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Northwich Cadets To Be Inspected For Top Award

At the end of April, Northwich Air Cadets will be inspected to decide if they will move to the next stage of the Lees Trophy competition, awarded to the best Air Cadet unit in the organisation.



Recent awards at the Squadron

The hard work of the past year and previously reported successes at the Merseyside Field Training Day in September 2015, have led to Northwich Squadron being selected to represent Merseyside Wing for this award, currently placing them as one of the top 34 Squadrons!

Group Captain Richard Allen RAFR, Commandant of Wales and West Region Air Cadets, will be visiting the Squadron, to inspect the cadets, talk to them about the sort of activities they participate in and see what they get up to on a parade night.

Flying Officer Moores said: "We are all very excited for the inspection, a lot of hard work from everyone has gone into preparations and the cadets and staff are looking forward to showing Group Captain Allen what we are all about."

"As well as the night itself,

we prepare a large document in advance, which captures all of the activities the cadets and staff have taken part in over the past 12 months. This makes for quite impressive reading, showing the huge amount of opportunities that the cadets are getting stuck into and doing very well at in the process."

"I am very proud of all of the cadets and regardless of the outcome of the inspection, I know that we are improving every year and along with other uniformed youth services, are offering the teenagers of Northwich an excellent foundation for their future lives."

If selected, the Squadron will become one of the top six units and have a further inspection by the head of the Air Cadet Organisation, Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty to decide the overall winner.

Fg Off Moores

Wales & West Region 75th Anniversary of the ATC Parade

2016 marks a special year for the Air Cadets, bringing the organisation's 75th anniversary since its formation in 1941.

146 cadets, along with all other Merseyside Wing Sqns, celebrated this occasion by forming a huge parade of nearly 1000 cadets and staff, to march through Liverpool.



CWO Yale and 146 band leading the Regional parade through Liverpool Hope Street

Merseyside Wing joined with No2 Welsh, Staffordshire and West Mercian to form such an impressive parade.

Even more special for 146 Squadron, was that the Squadron band was chosen to lead the event, with CWO Yale as drum major at the very front. The band put on an impressive show and even played for Air Commodore McCafferty and other VIPs at the end of the march.

The Sqn also had cadets and staff making up some of the marching flights, of which there were 12 in total, with around 80 cadets in each. Plt Off Moores was Flight Commander of No1 Sqn, No3 Flight, Flt Sgt (ATC) Hensby was Flight NCO for No1 Sqn, No2 Flight and Sgt (ATC) Royle was covering marshalling duties.

The parade finished at the impressive Anglican Cathedral, where there was a short service and special readings by the Wings top cadets, CWO Mackintosh included! All cadets re-took the "cadet's promise", which all new cadets do when they are first enrolled into the organisation.

Social Networks

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Promotions:

Cpl Barr to Sgt
Cpl Woodfinden to Sgt
Cpl Campbell to Sgt
FS Mackintosh to CWO
Plt Off Moores to Fg Off

Sports:

Inter-Wing X-Country
Cdt Dutton.S
Cdt Carlin
Cdt Ravenscroft
Inter-Wing Netball
Cdt Westray
Cdt Dutton.S
Cdt Robinson
Inter-Wing 5-a-Side Football
CWO Yale
Cdt Carlin
Cdt Royle
Cdt James
Cdt Stephens
Cdt Egerton
Cdt Halliwell
Inter-Wing Hockey
CWO Mackintosh
Inter-Region X-Country
Cdt Carlin
Cdt Dutton.S
Inter-Region Hockey
CWO Mackintosh
Inter-Region Netball
Cdt Robinson
Cdt Westray

Up-Coming Events:

Inter-Squadron Athletics
Silver DofE Expedition
Basic Radio course
RAF Cosford Airshow
Armed Forces Day

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Merseyside Wings cadet representatives: CWO Ellis, CWO Mackintosh & Flt Sgt Alleyne

The event marked a very memorable and proud day for everyone involved and a reminder of what a fantastic organisation we are all part of!

Fg Off Moores

Region Elementary Coaching Course

On the 15th April, both Flt Sgt Doyle and Hensby attended a two day elementary coaching course hosted at RAF Cosford. Completion of the course allows them to effectively supervise and coach fellow cadets on a range.

The course was split up into two sections. The Saturday was classroom based; this consisted of the theory of a group, the four marksmanship principals, zeroing and reasons for bad shooting. The Sunday was practical where Flt Sgt Doyle and Hensby put the skills they had learnt into practice, this included the opportunity to shoot, as well as give advice to others on how to improve their own groupings.

They both benefitted greatly from the course as they can now give cadets constructive feedback on how to develop their general shooting ability in order to improve their groupings.

FS Doyle & FS Hensby

Air Cadet's Mediterranean Adventure

CWO Houghton recently returned from Cyprus, with the Air Cadets.

CWO Houghton successfully applied to attend the annual camp, at RAF Troodos, Cyprus from 5th April for 10 days.



CWO Houghton pictured with a Chinook whilst on camp in Cyprus

"I was amazed to be chosen, these camps are hugely popular and places are tight. The week started with a selection of team building exercises. We then had trips to an active RAF station and tours of the base and facilities. We also went to the UN buffer zone and an eerie deserted airport, with a bullet ridden airliner, still on the tarmac. Every day we did something different. But the highlight for me was a boat trip where we all got to go swimming and have a BBQ, the weather was fantastic."

"I joined 146 Squadron Air Cadets in 2010 and have had so many great experiences, from adventure training at Capel Curig & Llanbedr to completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. But this trip has been the highlight for me. I would definitely recommend the Air Cadets to anyone interested in adventure. It has made me a far more rounded person and

I have learned valuable life skills, it even helped me get my job."

CWO Houghton

Cadets Getting Into STEM

A wave of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities and camps has been sweeping the Air Cadet

Organisation, as Cadet Ayliffe and Peacock found out on their recent trip to RAF Cranwell, home of the RAF College.

The RAF sponsored experience week, took cadets from across the Corps, for a hands on week of activities, to show how STEM is used in the many and varied roles of the RAF.

The cadets took part in activities such as:

- Designing and building a glider
- Programming drones to complete tasks
- RAF station visits and seeing the Lancaster Bomber
- Presentation techniques and giving a talk to the other cadets.



STEM camp cadets

Both cadets were presented with a British Science Association CREST (Creativity in Engineering, Science and Technology) award for successful completion of the week.

Fg Off Moores

