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31 Entry Passout

A busy weekend for 31 entry culminated in their Passout Parade in front of proud relatives and friends at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 16th February.

The entry had a very special reviewing officer, the Commandant Air Cadets - Air Commodore Jon Chitty.



Flt Lt Twose presents a Sqn shield to Air Commodore Chitty

ATC Sunday

The squadron had a terrific turnout for ATC Sunday in February. We had to hire a double-decker bus!!

The band performed superbly as usual, even showing a brave face when the police patrol abandoned them at a busy crossroad junction to face impatient Sunday drivers! Fortunately Mr Hart and Mr Storey came to the rescue and single (double?) handedly stopped the traffic!



146 Band stops the traffic again!

32 Entry

No 32 Entry FCTC started on 5th March. The first night saw 27 hopefuls. Now, some 4 weeks later, we have a regular 22 attending weekday and Sunday parades. To all new members of 146 – welcome and good luck with your training and we look forward to your Passout weekend.

FTIC

FS Penney, Sgt Green and Sgt Moores all attended, *and passed*, the recent Wing SNCO Field Training Instructor course. The three 146 NCOs joined 23 other candidates from only 12 EC&SM squadrons on the weekend course held at Leek Army Training Area.

The FTIC was a demanding, pass or fail course. Only 19 out of the 26 NCOs passed.

Sgt Keep and Sgt Pye from 146 also volunteered along with seven other NCOs from the Wing to assist as Admin cadets - “the enemy”. Sgt Keep and Sgt Pye were so impressive that the OC FTIC subsequently awarded them the full qualification as though they were part of the main course! They were the only Admin cadets to be awarded this distinction! It certainly pays to volunteer and get stuck in !!

146 now have five qualified Field Training Instructors – well done to all of them.

Table Tennis

Team 146 have just won their semi-final round making this the fourth consecutive year that they are in the finals! Of course, they have won the final for the previous three years – so no pressure team! We have every confidence in them – a team that is 80% changed from last year. Well done.

Wing Parade

This year’s Wing Parade was held on March 30th. The choice of Mothers Day no doubt contributed to the relatively low turnout but out of a total of 150 cadets attending for the whole Wing, 146 squadron provided 30 – an impressive display of commitment.

The Squadron Band once again provided the musical element this year. The reviewing officer was Group Captain Gambold – OC North Region. This event marked his final official parade at Wing before he retires later this year.

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All cadets please check you availability for Summer Camps and off-site Training Courses. Remember, there are lots of opportunities for you – take as many of them as you can