

## REPORT ON RECENT DEFENCE VISIT

Sixteen Carmen recently visited the Defence School of Logistics and Administration at Worthy Down where we were given the most informative of days covering many aspects of logistics unfamiliar to many.



The day started with a briefing on the overall roles of the School, before we went into the field to see trainees being taught to operate a bulk fuel installation and undertake quality control measures. Then, having visited the Headquarters British Forces Post Office earlier this year, we were able to hear about the problems associated with the worldwide distribution of routine and highly classified mail and documentation for HM Forces and diplomatic missions. A demonstration of supply control in remote locations was followed by “time afloat” with the boarding of HMS CERES, a realistic working environment for the training of RN Supply Chain personnel afloat.

Towards the end of each catering course, the trainees prepare food for a formal or informal occasion and we were treated to most superb of Chinese meals - putting many a restaurant to shame! The final stop was to see the tailoring section where students learn the intricate requirements of supporting

the Army's ceremonial units, including the Household Division and Scottish regiments. We were intrigued to hear that trainees have to make a kilt, completely by hand and to perfection, in order to pass the course! Finally, many Carmen concluded the day by a visit to the Royal Logistic Corps Museum.

All in all, another superb day in the series of visits to Defence units.