



# THE PANTHER

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Due to unforeseen circumstances 'The Panther' has not been published for a while, however, it will now be a regular publication, monthly. If you have anything you wish to be included in the next edition see the editor (details at end).

## Recent exams

As you will be aware of, our cadets recently sat exams at leading, senior and staff part 1 levels. When all these exams have been completed, it is sufficient to gain a BTEC in Aviation Studies. Wing are quite slow in processing these results so it is a squadron policy to mark them here as well. These results are not final but I am pleased to report that these cadets all gained a distinction.

### Leading-

Bracegirdle, Fletcher, Hunt, Kellet, Millington, Oakes.

### Senior-

Brecknell, Charmer, Harkness, Hughes J, Read, Thomson, Stott L, Stott R.

### Staff part 1-

Cpl Buxton, Cpl McAdam

## Points

A new points scheme has been re-introduced on the squadron where points are gained from attendance and other activities, on and off the squadron e.g. flying etc. The best male and female cadets are announced to the squadron.

For April these were:

Male: Stott L

Female: Jeffrey

For May these were:

Male: Goodwin S

Female: Brecknell

These points are totaled to give the flight a score. The scores for April were: -

1 flight: 636 points

2 flight: 730 points

## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



*"Look what I just trod in!"*

As you will be aware of, the squadron regards the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme as very important. The squadron receives the most awards in the wing. Due to our efforts the wing was given an award for the most improved in Duke of Edinburgh awards.

On the squadron, the latest awards to be gained are:

Brand	Bronze
Bullen	Bronze
Hoolohan	Bronze
Shields	Bronze

## Sport

The cadets takes pride in sporting achievements. The following cadets have gone further than the squadron for their achievements.

FS Baranowski	Wing Javelin
FS Green	Wing Javelin
	Region Rugby
	Corps Rugby
Sgt Hooker	Region Rugby
Sgt Keep	Region Rugby
Sgt Owen	Wing 100m

It was recently the inter-squadron athletics, which I am proud to announce that 146 were overall winners. The following cadets all took

Allder, FS Baranowski, Sgt Beaumont, Bishop, Brecknell, Brooks, Cpl Buxton, Capel, Copner, Sgt Dickens, Doodson, Drurey, Cpl Duffy-Turner, Duffy-Turner, Gerrard, Goodwin J, Goodwin S, FS Green, Sgt Hooker, Hughes J, Cpl McAdam, McCormick, McEwan, Sgt Owen, Reynolds, Ross, Shields, Smith, CWO Yarwood

### FTIC

Recently, the wing ran a course designed to train GDT instructors, called FTIC. Those in attendance were:

FS Green, FS Penney, Sgt Keep, Sgt Moores  
Sgt Pye

These NCOs are now qualified wing field training instructors. Very well done to them.

### Phoenix-Ex



*Only two could keep their balance for the photo.*

The squadron recently organised and completed a 48-hr GDT exercise, which was a great success. Here is one cadet's view on the whole thing.

### **Conquering Phoenix-Ex to stand on top of a challenge and a half, to merely collapse of exhaustion on top of it**

If you don't mind the absence of TV, phones, decent food, bed and love the thrill of talking through radios and creeping through the wilderness, Phoenix-Ex was definitely your kind of thing. It was indeed a hear all, see all, feel all, cold experience, relatively exciting at parts if you count the obliterating of officers in a big water fight finale! Most definitely worth the £10 for 3 days of hell breaking fun. Overall, cold, tiring, hungry 24/7 but FUN!!!

*Cadet Brecknell.*

### Presentation Evening



The squadrons annual presentation evening was a great success. Many awards were given, far too many to mention here. However, special mention is made of the Best Male and Best Female cadets – Cdt Goodwin and Cdt Brecknell and the Alford Trophy for Commitment went to FS Taylor.

### The green leaves of summer

Bad luck for the ATC but summer brings with it the absence of the older cadets on GCSE, AS and A level duty. The euphoria of completing these is soon replaced by a dread of actually receiving the results, often during summer camp, thus spoiling it for some or a modest confidence, sometimes misplaced, of those who have the last detail of their education planned.

My advice is after the May re-sit exams, is to apply for leave and really knuckle down to revision and return in June or early July.

It was always an ambition of mine (NEVER achieved) to be able to open up the squadron every day during the summer holidays. A succession of adult staff would be needed as well as sufficient NCOs to conduct activities. Activities could include redecoration, gardening and any other projects not included in the training periods of autumn, winter and spring seasons.

Enjoy summer and good luck with the exams!

*CI Mike Downing*

Thanks would like to be given to all those who have helped in the production of the newsletter including, Mr Downing, Cdt Brecknell, Sgt Dunn, FS Green.

*If there any articles you would like to be published, speak to Cpl McAdam*