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Promotions:

Cdt Davenport to Cpl

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Sports:

Sports Dinner - 10 cadets represented

Inter Sqn Cross-country – 2nd overall Cdt Carlin, Dooley and Krayzanowksa going forwards to Inter-Wing

Inter region Netball – Cdt Westray and Robinson

Inter Wing Hockey – Cdt Lever

Up-Coming Events:

Lectures/Exams

Bronze DofE

National Concert Band Camp

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Urban Air Antics

146 Squadron has reached new heights, but this time not in an aeroplane! After being placed in the top 6 Squadrons in the Corps, it was agreed that the cadets needed a well-deserved treat in the form of Urban Air Winsford! The night consisted of wearing groovy grippy socks and throwing ourselves against any and every springy surface in an indoor trampoline park. Amongst the casual bouncers, many back flips, wall-runs and other exciting manoeuvres could be witnessed. For the more discerning participant, a timed bouldering wall was fixed to the far side, and so a time-trial of mildly adequate proportions went underway. Fortunately for everyone, a safety mat had been implemented for when they all fell off. Also, there was lots of fruit juice! Some of the most memorable moments were when some of the more mature and sophisticated Cadets and NCOs decided to have a huge game of bouncy tag, Cadet Moore landed on his face - twice - and Fg Off Moores assembled his ever-reliable portable camera to record some of the late-night footage.

Most of this consisted of cadets jumping as high as they could and screaming relatable pop-culture references into the camera, while attempting to land with what little finesse they possessed.

Cdt Moore

Remembrance

Many people assume that annual Remembrance is a single day of Parades; a few select hours in which to pay respects to those who valiantly fought and died not only in the First and Second World Wars, but also more recent conflicts. However, as true as this is, there are in fact many more preparatory measures leading to Remembrance Day. A few months before the Parades, we helped the Royal British Legion prepare and clean their Poppy Appeal collection boxes, for use in the coming weeks. Cadets then spent the three subsequent weekends in the characteristically rainy Northwich, selling poppies to the public, many of whom relayed to us interesting - whether sombre or jovial - tales of their friends' and relatives' lives in the military.

On the first of three days taking donations in Northwich Town, there was also the official unveiling of some Poppy Appeal artwork, at which the Squadron Band played.

After these events, it was time for the momentous Remembrance Parades themselves. The Squadron attended a whopping seven Parades (Northwich, Winsford, Hartford, Weaverham, Liverpool, Davenham and Middlewich) which all went spectacularly. With every cadet available attending at least one parade it was a busy day for all but well worth it in order to honour those who "gave their today, for our tomorrow".

Media Team (Cdt Moore Cpl Dooley and Cdt Kirwin)



59 Entry Enrolment

The end of 2016 also saw the start of many people's official cadet career. 59 entry, like many of our Squadron's intakes, has a large number of new cadets therefore making the enrolment process all the more important. The cadets in 59 entry had been practicing their drill during the prior parade nights in order to show everyone how much they'd progressed despite having only recently joined. On the actual night the show the Squadron put on was wonderful. Parents, Grandparents and other relatives flocked in to the Squadron which had been specially set up for the event. Then the new cadets marched in and took their seats before reciting the cadet promise and being officially enrolled. The Squadron band then followed with a performance in the dark, using special light up sticks to impress the audience.

59 entry now consists of 25 new cadets who are undergoing their 18-week course to become a first class cadet.

Cpl Dooley



A Very 146 Christmas

How do you finish such a truly astonishing year in traditional 146 fashion? The Christmas Revue, of course! Every cadet was given the opportunity to plan with friends a segment for a Parade Night dedicated to the diverse talents and rich personalities of all involved. The night started with both musical talents and a photo montage from Cadet Dutton that put every cheesy school-trip assembly finale to shame whilst putting big smiles on everyone's faces. There was also a fun game show-style production from Cadet Stubbs, which saw staff being pit against each other in an epic battle, the likes of which have never before been witnessed, as they answered controversial, challenging and highly intellectual questions such as "Is Harambe a dead meme?".

The first half of the evening was concluded with an absurd full 30-minute comedy film by the Cadet Moore/Corporal Dooley duo, titled "Chromosome Crew the movie" - that would put the Coen Brothers to shame (interpret sarcasm as necessary). Though few understood what was happening and even fewer understood why what was happening was happening, it was a fun satire which borrowed acting "talents" from many more cadets making cameos. Next was break, which consisted of lots of cake, as well as a free can of fizzy drink per person, to fill up some unsatisfied stomachs and give tummy aches to those too greedy.

What superseded this was a stand-up comedy from Cadet Moore (who assures us all that every joke was either fully original or "carefully selected and altered" - yeah right) which was found to be

amusing for the vast majority of the audience. For the rest, joke's on you - I'm writing this article!



Next was the FCTC revue which, if nothing else, continued the annual FCTC tradition of excessive preparation, perfect execution and communication of unparalleled clarity. To finish the evening, everyone was treated to the NCO revue, which was introduced by CWO Hensby and Cpl Ferguson. Not only did they press the play button for the exclusive footage from IKEA, the carpark of IKEA, an actual car and many puns (I could tell you the one about the toast and butter, but you might spread it - sorry, I'll leave now), but also hosted a live late night TV talk-show with the staff, asking such expertly crafted and sophisticated questions as "So, are you two going out?". It's not as though they were just trying to get up to date with the Cadet gossip or anything.

Special thanks must be given to the staff, who magnanimously sacrificed their own planned Christmas Revue so that there was sufficient time for everyone else. Luckily for us - I mean them, obviously... - we can try to convince them to perform it on another Parade in place of Lectures. (Hey just a suggestion!) Overall, there were many talented individuals who made the night one that will be remembered for such a time until people forget it.

Cdt Moore



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