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# The Panther

The official newsletter of 146 Northwich Squadron



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## 41 Entry Pass Out...

All the staff and cadets welcome yet another entry of cadets into the mainstream of the squadron. Congratulations to Cdt Lomas who received the award for Best Female & Best Overall Cadet, Cadet Martin who received the Drill Award and Cadet Simpson with the award for Best Academic cadet. Well done to everyone in the entry, and best of look in your cadet life!



## New squadron..new entry!

The first entry at the new squadron has a brilliant start with the largest intake for a long time, on the first night we had 45 potential recruits, with the majority of them staying on to begin the lecture programme which is now well underway. The cadets are now in their green uniform and we wish them the best of luck through their 18 week training course.



## THE BIG MOVE...146 FINDS A NEW HOME

We come to you with the first EVER issue from 146 Northwich Squadron's new home in Darwin Street. After all the apprehension behind the move, cadets, NCO's and staff have settled in. Although building works are ongoing, they are set to finish shortly. Thank you to all the NCO's and cadets who have helped out in their spare time to get the squadron in working order.



Above - disco at the last ever parade in Queen Street



Above - the first night in Darwin Street.

## Other News

### Promotions:

Sgt Buckley to Flight Sergeant.  
Sgt Foxley to Flight Sergeant  
Cpl Keller to Sgt

### Hockey & football

Practices are still running at Moss Farm astro-turf every Sunday from 4:30 to 5:30. Bring a £1!

### Nijmegen

Nijmegen practices are well underway the team will be off on a two day qualifying march from April 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Wing representations

Cadet Hudson and Sgt Hughes where selected to play hockey for ECSM.

W.O Hensby, Sgt Hughes, Cdt Hudson and Cdt Wood where selected to play netball for ECSM.

### Silver Duke Of Edinburgh

All the hard work and planning was worthwhile as senior and staff cadets completed their silver expeditions. Hopefully everyone is now working hard on their log books! And I'm sure Mr and Mrs Twose look forward to some interesting reading.

### Band...Music To Our Ears

The band are now able to practice again in the main parade hall, thanks to everyone's hard work of clearing the space. They have welcomed some new members who are busy training and looking forward to their first performance at the pass out parade of 42 entry.

### Girls Hockey Team

The competition was back in January and the Girls did brilliantly. The team didn't concede a goal in any games, nor were they beaten by any team they played!! Even with this they only came 7<sup>th</sup>. But it was a really good effort and we had brilliant support from all the lads who joined us in the rain to come and support. WELL DONE GIRLS!



### Nijmegen Update

This is the second year that 146 squadron has taken part in the Nijmegen march in Holland and is putting cadets forward for the wing team. The Nijmegen march is the biggest military march in the world, teams that take part walk 100 miles over 4 days! That's double the distance covered in a Gold D Of E expedition!

CI Moores and WO Stott are helping to staff the team, while FO Pinder takes the role of team manager.

The following cadets and NCO's have been busy at weekends marching through the countryside getting as much practice as possible for the big event:

WO Stott  
Cdt Bamber  
Cdt Boswell

*The above are the ONLY cadets from the whole wing team to have completed a full 2 day practice of 50 miles, superb effort*

Sgt Donald  
Cdt Smart  
Cpl Grant



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