



Sky High

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From the Editor



Welcome to the latest edition of the squadron newsletter!!

The last few months have been crazy with loads of things going on. We had the Spring Ball, a day trip to the WWI Battlefield in Belgium, the cadets took part in the Castle Point Show and the Armed Forces Day Parade, and much much more

Remember, 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?

- ⦿ 17 cadets and staff attended a successful day visit to RAF College Cranwell
- ⦿ Cpl Chadwick attended an RAF PTI work experience course
- ⦿ Sgt Kemp attended Easter Camp at RAF Linton-on-Ouse
- ⦿ 8 cadets went to Southend Sqn for Archery practice, and had a great morning
- ⦿ 10 cadets passed Leading Cadet exam, 2 passed Senior Cadet
- ⦿ 3 cadets and Mr Evans attended the Wing Silver D of E expedition
- ⦿ Ex-2187 Sqn CWO Stuart Clayton (RAF Aircrew Sergeant) did a presentation on Non-Commissioned Aircrew (NCA) role
- ⦿ We came 4th place in the Essex Wing Postal Shoot Competition
- ⦿ Sgt Worrall & Sgt Knightly were selected for Wing Shooting Team
- ⦿ We have 8 cadet places for October Camp at RAF Wittering
- ⦿ 14 cadets went AEF Flying at RAF Wyton, in Tutor aircraft
- ⦿ 3 cadets attended the Air Cadet Adventure Training Centre at Windermere
- ⦿ 16 cadets took part in the Southend Airport Festival of the Air
- ⦿ 2187 sqn to lead local Armed Forces Day Parade



£1000 Grant Received For New Band Equipment



Many Thanks to Mrs Evans who has managed to get the squadron a further £1000 from Castle Point Borough Council to put towards new band equipment, which is greatly needed.

What's Going On?

Event/Activity	Who can attend?	How much does it cost?
Squadron Open Day, Squadron Headquarters, 5 th September 2009	Everyone	Free Entry
Squadron Fundraising Quiz Night, Smallgains Hall, 12 th September 2009	Everyone	TBC
Mess Night and Awards Evening, Oysterfleet Hotel, 9 th October 2009	Everyone	TBC
Squadron Christmas Party, Smallgains Hall, Canvey Island, 12 th December 2009	Everyone	TBC



Commandant's Commendation for Meritorious Service..times two!



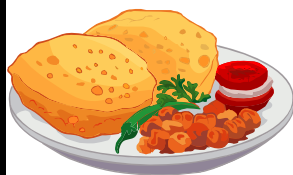
Congratulations to both Pilot Officer Bradford and Mrs Evans who have been awarded the Commandant's Commendation for Meritorious Service, after recommendations made by Flt Lt Weston last year. Well done to both of you.

Cdt Sgt Bennett Joins Veterans at D-Day Landing Commemorations



Cdt Sgt Bennett joined hundreds of members of the Air Training Corps and many World War Two veterans in commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Over 160 cadets and adult staff paraded at Colleville-Montgomery in northern France, joining local dignitaries and veterans to remember the fallen of the invasion of Normandy by allied forces on 6 June 1944. A further 100 cadets plus support staff attended a parade in the city of Bayeux. The day saw a number of commemorative events around Normandy, attended by veterans and representatives of the allied forces and representatives of Her Majesty's Government and Armed Forces including His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Prime Minister Gordon Brown MP and Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Richard Dannatt.



Indian Night at the Maharaja

On Thursday 2nd July we held a Charity Fundraiser night at the Maharaja Restaurant, Benfleet. Many thanks to all of you who attended. We managed to raise about £250 for the squadron funds!

Congratulations to Pilot Officer Worrall and Pilot Officer Lindup



Congratulations to both Officer Cadet Worrall (left) and Officer Cadet Lindup (right) who have successfully completed their week-long Officers Initial Course (OIC) at RAF Cranwell, and have now been promoted to Pilot Officer. We wish them all the best!



Castle Point Mayor Awards 2009



On 23d April 2009, Flt Lt Weston along with Cpl Swan and Cpl Chadwick attended the Castle Point Mayor Awards 2009.

Congratulations to Cpl Swan who was awarded a Castle Point Mayor's Community Award runner up certificate and Cpl Chadwick who also received a certificate for his Achievement within the Community.

In addition to this the squadron itself received a certificate from the Mayor for Outstanding Continued Service to Community. So well done to everyone. We all earned it.

Squadron Welcomes a New Civilian Instructor!

Welcome to Miss Danni Stokes who has joined the squadron as a Civilian Instructor. Danni used to be a cadet several years ago and decided firstly to return to the squadron as a member of the Civilian Welfare Committee. Recently Danni made the decision to leave the Committee and has now joined the 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 23rd August 2009. All suggestions and/or articles are to be sent to newsletter2187canvey@hotmail.co.uk



The Falklands Competition

Many thanks to all of you who were able to give up time to attend the Falklands Trophy Competition recently. I'm pleased to say that our two teams did well for themselves, and came away with big happy faces. Overall out of 26 teams, the Boys team came 11th, and the girls came 17th.

Shooting Trophy!

There were three event trophies - First Aid, Navigation, and Shooting, and we won the

We also had two cadets Cpl Chadwick and Cdt Harvey (female) awarded certificates of commendation for their individual skills - which is outstanding stuff!!

Well done to everyone whom has helped train our teams in various ways. Especial thanks to Sgt Tunley for all his splendid efforts in First Aid training, and to Officer Cadet Bradford and CI Parsons in improving the marksmen skills of our cadets. These three staff in particular have really helped the cadets in these achievements.



Fieldcraft Weekend!

12 cadets and 6 staff attended an excellent Fieldcraft training weekend at the end of May which had been organised by Pilot Officer Lindup. On a weekend beautiful hot sunny weekend, the cadets were taught camouflage & concealment, field signals, patrolling, field cooking (with the new style ration packs), how to create bivvy shelters, and much more.

Sgt Tunley used his skills as a paramedic to create a very realistic first aid scenario that involved a crashed vehicle and different 'injuries'. The injuries were very realistic looking (see the picture left)! Sgt Tunley used staff 'volunteers' made up with wounds that simulated burns, cuts and other nasty wounds, and the staff all deserve Oscars for their role plays! More similar weekends coming this year, so watch this space.

Well done to the cadets and particularly to all the staff for all their good efforts over the weekend.



Mr Tunley appointed as Sergeant

Congratulations to Mr Tunley after successfully passing his interview (or 'Board') to be appointed as a Sergeant (ATC). Sgt Tunley has been a member of staff for about three years. To even get to the interview stage, he had to attend several training weekends as part of the Potential Uniform Staff Development course (POD) to learn about the role and expectations. He then had a pre-Board with some Wing Staff Officers, to determine if he was ready to go in front of the Wing Commander for the final Board.

Well done Sergeant Tunley!

Sgt Bradford Appointed Officer Cadet

Congratulations to Chris Bradford who has successfully passed his commissioning board interviews to become our most recent Officer Cadet. We wish him all the best!



Squadron Spring Ball!

On Friday 3rd April the squadron held their Spring Ball, at the Oysterfleet Hotel on Canvey Island. Around 90 guests turned up in their best dresses, tuxedos and uniforms and had a great night.

The music was provided by the brilliant local band REDONIZM, which includes two ex-cadets of 2187 Squadron! The band had everyone up and dancing from start to end, and helped to make it another successful 2187 Squadron Ball.

Many thanks to everyone whom came along and supported us rock the night away, it was very much appreciated

Fundraising Karaoke/Race Night

Many thanks go to everyone who came along and supported the Squadron Fundraising Karaoke/Race Night which was held at Smallgains Hall on 17th July 2009. Everyone had a great time and we managed to raise approximately £100 to go towards the squadron funds. Look out for the next fundraising event!



WWI Battlefield Tour to Ypres

I hope that all of you who attended would agree that our guided tour day trip to the WWI battlefields in Ypres, Belgium on Saturday June 6th 2009 was a great success. The trip included visits to -



- Sanctuary Wood
- Hill 60
- Essex Farm
- Tyne Cot
- Hooge Crater
- Ypres and the Last Post Ceremony



An excellent addition to the tour was the opportunity for the squadron to place a wreath as part of the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Well done to Cpl Swan and Cpl Chadwick who represented us all in the parade.



Cdt Sgt Knightly Gets Promoted!

Congratulations to Cdt Sgt Knightly who has recently been promoted to the rank of Cdt Flight Sergeant. Cadets aged 18 and above are also known as 'Instructor Cadets' and are considered probationary adult staff whom assist with the organisation and planning squadron activities. Well done Flt Sgt Knightly!

Flt Lt Weston Gains his Cadet Forces Medal

Congratulations go to Flt Lt Weston who was recently awarded with the cadet forces medal when he attended the Essex Wing Parade event at Hylands Park on Sunday 28th June.

The Cadet Forces Medal (CFM) and Clasps are awarded to officers and uniformed adult instructors in recognition of long service of proved capacity in the Cadet Forces. 12 years reckonable service is required for award of the medal. 6 years further service is required for award of each subsequent Clasp.



New Recruit Passing Out Parade



Eleven new recruits took part in a Recruit Training Day on 12th July, 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 day finished in a formal parade. Therefore congratulations to the following:

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| Cdt Scales | Cdt Berkley | Cdt Pullen |
| Cdt Fleming | Cdt Evans | Cdt Harvey (female) |
| Cdt White | Cdt Thomas | Cdt Wilkinson |
| Cdt Cornell | Cdt Sallis | |



Cdt Lee gets RAF Work Experience Course

Cdt Lee follows in the footsteps of Cdt Cpl Chadwick, after also being successful in his application for the RAF Physical Training Instructor work experience course! These courses are only open to Air Cadets, and are completely free of charge - he even gets a rail warrant to help him travel to and from RAF Cosford. As Cdt Lee has a real interest in becoming an RAF PTI in the future, this will give him a great insight to that particular RAF trade. Good work!

Sgt Evans Gets Place on Air Cadet Leadership Course



Sgt Evans faces a challenge after being successful for his application for the Air Cadet Leadership Course, held at RAF Cranwell. Sgt Evans is believed to be the first ever 2187 Squadron cadet to have successfully applied for this week-long course, which, if he completes, will result in the award of the Air Cadet Leadership badge (shown above).

The course itself includes a fitness test, various leadership/command tasks, and culminates in a graduation parade. Good luck!



Squadron Attend The Castle Point Show

On Sunday 21st June 2009 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 Southend Radio stage; Donkey rides; A classic car exhibition and parade; and an opening display from 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron ATC Marching Band.

Thank you to all of the cadets and Miss Stokes, the Bandmaster for their hard work over the last few months training for the show.

Squadron Leads Canvey Armed Forces Day Parade

Almost 10,000 people joined together on Canvey to celebrate Armed Forces Day to thank our heroes, past and present. It was a deeply moving but joyful parade, service and reception where we honoured those who fell and those who survived.

The 2187 (Canvey Island) ATC Squadron band led the parade from Furtherwick Park School to the Paddocks, where a short service was held. The squadron was followed by many other great people/organisations, such as the Chelsea Pensioners and the Gurkhas.



It was a fantastically moving day, which I hope everyone enjoyed. Here's to next year's parade which will be bigger and better.

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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