



Sky High

60 years

The newsletter of 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron ATC
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From the Editor



Welcome to the fourth edition of the squadron newsletter.

The last couple of months have been very exciting for us: We had our 60th Anniversary Ball in March; we went to Easter Camp at RAF Brampton; Martin Worrall became our first squadron Officer Cadet; Sgt Kemp passed his Drill Instructor Course; Miss Maltby passed her Weapons handling Training Course; The Cadets went to Belchamps and to Chessington... and the list goes on.

Hopefully the next few months will be 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?

- 11 cadets went flying to Wyton on 16th March
- Cadets Swan and Mizon represented Essex Wing in the London & South East 5-a-side Football competition on 16th March (and came 3rd)
- 2 Cadets and 2 staff from 2187 Squadron completed the RAF Cosford 50-mile march on 26th/27th March
- Several cadets and staff attend Easter camp at RAF Brampton. At the end of the week Cpl Worrall gained the Best NCO award
- Sgt Kemp passed the Drill Instructor course at RAF College Cranwell
- CI Maltby has recently passed the Weapons Handling Training Course
- CI Maltby will be going on Weapons Instructor course at the end of May

Congratulations Mr Worrall

Congratulations to Mr Worrall who has successfully passed his commissioning board interviews to become the squadron's first new Officer Cadet. We wish him all the best!



What's Going On?

Event/Activity	Who can attend?	How much does it cost?
Gliding, Sat 10 May	Cadets	NA
Essex Wing Inter Squadron Athletics, Sun 11 th May 2008, Chelmsford	Everyone	NA
Fundraising Indian Dinner, @ Maharajah, Date to be confirmed	Everyone	£12 per ticket
Southend Airshow Duty, 25 th and 26 th May 2008, Southend Airport	Cadets	NA
Flying @ RAF Wyton, 1 st June 2008	Cadets	NA
Fundraising Quiz Night, 14 th June, The Admiral Jellicoe pub	Everyone	£5 per ticket
NCO Selection course, 14-15 June 2008, Squadron	Cadets	NA
Recruit Training Weekend & Pass Out Parade, 14-15 June 2008, Squadron	Cadets	NA
Expedition to French Pyrenees	Cadets	TBC
Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition to Northern Ireland, August	Cadets	TBC
Mess Night and Awards Evening, Oysterfleet, 3 rd October 2008	Everyone	TBC

Quiz Night



Don't forget it's the squadron fundraising quiz night on Saturday 14th June 2008, at the Admiral Jellicoe Function Room, Canvey Island. Tickets are £5 each. Please support us in this event



Trip to Belchamps

At the beginning of April several Air Cadets from 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron, had their skills tested on a fieldcraft weekend at Belchamps. The weekend involved campcraft, field cooking, map reading, orienteering and initiative exercises. The cadet also learnt what sort of clothing and equipment to use, and what sort of food they should be eating and why, and important things like calorific value.

The Canvey Air Cadets have many similar weekends planned throughout the year, so why not get involved.

Cadets Visit Chessington

Approximately 20 cadets, plus 2 members of staff had a day trip out to Chessington World of Adventures on May 3rd. It was a lovely day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Other days out will be held over the coming year so why not come along next time!



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 Liam Kemp to have his say:

Name:

Liam Kemp

Rank and Position at Squadron:

Sgt, Drill Sergeant and Bandmaster

How long have you been at 2187 Squadron?

15 years this October

How long have you been involved with the ATC?

15 years this October!!

How did you get to where you are today?

Listened to those that had done it before me, keeping my own standards high. Oh yeah, and because I'm good!

What do you do for a day job?

I have my own recruitment business but I am doing some temp work at the moment to get some money behind me before I concentrate on that

Can you play an instrument? And if so, what one and how good are you?

I have been playing the drums since I was 9 years old (19 years!) and I would say I am quite good! I also play the trumpet and can manage some simple riffs on the guitar

What is your favourite drink?

Tea or Jack Daniel's and Coke

What is your favourite food?

Tough one.... torn between Curry and Super Noodles

What is your favourite Pastime?

Cadets and playing with my band

What is your favourite band/music?

Apart from mine, I like pretty much anything really. Mainly Queen, but I can often be heard blasting out the Rat Pack or some 70's or 80's!!

What makes you happy?

Drill and Drumming

What makes you sad?

Not doing drill or playing the drums

Describe yourself in 3 words

I am me

What has been your greatest achievement in your life?

Everything I have achieved in the ATC as I wouldn't have had the chance to do it if I wasn't a cadet! Setting my own company up. Next step, to get it trading!!

Tell us something about yourself that we probably don't know.

If you don't know it, it's classified information I'm afraid



Lets Meet the New Recruits

We've had quite a lot of new faces around lately and we thought it was time that they were all formally introduced to us. All of the new cadets who have joined since January 2008 were asked the following questions:

- (1) What School do you go to?
- (2) What hobbies do you have?
- (3) Why did you join the Air Cadets?

Welcome to you all and we hope you enjoy your time with us!!!

<p>Cadet Berkeley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Castle View ⊙ I like watching motorbike and car racing ⊙ I joined because I want to be a pilot in the air force 		<p>Cadet Cartwright</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Cornelius Vermuyden ⊙ I like running, swimming and playing computer games ⊙ I heard about the cadets from a friend 	
	<p>Cadet Dukelow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Cornelius Vermuyden ⊙ I like Windsurfing and playing rugby ⊙ I wanted to make new friends and heard about the cadets 		<p>Cadet Kingston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ The Fitzwimarc School ⊙ I enjoy playing Hockey and Drama ⊙ I heard about cadets from a friend
<p>Cadet Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Cornelius Vermuyden ⊙ I like playing rugby, cricket and football ⊙ I needed to keep out of trouble. My Dad had been an air cadet at Basildon and suggested it. 		<p>Cadet Marshall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Furtherwick Park ⊙ I enjoy sailing and racing ⊙ I heard that being a cadet was interesting and fun. I also want to be a pilot. 	
	<p>Cadet Muncey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Castle View School ⊙ I like riding my bike and playing computer games ⊙ I wanted something different to do after school 		<p>Cadet Ronaldsen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ Furtherwick Park ⊙ I enjoy football and playing on my playstation ⊙ I want to be an engineer in the RAF and thought cadets would help my future
<p>Cadet H Worrall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ The Fitzwimarc School ⊙ I enjoy riding bikes and running ⊙ I joined cadets because I thought it would be fun 		<p>Cadet N Worrall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊙ The Fitzwimarc School ⊙ I enjoy playing and watching badminton and rugby ⊙ I thought cadets would be fun, that I would meet new friends and that it would be good exercise 	

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!

Squadron Ball Goes with a Bounce!!!

On March 22nd 2008 the squadron held their 60th Anniversary Ball. Approximately 100 people attended the event which had a performance from local band 'Redonizm'. The band was excellent and the atmosphere electric. Everyone seemed to have a great time.



It was also nice to see the cadets dressed in their finery with some splashing out on Ball dresses and limousines.

Pictures were taken on the night by Sophie who is a degree student at Writtle College, Chelmsford. If you want to purchase copies of the photo's remember to go to www.snaphappy.uk.com

Indian Night at the Maharaja

Have you remembered that it's soon to be the Indian Charity Fundraiser night at the Maharaja Restaurant, Benfleet? Tickets are £12 per person for a buffet and disco. Date to be confirmed, but if you are interested please let us know!



And the March Goes On

As mentioned in the last edition this year the Essex Wing Air Cadets, led by the staff from 2187 (Canvey Island) squadron recently took part in the Cosford March on 26/27th April. The annual march took place over 2 days and each day the staff and cadets covered 25 miles, with a different route each day. Approximately 1,400 military personnel, both male and female, from several countries took part this year, of which the cadet Forces were the majority.



Congratulations to Flt Lt Nick Weston, CI Needham, Cpl Parker and Cpl Knightly who all managed to complete the March



Just a few quotes from Cpl Parker and Cpl Knightly when asked about the weekend:

'It was very interesting, we met new people and had a good laugh....'

'It was a good experience'

'It was well worth it and I am glad we did it'

'Experience of a lifetime!!'



The Falklands Trophy Competition

Every year 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron ATC participate in the Falklands Trophy competition against all the other squadrons in Essex. This tough weekend competition is held in commemoration of the Falklands campaign in 1982, whereby British Forces success removed the Argentine occupiers of this South Atlantic British colony, in extreme conditions. This physically and mentally demanding competition is held every year and involves shooting, first aid, initiative exercises, map-reading, assault course, missile race, speed marches and more. Cadets who become involved in the Falklands Team find it hard-going in both the training and the actual competition, but very rewarding by the end of it!



This year, on 26th and 27th March, 2187 (Canvey Island) Squadron ATC entered two teams and came joint 1st in the shooting competition. Well done to all of you who took part.

Minibus Funding Gained!

Many Thanks from everyone to Toni Evans, the squadron Treasurer for her efforts in securing £8,000 from the Jack Petchey Foundation to put towards a new, much needed, squadron minibus.



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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