



# THE PANTHER

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These last few months have been busy for the sporting people on the squadron, with competitions in netball, rugby and table tennis. We have also seen two 146 teams battle it out in the yearly Bearshead Challenge.

## Netball and Rugby

Congratulations to all of the girls who represented the Squadron for netball as they came a very close 2nd, missing out on 1st place by just 1 goal! A further well done to Sgt Bishop, Sgt Hughes and Cdt Hudson who were chosen to represent the wing and went on to help ECSM win at region level. Sgt Bishop and Sgt Hughes then got chosen for region trials.



The boys also did well in the rugby by coming 3rd in the competition. Those who represented the wing were Sgt Hughes, Sgt Buckley, Cpl Clarke, Cpl Houghton and Cpl Donald. Sgt Hughes and Sgt Buckley were chosen for Region trials.



## Table tennis

Unfortunately, the table tennis team lost a few members to University this year, but luckily we still have Sgt Martin and Cpl Turner left to train a new team so the squadron can hopefully win the trophy yet again. The first game was against Sale Squadron and we won 13-3, so well done to the new team. I'm sure Mr Pinder and Mr Curtis would like to see some new faces at the table tennis practices.



## Newly promoted

A very well done to the following who were recently promoted;

FSgt Hensby  
Sgt Woodhead  
Sgt Richards  
Cpl Bannister

FSgt Jeffree  
Sgt Hughes  
Cpl Turner  
Cpl Harcombe

We hope to see you all do well in the future!



(Newly promoted: Cpl Harcombe, Cpl Turner and Cpl Bannister)

## The Bearshead Challenge – Sgt Hughes

Every year, 146 sends two teams to the National Bearshead Challenge, this years teams were:

### Team A (11<sup>th</sup>)

FSgt Hooker	Sgt Hughes.D
Sgt Hughes.R	Cpl Turner
Cdt Percival	

### Team B (15<sup>th</sup>)

Sgt Duffy-Turner	Cpl Stott
Cdt Clarke	Cdt Bamber

The weekend turned out to be a very enjoyable few days. We did activities such as archery, climbing, mountain biking, first aid and construction tasks.

Some parts of the challenges proved to be a struggle, but we managed it by working well as a team and enjoying it at the same time!

We all made new friends and ended the weekend with a disco. The girls got chance to let their hair down and the lads could show off their dancing skills.



## Halloween

This year, 146 went all out on Halloween, the squadron was decorated from top to bottom, food was prepared for all and the NCOs and staff had a range of activities to keep the cadets entertained all night.

The night as a whole was really good, Cadets, NCO's and Officers all participated by wearing fancy dress, Cdt Gatley won 'Best dressed female' and Cdt Keane as 'Best dressed male'.

The activities on the night included; a spooky quiz ran along side the buffet, pin the stake on the vampire and the classic apple bobbing. FO

Alford made a lovely Pumpkin pie, FO Twose and Miss Pinder bought some treats for the cadets. Thank you to all of the staff for an amazing night!

A further thank you goes to Sgt Hughes and Sgt Richards who raised over £70 for the minibus appeal by having their legs waxed!



## D of E News

Three new NCO's have joined D of E;

Cpl Alford  
Cpl Beasant  
Cpl Simpson

38 entry have just completed their bronze expedition, best of luck for silver and gold!

Sgt Brooks, Sgt Capel, Sgt Bishop, Sgt Buckley and Sgt Richards have just completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's.

Sgt Woodhead, Cpl Clarke and Cpl Houghton have just been awarded their Millennium Volunteer's award.

The next Panther will be delayed slightly from the usual every two months. With the Christmas break and the New Year, not much will be going on at 146, watch this space for the first 2007 edition though!