



## Commander P J Haslam Commanding Officer of HMS Sutherland

Commanding Officer of HMS Sutherland, Phil Haslam, took over the ship's reins in August of this year and this will be his first visit to Sutherland. Born in Newbury in 1966 he joined the Royal Navy in 1985 as a Warfare Officer.

Following training his first complement billet was as Correspondence Officer in HMS Alacrity. Specialising as a Fighter Controller in 1990, he spent the next 18 months in HMS York. Appointments as Executive Officer HMS Dumbarton Castle, the Falkland Islands Patrol Vessel and conducting Fishery Protection duties in HMS Lindisfarne were interspersed with a short appointment in HMS Invincible as FC1 during operations in the Adriatic.

Qualifying as a PWO(A) in 1996, he was appointed to HMS Chatham conducting the 1997 Ocean Wave deployment to the Middle and Far East including the hand over ceremonies for Hong Kong. Further training led to appointments to HMS Birmingham as Operations Officer and HMS Illustrious as Senior Warfare Officer.

His last appointment before taking over the reins of HMS Sutherland was as Executive Officer in HMS Marlborough where he took the ship from refit to combat operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf.



**As part of the celebrations the public are invited to come on Sunday to Invergordon between 2pm-4pm to visit the ship.**

