



The Panther

The official newsletter of 146 Northwich Squadron



Catch Up Issue!! April, May, June 2007

40 Entry draws to an end.....

With 40 Entry Pass out Parade on the 15th July the cadets have been busy revising for exams and have just completed their drill exam with 100% pass rate, an excellent result!!! Their camp-ex was a huge success with the night-ex being a favourite, so thanks to all who organised and we wish the new recruits the best of look with their pass out parade and future on the squadron.



Athletics...not even the rain can dampen 146 spirits!

For the 3rd year in a row 146 took on the competition to grab 1st place in the inter squadron athletics competition! With many cadets going on to represent the Wing at various events and gaining Wing blues and those all important Dobson Trophy points for the squadron....and the fun didn't stop even after the events did, 146 left in style using the huge tent as an umbrella and walked underneath it to the minibuses, with other squadrons only able to watch in awe....an excellent day and well done to all who took part!



Summ-ex

A Night exercise took place at Forest camp the night before FCTC's camp-ex, all cadets and NCOs were invited to come and take part in leadership tasks and GDT exercises. The night was a huge success with many cadets and NCOs braving the midges and bashing out in the forest. Everyone had a great time and will be looking forward to the next exercise.

Civilian Committee...all change

With recent changes to the civilian committee, Mr Bishop has taken up the role of Chairman after Mr Jim McEwen stood down after many years of service to the squadron. Plus, a new member to the civilian committee, Mr Jones has taken the position of Secretary.

Other News

Promotions:

Cadet Berrington to Cpl Berrington - will be joining Admin and also the newly formed Discipline Flight.

Cadet Jones.C to Cpl Jones.C - will be joining GDT Flight.

Individual Awards

Flt Sgt Hooker.P, has been awarded climbing and kayaking awards which means he is now a qualified instructor in both sports.

Sgt McEwen entered a gliding competition after being selected as the best from his VGS sqn and then went on to take 1st place!!

Gold D of E awards:

The following people have achieved their Gold D of E awards; Sgt Brooks, Sgt Bishop, Sgt Buckley & Sgt Richards. They are going to Windsor Castle to receive their certificates on July 12th.

Sgt Hughes & Sgt Woodhead have both recently completed their Gold awards.

Mini Buses...every penny counted

Finally all our hard work fundraising and the generous grants we have received have paid off as the two new mini buses have been ordered for the squadron and were now just waiting for them to arrive. So a huge thank you to everyone who donated money and to all the cadets and officers who gave up there time to raise money.

Cheeky Monkey Mini Marathon

Sgt Alford organised a mini marathon as part of the "Cheeky Monkey Challenge" ran by The Bubblegum Club in aid of Children with Leukaemia. We raised £910.69 with £410 going to the squadron. The top four fundraisers from Mainstream where Cdt Clays, Cpl Stott, Cdt Keller and Cdt Hind-Valentine So well done to everyone involved and thanks Sgt Alford for organizing a great event



Squadron BBQ...undercover

Happy Birthday to Fg Off Thompson whose birthday coincided with the Sqn BBQ, the rain still couldn't stop us having a good time! Fg Off Lloyd and Fg Off Thompson donned their aprons and served up burgers and sausages for the whole squadron. An inter-flight competition quiz was ran by FS Clarke. Yet another successful night...thanks to all involved.

Spring Fling....

What a night.... 146 cadets were joined by members of Croft and Bollington squadron in attending the Spring Fling organised by Sgt Duffy Turner. The night was a big hit with the cadets, NCOs and officers, the night included mess games, a buffet and a disco. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Sgt Duffy Turner for organising the event.



Bag Packing

On Saturday 23rd June most of the squadron gave up a few hours of their day to help Saturday shoppers pack their bags while raising yet more money for the squadron the final figure raised was £1272...so well done to everyone who volunteered.



We can only apologize for the lateness of this issue of The Panther, a few technical issues set us back. But to make up, we hope you like the new look Panther and the new "Other News" section, for those sometimes missed, smaller stories and updates.

We want to hear from YOU, any suggestions for articles, feedback on The Panther, layout, ideas, please email them to panther@theircadets.org.