



# THE PANTHER



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## TEA AT THE PALACE



On 17<sup>th</sup> March FS Baranowski, FS Green, FS Penney and Sgt Keep were invited to St James Palace in London to be presented with their Gold D Of E awards by Prince Philip (the Duke of Edinburgh). The morning was spent having their official photographs taken. In the afternoon they went over to the palace and a guest of honor presented the awards individually. For our wing it was the TV chef Anthony Worrall Thompson. Prince Philip then went round to talk to everyone individually.

"It was a wonderful day and a proud moment for everyone concerned. It was a pleasure to meet the chief, the big duke he was a very pleasant chap, and Anthony Worrall Thompson gave a motivational speech in which he asked us all to buy his book." *FS Baranowski*

## A TESTING TIME

Many of our cadets sat examinations on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Leading course sat exams in airmanship and basic navigation, while the senior and staff courses had propulsion exams. We are expecting great things of you all as usual.

## GROUND FORCE 146 STYLE

Following the impressive efforts made by volunteer cadets, staff and civilian committee members who turned up over two weekends in March, we have now officially started the squadron refurbishment project! Objectives include an extension to the parade square, low maintenance gardens, a volleyball court to the rear of the squadron, new radio masts, new changing rooms, and a whole host of building repairs.

The plan is to organize working parties where cadets and parents can come down to the squadron to do a little work and have some fun. Pt Off Pinder is requesting a little time and a little effort in return for a taste of Mrs McEwens BBQ washed down with a few tins. So come give us a hand - if you think your hard enough.

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 37 cadets started their Duke of Edinburgh journey by completing their bronze practice expedition. As is to be expected there were a few hiccups, one group of girls forgot their tent – nothing vital then. Another lost their tent poles, and found them again under a hedge?? Everyone woke up in good spirits the next morning ready for a good days walking. After their success in the practice and learning from any mistakes, the cadets were ready for their qualifying expedition. This was on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> around the delamere forest area. All cadets completed the walk and are a credit to the squadron. Hopefully they will all work hard to complete the other areas of the bronze award and will be walking around with badges on their shoulders soon.

"Although some of the cadets found it very taxing there were few complaints and it was obvious they felt a sense of achievement for what they had done." *FS Twose*

## GOODY IN HIS GREENS

Cpl Goodwin recently completed a weekend long Field Training Instructor course. He spent 2 days of intense GDT training, enhancing his personal and teaching skills. So we all hope he will soon be joining our 5 other qualified FTIs on the squadron.

"The weekend was one of the most difficult but most rewarding weekends ever" *Cpl Goodwin*

## WWW.MOORSY.COM



FS Moores is currently in the process of creating a computer network. This will help in the running of the squadron by creating a link between all the computers, this will enable easy transfer of data. For example the registers or the diary would be accessible from any computer on the squadron not just the one in admin or TSF.

## Your Say (This months 'Your Say' comes from FS Baranowski)

"Cadets is the meaning of life, without cadets life has no meaning! Live cadets, breath cadets, drink Rat pack orange powder. Don't forget keep your heads up because the floor isn't going anywhere."

*If you have any thing you want mentioned in next months newsletter, or if you want to be the next 'your say' see Sgt Pye*