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# The Panther

The official newsletter of 146 Northwich Squadron



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## Battle Of Britain Remembered

Each and every year, 146 cadets remember the fallen. The first event being a march through Manchester with other cadets from East Cheshire, South Manchester and East Lancashire. The Sqn band is always requested to keep everyone in step! Over 50 cadets turned out for the remembrance.



The second event is of course the Battle Of Britain meal, held at the Oakland's Hotel. This year was a special one, as we unfortunately say goodbye to Mr Brian Curtis, who has been with the Sqn for 35 years, but actually joined the Air Cadets in 1943, during WWII! We also celebrated Mr Curtis' and Flg/Off Wallace's Birthdays, so congratulations to them.

Brian will be staying with the Sqn as a lifetime honorary member.

100 cadets and staff came to the meal, making it the largest event of the Sqn's calendar.

## 44 Entry Passout

Earlier this year, number 44 entry "passed out" of their 22 week training course that was FCTC (First Class Training Course). Now, having completed their exams, drill tests, field craft weekend and first aid training, they are ready to get stuck into the wealth of activities they can enjoy as a fully fledged Air Cadet.

Group Captain Brown attended the parade from RAF Cranwell as Guest Of Honour, he said:

"It has been a great privilege for me, especially once being a cadet myself, to come to an awards ceremony and see you all today".

"I have been immensely impressed by what I have seen".

Some special awards were presented, these are listed on the next page.

## Cdt Bullen's Logo Success

In February, all Sqns in the North of England were asked to design a logo that could be used in future marketing material. A few cadets from 146 designed logos and Cdt Bullen was successful in being selected to represent EC+SM Wing.

After a furious few weeks of online voting, Cdt Bullen also won the entire competition and his logo is currently in use on the North Region website: [www.aircadetsnorth.org](http://www.aircadetsnorth.org)

## Other News

### Promotions:

FS Grant

FS Bannister

FS Keller

FS Foxley

Sgt Clarke

Cpl Hudson

Cpl McAlinden



Cdt Bullen's Logo

## Awards

Special awards presented to our newest 44 entry cadets:

Best Academic - Cdt Pickup  
Most Improved - Cdt Hudson  
Best Drill - Cdt Burford  
Best Male - Cdt Burford  
Best Female - Cdt Pickup  
Best Overall - Cdt Burford

Awards given out at the Battle Of Britain Meal:

Best Male - FS Grant  
Best Female - Sgt Clarke  
Contribution To Sqn Band - Cdt Yale/Cdt Givanovich  
Male Sport Contribution - Cdt Gibney  
Female Sport Contribution - Cdt Roberts  
Outstanding Contribution (OC) - Cdt Roberts  
The "Alford" Trophy (for dedication) - Cpl Stanbank

Very well done to all of the above for earning such special awards!



Cadets at the Battle Of Britain meal with their awards

## Fundraising Deluxe

We are always raising money for other local charities such as RAFA and The British Legion with band parades and supermarket bag-packs. But this year, cadets have gone the extra mile for some national charities who help ex-service men and women.

Under the guidance and organisation of CI Stott, 43 and 44 entry cadets walking the Whitegate Way and raised over £600 for St Dunstons, a charity who help military personnel who are blind or partially sighted.

Mr Dave Stuttard was presented with the cheque last week.

A second walk was completed by older cadets and staff, this time raising money for Help For Heroes, who aim to provide better facilities for ex-service personnel. The group climbed Scafell Pike, which stands at 978 meters, the highest mountain in England. Over £1500 was raised!



Cadets and staff after completing the Scafell Pike climb