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# The Panther

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## Trading Places

Cadets got a taste of early promotion during the Sqns annual Trading Places.

Raising money for local charity, Joshua Tree, cadets "bid" for the privilege of NCO and staff ranks for one parade night.

Over £100 was raised for Joshua Tree who support children with life threatening illnesses and their families, aiming to give them free breaks in their holiday house and support centre.

## Staff Head To Germany

Earlier this year, 2 members of staff, A/Sgt Hensby and A/Flt Sgt Taylor, travelled to Germany to attend the annual Nordic Skiing course. This course is run for the whole of The Air Cadets, so they were joined with others from Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. They learnt how to ski cross country around Zwiesel in Bavaria, although A/Flt Sgt Taylor is a natural, having been twice before!



## End Of Year Sports Update

2009/2010 has been a superb year for 146 when it comes to sport. We finished off the cadet year by winning the 5-a-side football, table tennis and the cross country competitions. Here is a summary of sports results for the past year:

- Athletics - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Swimming - 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Netball - 6<sup>th</sup>
- Hockey - 1<sup>st</sup>
- 5-a-side - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Cross Country - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Volleyball - 4<sup>th</sup>
- Table Tennis - 1<sup>st</sup>

Massive well done to all cadets and NCOs that have taken part in sports over the past year, as you can see, all of the effort paid off.



## Other News

### Promotions:

Cdt Edwards to Cpl  
 Cdt Dymond to Cpl  
 Cdt Yale to Cpl  
 Cdt Leather to Cpl  
 Cdt Perry to Cpl  
 Cdt Ebbitt to Cpl  
 Cpl Roberts To Sgt  
 Sgt Moores to FS  
 Sgt Bamber to FS  
 Sgt Reynolds to FS  
 FS Grant to CWO  
 Flg Off Lloyd to Flt Lt  
 Flt Lt Thompson to Sqn Ldr

### Sports:

**Wing Senior Football**  
 Flt Sgt Reynolds (selected but unable to play in competition)  
 Flt Sgt Keller

**Wing Open Hockey Competition**  
 Flt Sgt Bamber  
 Sgt Roberts

**Region Open Hockey Competition**  
 Flt Sgt Bamber  
 Sgt Roberts  
 (both selected for competition at a later date)

**Wing Cross Country Competition**  
 Sgt Boswell (selected but unable to play in competition)  
 Cdt Pickup (selected but unable to play in competition)  
 Cdt Derrig-Vanzie  
 (selected for competition at a later date)

**Region Rugby Competition**  
 Cdt Dodson

## Lees Trophy Inspection

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, North Region Commandant, Grp Cpt Middleton visited 146 Sqn as part of the inspection for the Lees Trophy.

The Lees Trophy is presented annually to the best Air Cadet Sqn in the UK. 146 is currently in the top 36 out of over 1000 Sqns, after being nominated to represent East Cheshire and South Manchester.

The Royal British Legion and Royal Air Force Association were in attendance at the parade along with some cadet parents and a representative from the Northwich Guardian.

The evening consisted of a formal parade ran entirely by the cadets and NCOs. The NCOs took executive positions on the parade, normally held by staff, just to show what 146 cadets can really do!

The cadets then went to their various duties, including, first aid, volleyball, shooting, leadership, drill and model making. The Group Captain visited the cadet activities and during break a group of 6 cadets performed a short piece for him as part of their BTEC music award.



## Gold Cadets Impress The Duke Of Edinburgh

Flt Sgt Reynolds, Flt Sgt Bamber and Sgt Clarke went to London on the 16<sup>th</sup> Of March to be presented with their Gold Duke Of Edinburgh's awards.

The Duke Of Edinburgh took time to speak to all groups of cadets receiving their awards, asking where they did their expeditions, what they enjoyed the most and their chosen mode of transport, in this case, walking.

The Duke Of Edinburgh's aide commented afterwards that the Prince was hugely impressed with the 146 NCOs after spending an unprecedented amount of time talking to them about their D Of Es.



## Exercise Bedivere

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wing ran exercise Bedivere took place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> till the 5<sup>th</sup> of April. 19 146 cadets attended the weekend, taking part in some basic fieldcraft training, followed by a 3 day exercise.

During the course of the weekend, cadets set up bivvi sites, which consist of basic poncho shelters arranged in the cadets' allocated sections.

Cadets also spent 24 hours on issued ration packs, learning how to cook in the field on basic stoves and sleeping out in the field.

