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Editor's Note:

Summer as an Air Cadet is a busy affair. Most of our camps, RAF Station visits and sports events happen between the months of May-August, as well as the start of preparations for the highly competitive "Wing Field Training Day". Summer is a great opportunity to try something new as a cadet, gain new friends and make long-lasting memories. Thanks to FS Davenport, Cadet Davies, Cadet Taylor and Cadet Tomlinson for your contribution to this edition.

Cpl Eleanor Lever

Fairbourne 2019

On the 20th July 2019, 36 enthusiastic cadets set off on an adventure of a lifetime, a seven day long trip to Fairbourne, Wales. 146's infamous annual adventure training camp is always popular among cadets, whether it is their first, second or fifth time in attendance. Cadets enjoyed activities such as white-water rafting, archery and a new addition for 2019, zip safari. Flt Sgt Holland claimed that it was

particularly amusing when Cadet Lever forgot to attach the trolley, therefore leaving her hanging 50 ft up in the trees. It was also a particularly nostalgic week for CWO Jessop as it was his final event as a cadet. We heard his 5th leaving speech of the year as well witnessing Fg Off Moores re-enact his favourite video of Lewis Capaldi dressed as Noel Gallagher. To cadets who haven't been to Fairbourne before, bid



for a place next year- you will not regret it!

FS Jake Davenport

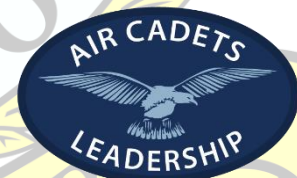
Blue Leadership Course

As soon as I heard about this opportunity, I put my name down! With it being a Wing event, it gave me another chance to visit Altcar Training Base and meet a whole range of new people! The good thing about events with other Squadrons, is once you have made some friends, you will meet them again

and again, which happened on this course. After an hours' worth of classroom quizzes and instructions, we set to work doing a few practices before lunch. Then, the real thing, we all had to undergo each and every activity to pass the assessment. It took a few goes for some people, but we all passed in the end.

Overall, it was a very fun and informative day!

Cadet Ben Davies



Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition 2019

If there is one thing that 146 (Northwich) Squadron is good at, it's Gold DofE. On the 22nd August 2019, nine cadets set off to Snowdonia in order to complete their four day adventure in the mountains. The first evening was most enjoyable as we cooked hot dogs and burgers whilst sitting around enjoying each other's company. After the first day of walking, we reached Kings campsite, tired and hungry, however in good time. As we were waking up so early (5am) we all went to bed rather early, so the quicker we got into the campsite, the more time we would have to relax, eat and catch up on the other

group's days. The next day was our longest day out, with each group walking for approximately 13 hours, roughly a Bronze expedition in a day! By that time, the blisters and the tics were getting to us and we were entering a period of very low morale. We then wild camped for the first time in a field with no toilets and no running water. The next day we were out for an equally long amount of time, however our spirits were lifted by the good weather and the memory of drinking straight from a stream high up on the mountain. Day four was the final push, the day in which we were most looking forward to as it meant we were



going home. Considering that both groups woke at 4am, setting off at 5am and being back to the busses, wheels rolling home for 4pm. Probably the longest 4 days ever, but in hindsight the most enjoyable due to the many memories we had collectively made.

Cadet Grace Tomlinson

Regional First Aid Competition.

On the 15th to the 16th of March, myself and Sgt Dutton travelled to Crickhowell in Wales, with other members of the team from the Merseyside Wing to compete in a First Aid Competition at Regional level. We were competing against the Army cadets and other detachments, hoping to get to the National competition. Over the weekend we were going through our first aid skills and scenarios to practice for the real thing. Making sure we understood what might come up in the competition and what we could improve. It was a long day and we just had to keep our spirits high so we danced and we laughed and when it was our

time to go through to the competition, we wished each other luck and hoped for the best. After the competition we had a Domino's and we all celebrated our efforts, but we still had to wait for the results until the next day. On Sunday after a full stomach and a good night's rest, we packed our things and cleaned until it was time to go to the hall where the winners would be announced. The cadets did amazing and lots of medals, trophies and smiles were spread across the hall. The teams all did very well, with the Merseyside Wing teams getting to the National competition. The trip for me was an amazing

experience, to see what Regional competition was like. If anyone is thinking about having a go, I assure you, you won't regret it. Thank you to the staff who were there with us and Flying Officer Ross was amazing to help us achieve a full potential.

Cadet Lauren Taylor



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