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# The Panther

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## Silver Expeditions In The Peaks

Twenty seven cadets recently passed the expedition walk for their Silver Duke Of Edinburgh's Award.

The cadets had to walk over three days, camping for 2 nights. They were lucky to have excellent weather and passed with flying colours. DofE Assessor, Sarah Ross said: "The groups were all very competent, best of luck to all for completing the rest of your Silver awards".



## Wing Athletics

146 recently took part in the annual Athletics competition against other Sqns in East Cheshire and South Manchester Wing. Males and females from the youngest to the oldest, volunteered to take part in the various events, such as shot-put, discus, long jump and various distances on the track events. 146 won the male and female categories, making them the overall champions!



## RAF Cosford 50 Mile March

The annual Cosford fifty mile march took place from the 15th till the 17th of April. Cadets from all over the world gathered to march fifty miles within just one weekend, twenty five miles each day. Two Corporals from 146 Squadron attended the weekend, representing EC&SM wing and not only completing the walk within the time limit, but were also awarded the Cosford medal for their efforts.

Cpl Andrew Brown and Cpl Jake Whittle had been training for this march since January. The fifty mile Cosford march counts as a qualifier to the summer Nijmegen one hundred mile march, which both corporals will be representing the squadron at this year in Holland! - Cpl Whittle

## New Cadets Complete Bronze Expeditions

Cadets from 47 entry, some of the youngest cadets on the Sqn, have completed their Bronze Expedition walk around Cheshire.

Despite being struck with terrible weather, making walking and setting up camp extremely difficult, all of the cadets battled on and enjoyed a successful weekend. Well done!



## Cosford Airshow

Twenty four cadets travelled to RAF Cosford for the annual airshow last month. The trip, organised by CI Brian Hensby, unfortunately fell on one of the rainiest days of the year, so only a few aircraft could fly. Cadets did get to see the Red Arrows though, which made the day worthwhile.

## Other News

### Promotions:

Cdt Quayle  
Cdt Carolan.S  
Cdt Byrne  
Cpl Leach  
Cpl Nightingale  
Sgt Stott  
Sgt Kennerley  
Sgt Stanbank

### Sports Representations:

Corps Football  
Flt Sgt Keller

Corps Netball  
Cpl Martin

Region Football  
CWO Grant  
Flt Sgt Keller  
Flt Sgt Reynolds

Region Athletics  
Cpl Martin  
Cdt Harvey-Kelly.L

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Wing Athletics  
Cdt Quayle  
Cdt Ward  
Cdt Carolan.S  
Cpl Martin  
Cdt Holland  
Cdt Colyer  
Cdt Harvey-Kelly.L

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## Region and Corps Sports

Over the past few months, 146 has been lucky enough to have cadets selected to represent the Sqn at Region and Corps level in sport. Region representation means that the cadet has been selected out of every cadet in the North of England and Corps means selection from the entire Air Cadet Organisation!

Following the success of the Athletics competition, seven 146 cadets were selected to represent the Wing (see page one). Out of those, Cpl Martin was selected to represent the Region in high jump, javelin and relay and Cdt Harvey-Kelly.L in long jump.

In football, four cadets played for the Wing (see page one) and three of those, CWO Grant, Flt Sgt Keller and Flt Sgt Reynolds, all went on to play for North Region.

Finally, 2 cadets achieved the ultimate sporting goal in the Air Cadets and played for the organisation against other UK services. Flt Sgt Keller represented in Football and Cpl Martin in Netball. Very well done to all cadets who have taken part in sporting events this year.

### 5-A-Side Football

Following on the topic of football, junior and senior cadets competed in the Inter-Sqn 5-A-Side football competition. This took part earlier in the year, but was just too late to make the last newsletter.

The junior team, captained by Cdt Kettle, flew through the rounds, with some unbelievable scores. They went on to win in the final game against 318 Sqn.

The senior team also did very well, with Flt Sgt Keller in charge they got all the way to the quarter finals. This game, also against 318 Sqn, went onto a penalty shootout, which 146 unfortunately lost.

Everyone performed tremendously and maximum effort was put in by all. Well done to both teams.



*Make sure you watch the 5-A-Side Football video on the Sqn YouTube account (see first page for link).*

## Sgt (ATC) Liam Leave For Army Life

Sgt (ATC) Liam Stott, recently left 146 Sqn to join the Army as a medic.

Liam has been with 146 since 2002 and took every opportunity that came along during his nine years as a cadet and then staff member. He has travelled to Holland to complete the Nijmegen march several times, completed his Gold DofE, been on camps and residential weeks and also attained the rank of Sgt (ATC) during his time as a member of staff.

Liam will be sorely missed by the whole Sqn, but we all wish him the best of luck for the future.

