



# THE PANTHER

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The Official Newsletter of 146 (Northwich) ATC

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The first 2007 Panther comes to you a little later than normal due to the Christmas break and a busy time early in the New Year. But now, here is the scoop for the past few months....

## Christmas Disco

"Paarrttaay...", now in March, Christmas seems like a long time ago, but what a night!! It seemed that everyone really enjoyed themselves even our visitors Bollington sqn, our cadets and NCO's made them very welcome. I'm sure 146 will have many fun times still to come and with the Spring Fling approaching, it looks like we won't have to wait long.



## Hockey Competition

What a success...!!! The girls played excellently, winning all of their games and not conceding a single goal. They won their quarter final and proudly got through to the final, playing against Lymn sqn. Our team was a very junior team, but also a very strong one. Unfortunately they lost in the final 0:2.

"Even though they were disappointed at the loss they held their heads high and congratulated the winning team".

*Comment from a member of staff attending the competition.*

## Table Tennis

Unfortunately the 146 team were knocked out of the competition for the first time in 5 years, but did well considering the team has a lot of new members. But in the meanwhile team, keep smiling and keep practicing. Anybody wanting to join or even fancy just going to the practices, ask Mr Pinder or Mr Curtis for details.

## Foster and Currall Trophy Presentation

Most of you, parents and cadets, will have heard about the sqn's recent awards. The Foster and Currall trophies are awarded to the top two cadets in the UK for examination results over 7 exams. This year, both trophies were awarded to cadets from 146, which is a fantastic achievement. Tom Beasant attained the top Foster trophy and Michael Simpson, with only a few marks difference received the Currall, runners-up trophy.



*The Air Commodore taking time to chat to the cadets.*

Because of the nature of these achievements, the Air Commodore himself presented both of these awards personally at a special awards night at Northwich Memorial Hall. The Air Commodore is the highest ranking member of the Air Cadet organization, the current Air Commodore is Gordon Moulds who took post in late 2006.

With a fantastic turn out of 90+ cadets and NCOs, the Air Commodore was blown away by the achievements of 146 sqn. He presented bronze, silver and gold D of E awards to 62 cadets along with the top two trophies. AC Moulds commented that 146 was “a golden sqn” and “one of the best he had seen”.

All the cadets should be very proud of their representation of the sqn, they looked very smart and proud on the night,



*Nearly at full strength, 146 parades more than 90 cadets!*

### **5-a-side Football**

The inter sqn 5-a-side competition was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The junior team came 5<sup>th</sup> (they had beat the eventual winning sqn 4-0 in the lead up round!).

The senior team came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The overall position was that 146 came 2<sup>nd</sup> – and being awarded 24 Dobson points.



Well done lads!

### **Minibuses**

As you are aware, our aging minibuses have seen far better days - although they have served us well and would have some stories to tell if they could talk!

Now we have some great news!

After months of waiting and filling in documentation, we have just been awarded a matched-funding grant for a new minibus. This means that with the money you have already helped to raise, we can buy one new minibus (approx £21,500) and we get the money matched so we can buy another minibus! Buy one – get one free! Thank you Vale Royal Council.

### **St. Patricks Night Fancy Dress/RND 07**

We all had a great night!

Thanks to the Senior NCOs who organized the Irish Bingo and to F O Alford for supplying the biscuits/icing for the decoration competition.



We raised £64.51 which has now been paid to RND 07.

### **Easter**

Please don't forget the raffle ticket draw – a strip of tickets costs just £1. The draw will be help on the 30th March, so bring your tickets along and hope for the best in winning that massive Easter egg.

### **STOP PRESS - Petition**

If you could take your time to read this petition and sign it if you agree with it.....

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/cadets/>

*Next edition of The Panther soon – honest!*