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49 Entry Passout

39 cadets from 49 Entry have graduated from their 18 week training course over the weekend, marking the largest number to have ever passed out!

To celebrate the success of their course, the cadets were treated to an RAF style dining in meal at Wincham Hall, followed by an official passing out parade. They were joined by guest of honour, Wing Commander Hindley, an Air Staff Officer from MOD Whitehall, London. Wing Commander Hindley was a cadet with Northwich Sqn in 1987 as part of number 3 Entry:

"I would like to acknowledge the achievement that the cadets have made considering how young most of them are. It is quite incredible the commitment and dedication that they have put into the work that has brought them to where they are today.

Quite incredible, very impressed indeed"

Sgt (ATC) Hensby commented:

"Number 49 Entry have been a fantastic group of young adults who have embraced the training provided in a brilliant manner! They have had a fantastic attitude to all activities they have completed in the last 18 weeks. I am incredibly honoured to have trained them alongside my NCO team, well Done and Good Luck!"



End of a very successful course

Record Bag Pack

Cadets and staff from Northwich Air Cadets are delighted after a record breaking fundraiser before Christmas.

47 cadets and staff spent the 23rd of December, helping shoppers with their packing at Sainsburys in Northwich. Donations from generous members of the public helped raise £1928.84 for Sqn funds, a portion of this will also be donated to the Royal Air Force Association.

The Sqn would like to extend its thanks to Sainsburys Northwich and its staff and also to everyone who donated on the day.



Cadets following a long day packing

Trading Places, Another Great Fundraiser

As is tradition at 146 Sqn, each year cadets are allowed to quite literally swap places with the staff and run the Sqn for the night.

This year, raising money for local charity Joshua Tree, the cadets took part in an auction style bid for higher ranks.

This year's total raised was £204.80, an excellent amount and all for a fun night.

Other News

Promotions:

Cdt Pickup to Cpl

Cpl Martin to Sgt

Cpl May to Sgt

Cpl Huggon to Sgt

Cpl Stelfox to Sgt

Cpl Quayle to Sgt

Sgt Keegan to Flt Sgt

Sports Representations:

Wing Netball:

Cdt Harvey-Kelly

Region Netball:

Sgt Martin.J

Wing Football (boys):

Cpl Carolan

Wing Football (girls):

Wing Hockey:

Farrow

Foundation

Caine.??

Hall

Harvey-Kelly

Wing Rugby:

Cdt Houghton

Cdt Nowell

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CI M Moores

Familiar Faces At Reunion

The Sqn was very pleased to host the second reunion of ex cadets, NCOs, staff and civilian committee, after Christmas last year.

The reunion was held at Sqn HQ, Darwin Street.

Thirty ex-members of the Sqn attended, some coming from as far away as London, many current NCOs and members of staff also came to welcome the alumni. NCOs gave tours of the Sqn to all in attendance.

Ci Moores, who organised the event said: "It was superb to see the reunion grow so much from last year. Every decade from the 1940's to present was represented. It was great to chat with everyone who attended and I very much look forward to seeing them again next year".



The "alumni" gather for a photo

The next reunion will be held on Friday the 28th of December 2012. All ex-members of 146 are welcome. Please email adj@theaircadets.org to be added to the mailing list and be kept up-to-date.

Sporting Success For Sqn Girls

The girls have had a run of success in recent sporting events, coming second in both the Inter-Sqn Netball competition and Inter-Sqn 5-A-Side Football competition.

The Football was a special event, as this is the first time the girls from the Sqn have played in the 5-A-Side event, one of the recent changes following the Sqn's move to the Merseyside Wing.

The girls did very well, despite only a few practice sessions, no doubt they will be going for the trophy next year, well done!



Senior boys and girls football teams

Cpl Byrne Does It Again

Cpl Byrne has recently been awarded the Institute for Leadership and Management, a level 3 qualification and a first for the squadron. The award was available for cadets who had already completed a BTEC and Cpl Byrne, who has achieved both the BTEC Public Services and BTEC Music decided he was up for the challenge.

The application process for the residential course required Cpl Byrne to submit an essay explaining his leadership roles on the squadron. Competition was tough as there were only 30 places available for cadets across the UK from any cadet Corps.

Having got through, Cpl Byrne attended a week long course in the Brecon Beacons, completing adventure training and leadership activities including gorge walking and a mountain rescue exercise. He then had to complete some further written assignments to finish the level 3 award.