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# The Panther

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## Cheshire search and rescue Visit

Every year at the Sqn, we like to support any local charities which we feel are working for a good cause/ need more recognition. Last year we supported the



South Snowdonia Mountain Rescue Team and we raised an outstanding (enter amount here). However, this year we are supporting the Cheshire Search and Rescue Team. We have chosen this charity in particular as they are an all-volunteer team who take time out of their own lives to help others, something which is truly incredible.

To keep things interesting on Sqn and to show the cadets what they were raising money for, the Cheshire Search and Rescue Team brought in one of their search and rescue vehicles and they showed us what extremes a volunteer in this admirable cause would have to do.

Have you ever tried to lift someone off the ground, constantly making sure that their safe at all times? Well that's exactly what we had to do! We strapped in some "brave" cadets and took them around for a small trip; something which would be much more strenuous and patience testing in a more realistic situation as the cake walk we took was

a fraction of what would be necessary in real life.

They also showed us some of the equipment which they use to make sure that their casualties are safe (and cozy). To our surprise, they actually have to buy a large portion of their personal equipment, as this is a completely voluntary, meaning that all they get is a shirt, a fleece and a waterproof!

*Cdt Kingston*

## Capel Curig AT Camp

At Capel Curig we did so many activities along the lines of kayaking down rapids, zip-lining down a



Camp photo of 146 and 2375 cadets at Capel Curig

mountain and climbing up rock faces! The entire week was just one gigantic adventure for everyone. On Saturday 1st August, we arrived at the Squadron in the morning and loaded our luggage onto the coach. We then sat through the two hour journey, down to the Capel Curig Army Training Camp. We unloaded the luggage from the bus and we were escorted to our dorm rooms. In the evenings we had the option of going on the climbing wall on camp, going mountain biking with Flt Lt Pinder or having extended free time. The activities we did were

fun and I know that I conquered quite a few fears over the course of the week.



## Cadets enjoying themselves at the Llechwedd Slate Caverns, Bleanau Ffestiniog

We found the camp so much fun and learnt so many new skills. My favourite activity had to be going to Zip World. Zip World is located round a slate mine in Blaenau Ffestiniog. We did the zip-lines in the morning and in the afternoon we went into the caverns and did a Go Ape! style activity in the slate mine in which we did zip-lines over the drops in the floor and climbed along the walls of the cavern. It was by far my favourite activity as I had bunches of fun and conquered my fear of heights completely!

*Cdt Stubbs*

## Merseyside Wing Annual Nesscliff Camp

Every year, Merseyside Wing organise a successful camp at Nesscliff Army Base in Shrewsbury. This year the camp was attended by roughly 350 cadets however for the first time this both the local army cadets and sear cadets were invited as well as air cadets from Scotand and Northern Ireland Region. Nesscliff Annual camp is a favourite of many cadets in Merseyside over the years due to the fantastic range of diverse activities they have to offer, these range

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### Promotions:

- Cdt Senior to Cpl
- Cdt Jessop to Cpl
- Cdt Worley to Cpl
- Sgt Hensby to Flt Sgt
- Sgt Mackintosh to Flt Sgt
- Sgt Murray to Flt Sgt
- Sgt Sydney to Flt Sgt
- Flt Sgt Houghton to CWO
- Flt Sgt Yale to CWO
- Plt Off Wright to Fg Off

### Awards

#### CMOI Lanyards:

- Cpl Tomkins
- Cpl Woodfinden
- Cpl Barr
- Flt Sgt Murray
- Flt Sgt Mackintosh

#### Sports Representations:

##### Squadron:

- Athletics - 1st place in U15 girls
- Netball - 2nd place
- Swimming - 4th place
- Cross Country - 2nd place

#### Wing:

##### Athletics:

- Flt Sgt Houghton
- Flt Sgt Harvey-Kelly

- Cpl Everall
- Cdt Carlin

##### Junior Netball:

- Cdt Westray

##### Swimming:

- Cdt Moore
- Cdt Dutton.S
- Cdt Dutton.R
- Cdt Moger

##### Senior Netball:

- Cpl Everall
- Cpl Prime
- Senior Rugby: Cpl Woodfinden

##### Region:

##### Swimming:

- Cdt Moore

##### Senior Netball:

- Cpl Prime

##### Other Representations:

##### Wing JNCO Course:

- Cdt Dutton.R
- Cdt Kingston
- Cdt Worley
- Cdt Dickenson
- Cdt Ferguson

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from shooting to climbing, and developing fieldcraft skills. The camp is renowned for being a brilliant foundation for new cadets to develop new friendships within the wing.

In contrast this year there were new activities available such as cross-bow firing, first aid incorporated into the field-craft exercises, and zorbing.

146 cadets did the Sqn proud, with Cdt Moore and Flt Sgt Mackintosh willing best cadet in their respective flights for the week!

The 2016 camp will be the 23rd-28th of October.  
**Flt Sgt Mackintosh**

### Wing Field Training Day 2015

A fantastic end to 2015, as 146 returned from the annual Merseyside Field Training Day as overall winners!



Field Training Day sees 30 Squadrons meet and demonstrate their skill in a number of areas. These include, foot and banner drill, marching band, first aid, aircraft recognition, marksmanship, to name but a few.

146 did well in many individual areas, winning the marching band and aircraft recognition competition, coming second in full bore marksmanship and third in foot drill uniform inspection, banner drill (jointly placed) and the flight sim competition.

The cadets have also been working on a "project" competition, which for 2015 was to create a recruitment video for the Squadron. The many many hours of work put in by the team paid off and the video won first place.

Special awards included work in the local community, in which 146 not only won out of the 30 Merseyside Squadrons, but also took the Charles Whitcomb trophy presented to the winning Squadron from the 159 in the Wales and West area!

All of this (and much more not mentioned), led to the Squadron being announced as overall winners, with the band, aircraft recognition and flight sim teams, also representing Merseyside Wing at the Region Training Day, at RAF Cosford.

Cadets from the Squadron were also presented with individual awards. Flt Sgt Harvey-Kelly won the best sportswoman's trophy, an award she has won for a record breaking four years in a row!

Flt Sgt Mackintosh also won best overall female cadet in Merseyside Wing! An incredible achievement, awarded following an extensive selection process, including written application and interview panel, not to mention all of her hard work leading up to the initial nomination.

The Squadron will now go forward as the Merseyside representative for the Lee's Trophy, awarded annually to the best Squadron in the Air Cadet Organisation! Lots of hard work ahead for the Squadron!

**Plt Off Moores**

## A Very Christmas 146

This Christmas at 146 Squadron, cadets were engaged in a variety of activities including the annual media quiz which this year was run and organised by the Sqn media team; Cadets Beard, Dooley, Evison and Kingston, made a thoroughly enjoyable quiz, that the rest of the Squadron took part in. The quiz had sections on Film, Music and John Cena (by popular demand).

Congratulations to the winning team who won themselves some celebrations.

Cadets also worked very hard to create performances and films for the annual Christmas revue. Even Sydney had a good night when he got promoted to Flight Sergeant! This year was an exceptional revue with some amazing musicians, film makers and comedians that made for a thoroughly enjoyable night for all. The lengths some cadets go to in order to make entertainment is really a testament to the commitment of the 146 cadets. Even the staff put on a game and sing-a-long to round off an excellent night of cadet entertainment. The last event of the year was the Christmas disco. lots of cadets turned up and enjoyed the music, buffet and Macarena. It was also a good opportunity for FCTC to interact with the older cadets.

**Cdt Dooley**

