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## MORRIS TROPHY INSPECTION 2017

April 4th 21 day for 146 Squadron, Air Cadets, Northwich.

The Squadron was visited, by Group Captain Simon RAFR. The event was to mark the inspection for the coveted Morris Trophy, the award for excellence in The Air Training Corps.



The history of the Lees and Morris trophies is as complex as reading Pride and Prejudice, and about as interesting. In 1949, Air Marshal Sir Alan Lees presented a trophy to the Sqn deemed to have greatest overall achievement and efficiency during the set 12 month period, taking into account Sqn size and facilities.

18 years later, Air Commodore E J Morris awarded his own trophy to the runner-up of the prestigious Lees Trophy award. Over the years, the parameters for eligibility and presentation of the two trophies have changed

periodically. So in 2016, it was decided to put an end to the confusion and award the Lees Trophy and Morris Trophy separately with equal regard. The Lees Trophy is presented to a Sqn of 45 and fewer Cadets, and the Morris Trophy goes to a Sqn with over 45 Cadets.

We started the evening at 19:00, with a formal First Parade accompanied by Group Captain Simon RAFR, who completed an inspection of the cadets. Following the inspection, the 146 Squadron band performed, songs included: 'When the Saints go Marching in', 'The Assam Rifles' and 'Swing March'.

Group Captain Simon commented "I am delighted to be here tonight. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the wide range of activities and having the opportunity to speak with the many Squadron cadets. It's clear that all those I have met enjoy their cadet experience and the Squadron is well run by a strong team of staff. And I have drunk many cups of tea."

Following a short break, the cadets dispersed into groups, participating in a diverse array of activities.

These included; training on the in-house flight simulator, practising drill, the writing of this actual article and FCTC learned more of the Airmanship Principles in a talk from Sgt Jessop, who recently gained

his CMOI qualification. Fascinating stuff.



146 Cadet Warrant Officer, Charlie Hensby said "The night was excellent overall, just a little nippy at the start but now nice and toasty."

Should the Inspection be a success, 146 Northwich Squadron will be one of three finalists within the Air Cadet Organisation for the Morris Trophy and would represent Wales & West Region as their nomination. The ATC has 1,009 squadrons and over 42,000 cadets. The final decision will be made by Air Commodore Dawn Mccafferty

To be awarded the Morris trophy would be an outstanding achievement. However, no matter what the outcome, all the staff and cadets are rightly proud of the achievements over the past year.

Cdt Moore and Cpl Dooley



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### A Years' Worth of Achievements at 146

- 43 New Cadets joined
- 7 New Staff qualifications
- 23 Cadets promoted
- 57 Camp places
- 43 Cadets flown
- 7 No 8 WHTs passed
- 2 Gliding Scholarships
- 1 Overseas camp places
- 27 Wing blues
- 11 Region blues
- 44 Swimming Proficiencies
- 14 Bronze DofE Awards
- 16 Silver DofE Awards
- 3 Gold DofE Awards
- 46 Communicator badges
- 34 Heartstart Certificates
- 19 Youth First Aid Certificates



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