



The Panther

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Jordan Wins National Award

Following on from being shortlisted to the final nine for the Duke Of Westminster Award, Flt Sgt Jordan Byrne has gone on to win this prestigious CVQO trophy overall for 2013!

Jordan is currently in South Africa with the other candidates, where they will be helping at a local school and doing an environmental awareness course, looking at the ecology of the area.

Before travelling to South Africa, Flt Sgt Byrne and other NCOs from 146 Sqn ran a Summer Fair, to raise money which will be used to help the local community and primary school in South Africa. The final total was a huge £453.43!



Flt Sgt Byrne in South Africa.



Cadets enjoying the face painting at the Summer Fair.

Course Update

Congratulations to Cpl Keegan and Cdt Cawley-Cooke, who have been awarded places on gliding scholarship courses during July. Over a series of six to eight weekends, the cadets will receive tuition on flying the vigilant glider at RAF Woodvale.

Also this month, Cpl Wallace completed a paragliding course at the Joint Services Hang Gliding & Paragliding Centre in South Wales, well done!

Blind Veteran's UK

On Sunday 26th May, eight cadets from the Squadron took part in a bike-a-thon at Oulton Park race track to raise money for Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstan's). The cadets cycled 13 miles (six laps) around the circuit in glorious sunshine, raising money to help veterans with partial sight or blindness. Cdt Koch had the fastest lap of the day. A swarm of wasps didn't prevent the cadets enjoying the morning.

CI Ross, who organised the event said, "The effort from the team was tremendous. They all managed the 13 miles with ease and we only had one puncture requiring attention!"

"The cadets raised an impressive £300 between them, which will be presented to Blind Veteran's UK soon". - Sgt McGough



Blind Veteran's team ready to start!

Other News

Promotions:

Cpl Webb to Sgt
Cpl McGough to Sgt
Cpl Foundation to Sgt
Sgt Huggon to Flt Sgt

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52 Entry Camp-Ex

Twice a year, every new entry of cadets takes part in Camp-Ex, a two day fieldcraft and expedition training exercise at Oulton Park Race Track. This May, it was 52 Entry's turn, and on bank holiday weekend, 14 cadets arrived for an action-packed two days.

The activities on offer included leadership, fitness and orienteering before an exciting Night-Ex. After rescuing pilots, navigating "rivers" while blindfolded and liberating supplies, the cadets were treated to Mrs Hensby's famous soup before bed.

The weather on Sunday was as good as Saturday, perfect for expeditions. The cadets walked with the staff, learning navigation and walking skills. Afterwards, the assault course provided an exhausting but fun end to the weekend, with Typhoon narrowly winning on points in the inter-flight competition.

All the cadets thoroughly enjoyed the weekend, and learnt valuable lessons to help them with their cadet careers. - *Sgt McGough*



A different kind of face painting!



Great weather for cooking.

Another First For Northwich Cadets

A cadet from Northwich Air Cadets has been awarded her golden band badge, after being selected for the National Air Cadet Marching Band.

Cadet Kayleigh Edment, from Winsford, is the first 146 cadet to attain such a high musical award. Following a series of band camps, with other cadets from around the UK, she applied and was selected to play her Alto Saxophone in the Air Cadet National Marching Band.

Sqn Ldr Paul Thompson, Officer Commanding 146 Sqn, presented Kayleigh with her badge:

"It is excellent to see the incredible talent our young people have, being applied in their cadet careers. This is a great achievement for Kayleigh and she has done her Squadron proud

146 Squadron has a strong musical background, with the band playing at many local events throughout the year. Any cadet can join the band and most have no musical experience at all, but are trained to play and march to a high standard.



Cdt Edment (front row, second from left) with the other musicians.