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New year. New Start. New Panther. 2006 welcomes the return of our monthly newsletter. Once again the Christmas disco ended the year with a bang, suitably ending 2005. Here's an overview of what went on during the year.

Awards And Achievements

Back in March, FS Christopher Morford became the squadron's 100th gold award holder, and since then bronze, silver and gold's have been flooding in, ensuring the D of E trophy is retained. Recent awards have gone to cadets Woodhead, Marsden, McQueen and Morris for silver and Sgt Jones for Gold.



The latest millennium volunteers awards of 100 and 200 hours service have been awarded to; Cpl Hensby, FS Hart, Sgt Hughes, Sgt Clarke, FS Ross, Sgt Fletcher, Cpl Duffy-Turner and Sgt Jeffree. Well Done, and particular thanks to Sgt Jeffree for organizing the paperwork!

The Wing Presentation evening of awards was a particular highlight of 2005 as 146 received a total of 15 awards including best cadet in the wing that was awarded to CWO Martyn Hooker

Sports

2005 was another excellent year for sports, teams competing well in all weathers. This resulted in many sporting awards being presented to cadets and NCOs, these included Wing and Region blues. This year has also started well with the girls coming 5th in inter-sqn hockey losing out on goal difference for the semi-finals-although never actually conceding a goal in the whole tournament.

Fund Raising: The Minibus Appeal

We are now well on the way to replacing our ageing minibuses. Over the year fund raising events included Sainsburys' bag packing, the pizza karaoke night and selling 2006 calendars. So far, the cadets have directly raised over £2,000 in 2005 towards the minibus fund.

Also a big success in the New Year was the sale of the NCO Christmas Revue DVD, which can be purchased at the squadron for £3 or £5 with the 2006 calendar.

Bearshead

2005 saw 146 A-team triumph at the national competition. Battling it out against 25 other squadrons from around the UK over a weekend of endurance tasks, including hill walking, kayaking and much more. The trophy ended up back in our hands after 6 years. The A-team consisted of CWO Moores, CWO Beaumont, FS Hooker, Sgt Hughes and Sgt Ebbitt. The B-team, of FS Ross, Sgt Thomson, Cpl Millington, Cpl Bishop and Cpl Duffy-Turner, also aced the competition finishing 6th over all, beating last years winners.

Congratulations to all involved!!!



146 Goes International

"Last summer, I travelled to Sweden with 20 other cadets from around the world as part of the international air cadet exchange. During the two weeks, we visited a lot of the north side of Sweden, experiencing the culture, food, people and amazing country-side. The experience really was once in a life time and I will never forget it. During the two weeks I made many close friends with whom I will be in contact with for a long time to come and will hopefully visit in the future."

CWO Martin Moores



Spooky Success

On the 12th November the second of our Halloween balls was organised, this time by the younger Duffy-Turner. The night was very successful with an

excellent buffet and mess games and definitely lived up to the previous year. Everyone dressed up for the occasion and looked stunning.