood in Nottingham, an appointment he will hold until September 2017.

Cdr Noble lives in South Leicestershire and he has two sons. In his civilian capacity Cdr Noble is an IT Project Manager. In his limited spare time he likes to play five-a-side football, jog, cycle, read, play all racquet sports and go to the cinema. When the weather is good he likes to take his motorbike for a spin in the country!