



Sky High

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From the Editor



Welcome to the latest edition of the squadron newsletter!!

You may have noticed that we have been away for a while and this was, as many of you know, as I took a bit of time off to have a baby, but I am now back and raring to go!

The last quarter of the year was very eventful, with several weekends away on exercise, plus the Squadron Mess Night in early October, Remembrance Parade in November and the Christmas Party in early December. The next few months are going to be just as eventful!

Remember, as always we want to spread the word about what we do and what you can get out of being a cadet therefore if you know of anyone that would like to receive a copy of this newsletter, please let us know.

Read on - and enjoy!

Hazel Weston,
Editor and Treasurer to Civilian Welfare Committee

What's Been Happening?

- ⦿ Cpl Chadwick attended the Personal Awareness Course at Amport House, Hampshire (Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre) - a first for 2187 Sqn
- ⦿ Cdt Lee attended the RAF PTI Work Experience Course at RAF Cosford
- ⦿ Cpl Chadwick and Cdt Vincent attended the RAF Police Work Experience Course at RAF Henlow
- ⦿ 12 cadets and 6 staff attended a successful Fieldcraft weekend at Carver Barracks
- ⦿ 12 cadets went flying at AEF Wyton on Saturday 26th September 09
- ⦿ The RAF Careers staff came to visit the squadron and did an evening of teamwork exercises
- ⦿ 19 cadets attended a Duke of Edinburgh Expedition with Rayleigh Sqn to Bradwell on Sea on the August Bank Holiday weekend
- ⦿ Several cadets attended the Wing Swimming Competition held on Saturday 12th September
- ⦿ Flt Lt Weston, CI Maltby and Officer Cadet Bradford have recently attended the first weekend of the wing Basic Expedition Leader Award (BELA) Course.



Sponsored March Around the Wall

Many thanks go to everyone who took part in the Sponsored March around the Sea Wall one Sunday in late September. All of the money raised (approximately £300 so far) is to be split between the squadron and our chosen Charity RAFA.

What's Going On?

Event/Activity	Who can attend?	How much does it cost?
AEF Flying, RAF Wyton, 18 th February 2010	Cadets	Free
Indian Fundraising Event, Maharaja Restaurant, Benfleet, 25 th February 2010	Everyone	£15, all you can eat
Adventure Training Weekend at Carver Barracks with Thundersley, Rayleigh & Southend Sqns, 27/28 Feb 2010	Cadets	TBC
Gliding, 614 VGS, 28 th February 2010	Cadets	Free
Paintball, 6 th March 2010	Cadets	
Cyprus Camp, RAF Akrotiri, 14 th to 23 rd April 2010	Cadets	Contact squadron for info
AEF Flying, RAF Wyton, 25 th April 2010	Cadets	Free
Duxford Airshow, 16 th May 2010	Everyone	TBC
AEF Flying, RAF Wyton, 2 nd June 2010	Cadets	Free
Squadron Open Day, Squadron Headquarters, 19 th June 2010	Everyone	TBC
Armed Forces Day Parade, Canvey Town Centre, 26 th June 2010	Everyone	NA
RAF Waddington Airshow, 3 rd July 2010	Everyone	TBC
Duxford Airshow, 10 th July 2010	Everyone	TBC
Gliding, 614 VGS, 10 th July 2010	Cadets	Free
Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT), RAF Fairford, 17 th & 18 th July 2010	Everyone	TBC
Castle Point Show, Waterside Farm, 18 th July 2010	Everyone	NA
Germany Camp, Rheindahlen Garrison, 21 st to 28 th July 2010	Cadets	Contact squadron for info
ACATC Llanbedr Camp, 24 th to 31 st July 2010	Cadets	Contact squadron for info
Summer Camp, RAF Scampton, 7 th to 14 th August 2010	Cadets	Contact squadron for info
Essex Wing Parade, Carver Barracks (Saffron Waldon), 4 th September 2010	Everyone	NA
Squadron Mess Night, Oysterfleet Hotel, Canvey Island, 15 th October 2010	Everyone	TBC
Essex Wing Adventure Training & Leadership Camp (ATLC), October half term	Cadets	Contact squadron for info
Remembrance Day Parade, Canvey Town Centre, 14 th November 2010	Everyone	NA

BTEC in Aviation Studies



Congratulations to Cadet Sgt Worrall who recently gained his BTEC's in Aviation Studies, which is the equivalent of 2 GCSE's. Well Done !!!



More Marksman Badges Gained!

Officer Cadet Bradford has helped many more cadets gain their marksman badges! Congratulations go to Cadet Thomas, Cadet Alizade, Cdt Cpl Robson, Cdt Cpl Swan, Cdt G Swan, Cdt Harvey and Cdt Stevens who all recently gained various marksman badges.

Well done to everyone, and let's hope we achieve more in the future!



2187 Squadron Says Goodbye to Plt Off Lindup

2187 Squadron has sadly had to say goodbye to Plt Off Paul Lindup who has transferred to 276 (Chelmsford) Sqn, due to moving home to the north of the county. Plt Off Lindup was a member of 2187 Squadron for about 18 months, after transferring into Essex Wing. He had been responsible for a number of fieldcraft training weekends, which were greatly enjoyed by the cadets and staff.

Plt Off Lindup is a former Cadet Warrant Officer, whom later served a number of years in the Army Air Corps, before returning the ATC. Everyone wishes him the very best in his new unit, but we look forward to seeing him at various 2187 Squadron events in the future.

All the best!



Mr Parsons and Miss Stokes Appointed Sergeant (ATC)



Congratulations go to both Mr Parsons and Miss Stokes after successfully passing their interviews (known as 'Boards') to be appointed as a Sergeant (ATC). Sgt Parsons has been a member of staff for about three years, and Sgt Stokes for a year. To even get to the interview stage, they had to attend several training weekends as part of the Potential Uniform Staff Development course (PSD) to learn about the role and expectations. They then had a pre-Board with some Wing Staff Officers, to determine if they were ready to go in front of the Wing Commander for the final Board.

Well done Sergeant Parsons and Sergeant Stokes!

Squadron Welcomes Back CI Maltby

Welcome back to CI Kerry Maltby who has rejoined the squadron after a short break. You were greatly missed and we are all delighted that you made the decision to return.



Cdt Vincent Gets Promoted!

Congratulations to Cdt Vincent who towards the end of last year was promoted to the rank of Cdt Corporal. Well done Cpl Vincent!

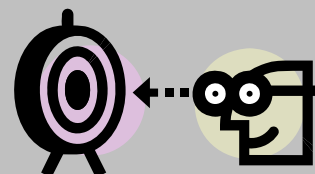


2187 Squadron Lead Remembrance Day Parade

The 2009 Remembrance Day Service was held at The Paddocks Community Centre, with approx 800 people filling the venue. Cdt Sgt Parker and Cdt Sgt Green-Muid represented 2187 Sqn at the wreath-laying ceremony, and the squadron band lead the parade of around 200 personnel to the Royal British Legion club for refreshments.

Well done to the band for a brilliant performance, and the entire squadron for its smartness and turnout.

Squadron Win the Wing Marksmanship Trophy



I am pleased to say that the squadron have come 1st place in the Wing Marksmanship Trophy, thereby retaining it for a second year!!!!!!

Well done to everyone who took part in this competition



2187 Squadron Band Performs at Horseguards Parade

2187 Squadron recently had the honour of being asked to play at a parade in Whitehall, London. The event was the annual parade for the Devon & Dorsets Regiment Old Comrades Association - having seen our band play at the local Armed Forces Day Parade in June, 2187 Sqn was approached to play at their London parade.

The band started with a musical warm-up on Horseguards Parade, where the Trooping the Colour event is held each year. After a brilliant performance, the band led the Devon & Dorsets parade out on to Whitehall, and, in front of a few thousand people, down to The Cenotaph. A short wreath-laying ceremony was held by the Devon & Dorsets, where our band played God Save the Queen (the first time it played the tune, and very well too!).

The parade was then marched back up Whitehall and onto Horseguards Parade. At the end of the parade, the band performed a number of tunes, for the entertainment of the many tourists that took photos of the cadets!

A brilliant morning, that involved several further requests by tourists, to have their photo taken with the cadets! Well done to all those that took part!

Squadron Welcomes a New Civilian Instructor!



Welcome to Mr Tim Green who has recently transferred from Hull Squadron to join 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron as a Civilian Instructor.

Do you Want to Write Something for the next Issue?

We really want to hear from you, so if you want to write something for the next newsletter please note that the deadline for all submissions is Sunday 28th March 2010. All suggestions and/or articles are to be sent to newsletter2187canvey@hotmail.co.uk

Squadron Mess Night is a Success!

As you all know by now, each year our squadron holds a dinner & dance, known as a Mess Night. This is where we recognise the achievements of both the entire squadron and individual cadets through the presentation of annual awards for personal achievement. Therefore this is a very important event in our calendar.

This year our Mess Night was held on Friday 9th October 2009 at The Oysterfleet Hotel, Canvey Island, and we were honoured to have Commandant Air Cadets, Air Commodore Ian Stewart and his wife as our principle guests. After the dinner there was a disco supplied DJ Dan (www.dj-sound.biz). Many Thanks Dan for your hard work that evening.

Best Cadet
Cdt Stevens



Best NCO
Cpl Swan



Best Sports Cadet
Cpl Thomas



Most Improved Cadet
Cdt Sallis



Best Recruit
Cdt A Harvey



Flt Lt Maltby Community Trophy
Cdt Mayo



Good Show - Sgt Tunley
(for all his recent hard work with the
cadets)



Essex Wing Adventure Training & Leadership Camp

5 cadets from 2187 Squadron joined over 200 Essex Air Cadets for a week-long adventure training camp in Fremington, Devon.

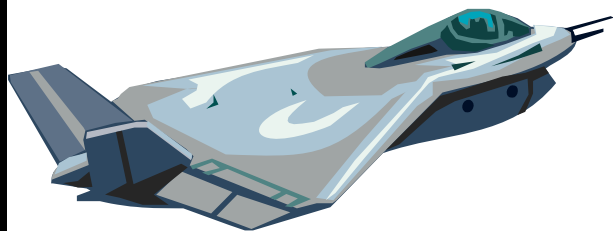


Fundraising Curry Night

Another Fundraising Curry Night has been arranged, to help raise funds for a mobile flight simulator. The Curry Night will take place on Thursday 25th February at the Maharaja Restaurant, Benfleet, from 19.15 hrs. Tickets are £15 per person, for an all-you-can-eat meal (drinks separate).



All are welcome. To book your place please contact the squadron directly.



RAF Wittering Camp

13 cadets from 2187 Squadron joined others from across Essex Wing for a week-long camp at RAF Wittering. The aim of the camp is to experience life on an RAF station and learn more about different roles in the RAF. Whilst on camp, Cdt A Harvey won the award for Best Cadet, and Cdt C White won the award for Most Improved Cadet. Additionally, Cdt Stevens and Cdt Harvey all gained various Marksmen badges - well done all!

Cdt Cpl Robson Gains a Diana Award

Congratulations go to Cdt Cpl Robson who late last year received the Diana Award, after being nominated by one of her teachers from school.



The Diana Award is given to young people aged 12-18 who inspire others by participating in youth work or volunteering, improving the lives of others or by demonstrating outstanding qualities in overcoming diversity.

Contact Us

Interested in joining as an Air Cadet or as a volunteer member of Adult Staff? Do you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter or would you prefer this newsletter in an alternative format (i.e. paper or electronic) - Telephone or email us, or simply drop in on our parade nights

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