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Aircraft Recognition Success

Cpl Nightingale recently joined other EC+SM cadets to partake in the team Inter-Wing Aircraft Recognition competition. He was selected for the team out of all Squadrons in the Wing after getting one of the highest scores at Inter-Squadron level. The EC+SM team won overall and Cpl Nightingale got the highest score individually.

Cpl Leather and Cpl Perry also represented the Wing in the Aero Modelling competition, where teams throw a hand built model to try and make it fly the furthest. EC+SM Wing also won this competition.

Band Gets Kitted Out

The Squadron band has had a re-vamp, with new drums and bugles. The new bugles have already been in use for some months, but supply problems meant the drums were delayed and eventually supplied and hand made by Flint Percussion. The cadets were eager to try the new drums out and gave a short performance to the owners of Flint Percussion.



Fundraising And Goodbyes At The Summer Ball

The Sqn's annual Summer Ball took place at Hartford Social club on the 31st July. The night was an extra special event, as we said goodbye to A/Sgt Hensby, who has gone travelling until later this year, she will be greatly missed by all!

The Summer Ball was also used to raise money for one of our NCOs, Flt Sgt Bamber.

CI Moores said, "The night was superb, the cadets put a lot of effort into getting dressed up smart for the occasion, we like to keep the Summer Ball as a formal event!"

"We had over 50 cadets in attendance, which was great with all the proceeds going to help Flt Sgt Bamber travel to Zambia and help build houses for a local community".



Other News

Promotions:

*Cdt Nightingale to Cpl
Cdt May to Cpl
Cpl Stott to Sgt
Cpl Bullen to Sgt
Sgt Wright to Flt Sgt
Sgt Roberts to Flt Sgt*

Wing And Region Athletics

For the 6th year running, 146 Sqn won the Inter-Sqn athletics competition, the first sporting event of the 2010/2011 calendar.



As a result of winning many of the individual events, 146 had a fantastic number of cadets selected to represent the Wing. In total, 10 cadets were selected for a total of 18 events.

Flt Sgt Keller - 100m, Relay & High Jump
Sgt Roberts - 400m & Long Jump
Sgt Boswell - 800m
Cdt McEwan - 100m, Relay & Shot
Cdt Foundation - 800m & Long Jump
Cdt Pickup - 1500m (couldn't attend)
Cdt Jessop - Javelin
Cdt Farrow - High Jump
Cdt Martin - 200m, High Jump & Long Jump
Cdt Rosa - Javelin

Cdt Martin won the High Jump at Wing level and went on to represent the Region. She was due to represent the entire Air Cadets at Corps level but unfortunately the event was cancelled.



Flt Sgt Roberts At The Queen's Birthday Celebrations

As part of the Queen's Birthday celebrations, the RAF organised a flypast over Buckingham Palace, made up of a total of 30 aircraft! Cadets from all services were invited to travel as part of the flypast, Flt Sgt Roberts was one of only 150 cadets in attendance:

"On the 12th July I took part in the Fly Past over London for the Queen's Birthday celebrations. We set off in a Tristar from RAF Brize Norton and were joined by our Tornado escorts while flying over RAF Marham. After joining the rest of the fly past over East Anglia, we proceeded over London and finally landing back at RAF Brize Norton 3 hours later. Although we couldn't see the Queen, we had a fantastic view of the Tornados and I had great fun exploring the aircraft. The day was an amazing experience and I was honoured to be part of it."

