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LEES Trophy Inspection 2016

June 21st was a momentous day for 146 (Northwich) Air Cadets. The final judging for the prestigious Lees Trophy competition.

Should the Inspection be a success, 146 Northwich Squadron will be the winner of this year's Lees trophy, pipping five other finals to the post. 146 squadron are representing Wales & West region as their regional winner as selected by Group Captain Richard Allen RAFR on the 26th April 2016.

The Air Cadet Organisation has 1009 squadrons and over 42,000 cadets.

The evening saw the squadron receive Commandant Air Cadets Organisation, Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty.



The Lees trophy is awarded to the Squadron that displays the highest

standards and the finest values of the Air Training Corps and reflects the efforts and activities of the past 12 months.

The evening started with a parade, with Air Commodore McCafferty RAF, completing an inspection of the cadets. Following the inspection, the 146 Squadron band performed an array of musical compositions.



Following the inspection the Air Commodore was given a tour of the squadron by Cdt Sgt Elizabeth Barr, Cdt Sgt Barr said "It is such an honour and privilege to be showing the Air Commodore such a hard-working squadron". The Air Commodore visited the squadron facilities and observed cadets during their activities which included: the Flight Simulator, First Aid exercises, modelling, shooting on the .22 range, an aircraft recognition lecture.



Air Commodore said: "I am thrilled to be at 146

Northwich Squadrons, you are already winners being in the top six nationally, I wish you every success in the competition. I will be announcing the winner at the end of July! Officer Commanding 146 squadron, Squadron leader Paul Thompson RAFVR(T) took over the running of the squadron in July 2008. He said: "Tonight was a fantastic opportunity for the cadets to showcase what they do and how they do it, I am very proud of all the cadets and the Staff."

146 squadron is run by 17 staff members of which 10 are uniformed NCOs and Officers as well as 7 civilian instructors as well as 12 members on the civilian committee.

We would like to include a special thank you to Mrs Ann Barr who baked a commemorative cake and brownies for tonight's inspection.



146 Squadron is one of the original squadrons in the Air Training Corps, winning the Lees Trophy once before in the 1992. Winning the Lees trophy would be a fitting way of celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Air Cadet organisation.

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A Years' Worth of Achievements at 146

- 54 New Cadets joined
- 22 New Staff qualifications
- 119 Camp places
- 72 Cadets flown
- 68 No 8 WHT passed
- 2 Gliding Scholarships
- 3 Overseas camp places
- 25 Wing blues
- 7 Region blues
- 2 Corps blues
- 36 Basic Swimming Certificates
- 16 Intermediate Swimming Certificates
- 2 Advanced Swimming Certificates
- 3 ACLC Passes
- 28 Bronze DofE Awards
- 14 Silver DofE Awards
- 12 Gold DofE Awards
- 21 Communicator badges
- 48 Heartstart Certificates
- 20 Youth First Aid Certificates

