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The newsletter of 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron ATC

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From the Editor



Welcome to the latest edition of the squadron newsletter.

The last few months have been very busy for everyone with the recent promotions and the bands excellent performance at the Castle Point Show, to name just a few of our activities. Let's hope that the next few months are as eventful.

Remember, as always mentioned 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 Secretary to Civilian welfare Committee

What's Been Happening?

- Miss Maltby and Sgt Kemp are now Range Qualified Officers, after spending two weekends at Pirbright Camp.
- Warrant Officer Roddy and Mr Lindup qualified as Fieldcraft Instructors.
- Cdt Mizon represented Essex Wing at the Region Athletics in Javelin, and got Gold. She is going on to represent Region at RAF Cosford.
- 12 recruits passed out as First Class cadets after a Training Weekend.
- 6 cadets went to Pirbright Camp with several other squadrons, in a weekend of shooting and obstacle courses.

Squadron Welcomes a New Civilian Instructor!

Welcome to Mr Paul Lindup who has joined the squadron as a Civilian Instructor. Paul is a former Cadet Warrant Officer, and spent some time as a Civilian Instructor at 1341 (Thundersley) Squadron before recently transferring to 2187 Squadron. He formerly served a number of years in the Army Air Corps, and is a Fieldcraft Instructor.



Flt Lt Weston Gets ILM Accredited

Congratulations to Flt Lt Weston who has recently been awarded nationally recognised accreditation with the Institute of Leadership and Management. He gained this qualification through CVQO which offers a progressive Adult Awards Programme which enables a member of cadet staff to gain recognition for the commitment they have already made to the Cadet Forces.

What's Going On?

Event/Activity	Who can attend?	How much does it cost?
Fundraising Indian Dinner, @ Maharajah, Thursday 3 rd July	Everyone	£12 per ticket
Committee Meeting, Squadron Headquarters, Wednesday 9 th July @ 8pm	Everyone	NA
.22 Shooting, Squadron Headquarters, Saturday 12 th July	Cadets	NA
RIAT Airshow, RAF Fairford, Sunday 13 th July	Cadets	£15 per ticket
.22 Shooting, Squadron Headquarters, Saturday 19 th July	Cadets	NA
Orienteering, Hadleigh Downs Country Park, Saturday 26 th July (Contact Steve Kemp for further details)	Cadets	£2 per group
L98 Dry Training, Squadron Headquarters, Saturday 26 th and Sunday 27 th July	Cadets	NA
Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition weekend, Saturday 2 nd to Monday 4 th August	Cadets	TBC
Field Craft Weekend, Carver Barracks, Friday 22 nd to Sunday 24 th August	Cadets	TBC
Inter-squadron Swimming Competition, Saturday 7 th September	Cadets	NA
Squadron 'Battle of Britain' Open Day, Squadron Headquarters, Saturday 13 th September	Everyone	NA
Orienteering, Langdon Hills Country Park, Saturday 13 th September (Contact Steve Kemp for further details)	Cadets	Free
Orienteering, District Event, SW Epping Forest, Chingford, Sunday 28 th September (Contact Steve Kemp for further details)	Cadets	£8 per group
Mess Night and Awards Evening, Oysterfleet, 10 th October	Everyone	£25 (Cadets free)
Flying, RAF Wyton, Friday 25 th October	12 Cadet Places	NA
LASER Region band Weekend, Friday 31 st October - Sunday 2 nd November	Cadets	TBC
Remembrance Day Parade, Sunday 9 th November	Cadets	NA
Inter-Squadron Cross Country, Sunday 16 th November	Cadets	NA
Squadron Fancy Dress Christmas Party, TBC	Everyone	TBC
Fundraising Quiz Night, TBC	Everyone	TBC



Cdt Mizon is a Good Sport!

Cadet Sarah Mizon attended the London & South East Region Inter-Wing Athletics competition, as part of the Essex Wing Team. After a successful day in which saw Essex Wing gain two trophies, Cdt Mizon came first in the javelin event, and will now go on represent London and South East Region at the Inter-Region competition. Good show!



Three Cadets Complete Gliding Induction Course

Sgt Kemp and Miss Kerry Maltby took cadets Robson, Longcroft and Baptiste gliding at 614 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at Wethersfield earlier this year. Each cadet had a number of launches in the Grob Viking gliders, each designed to teach a number of different points.

The cadets assisted with the handling of the aircraft on the ground in the blazing sunshine. They later had their gliding certificates presented by the Mayoress of Castle Point Beverley Egan, when she visited 2187 Squadron on the following parade night.



Squadron Band Play at The Castle Point Show



On Sunday 22nd June 2008 the Castle Point Show was held at the Waterside Farm Showground. The event is free to attend and each year attracts thousands of visitors. This year entertainment included the Essex FM stage; Donkey rides ; A classic car exhibition and parade ; Cheerleading and dance routines by local schools and a display from 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron ATC Marching Band.

The band was brilliant and marched around the parade arena to shouts and cheers from the crowd. Thank you to all of the cadets and Miss Maltby, the Bandmaster for their hard work over the last few months training for the show.



Six Cadets Gain First Aid Badges

Congratulations to Cdt Longcroft, Cdt Swan, Cdt Mizon, Cdt Campfield, Cpl Worrall and Cpl Parker who recently received a First Aid Qualification.

First Aid is obviously a vital skill, and from 2006 the ATC has introduced a formal qualification to recognise this. Working in conjunction with St John Ambulance Service, the ATC now offers cadets the opportunity to gain the St John Ambulance Young LifeSaver Plus award (see picture to the right). The badge is green for those cadets whom are aged 16 plus.

Cadets will have received fourteen hours of first aid training, culminating in a practical assessment. At 2187 Squadron, not only are we fortunate to have an Ambulance Service Paramedic team leader as a member of staff, but also other staff whom are first aid assessors and trainers.

Part of the activities ensures that cadets come across simulated wounds with fake blood and broken bones - it all adds to the realism that makes for good training!



Pirbright Camp Weekend

Several cadets joined other from around Essex to enjoy a weekend at the Army Camp at Pirbright recently. Highlights of the weekend included the obstacle course and shooting on the range. Well done to Cdt Sarah Mizon who was awarded Best Cadet of the weekend - good work!

Twelve Cadets go to Southend Airshow

On the last weekend of May it was the Southend Airshow weekend! This is the largest free airshow in Europe brings thousands of visitors to the seafront.

Every year there is a full programme of flying including the Red Arrows, the Wingwalkers and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. This year however the weather proved too much and many of the flying events were cancelled at the last moment. This said though, according to official figures, more than 250,000 people still visited the show on both days and the event was a roaring success.

As with every other year the Cadets provided support at the Airport itself and managed to get themselves a look at several of the aircrafts. It was disappointing that the RAF Falcon parachute team was unable to fly and low cloud cover also meant the famous Red Arrows and the Typhoon were unable to fly.



Two More Staff Become Range Qualified Officers!



Sgt Kemp and Miss Maltby have qualified to become Range Qualified Officers, bringing our Range Qualified staff number to four - brilliant! They had to attend two consecutive weekends at Pirbright Camp to gain the qualification, and their aim is to help more cadets gain Marksman badges, as well as to get 2187 Sqn cadets in the Wing Bisley team for 2009.



Gift Aid...

Did you know that all parents can complete Gift Aid forms to benefit our squadron, regardless if you pay subs by Standing Order or not? Please help us by completing these forms, as the Government then helps us for every form completed, even if you pay subs by cash. Thank you!



New Recruit Passing Out Parade

Twelve recruits took part in a Recruit Training weekend on 14th and 15th June, to complete their First Class training syllabus. They learnt about Airmanship, Initial Expedition Training, had their Weapons Handling Test, plenty of drill practice and the whole weekend finished in a formal parade. Lots of parents and family turned out to watch whilst the cadets were sworn in and enrolled as full cadets, and as they received their certificates and badges! Congratulations to them all!!!

Nice to Meet You

Every newsletter we do an in-depth interview from one member of the squadron - this edition it is the opportunity for Sergeant Kevin McDermott to have his say:

Name:
Kevin McDermott

Rank and Position at Squadron:
Sgt. I see to the stores, equipment and transport

How long have you been at 2187 Squadron?
About 5 years

How long have you been involved with the ATC?
In 1973 I was a cadet until 1976, and returned as a staff member in 2003

How did you get to where you are today?
I made a committed effort towards the squadron.

What do you do for a day job?
I'm a director of a company selling property overseas

Can you play an instrument? And if so, what one and how good are you?
No

What is your favourite drink?
Tea

What is your favourite food?
The choice is wide and various

What is your favourite Pastime?
Involvement in the ATC

What is your favourite band/music?
Most things Pre 90's

What makes you happy?
Life itself

What makes you sad?
Not much ☺ just Red tape

Describe yourself in 3 words
Jolly nice chap ☺

What has been your greatest achievement in your life?
My Children ☺

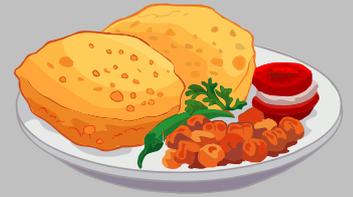
Tell us something about yourself that we probably don't know.
My life is an open book ☺



Indian Night at the Maharaja

Have you remembered that it's the Indian Charity Fundraiser night at the Maharaja Restaurant, Benfleet on Thursday 3rd July? Tickets are £12 per person for a buffet and disco.

If you are interested please let us know!



Recent Promotions

14 cadets attend both the future SNCO and JNCO Training Cadre (course) on 14th and 15th June, with a view to selecting cadets for promotion. The two-day course tested the candidates' standards of dress, individual drill, leadership skills, general ATC knowledge, ability to take Flight drill and participation in current affairs. They finally had an interview to assess their suitability for promotion. The competition was stiff, and it was great to see so many keen and highly motivated cadet taking part. Thanks to all of you who came along, all of the staff were very impressed with the standard of all the candidates and found it hard to make the decision.

Saying that, a decision had to be made and therefore congratulations to the following who were successful

Promotion to Corporal:

- Cdt Swan
- Cdt Mizon
- Cdt Robson
- Cdt Byrne
- Cdt Chadwick
- Cdt Bennett



Promotion to Sergeant:

- Cpl Knightly
- Cpl Parker
- Cpl Worrall
- Cpl Green-Muid



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 22nd June 2008. All suggestions and/or articles are to be sent to newsletter2187canvey@hotmail.co.uk

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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