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FOREWORD

Congratulations to Lieutenant Janice Spicer of TS IRON DUKE, Sea Cadet Corps, in Hull on the award of an MBE in the New Year's Honours List. Janice is extremely deserving of the recognition she has received for her work with the SCC over the last 50 years. The time and effort she has given to the young people of Hull and further afield with the SCC has been, and continues to be, above and beyond the call of duty. I am sure all ranks in Yorkshire and The Humber will agree that she is a special person and the delight in TS IRON DUKE will be echoed around the region.

Sadly, at the beginning of January 2020, Colonel Terry Scrivens MBE died. Terry joined the ACF in the early 1960s in South Yorkshire where he served through the ranks as both a cadet and young instructor before being commissioned in 1974. On the formation of HSY ACF in April 1990 Terry was a Company Commander with D Coy in Sheffield. During the 1990s Terry led HSY ACF to many successes as County Training Officer, and notably in winning the 15 (NE) Brigade ACF March and Shoot

Competition, Exercise Colts Canter. In 2002 he was appointed as Deputy Commandant HSY ACF and in late 2006 as Commandant YNW ACF where he completed his ACF service in 2011. Terry was a cadetter, through and through, and his loss will be felt across Yorkshire where he had many friends who served with him from the 1960s through to his retirement. Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow, Joan, who supported him fully during his ACF service.

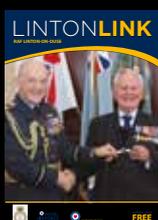
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Joint Service News



Lord Lieutenant's Cadets Appointed and Adult Volunteers recognised with Lord Lieutenant's Certificates

Across Yorkshire during the autumn our Lords Lieutenant presented their cadets with certificates and badges of appointment which they will wear proudly over the next year of their service. In addition, with a new initiative adult volunteers were also presented with the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate, and the cadets and adults are pictured with their respective Lord Lieutenant.

East Riding of Yorkshire

The Lord Lieutenant, Dame The Hon Susan Cunliffe-Lister with Sgt Oliver O'Loughlin of Wenlock Detachment.

North Yorkshire

The Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Johanna Ropner with, left to right, Flight Sergeant Harry Woodall of Read School CCF, Leading Cadet Shannon Marson of TS Scarborough, Cadet Sergeant Major Jack Ellwood of Scarborough Detachment and Cadet Warrant Officer Michael Emerson of 740 (Whitby) Squadron

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South Yorkshire

The Lord Lieutenant, Mr Andrew Coombe with, from left, Leading Cadet Chloe Feirn, Sergeant Keira McKenna, Flight Sergeant Jamie Butler, Warrant Officer Mick Caunter, Company Sergeant Major Tom Horsfield and Flight Lieutenant (Retd) Stuart Ensor

West Yorkshire

The Lord Lieutenant, Mr Ed Anderson with, Cadet Warrant Officer William Newton of 185 (Batley) Squadron.

At an additional ceremony held in York in November two cadets were presented with their certificates and badges by their respective Lords Lieutenant, as they were unable to be present at the formal ceremonies the previous month.

Flight Sergeant George Gohl of 872 (Hull West) Squadron was appointed by the new Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire, Mr James Dick OBE, and Able Cadet Sophie Harder of TS Wakefield was appointed by Mr Ed Anderson.



South Yorkshire



East Riding of Yorkshire



West Yorkshire



Cadet Sergeant Tom Ely & Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant Mr Toby Dennis

North and North East Lincolnshire

"Amazing!" Was the word used by Cadet Sergeant Tom Ely, when he was informed at Scunthorpe Detachment that he was going to be the very first Humberside and South Yorkshire cadet to be appointed as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Lincolnshire.

Due to geographical boundaries of E Company being in Lincolnshire, getting a cadet named as the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Lincolnshire is an enormous achievement.

On 10 October 2019, at a special ceremony held at Sobraon Barracks, Lincoln alongside his counterparts from the RAF Air Cadets, Sea Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force, Cdt Sergeant Ely received his badge and certificate from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Mr Toby Dennis.

During the ceremony, Maj John Lomas, Officer Commanding E Company, read out the citation explaining the reasons why Sergeant Ely was selected for the appointment to invited guests, which

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included local dignitaries, family members and the Honorary Colonel, Colonel Simon Banks-Cooper.

As Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet, Cdt Sergeant Ely will represent the Cadet Forces and County to the Royal Family and the Lord-Lieutenant, assisting the Lord Lieutenant to carry out his duties and this honour is one of the highest achievements in the Cadet Forces.

Colonel Banks-Cooper said: "To become a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet is a significant achievement and my wholehearted congratulations go to Cadet Sergeant Ely. This particular appointment is also an important occasion for E Company and the County as this is the first time in many years that there has been a dedicated appointment for Northern Lincolnshire, and therefore I was especially pleased to be present".

Potted facts on the cadets appointed to their new positions, and their thoughts, include:

Sgt O'Loughlin is keen to utilise all available opportunities available within the ACF; such as Exercise Baltic Guard which took place in Lithuania and participation in the Army STEM Course. He has also represented his County and the Brigade at national sporting events such as swimming, cross country and athletics. As the Senior Cadet within his Detachment he has had ample opportunity to demonstrate his excellent administrative abilities and outstanding leadership qualities.

FS Gohl is a Qualified Aerospace instructor and has completed the Air Cadet Pilot Scholarship. He also holds a Light Aircraft Pilots Licence, and is St John's First Aid qualified. He has obtained his Level 2 BTEC award in teamwork and personal development in the community. He is a master cadet, obtained after completing the method of instructions course, and uses his qualifications to great effect at squadron level.

CSM Ellwood has attained his Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award and is the holder of Regional representative colours at cross country, competing at national level. He has also represented his Company in the Brigade Black Rat Military skills competition, being a leading member of the team. He visited the Somme battlefields with in 2018 and was proud to be part of the 1000 cadets that were on parade at the Thiepval memorial to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One.

CWO Emerson is an extremely high calibre cadet involved in many fundraising activities for local and national charities, in addition to the Squadron welfare fund. He also participated in the Squadron's sponsored abseil off the Tees Transporter Bridge in 2018 to raise funds towards the purchase of a much needed minibus for his somewhat isolated squadron. In 2018, he attended a cadet exchange with members of the Civil Air Patrol, New Hampshire, USA. During the visit he was a great ambassador for the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, displaying maturity and dedication, whilst making new friends and gaining some fantastic experiences.

FS Woodall is a school prefect, who volunteers to support and mentor Prep and Pre Prep students. As a farmer's son Harry is busy balancing his education with providing support to his family by working on the farm and is very involved in village activities, such as tidying and maintenance of the local Cricket ground and the churchyard at All Saints parish church. In addition to playing Football, Rugby and Cricket at school, Harry plays cricket for the local team, and rugby for Selby RUFC Colts. In 2017 Harry walked the Yorkshire Three Peaks raising money for Alzheimer's Society.

Leading Cadet Marson volunteered to be a Staff Cadet at last year's National Junior Summer Camp where she assisted a staff member to run a Division of 16 10/11 year olds. She was also the winner of the 2018 Senior Peers Award which was voted by her



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fellow cadets. One of her other specialities is rowing. She has become an excellent boat handler and has spent the last two seasons helping the younger members of the unit develop their skills in this field. Shannon has a keen interest in Marine Engineering and is hoping to continue with this once she has left school. She also aims to achieve her Advanced Engineering Qualification before reaching the age of 18.

Sgt McKenna is a keen sportswoman, competing in rugby, cross country, swimming and athletics at company and county and regional levels, together with participating in the RFCA North East Triathlon and Mixed Relay.

FS Butler has been involved in numerous fundraising and volunteering events, such as fundraising every year for the Royal British Legion by selling poppies to members of the public, participating in a fundraiser for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, by selling raffle tickets to friends and family and being part of many Squadron activities raising several hundred pounds for YAA and volunteering at the Rotary Disability Games for 2 years; where he helped facilitate the Boccia (Disabled bowling) tournament and assisted competitors to enable them to participate fully. Outside of cadets, he ran the 2019 Asda Foundation Sheffield Half Marathon for Brake, a road safety charity which works to prevent casualties on the roads and supports the victims of road traffic collisions and their families. This was an especially challenging endeavour, but hugely rewarding and successfully raised over £600 to support the activities of Brake.

Leading Cadet Feirn is an active member of the Royal British Legion and in the run up to Remembrance Day she assists with Poppy selling. In line with this she helps out at many fund raising events around the town and surrounding area. These events cover not only fund raising for the Sea Cadet Corps, but also the local Lions and her school. In addition, she has acted as a marshal on charity walks. She has engaged with the local council working within the community carrying out street cleaning, tree planting and litter picking.

Sergeant Lawler has taken every opportunity to attend activities and has represented her detachment and the company at inter-company and the county at national sports events. She has attended shooting activities as a participant within the company and county; and she has represented the county at Bisley. Outside the county Sergeant Lawler has also attended military exercises at Brigade level. She enjoys all outdoor activities and she has taken part in several expeditions at County and Company level.

In 2016 **CWO Newton** completed a charity bike ride, cycling from Southport to Hornsea on the Trans Pennine trail which was over 200 miles; he and his team raised over £1600 for Help for Heroes. Will has

been in charge of recruiting and junior cadet training having built a relationship with the local community and schools. As a keen sportsman he played cricket for Yorkshire and has competed at a regional level in swimming and rugby. He has maintained an excellent academic record with good GCSE results and has obtained his MOI, BTEC in aviation studies and BTEC in Teamwork and Leadership.

Able Cadet Harder is a very keen and enthusiastic rower and regularly takes part in rowing competitions where she has represented Wakefield Sea

Cadets at District, Area and National competitions; and has been a National Champion twice beating cadets from all over the country. She has also taken part in the Drill and Piping Competition where she was a team member within the piping team representing her unit at District and Area competitions. Sophie has also sailed on one of the Sea Cadets offshore training ships, TS Royalist, where she gained her Offshore Sailing level 1 and 2 qualifications.

Officers and Adult Volunteers – potted facts from their citations

CSM Tom Horsfield is a popular and well respected member of D Company with an infectious 'can do' attitude. His experience and mentoring skills have been fully utilised and he is always ready to impart knowledge and advice to the members of D Company to support their training.

CSM Horsfield was promoted to D Company Sergeant Major during 2019 and has already made an impact on his Company and the County. His passion for the ACF is always evident and demonstrated in the way he conducts himself both on and off duty by acting as an ambassador and role model for the cadets to look up to and emulate. He is self-employed as a Property Developer who works alongside many local charities that require support within their properties.

Warrant Officer Michael Caunter is undoubtedly one of the most dedicated and hardworking members of the Air Training Corps organisation. His energy and consistent positive approach demonstrates that he doesn't appear to have an off switch. His first priority is always about what he can do to ensure the young people who choose to join the Air Training Corps are offered the best possible experience.

Warrant Officer Caunter is patient, professional, understanding, trustworthy and he cares about everyone that steps through the squadron gates, be it the cadets, the staff, the parents or the many guests he invites to support the squadron. His guidance to new members of staff and his support to new officers is impeccable.

Flt Lt Stuart Ensor has given tireless service to the Air Training Corps as man and boy over the last 58 years. He completed his cadet service reaching the rank of Cadet Warrant Officer in 1969. Whilst working abroad he served as a civilian cadet instructor before returning to the UK and being Commissioned on 19th February 1982. Flt Lt Ensor has given tirelessly of his time for over half a century and has made such a difference in so many young people's lives.

Flt Lt Ensor commanded several Squadrons before moving on to Wing Staff where he launched the BTEC in Aviation Studies and worked closely with Doncaster College to have the Wing recognised



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with the Investors in People Award. He assumed command of 2008 (Bawtry) Sqn in 2002, a post he held until his retirement in 2005 when he became the Wing Chairman. In that capacity he spearheaded a number of initiatives, including a new Financial Procedures policy for both Squadrons and Wings which has been adopted widely across the Air Training Corps. In 2018 Flt Lt Ensor was elected as the Regional Chair for North Region. In that position, he heads up a team who are pulling together a national syllabus for Civilian Welfare Committee's (CWC) to help drive up standards throughout the Corps.

Petty Officer Gareth Everitt joined Wakefield Sea Cadets when he was 12 and has stayed with the unit ever since, rising to Leading Cadet and subsequently becoming a volunteer instructor.

He is a committed, hard working individual, whose experience and knowledge is second to none and he is hugely respected by both staff and cadets alike. In addition to being a uniformed adult instructor, he also manages a small team of unit volunteers who assist and help with the maintenance of the boating equipment throughout the year. In both his roles, he is always willing to go that extra mile to ensure that



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all cadets get the best possible experience of being a Sea Cadet.

During the catastrophic floods that hit Yorkshire a few years ago, PO Everitt went above and beyond what can be expected of an adult volunteer and, in difficult conditions, minimised damage and loss by securing boating equipment. However, the impact of the flood meant the unit was closed for 18 months – during which time PO Everitt spent a significant amount of time helping to get it back up and running as quickly as possible while also training the cadets on parade nights.

Reverend Pam Jennings became the Unit Chaplain at Scarborough Sea Cadets in 2004 and has been an integral part of the Ships Company ever since. Her support and advice to the staff and cadets have been second to none. She has always made herself available to help people and her warm and positive character allows everyone to feel at ease to talk to her. The services she leads engage and enthuse all who attend them and her upbeat approach means she has become a firm favourite when she occasionally takes responsibility for teaching junior classes.

Reverend Jennings has had a huge impact in the development of the senior cadets too, providing a much-valued listening ear when times are tough at school or at home. She always puts cadets' welfare above everything.

Pipe Major Robinson has worked at Ampleforth College for 23 years, where he has been the sole adult volunteer responsible for the support, coordination and musical development of over 300 young pipers and drummers at the College. During his tenure as the master in charge of the band, he has created a unique bond between the experienced and the up and coming musicians, creating conditions where the cadets feel valued and part of a close knit team. He has a remarkable talent at being able to differentiate musical abilities whilst empowering the lead pipers and drummers and ensuring the other members of the band feel they can perform with equal pride and gusto. That he has achieved this balance whilst producing musical masterclasses without seeking any form of individual recognition or reward is testament to the sort of man he is.



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Pipe Major Robinson

Pipe Major Robinson has gone out of his way to ensure the Band have been able to support numerous high profile events over the years ranging from Dinner Nights to Remembrance Services in city centre parades. His management of both collective as well as individual musical talent is evident in the results obtained by the band and its members at Solo Piping, Drumming, Trio and Mini Band competitions. Arguably the highlight for the band was when they piped Pope Benedict XVI down Princes Street in Edinburgh on 16th September 2010, an event he organised.

Surprise Presentation

At the conclusion of the last Lord Lieutenant's Award events Col Chris Tearney, Colonel Cadets 4 Infantry Brigade, surprised Colonel David Fuller by presenting him with a magnificent token of appreciation.

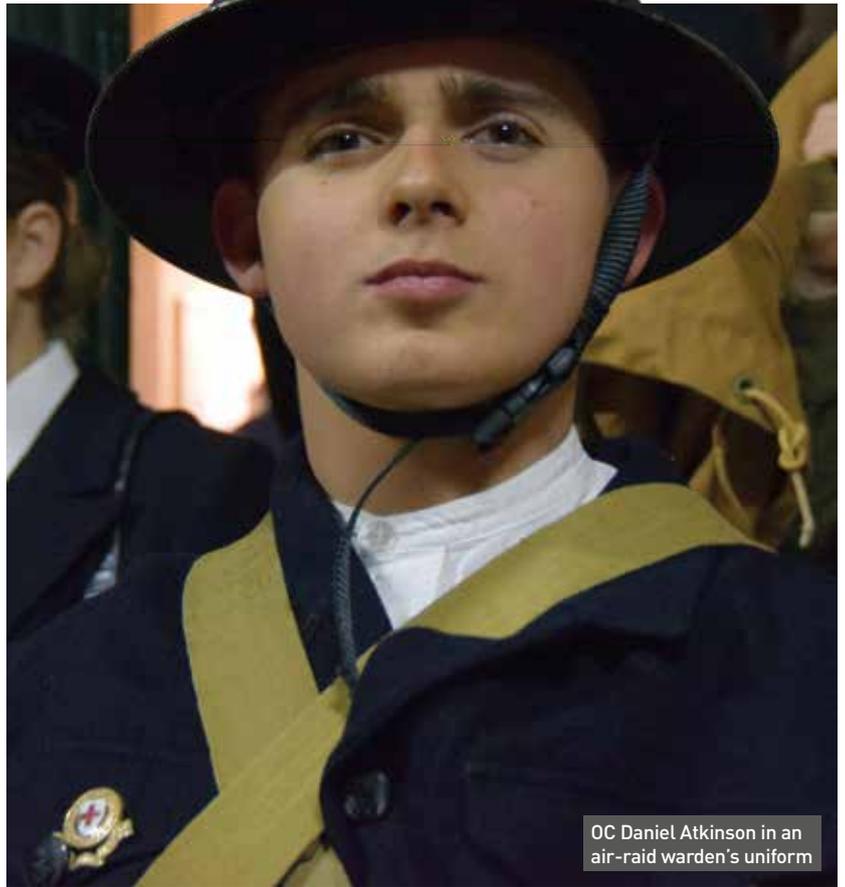
This was following his service as Colonel Cadets, prior to Colonel Tearney and recently as Vice President of the Cadet Force Commissions Board, with a Black Rat suitably engraved and which now occupies pride of place in his office.



Hull Sea Cadets – TS Iron Duke Festival of Remembrance

Once again members of TS Iron Duke took part in this annual event at the City Hall in aid of The Royal British Poppy Appeal.

The cadets sold Event Programmes, helped with “meet and greet” and, once again, gave a display of the Hornpipe. For some cadets it was an opportunity to wear vintage uniforms as they welcomed guests to the performance. It was an excellent evening which was very well attended.



OC Daniel Atkinson in an air-raid warden's uniform



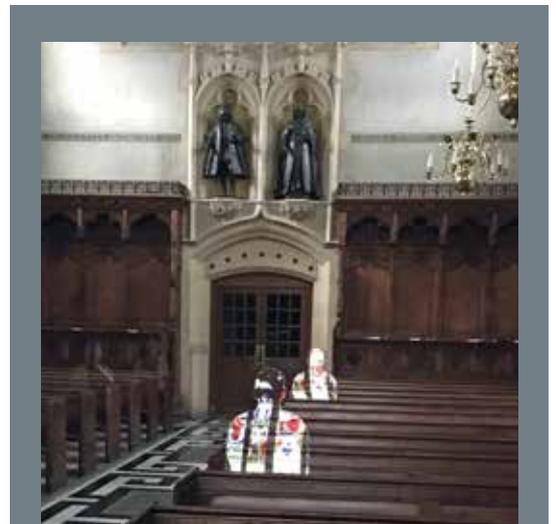
Cadets greeting guests



MC2 Megan Johnson: L/Cpl AJ Mustafa: Sgt Hofman (Detachment Commander): 2nd Lt Kerr



Group photo wearing vintage uniforms



Remembrance

Giggleswick School has the unfortunate accolade, we believe, of losing the highest proportion of our school population in the First World War.

In the School Chapel the staff and pupils placed some “There but not There” silhouettes for the Remembering the Fallen evening.

The reflection of the stained glass windows in the obvious two with the very subtle remaining silhouettes in the background is rather thought provoking.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The morning started with CPO (SCC) Freda Cheesman and some of her Junior Cadets handing out Service Sheets to the many people waiting at the Cenotaph.

The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service – All Saint’s Church, Hessele

In the afternoon CPO Cheesman accompanied Junior Cadets to Hessele where they marched through the Square, together with other youth organisations to All Saint’s Church. There they attended the Church Service, following which LJC Joshua Olivier laid the unit’s wreath on the Memorial.



LJC Joshua Olivier at the Memorial



Junior Cadets

Mirfield celebrates Remembrance Day in force

868 (Mirfield) Squadron were, as usual, actively involved in the Mirfield Remembrance Day event, reputedly one of the biggest in the country. This year was no exception with the streets of the town packed by thousands of supporters.

Because of the possibility that reputation could pose the town a very real danger of terrorist related activities, thorough security precautions were in place on the day and an observable police presence helped to ensure that everybody was kept safe.

The parade was, as usual, held in the afternoon, so as not to clash with the neighbouring parades in Dewsbury and Huddersfield. Promptly then, at 14.00, the parade in Mirfield set off to march from Lowlands Road to Ings Grove Park, where a short service was held at the town's war memorial.

The marching contingent was preceded by police vehicles, a fire engine, and the Royal British Legion Bikers Division. Leading the march was the band from 868 Squadron, and, in addition to, their main flight in the first column their cadets provided all the standard bearers and two took the role of 'tail-end charlies' marking the rear of the parade carrying giant poppies. Also, among those marching were civic dignitaries, veterans, serving members of the armed forces, and some members of the public, including a very strong representation of the youth of community: Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies.

The memorial service was presided over by the local Royal British Legion chaplain, Ian Grange, who was supported 868 Squadron's own chaplain Christine Shedd. During the service commemorative wreaths were laid by Deputy Lieutenant Iqbal Bhana, parliamentary representative Paula Sherrif, and Councillor Martyn Bolt, Mayor of Mirfield, and they were followed representatives of the armed forces and all major community groups, including 868 Squadron's past Cadet Warrant Officer Miles Gilroy who laid a wreath on behalf of the Royal Air Force, together with Cadet Alicia Dwyer laying one for the Squadron and Cadet Mitchell Breare for the Royal Artillery.



The Squadron contingent after the parade



The effort from the whole Squadron was inspiring – well done!



After the service the parade reformed and marched back through the town to the applause of onlookers, and a salute was taken by the Deputy Lieutenant; it took about eight minutes for the entire parade to pass by.

Following the parade, Squadron Commander Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell commented: "I was very pleased and proud of the attendance and turn-out of cadets today. Our cadets did a splendid job as standard bearers, with one stepping into the role only just before the parade when the regular Royal British Legion standard bearer was taken ill. The band managed to set the tone for the parade, and performed well even without their leader who was called into work! The effort from the whole Squadron was inspiring – well done!"



Parading through the streets of Mirfield



At the War Memorial for the Commemoration Service



Standard Bearers (Cpl Cora Smith, CWO Kiara Baillie, Cdt Joshua Clark, Cpl Jacob Stockwell, Cpl Toby Mathews)



Keeping it in the family! Staff Sergeant Charlie Henson with his daughter, Cadet Lance Corporal Emily Henson, before the parade in York.



B Company's volunteers were thanked for their poppy-selling efforts by the Royal British Legion organiser



Harrogate cadets on duty

YORKSHIRE (NORTH AND WEST) ACF

Army cadets across North and West Yorkshire had a busy weekend on the 9th and 10th November - selling poppies on Saturday 9th and parading on Sunday 10th. Cadets from B Company were out in force, raising money for the Royal British Legion and showing their respects at different Remembrance Sunday services.

The biggest parade was in York, where cadets from four of B Company's detachments came together to participate.

The photos also show B Company participants in Harrogate selling poppies and parading in their home town's Remembrance parade.



Cadets from B Company's Fulford Detachment selling poppies in York City Centre



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Queen Ethelburga's CCF

On Monday 11th November the CCF staged a Remembrance Day Parade for the College. In attendance were College staff, led by Principal Steven Jandrell, and children from the College's Brownies and Rainbows groups.

Padre Gareth Evans led the service which included several readings from cadets and featured the Last Post played on cornet by Squadron Leader Philip Perry from the ATC. Inclement weather did not hamper proceedings as an indoor altar was created from military drums. Here, wreaths were laid by Major Steve Emerson (Contingent Commander), Principal Steven Jandrell and members of the Brownies and Rainbows.

At the end of the parade Principal Jandrell complimented the cadets' turnout and thanked them for organising this event which brought the whole College together on an internationally significant day.



COLONEL TERRY SCRIVENS MBE

It is with regret that we note the death of Colonel Terry Scrivens MBE, a long serving Association member.

Colonel Terry had been involved with the ACF from 1964, joining as a cadet at Rotherham detachment. He worked his way up through the cadet ranks and achieved the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major, prior to leaving and re-joining Rotherham detachment as an Adult Sergeant Instructor in 1968, being promoted to Staff Sergeant Instructor and Detachment Commander of Rotherham in 1972.

He was Commissioned in 1974 and by 1980 had been appointed as a Captain. In addition, he had taken up the post as Training Officer for the Dearne Valley area and also 'stand in' Admin Officer, where he carried out sterling work for Yorkshire ACF.

From 1984 to 1986 Captain Scrivens worked tirelessly in his new role as Sheffield's Training Officer but his passion for 'Shooting' led him to becoming the County Shooting Officer in 1986. A keen eye and dedicated trainer Terry dedicated thousands of hours passing on his



In 2004 Lt Col Scrivens was awarded the MBE for his services to the ACF in the 'Queen's Birthday Honours



knowledge to cadets and adults within the ACF, not to mention scooping many trophies and medals while heading up the county shooting team. Further promotion to Major came in 1988 and being appointed C Company Commander.

In 1990 South Yorkshire merged with Humberside ACF and Major Scrivens joined the new Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF.

In 1996 Major Scrivens was appointed OC for the 'Colts Canter' training. The North East Region's 'Colts Canter' competition brought about an extremely competitive edge to the usual 'laid back' personality of Terry. This competitiveness was most certainly not misplaced because during the period from 1996 to 2006, when under his leadership, HSY ACF were County Champions in every year apart from one, a terrific feat.

From 1998 to 2004 Major Scrivens was appointed County Training Officer for HSY and in 2002 he received promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel and became a Deputy Commandant for HSY. In 2004 Lt Col Scrivens was awarded the MBE for his services to the ACF in the 'Queen's Birthday Honours.' In 2006 he was appointed Commandant for YNW ACF and throughout his 5 years as Commandant Terry always maintained that very endearing quality with the cadets and was always able to show compassion and humility to the cadets.

He was married to Joan, had two daughters and a son, and lived in Rotherham.

Terry gave a great deal to the ACF in both Yorkshire counties, to the North East and to the Shooting community and he will be sadly missed at both Yorkshire (North and West) ACF and Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF.



QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S SCHOOL CCF PASSING OFF THE SQUARE

In December Queen Ethelburga's CCF held its annual Passing Off the Square Parade. This occasion is an important milestone where all the new recruits parade in their uniforms for the first time and are presented with their RAF and Yorkshire Regiment cap badges. This year it was a great pleasure to welcome Lieutenant Colonel Fred Owen of Humberside and South Yorkshire Army Cadet Force as our Inspecting Officer.

During the parade Lt Col Owen presented cap badges to over 30 recruits, taking time to speak with each new cadet individually. Badges of achievement were awarded to several Army Section cadets who had progressed through the training syllabus and achieved their Half Red Star and Full Red Star Awards. Three RAF Section cadets were awarded certificates for completing a Basic Radio Operator course and several cadets were also recognised for achieving First Aid at Work and Method of Instruction Awards.

During the parade four Army Section cadets and three RAF Section cadets were promoted. It was a great opportunity for Lt Col Owen to present rank slides and give words of encouragement to inspire all cadets to aim even higher.

The cadets carried out an impressive drill display to close the parade which was a perfect end to a very successful term.



RAF LOSSIEMOUTH

During October half term three RAF cadets attended a camp at RAF Lossiemouth, a front-line Typhoon FGR4 base on the coast of the Moray Firth, Scotland - an exciting opportunity for cadets from around the country! This fantastic experience gave the cadets a chance to see for themselves what an active station is like as a Regular and Reservist.

The cadets visited several services within the camp including the Mountain Rescue Team whose primary role is to rescue crew from aircraft disasters in mountainous terrain; they also help rescue civilians alongside the coastguard.

The highlight of the week was the visit to 1 (Fighter) Typhoon Squadron, responsible for Quick Reaction Alerts to unidentified aircraft entering UK airspace. The cadets were shown around Typhoon aircraft in a hanger and learned the aircraft's capabilities. Some cadets enjoyed looking in the cockpit of a Typhoon, others were interested by the technical side.



Captain John Shaw and Pilot Officer Amy Cox with the cadets

At the end of the week one of our cadets was given the honour of commanding a Foot Drill Competition in front of the Station Warrant Officer.

The whole camp was exciting from beginning to end and in addition to learning about life in the RAF, the cadets made plenty of new friends.

We would like to thank the personnel at RAF Lossiemouth for offering us this great opportunity.

SWY Wing ATC

MORE GOLD AWARDS FOR MIRFIELD AIR CADETS

It's not every year that the Squadron has cadets attending the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Presentation, but during October was the second such event this year where recipients had completed their awards with 868 (Mirfield) Squadron; this time the lucky recipients were Joshua Kelly and Aidan Richards. As an added bonus the Squadron Commander, Flt Lt Peter Doubell, was on duty as a Marshal, and Civilian Instructor Sue Doubell was invited as a Special Regional Guest. As the father of Joshua, the Squadron Warrant Officer, Simon Kelly completed the Mirfield contingent.

The event was held at St James's Palace at the invitation of HRH Earl of Wessex. As usual there were also some celebrity guest presenters in attendance to assist and for the Air Cadets party that task fell to Craig Revel Horwood, the well-known judge of Strictly Come Dancing.

The Air Cadets were assembled in the Throne Room, a room as imposing as the name suggests, with details in gold leaf and the throne once regularly used by Queen Victoria (although unfortunately no pictures were allowed to capture the splendour of it); they were then introduced to other main guests – there were gasps of amazement when some of the cadets realised they were also in the presence of dancing 'royalty' in the shape of Craig Revel Horwood, together with being about to meet a member of the actual Royal Family.

In introducing Flt Lt Doubell, Wing Commander Helen Gerrish, D of E Advisor to Headquarters Air Cadets, commented on the high level of D of E success the Squadron had enjoyed over the last 10 years: 37 Gold awards and only one year when there were none!



Outside St James's Palace; Aiden Richards, Simon Kelly, Peter Doubell and Joshua Kelly



It was quite surreal knowing that I was in a royal house of residence. The place was amazing. What an experience to meet the Earl of Wessex and Craig Revel Horwood. The whole day made the four-day trek in the rain worth it!



On arrival in the room, the Earl of Wessex was introduced to the Marshals and spent time talking to the recipients about their experiences in achieving their awards. He then left the appropriate certificates to be handed out by the guest presenter. In making the presentations and giving a short speech afterwards, Craig proved to be a lively character and even did an occasional dance pose with some recipients.

After the ceremony, Flt Lt Doubell said "It was a real honour and privilege to be introduced to the Earl of Wessex. And Craig Revel Horwood is actually a really nice man – not at all like the formidable persona he puts forward as a television judge!"

Joshua Kelly also commented "It was quite surreal knowing that I was in a royal house of residence. The place was amazing. What an experience to meet the Earl of Wessex and Craig Revel Horwood. The whole day made the four-day trek in the rain worth it!"

Wing Shooting Champs

Congratulations to 1053 (Armthorpe) Sqn who won the Inter-Squadron Air Rifle shooting competition and were recently presented the competition shield by the Wing Shooting Officer, Flt Lt Adam Sutcliffe. Well done!

Pictured from left to right: Cadet Corporal Owen Haver (17); Cadet Sergeant Kaitlin Dale (16); Cadet Flight Sergeant Ella Watson (16); Cadet Corporal Charlie Fretwell (16).





AUSCHWITZ VISIT FOR AIR CADETS

28 Cadets and accompanying staff took part in an educational trip to Poland organised by 2490 (Spen Valley) Squadron.

The trip started when the cadets flew to Poland and had a walking tour of Krakow. This was followed by a visit to Auschwitz Birkenau, before a trip to the Polish Aviation Museum. The final day saw a visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine and Oskar Schindler's Factory.

This was an excellent trip which they all enjoyed and learnt some valuable lessons about history.



Barnsley Air Cadets crowned small bore rifle champions!

By Cdt Ryan Joys

Over the weekend of the 16th November 2019 a training and competition event was held using the L144 rifle. The Saturday began with an early morning start, at Queen Elizabeth Barracks Strensall. Our training was conducted by Flt Lt Adam Sutcliffe, The Wing Shooting Officer. He showed cadets of all ranks how to safely conduct normal safety precautions and when to carry these out, as these are fundamental principles of handling weapons. A demonstration of the stripping and cleaning process was in order. Following on from this important lesson, we were shown how to use the weapon in the prone positions, how to load and unload the rifle and other drills.

Lunch followed and after that we were tested on our morning session, our weapons handling tests. Once everyone had completed our tests successfully, we were shown to the range. The range was huge, a whopping 5x longer than the range I was so accustomed to, for me a staggering 25m long. The competition consisted of 25 rounds; 5 zeroing rounds followed by the 20 round competition. As part of detail 3 I was spotting for the first group of cadets to shoot, helping the shots become more consistent and closer to the bull. We had to shoot 2 rounds at 10 different bulls. To be fair, I was a little nervous. As I picked up every round, I took off the safety catch making sure that the weapon would fire when my finger squeezed the trigger. As the last detail to shoot, we collected our target sheets and subsequently cleaned up the empty cases. Sqn Ldr French commended the Squadrons efforts upon seeing our targets.

After returning from the range, we were informed by the RCO, CI Lewis Melia that as a Squadron we were on top for the scores on Saturday and won the Small Bore Competition, which was fantastic. An added bonus for myself was being the best shot on the range. All in all, an excellent day and we are proud we did so well. Thanks go to CI Melia, the Squadron Shooting Officer and Sgt Matthew Smedley for training and taking us to the event.



40 YEARS' SERVICE AND COUNTING!

There are not many people that can claim to be involved with a single squadron continuously for forty years, but that is something that Warrant Officer Andy Campbell certainly can lay claim to!

Andy started with 208 (North Leeds) Squadron as a cadet in 1979 and progressed through the cadet ranks, gaining his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Gliding Wings, to eventually become a Cadet Warrant Officer.

Aging out, Andy stayed with 208 becoming a Civilian Instructor for a period of time. He then went back into uniform and has been 208's Warrant Officer for a good number of years and intends to stay with the Squadron for a good many years to come and added "I had a great time as a cadet, right from age 13 I enjoyed being part of the ATC "team". I loved the annual summer camps (undertaking 9 as cadet), where every year the location would be a surprise as we always looked forward to a different station to visit. My favourite was RAF Binbrook in 1981 where we were able to watch close up Lightnings taking off near vertically.

In addition to annual camps, I also enjoyed discovering the great outdoors with our squadron. At least once a month we would participate in some form of Adventure Training. When I became a cadet NCO I enjoyed being part of the "junior management team" and as I progressed through the ranks I developed my own team of cadet NCOs and together we put in a lot of time and effort to progress our squadron as whole which gave a great feeling of well being. It was great to be part of an organisation with so much going on.

After age 22 I stayed on as a CI to carry on enjoying my involvement in squadron activities, in particular AT but many other activities available to cadets. I did my utmost to ensure the cadets were given the same opportunities that I had enjoyed and I became a Warrant Officer to make it easier for me to achieve that goal.

My 3 greatest cadet moments were; A dogfight with Tornados over the North Sea in a 100 Sqn Meteor; receiving my Gold DofE from the Duke of Edinburgh and finally completing my solo in a Venture T2 at RAF Linton upon Ouse [in the middle of winter].

It is always good to see each intake grow from children into confident young individuals, NCOs and develop into stronger leaders."



TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

By CWO Caitlin Mitchell

In October, Cadet Warrant Officer Caitlin Mitchell was lucky enough to be selected as the only cadet from the Wing to attend the national camp to RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus. The 50 cadets from across the UK spent a fun filled week taking part in a range of activities around the island. The Cyprus camp is an incredibly popular activity that is always oversubscribed.

Throughout the week they made several section visits to the RAF Police Dog Section, Air Traffic Control, Fire Section and 84 Squadron; responsible for aerial firefighting duties on the island. Speaking to RAF personnel the cadets found out about life in sunny Cyprus and seeing how life works for the services abroad. In addition, they met Air Cadets from the local squadron for social activities such as trips to the beach, the water park and a night cruise. The competition heated up when the cadets attending the camp went go karting!

CWO Mitchell said the most popular activity was the scuba diving. Instructors led the cadets on several practice dives before the cadets were assessed and passed a qualification at the end of the week. She also said this has been her favourite camp and has met a fantastic group of people that she hopes to keep in contact with. Flight Lieutenant Jordan Swaine, Officer Commanding 250 (Halifax) Squadron said "The Cyprus camp is one of the many fantastic opportunities we offer to our cadets. CWO Mitchell thoroughly deserved her place and is a key member of the squadron. I'd encourage all cadets to take full advantage of what we offer".



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VISIT TO RAF CONINGSBY

Cadets and staff from 208 Squadron headed for a visit to RAF Coningsby for an organised by ex-208 Sqn Cadet, Chief Technician Stu Reed, who had helped organise the visit. The first part of the Station we visited was the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape department which essentially deals with survival - whether in the sea or on land. The cadets had a great time getting in and out of dinghies and finding out about survival kits.

From there the second part of the station was the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight where the cadets were shown the Flight's Lancaster, Dakota, Spitfires, Hurricanes and Chipmunks. Once the visit to the BBMF was over the cadets and staff went to the Junior Ranks' Mess for lunch. After lunch the cadets went to the 29 Squadron hangar where they were shown around a Typhoon aircraft. The cadets were given the opportunity to sit in the jet and were shown all around the cockpit. From 29 Squadron they headed toward the Control Tower where we were split into two groups. One group went to the radar room while the other went into the top of the control tower with the Air Traffic Control team.



CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR MIRFIELD AIR CADETS FIRST AIDERS

First Aid teams from 868 (Mirfield) Squadron have continued to enjoy success in competitions following on from their earlier achievements of winning both the Youth First Aid and Young Adult First Aid categories in the Wing competitions in July.

In September, both teams represented their Wing and competed in the North Region Competitions at RAF Leeming. Despite not winning, both teams took the runner-up position and so were entered for the National Competition at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks in October.

The Youth team comprised of Corporal Freya Pugh, Cadets Joshua Clark, Emelia Drake and Laila Robinson, with Sergeant Jonathan Barrett joining Cadet Warrant Officer Kiara Baillie in the Young Adult team, as a replacement for the injured Civilian Instructor Charlie McGovern.

Although they did not enjoy team success on the day, three cadets were awarded individual third place medals for their performance in the various competitions:

- Laila Robinson – Youth competition
- Jonathan Barrett – Young adult competition
- Freya Pugh – CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) competition

Both teams were trained by the Squadron's First Aid Officer, Mr Lionel Green, and this was the fourth successive year he has trained the Squadron's Youth team to compete in the National Competition.

On the same day, at nearby RAF College Cranwell, Corps Swimming Championships were also being held, and CWO Baillie had been selected to compete there also. To facilitate this required some careful juggling of the timetable, but Kiara was able to compete in both and won a Gold medal for first place in the Senior Girls backstroke competition, to add to the Squadron's medal haul for the day.

Returning to the Squadron the first aid competitors used their skill and knowledge to lead a casualty simulation exercise the next week. This included some volunteer cadets being made up with



This was a really good result for the two teams – three individual medals from the day is really good



simulated injuries by squadron instructors Sue Doubell and Rebecca Thornton, who have become quite proficient at this make up.

Reflecting on the cadets' competition success squadron commander Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell said "This was a really good result for the two teams – three individual medals from the day is really good. Sgt Barrett did well, stepping into the breach to replace our injured instructor and gaining a third-place medal. Also, it is particularly impressive that cadets Clark and Drake were able to do so well, as they only joined the Squadron earlier this year! Of course, we are also very grateful to the organisers of both competitions for the adjustments that made it possible for CWO Baillie to compete in both swimming and first aid on the same day."

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Joshua Clark ready for his 'blue wings' flight, with Gurdeep Kumar-Sharma in the aircraft behind him



Daniel Green, Toby Mathews and Mitchell Breare show off their new bronze badges

A BRONZE AGE FOR MIRFIELD AIR CADETS FLYING

The space of one week saw new achievements for members of 868 (Mirfield) Squadron. On Saturday 19th October Mitchell Breare (15) and Corporal Daniel Green (16) travelled to 644 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RAF Syerston near Nottingham for a day, to undertake training for their Bronze Gliding Wings.

The course started with ground school training, including the controls of the aircraft and how they affect the glider in the air. They then progressed to practicing simulated flying in one of the Air Cadet Part Task Trainers, before going onto a series of three flights in the Air Cadets' winch-launched Viking glider, to put all their learning into practice and demonstrate the skills they had been taught in the air.

Both enjoyed great success on the day, gaining their Bronze Gliding Wings, and now hope to be able to apply for the Silver Wings course, which will train them to solo standard.

Then, on Wednesday 23rd October other members enjoyed their own success when they went to 9 Air Experience Flight at RAF Linton-on-Ouse for practical flying experience in the Grob Tutor aircraft. After the customary safety briefing, the cadets were kitted out for flying, with flying suit, helmet and gloves, before taking to the air under the watchful guidance of their flying instructors.

Continuing the 'bronze age' experience for Mirfield cadets, Corporal Toby Mathews (15) developed his flying training to successfully be assessed for his Bronze Aviation Wings.

Also, on the day Cadets Gurdeep Kumar-Sharma (14) and Morgan Schofield (13) enjoyed their first flight as Air Cadets and Joshua Clark (13) built on his recent Ground School and Part Task Trainer experience with 645 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RAF Topcliffe to qualify for his Blue Aviation Wings. He had visited RAF Topcliffe in September together



What a surprise and honour to be on hand to see the last flying display of the Tucano in RAF service!



with CWO Kiara Baillie (19) and cadets Oscar Clayton (14) and Sebastian Gallagher-Wild (13) and all were awarded their Blue Gliding wings at the end of their visit.

Another event was happening at RAF Linton-on-Ouse on the same day: the last formation display flying of the Tucano aircraft before it was retired from service with the Royal Air Force. The cadets were privileged to see the display which included a fly-past in the famous Diamond-9 formation. Two RAF fire engines were positioned to use their water-cannons to give a salute to the aircraft on landing after their display.

Squadron commander Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell said, "What a surprise and honour to be on hand to see the last flying display of the Tucano in RAF service! Our cadets have all done well in the past week and we have seen some good progress for them in both flying and gliding. As we are Air Cadets, it is important that our members get to experience the not only the excitement of flying and gliding, but also the opportunity to have this level of training and to develop their skills."



Water cannon salute for the Tucanos as they land



The last formation display flight of the Tucanos

CADETS SUPPORT HOMELESS OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Air Cadets from 168 (City of Leeds) Squadron have been helping the homeless by collecting hats, scarfs and gloves for St George's Crypt over Christmas. Father Darren Percival, Priest in Charge of Saint Hilda's Cross Green and Saint Saviour Richmond Hill, Chaplain to the Squadron and Deputy Wing Chaplin asked the cadets to gather the clothes, calling it Operation Snowflake. The appeal came as the church is seeing an increased number of homeless people in Leeds.

Father Darren said: "You don't choose that way of life, for some it just happens from relationship breakdowns, unemployment, drugs and poverty all of which I see within the Parishes of Cross Green and Richmond Hill." The squadron ended up collecting



not only hats and scarfs, but also cleared out their uniform stores by donating outdoor walking clothing too. In the end, 24 boxes were brought to St Saviour's Carol service and presented to Father Roger Quick, Chaplain to the Homeless on behalf of the Crypt. Father Roger thanked the Cadets and said: "I'm blown away by the generosity of so many young people."

ADVERTORIAL FEATURE

Doncaster Air Museum Latest: a 'Cadet Hut'

South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum (SYAM) at Doncaster Lakeside has just opened its latest exhibit to visitors.

The 1960s typical 'Cadet Hut' is an example of the prefabricated buildings issued to schools and villages in the 1960s if they needed accommodation to house a new cadet unit. These buildings were used by all arms of the cadet forces throughout the country. This particular one used to be the centre for the Gainsborough Air Training Corps unit for many years. It has been rebuilt by the volunteers at SYAM and joins the original 1930s prefab buildings so widely seen on military establishments from WW2.

Many of these 'temporary' buildings still survive today. The 'Cadet Hut' like the hangar and other WW2 buildings is full of displays relating to the rich 100 years plus aviation history of South Yorkshire and also includes a comprehensive Falklands War display and War Memorial. Cadets can visit free on production of their I.D. Card and accompanied by a paying adult during 2020.



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A BUSY WEEKEND FOR THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN AND OTHER EVENTS

Support for the Royal Air Force Association Wings Appeal and parades to commemorate the Battle of Britain mean that September is always a busy time for Air Cadets and this year even more so for members of 868 (Mirfield) Squadron, with a number of other activities running as well.

Over the weekend of 14-15 September, and in common with squadrons around the country, their cadets were out on Saturday with collecting tins to raise funds for the Wings Appeal, which helps raise the vital funds needed to support serving and former serving RAF personnel and their families, whenever they are in need. Whether it's an injured airman fighting to get back onto his feet, a young child missing their parent away on overseas operations or a WWII veteran needing a shoulder to lean on. Co-ordinated by the Batley and Birstall Branch of the Royal Air Force Association, cadets from the area (covering also Batley, Dewsbury, and Spen Valley squadrons) collected an amazing £1597 for the appeal!

But also, that day saw cadets from Mirfield attending 645 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RAF Topcliffe, leading to the award of Blue Gliding Wings for Cadet Warrant Officer Kiara Baillie (18) and Cadets Joshua Clark (13), Oscar Clayton (14) and Sebastian Gallagher-Wild (13). Their day consisted of



Eliot Ryan, Morgan Francis, Toby Mathews and Ace Parker at the end of their expedition



Batley Battle of Britain Parade



Co-ordinated by the Batley and Birstall Branch of the Royal Air Force Association, cadets from the area collected an amazing £1597 for the appeal!



ground training, covering the controls of an aircraft and how they can be used to manoeuvre to glider in the air, practicing in a flight simulator and finally consolidating their learning in an actual flight in one of the Air Cadets' Viking gliders, launched by aerotow, behind a powered aircraft.

Meanwhile another party of cadets from the Squadron set out on a Bronze level Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition through the countryside of West Yorkshire, which would also run overnight and through the next day. A tiring but successful venture for Corporal Toby Mathews and Cadets Morgan Francis, Ace Parker and Eliot Ryan, all fourteen.

The tempo kept up for the Sunday as well, as cadets turned out, alongside their colleagues from 185 (Batley), 96 (Dewsbury), and 2490 (Spen Valley) Squadrons, for the Battle of Britain Memorial Parade organised by the Batley branch of the Royal Air Force Association.

The parade included a short service at Batley Memorial Gardens; a very moving event as the names of each member of the Royal Air Force who had died in the conflict were read out and cadets placed a cross on the memorial in memory of each one. Local MP Tracey Brabin and the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Mumtaz Hussain, were in attendance. Together with the Royal Air Force Association branch president, Vernon Jones, they each laid a wreath on the memorial during the service. Banners from the four local Squadrons and the Royal Air Force Association were paraded and the event was supported by about 50 members of the various cadet squadrons.

That was also the day that the Mirfield Squadron



View from the air, gliding

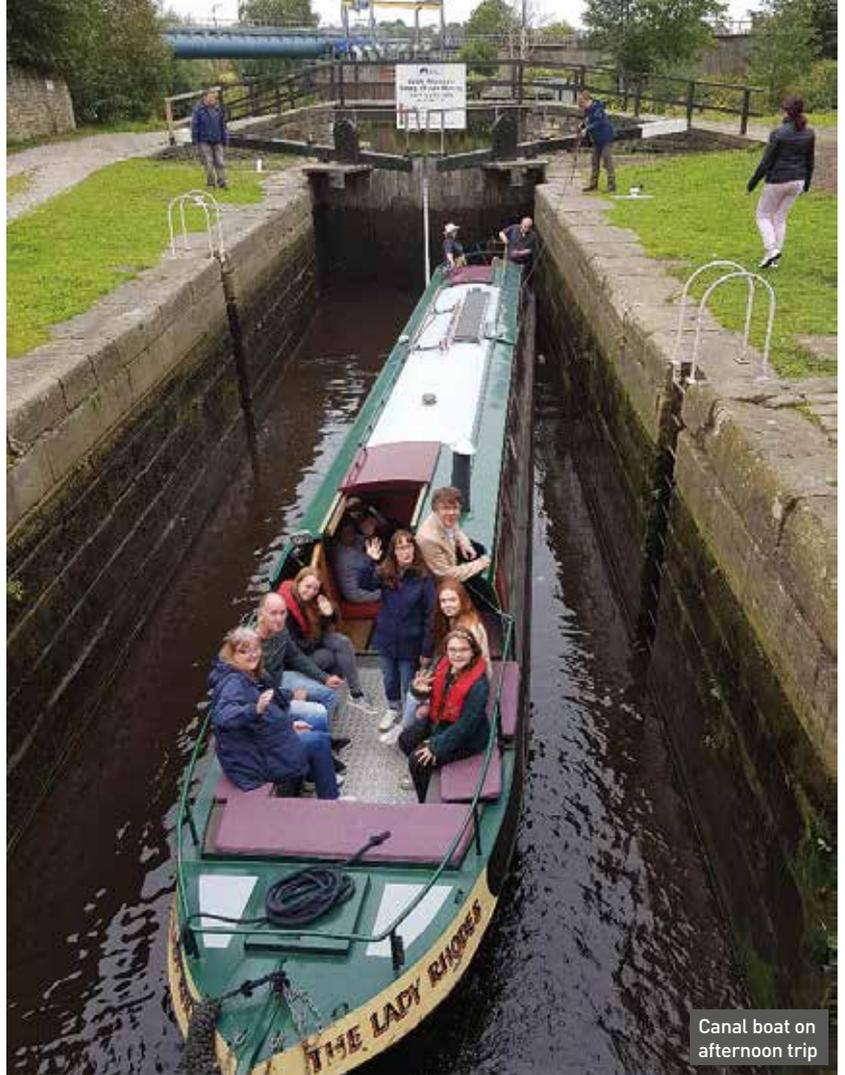
had chosen to hold a canal boat trip for their Welfare Committee and friends. In liaison with the Safe Anchor Trust in Mirfield over 30 people, comprising committee members, parents and friends all got their own treat of a round-trip out of Shepley Bridge Marina on three canal boats, with afternoon tea included.

Finally, for that day, three cadet corporals, Sam Cookland (16), Cian Farrar (15) and Freya Pugh (16) attended a Junior NCO Course run by South and West Yorkshire Wing, and after training were assessed on Attitude and Approach to Learning, Contribution, Participation, Confidence and Bearing and various aspects of drill knowledge and practice.

Reflecting on the weekend, the squadron commander, Flight Lieutenant Doubell said, "well that was another VERY busy weekend with our resources spread far and wide, but everything went well: we gave good support to the Wings Appeal and to the Battle of Britain Parade, four cadets achieved gliding qualifications, another four completed their bronze expeditions, and three have benefitted from JNCO training, in addition to our supporters enjoying an afternoon out on the canal boats – all thanks to the commitment and flexibility of staff and cadets alike. Very well done to all concerned."



Sgt Rebecca Jagger, Cpl Cian Farrar, Cpl Jacob Stockwell and Cpl Freya Pugh manning the Wing Appeal collections



Canal boat on afternoon trip



Oscar Clayton getting ready for launch



...four cadets achieved gliding qualifications, another four completed their bronze expeditions, and three have benefitted from JNCO training



AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS AT TEAM 250!

At the end of November, 250 (Halifax) Squadron held its Annual Presentation Evening at The Southwood Club to recognise the amazing achievements made throughout 2019! Over 70 presentations were made to both cadets and adult volunteers. These included BTECs, first aid certificates, shotgun skills awards, Health and Safety awards, sports certificates, the main awards and many more.

We were joined by special guests Mr David Wilkinson, Chair of the Halifax Branch of RAFA, Mr Richard Waddington, a former Squadron officer and Wing Commander Brian Daniel, Officer Commanding South and West Yorkshire Wing. They each assisted with the presentations.

'The Mr Geoff Middleton Award' for the Best Cadet was awarded to Cadet Oliver Kimber for his outstanding commitment, attitude and effort towards Squadron. Cdt Kimber has constantly impressed the staff team throughout 2019.

'The Wg Cdr Robert Waddington Award' for the Best NCO was awarded to Sergeant Ellen Pope for her attitude, leadership and her skills at running the most recent Initial Training Flight intake.

Other awards were as follows:

- Sports- Cdt Max Povey
- Shooting- Cdt William Plant
- Inter Flight- B Flight
- Special Recognition- CWO Caitlin Mitchell, Cpl Anthony Wood, Cdt Khriiss Briggs and Cdt Alfie Hayes.

Wg Cdr Daniel commented on how impressed he was with the fantastic achievements made by the Squadron over the last 12 months and the high standards of cadets.



Cadet Oliver Kimber and Mr David Wilkinson



Sergeant Ellen Pope and Mr Richard Waddington



Wing Commander Brian Daniel with BTEC award recipients



Mirfield Air Cadets dining-in on Christmas dinner

For the last event of the 2019 calendar, cadets, staff and committee members from 868 (Mirfield) Squadron, together with invited guests met at the Old Colonial in Mirfield for their annual event, in the form of an RAF mess dinner: the men donned their white shirts and bow-ties and the ladies their evening dresses, with some staff wearing their formal mess kit, and a few full dinner suits were to be seen as well.

The principal guest for the evening was the Sector Commander, Squadron Leader Chris Parker, who joined the 'top table alongside Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell, Squadron Chaplain Rev'd Christine Shedd and their Honorary President, Major Stan Hardy, who is also a Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire.

The formalities started with Rev'd Shedd saying grace and an excellent three course meal was then enjoyed by all present. Between the courses there were some party games, a Christmas Quiz and Pass-the-Parcel, and when it came time for speeches there was a high-value sweepstake on how long Flt Lt Doubell would speak for; it was won by Mrs Ballie, a Committee member. There were even some impromptu outbreaks of Christmas songs under the leadership of Sergeant Sam Cookland and Corporal Liam Thompson – although not likely to make it to Britain's Got Talent!

Flt Lt Doubell reflected on the changes and successes the Squadron had met in the past year, and how very busy the Squadron had been. Some fourteen cadet NCOs had left the Squadron, either aging out or to move on to other things, including university and joining the Royal Air Force. Also, during the summer period 31 cadets had taken up 50 places on various residential camps and courses, and in recognition of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, seven cadets and ex-cadets attend presentation events at Buckingham Palace and St James' Palace.

After the event, Flt Lt Doubell said "what a great evening this has been; who doesn't like Christmas dinner with a few party games thrown in! We use this to introduce the idea and formality of a service mess dinner in a way that is appropriate to cadets, and a menu they will feel comfortable with, and we have certainly achieved that with success this year. Of course, we need to thank Tim and Carol Wood at The Old Colonial for providing the catering and venue for such a fine meal.

AIR CADETS SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AND OTHER CHARITIES

A fun time was had by all at 868 (Mirfield) Squadron for Children in Need night in November. A series of activities, well removed from the normal routine, led to £153 being raised for the charity.

Activities during the evening included:

- Banana eating race
- Dunk the biscuit in the tea
- How many marshmallows can you get in your mouth in 15 seconds
- Leg waxing
- 'Pudsey' and chocolate themed raffle

The evening culminated in a "sponge the NCOs" session, cadet NCO's dressed down to t-shirts and shorts for the privilege of having wet sponges thrown at them by cadets, who gladly parted with more money for the opportunity! The NCOs got very wet, but were soon brought back inside to dry off, change and have a hot drink.

Children in Need was just one of the charitable events support by the Squadron during the Autumn period, starting in September with practical help for the Kirkwood Hospice Trail Run, where cadets and staff were out marshalling the route and coordinating car parking for the participants.

Later in the month, cadets and staff were involved in collections for the Royal Air Force Association Wings Appeal around Mirfield, operating out of a base set up in the local Co-Op supermarket. Efforts on the day manage to raise £549 for the appeal.



At the end of September, the Squadron also held a coffee 'morning' during their regular evening meeting as a fund-raising activity for MacMillan Cancer Support. A wide variety of cakes were provided by staff, members of the Squadron Committee and the cadets themselves, all invitingly laid out and priced up. Cadets and others took little persuasion to part with money in order to consume the cakes on display, and in all £187 pounds was raised in donations for the charity.

Finally, just before the Children in Need Night, was Remembrance Day, and in the lead up to it cadets



...we do try to make the occasions fun



were out around Mirfield once again collecting, this time for the Poppy Appeal in support of the Mirfield Branch of the Royal British Legion. They managed to raise £766 in their assigned collecting tins.

The Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell said "The Autumn time is always a busy and active period for us but it is one where we are willing and able to support some very worthy causes, and we do try to make the occasions fun. We have certainly been effective this year having managed to raise over £1650 for the various charities over this period."





MIRFIELD AIR CADETS' CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION EVENING

Friday 13th may be unlucky for some, but for cadets at 868 (Mirfield) Squadron it was a lucky time. Cadets, parents and friends, staff and committee and invited guests gathered at Christ the King Church on Stocks Bank Road in Battyeford, to celebrate the successes and achievements of the second half of 2019, and there was a lot to celebrate!

The principal guests for the evening was Mr Ed Anderson, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, and Wing Commander Paul Hotston OBE, Training Officer from Headquarters Air Cadets at RAF Cranwell; they were also joined by Councillor Martyn Bolt, Mayor of Mirfield.

The Squadron band, fully equipped with new instruments, provided a stirring introduction to the proceedings, and then the Squadron Chaplain, Rev'd Christine Shedd conducted the formal enrolment of 6 new cadets.

The Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell, welcomed everybody to the proceedings and made a short opening address focusing on how very busy the Squadron had been throughout 2019, typified by one weekend which saw participation in

- Blue Wings Gliding and Ground School course at RAF Topcliffe
- Collections for the Royal Air Force Association Wing Appeal
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Junior NCO Course at South and West Yorkshire Wing HQ
- Battle of Britain Parade in Batley
- Canal boat trip with afternoon tea for Committee and friends

He also reflected on the success cadets had

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in both First Aid, reaching the Air Training Corps National Finals and gaining three individual bronze medals at that level, and winning the Wing percussion section of the South and West Yorkshire Wing band competition.

Wg Cdr Hotston then took the stage to present certificates, and in all there were over 160 certificates to be presented to cadets plus adult staff, including:

- Recognition of 4 Blue, 2 Bronze, 4 Silver and 1 Gold D of E Awards
- 31 certificates representing academic progress through the Corps' classification programme, plus an additional four for BTEC level 2 Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development
- 24 Aviation certificates, comprising 7 First Flight, 4 Ground School, 10 Blue Wings and 3 Bronze Wings





The Lord Lieutenant then presented staff certificates and awards:

- Mr Lionel Green – St John Trainer, Activity First Aid Assessor, Certificate of Merit from North Region ATC, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from British Red Cross
- Mr Tom Jagger – Lowland Expedition Leader and Activity First Aid
- Rev'd Christin Shedd – Long Service Certificate from Headquarters Air Cadets, for twelve years' service to the organisation

Presentation of the end of year trophies was shared by the Lord Lieutenant and Mayor:

- Liam Thompson - Gillian Lockwood Trophy for Cadets' Cadet (as voted for by cadets), for the second year running
- Jonathan Barrett - Contribution to First Aid
- Liam Thompson - President's Cup for efforts to overcome personal challenges
- Rebecca Jagger, as NCO in charge, collected the Inter-flight Competition Trophy on behalf of Hurricane flight



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The formal proceedings concluded with several promotions: Flight Sergeants Jonathan Barrett and Rebecca Jagger and Sergeants Sam Cookland, Freya Pugh and Jacob Stockwell

After the formalities there was a light buffet for all, and the Lord Lieutenant and the other official guests made a point of taking socially with cadets and staff.

The Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Doubell said "The past year has certainly been a very hectic one and cadets, staff and committee have all had to work very hard to maintain the momentum. But all that effort has resulted in some great success for the cadets, which we have recognised tonight. It has been a delight to welcome the Lord Lieutenant back to the squadron, and to give Wg Cdr Hotston a rare opportunity to visit a squadron and see for himself how his work at Headquarters Air Cadets is reflected in the enthusiasm and achievements of cadets."



Barnsley Squadron gains a new commissioned Officer

By Sqn Ldr Andy Williams

Congratulations are in order to newly commissioned Acting Pilot Officer Hannah Banks. After serving several years as a SNCO on the Squadron and supporting various Wing Teams, Acting Pilot Officer Banks chose to apply to become a Cadet Forces Adult Volunteer Commissioned Officer.

After attending a pre-Uniform Workshop and a mock interview board with the Wing Training Team, Acting Pilot Officer Banks then attended the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) at Royal Air Force College Cranwell to sit various leadership and teamwork exercises and a short, but intense interview.

After a few days of being thoroughly challenged, she was successful and as such has been promoted, beginning her career as a Commissioned Officer in the RAFAC. Her next steps are to revisit OASC and pass the week long Officers Initial Course just before Summer 2020. The Squadron is proud to have another quality member of staff progressing through their commissioned career. Well done Hannah!



YORK CADET ENJOYS PRESTIGIOUS OVERSEAS VISIT

By Flight Sergeant Eryn Davies

Every year, the International Air Cadet Exchange Association provides lucky cadets with the opportunity to visit their peers in Air Cadet organisations around the world. This year, Cadet Flight Sergeant Eryn Davies, from 110 (City of York) Squadron was selected alongside nine other cadets from across the UK to visit Hong Kong and China.

During the exchange the cadets were offered a wide range of activities allowing them to gain an understanding of Hong Kong's culture and history, in addition to meeting and participating with their Air Cadet Corps. On the first day they visited the British Consulate-General which gave them an insight into the UK's relationship with Hong Kong in the past and present and views on current political issues such as the ongoing protests.

Over the exchange Eryn and her friends managed many sightseeing activities, such as going to the Tian Tan Buddha, visiting the Peak (the highest point in Hong Kong, giving magnificent views of the island) and a ferry trip over Victoria Harbour. To experience the culture of Hong Kong they visited many traditional markets, including the famous Stanley market, ate at a wide variety of local restaurants,



One of the highlights of the exchange for Eryn was a flight over Lantau Island in a Super Puma



attended a Tai chi class and experienced local crafts such as bamboo weaving.

Part of the visit included a 3-day China tour, which allowed the cadets to see the cultural differences not only between China and the UK but also the differences from just across the border in Hong Kong. During the tour, aviation related activities included spending time at the Zhuhai flight training centre.

One of the highlights of the exchange for Eryn was a flight over Lantau Island in a Super Puma, where she was able to see the Po Lin Monastery, the Pearl river and take in the amazing scenery.

Eryn is very grateful that she was selected for this once in a lifetime opportunity, and won't forget the experiences and friendships she made on the visit.



HIGH FLYING AIR CADETS RECEIVE TOP AWARD

3 outstanding cadets from the Wing have recently travelled to St James' Palace in London to receive their Gold level Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Cadet Warrant Officers Robert Boardman 2434 (Church Fenton) Squadron and Thomas Grieves 110 (City of York) Squadron were joined by Cadet Flight Sergeant Eryn Davis, also of York at the awards ceremony.

Eryn was asked about her experiences and what was needed to qualify for her Gold DofE award;

"One of my favourite parts of my Duke of Edinburgh was the volunteering section, where I became a young leader at my local Rainbows unit. I started volunteering with Rainbows in 2015 for my bronze award and continued for 4 years, allowing me to complete both my silver and gold volunteering sections. I enjoyed leading activities for the girls, in addition to being able to guide them whilst they learnt and developed new skills.

My expedition was in the Yorkshire Dales for 4 days, 3 nights with an overall aim of exploring the geographical features of the Dales and personal goals of improving navigation skills, teamwork and communication.

The other sections of the Gold DofE include skills, physical and a residential. For my skills I developed my abilities as lead flute in the squadron band. To do this I worked on new, more complex pieces and passed on experience to new members of the band. I worked on my skills section for 12 months, physical section for 6 months, and for this I went to fitness classes once a week to improve my overall fitness, balance and coordination.

One of the highlights of my Gold Duke of Edinburgh was the residential cadet camp I attended at Sennelager in Germany. On this camp I met 37 other cadets from across the UK and did a wide range of activities such as high ropes, sailing and raft building.

Overall, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's award has helped me improve on important life skills, such as communication, teamwork, commitment and leadership, through fun activities, together with personal challenges."

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award programmes take between one and four years to complete, and they must be completed by the participant's twenty-fifth birthday. The programmes are at three progressive levels which, if successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

With assistance from Adult Leaders, participants select and set objectives in each of the following areas:

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community.



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- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- **Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- **Expedition:** planning, training for, and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad.

At Gold level, participants must complete an additional fifth Residential section, which involves staying and working away from home for five days, participating in a shared activity.

For more information on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please visit <http://www.dofe.org/>



(L-R) CWO Robert Boardman, FS Eryn Davis, CWO Thomas Grieves

NATIONAL MARCHING BAND

By Flight Sergeant Rosie Gregson

Being a member of the National Marching Band of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets has many privileges, but this year the band got to partake in the Dreamflight event. This event offers children with terminal illnesses and life-limiting conditions an opportunity of a lifetime to go to Orlando, Florida, to visit Disneyland and other attractions.

On the Saturday evening, the band played lots of fun music like 'How To Train Your Dragons', 'Avengers', 'Happy' - Pharrell Williams, and the 'Movies on the March' sets. These pieces got the children dancing, jumping and they were all able to interact with the band, the Director of Music and the Drum Major while they were playing. Once they had finished playing, they put their instruments away then they had a disco with all the children and the staff who were going to be looking after the children while they were away. Doing this enabled the children to see the people behind the uniforms and the band were able to have a good time and have fun with them. This made them more comfortable with the musicians so they could interact with them on Sunday.



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On the Sunday, the band travelled to Heathrow Airport to see the children off on their holiday of a lifetime. Some of the children came up to the band and the cadets and staff encouraged them to have a go with the drums, cymbals and march with the band while we they playing. The band played each group of children onto the plane then waved them off when they set off down the runway.

FS Rosie Gregson from 252 (Bridlington) Sqn said: 'This was an amazing event and I am glad to be a part of it. This was definitely the best event I have participated in during my Cadet Career.'



BAND CHRISTMAS CAMP

2019 has been a busy, exciting year for Wing Music. From concerts, carols and high profile parades, to wind down an incredible year of performances, what better than a Christmas Music camp?

On Friday evening, cadets arrived at RAF Linton-on-Ouse's Ground School for an initial briefing - some already festively dressed for the weekend ahead. Saturday morning held standard practice for musicians, bell-lyres and drummers alike, beginning to learn both classical and modern Christmas songs, in addition to some non Christmassy ones! After the day's long practice, both staff and cadets gathered for their secret Santa gifts and board games, exchanging gifts and laughs. (It's still a mystery who bought the tin of mushy peas and the ambrosia custard, but it raised a few laughs!) Both pizza and fizzy drinks were provided, making for a fun, festive evening amongst friends.

On the second day, we were privileged to be joined by two members of the Band of Catterick Garrison, part of the Corps of Army Music. They brought some brilliant advice to our instrumentalists, leading some of our sectionals and rehearsals and demonstrating their impressive skills in front of the band. We also played a special Christmas march, recorded a Facebook Livestream of our Christmas repertoire, and even had our piper performing some tunes with the band, whilst being conducted by some of our senior cadets. No Christmas camp would be complete without a Christmas lunch in the mess, with crackers and some tasteful bad jokes, so naturally that had to be done too!

One cadet attending Wing Music for the first time was Cadet Charlotte Wilson, from 35 (Wetherby). After the camp she said: "The music camp was both informational and fun. As a drummer we went through what we needed to get a bronze badge and also some Christmas songs to run alongside the musicians. It was wonderful to see all my friends (old and new) and begin to progress further."

The day was incredibly exciting and thoroughly enjoyed by all but to add to the Christmas cheer Flight Sergeant Rosie Gregson from 252 (Bridlington) squadron was formally appointed the new Wing Drum Major. With her experience performing on a national stage along with many years with the Wing Band, Rosie's determination and hard work sees her take over from FS Qasim Hussain who has done a sterling job whilst in post.



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Speaking about the camp, the Wing Music Officer, Fg Off Adam Waudby said: "Christmas Camp is always a highlight of the cadet calendar for me. It may not have the high profile parades or performances of some of our other activities, but it does bring everyone together. Music really is about enjoyment, and enjoying it with others. Christmas Camp is an ideal time to focus on just this without the additional pressures - and to reward the cadets' hard work throughout the year with some fun, and some slightly suspect Poundland Secret Santa jokes. It was also a highlight to be able to appoint the new Wing Drum Major; recognising the significant effort and skill put in over a number of years which is always good to see. We look forward to seeing what 2020 brings, and watching the band grow bigger and better! No doubt it will be another busy year and we look forward to the challenge!"





OTLEY CADET RECEIVES BRAVERY AWARD

Cadet Sergeant Alex Jeanguillaume (15) from Otley Detachment has recently been recognised by her local town council for an act of bravery.

On August 30 last year Alex and a friend were in a local park when they were threatened by a man with a knife. The suspect told the teenagers to hand over their mobile phones but they refused. When he then motioned with the knife as if he was going to attack them, Alex used her ju-jitsu skills to grab him and throw him to the ground. The would-be robber then broke free and ran off.

Alex has been a member of Otley's ju-jitsu club since she was five and said that had given her a good grounding in how to defend herself.

In December Cadet Sgt Jeanguillaume was invited to attend the Annual Otley Ambassadors Celebration Evening where Otley Town Mayor, Councillor Peter Jackson, presented her with a Bravery Award.

Cllr Jackson said: "I was delighted to present this bravery award to Alex, a remarkable young lady who put herself in danger to protect a friend during a potential robbery by a knife man. Alex is a credit to our teenage community."

Town Council Leader, Councillor Richard Hughes said: "I was really pleased to be there and to hear the Mayor's description of Alex's bravery. In accepting the award, she was gracious and humble. The council is absolutely delighted to give her this well-deserved award."

Officer Commanding C Company, Major Mike Wootton said. "It is very pleasing to see one of our cadets being recognised for their bravery in standing up for what's right within the community. We are all very proud of her, well done Alex, you are a credit to Yorkshire North & West ACF."



Cadet Sgt Jeanguillaume with her award



Cadet Sgt Jeanguillaume with Otley Town Mayor Councillor Peter Jackson together with her mum and grandmother

New Year, New Start for B Company



The start of 2020 has brought with it a number of changes at B Company Headquarters in York. Joining the recently appointed Administration and Training Officers is the newly promoted Officer Commanding (OC), Major Rory Romani.

Major Romani has been a member of the county for

thirteen years, all of which time he has spent with E (The Rifles) Company. He started at Normanton Detachment, before rising through the ranks to becoming a member of the E Company HQ training staff, based in Wakefield.

This is Major Romani's first command appointment, and he is relishing the prospect of taking up the reins, and said "My priority is to increase the number of adult volunteers, this will then allow us to recruit more cadets and, as soon as possible, to re-open Knaresborough Detachment."

We all wish Major Romani well in his new appointment and look forward to hearing about his progress in the future.

Wakefield Detachment win Coveted Trophy once again

During December camp, E (THE RIFLES) Company ran their annual Silver Bugle Trophy Competition. Each detachment forms a team of nine cadets who then compete against each other in a series of tests and tasks. It is an exciting event as the cadets rotate from one challenge to another all hoping to out-do their competitors.

The tests include first aid, military knowledge and speed marching. The teams can also pick up extra points if they perform a skit in front of the whole company on Saturday evening. The weekend had an exciting atmosphere as all the teams were aware that every point counted.

On Sunday morning all the scores were totted up and a massive cheer went up when Wakefield Detachment were crowned winners of the 2019 trophy.

The whole weekend was packed with fun and the competition created great camaraderie amongst cadets and adults. The pressure will be on Wakefield now to try and retain the trophy this year.



Junior Cadet collects for local food bank

Cadet Riley Haydon from Wakefield Detachment was determined to make a difference to his local community and decided to collect donations for a local food bank to help those in need during the festive period. Cadet Haydon set about by asking all the cadets in his own detachment to bring in contributions. After gathering significant donations Cadet Haydon put a call to arms out to all cadets in his Company asking if they would like to supplement the collection. The response was overwhelming.

Supporting Cadet Haydon to enable him to see his efforts through was Adult Volunteer SI Mary Hood who helped decorate and package up the hamper then delivered it to St. Catherine's Food Bank in Agbrigg, Wakefield. The staff at St Catherine's were very grateful and amazed at the efforts of a young man and his friends. What wonderful initiative and a fantastic result: well done Riley.



CPL CHARLIE KING LEADS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Last September cadets from Wakefield Detachment began filling shoe boxes full of Christmas goodies to support "Treats for Troops on Tour". The organisation aims to get volunteers to fill morale boxes full of Christmas cheer for our soldiers who are deployed overseas at Christmas time. Charlotte Park from Catterick who runs the organisation got in touch with County HQ to ask if any cadets wanted to get involved.



Cpl Charlie King was quick to respond and he volunteered to co-ordinate the exercise for the Company. Thanks to the constant encouragement from him, Wakefield cadets brought in donations to fill 24 morale boosting shoe boxes. Adult Volunteer SI Mary Hood, who had supported Cpl King in the logistics, safely delivered the boxes to a very grateful Charlotte Park in November. Charlotte said the cadets had been "awesome". She explained that once the boxes were wrapped in festive paper, they would be transported all over the world to our soldiers serving in the British armed forces just in time to be opened at Christmas.

Apart from the thrill of being involved in such a good cause this activity was a great way for Wakefield cadets to achieve their Cadet in the Community APC award. Well done Cpl King and the whole of Wakefield Detachment, a great display of cadets supporting the local community and such a great effort.



The winning photo

Photo Competition win down to help from Little Brother Leo

Congratulations to Cadet Karla Fell (Batley Detachment) on winning won the 2019 'Steve Turner Memorial Trophy'. This trophy is named in memory of keen photographer and former Adult Volunteer Steve Turner who passed away in 2017 after giving many years' service as an instructor in E (THE RIFLES) Company.

Cadets were asked to submit photos they had taken during the year showing themselves and their friends having fun taking part in cadet activities. All entries were then voted on by the HQ team and Cdt Fell's photograph was a unanimous decision.

Cadet Fell took the photograph during November's Remembrance Parade in Batley and shows her younger brother Leo joining in with a smile on his face feeling happy to be part of something special. Well done Cadet Fell and hopefully your younger brother will join us when he is old enough!



NEW TAG ARCHERY KIT IS A HIT

All five Companies enjoyed their traditional weekend training camps in the run-up to the Christmas break. These weekends included the usual training in subjects such as First Aid, Skill At Arms, Drill and Fieldcraft...but, for the first time, the activities also included Tag Archery!

The Tag Archery set, which has been purchased from Non-Public funds, has been an instant hit. Similar to dodgeball, the aim of the game is to eliminate your opponents with specially-adapted 'arrows', either by scoring a hit or catching an opponent's arrow before it hits you. The cadets - and several Adult Volunteers - used a variety of tactics, with fire and manoeuvre techniques coming to the fore. Special mention to B Company's Cadet LCpl Tattersfield who scored a direct hit then, seconds later, caught an incoming arrow, thus eliminating two opponents within five seconds!

This new, inclusive, team-building asset is already very popular, and this popularity will only grow as even more cadets and adults take part in this exciting activity - definitely another 'string to our bow'!



HSY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

On Saturday 2 November 30 Adult Volunteers and invited guests attended the very first Women's Conference held by the County at the Cadet Training Centre Driffield, to celebrate 40 years of women in the ACF. The conference was brought together by the County Adjutant, Captain Val Johnson, following a request for something to be put on to join in with this year's celebrations, to celebrate how far women have come over the years.

Captain Johnson put together a programme of speakers, from both civilian and military backgrounds. Local businesswoman Deb Oxley OBE, captivated the delegates with her talk on the 14 Key Points, which went down a storm, both funny and thought provoking. Unfortunately, the representative from the Armed Forces Diversity Engagement Team was unable to attend due to ill health, but Lynne Hope, a Deputy Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire stepped up front and centre and not only gave a talk on the team, their work and diversity, but also told the room about her own experiences.

Our own RSMI Sam Robinson, took to the floor to tell the group all about Frimley Park, and the courses



Delegates



Deb Oxley OBE and Padre Edith in conversation

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Celebrating 40 years of Women in the Army Cadet Force has definitely been a highlight for me



available not only to our cadets, but to our Adult Volunteers, before Karen Barr, a former member of the county, gave a very informative talk on the qualifications Adult Volunteers can gain via CVQO.

The day was brought to a close with a representative from the ACF Step Change Project giving a presentation on the project, focusing on diversity and inclusion. Through interactive games and posing compelling questions, the delegates looked at their own areas of responsibility and the organisation as a whole.

Captain Johnson said: “Celebrating 40 years of Women in the Army Cadet Force has definitely been a highlight for me. Everyone who attended the conference, had a great day and took something away from it, especially from our guest speakers. It has made me realise what an amazing job we are doing within Humberside and South Yorkshire ACF, helping create leaders and role models both in the organisation and in everyday life.”



Capt Johnson opening the conference



Deb Oxley OBE

Christmas Carols in Lincoln

By Cdt Sgt Tom Ely

Millions of people around the world head off to Church on Christmas Eve for services to see in Christmas with carol services and midnight masses. Cadet Sgt Tom Ely of E Company was no exception, as he headed into Lincolnshire to accompany the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Mr Toby Dennis, to the carol service at Lincoln Cathedral.



DRIFFIELD DETACHMENT VISIT IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM DUXFORD

By Sgt Kevin Newlove

On the 12th October, cadets and Adult Instructors of Driffield Detachment visited the Airborne Assault Museum located at the IWM Duxford, as part of their Military Knowledge syllabus.

It was an early start for the group, who were kept entertained on the three-hour journey by L/Cpt Alex Burge's eclectic music selection.

Upon arrival, it was straight into the Airborne Assault Museum, giving the cadets time to take in the displays and understand the history of the Parachute Regiment as the cadets will be undertaking a project following the visit.

Following lunch, the cadets had free time to explore the rest of the IWM for the remainder of the day, before it was time to head back to Driffield after a long, but very informative and enjoyable day.



BAG PACK

By AUO Nicki Boyce

On 14 December, cadets and adult volunteers of Hornsea Detachment carried out a bag pack at their local supermarket. This will go towards helping two of their fellow cadets raise money towards Exercise Ares Challenge, which will take place in Cyprus. It was a fantastic effort which saw the team raise £690.72.



Basic Platoon

B COMPANY CHRISTMAS CAMP

Over the weekend of 6 to 8 December 131 Cadets and 33 adult volunteers headed to CTC Driffield for their last camp of 2019.

During the OC's brief, Maj Troughton welcomed the cadets to camp, before finishing his brief by promoting a number of cadets from across the Company, including the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet Oliver O'Loughlin, to Staff Sergeant.

Over the weekend, the cadets who took part in the inter detachment competition, pitted themselves against their peers in Skill at Arms, Paintballing, First Aid, Speed March, Command Tasks, Observation and Stalking.

There was also a separate drill competition and of course the annual Christmas Dinner, where Lt Col Mike Smith was presented with a leaving gift from his time as OC B Coy.

Brough Detachment were also crowned as Champion Detachment for the second year in a row.



Newly promoted L/Cpl Haitam Amundi and OC B Coy Maj Tim Troughton



Team work during command tasks



Newly promoted S/Sgt Olly O'Loughlin and OC B Coy Maj Tim Troughton

WESTBURY, ON REFLECTION

By 2nd Lieutenants Donna Rea and Graham Campbell-Wilson

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

It was an early start to what would prove to be one of the highlight weekends of our ACF careers. A final check to ensure we had packed everything we needed and then we were on our way.

About an hour into the journey we looked at each other and with a nervous laugh the realisation of what we were about to embark upon became reality "What have we done?" we asked each other. We then relaxed into our 6 hour journey with some not so tuneful renditions of Moana and The Greatest Showman.

The journey itself was fairly uneventful, except for the strange looks we received when we stopped at Morrisons to get changed into our suits. We left the building both quoting "and tonight Matthew..."

On arrival, we booked in via the gate house and were directed into what would be our home for the weekend where we were greeted by two unassuming Sergeant Majors. They issued us with a set of rather fetching overalls and directed us to our rooms.

As we were one of the first to arrive, we had the chance to settle into our surroundings and take stock of what was about to happen during the course of the weekend. The other candidates arrived over the next hour and we all greeted each other with brief introductions before we headed over to the common room to be divided into our syndicates and given our bibs and numbers for the weekend; welcome White 72 and Orange 65. The Sergeant Majors gave us a quick brief and we filled in some medical forms and paperwork before evening meal was announced.

After evening meal, we congregated in the main briefing room and awaited the arrival of the President and guests. The President introduced himself and dispelled some of the myths surrounding Westbury and the officer selection process in a bid to relax the room. He introduced the format of the weekend and what was expected of us in terms of providing EVIDENCE.

Next, we were escorted to our syndicate rooms where we all gave a 3-5 minute introduction of ourselves with the Group Leaders (GLs) before light refreshments in the bar and bed.

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019

The next morning was the start of the main event, the nerves were still there; more for some than others but this was our time to show that what we were made of.

We all met for breakfast, which was delivered by a very unique chef with a sense of humour that made everyone smile.

We had morning briefings with the Sergeant Major before being led off in our syndicates, of course in number order and this how we would remain for the



A very damp Graham Campbell-Wilson and Colonel David Fuller at the conclusion of the Command Task Phase, after torrential rain



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rest of the day. We were to be called by colour and number only for the rest of our time at Westbury.

The layout of the day had previously been explained to us so it was no surprise and the delivery of the instructions was uniform throughout the course in order to give no-one an unfair advantage.

We were shown some "taster" command tasks and instructed on how to carry out the various moves without undue injury, although I did receive a blow to the nose from one of my fellow syndicate members whilst practicing these moves. All that followed was an improvement on the start. Once this was completed, we headed indoors to start the "evidence" stage of our weekend.

The next few hours passed by quite quickly as we were put through our paces in various situations from our group discussions to the one that seemed to have everyone's heartbeat racing - the Planning Exercise (Planex).

The aptitude tests we carried out in very much exam conditions with each one being completed in sequence; numerical, verbal and abstract being the last one. These really were quite challenging and during discussions afterwards everyone had good and bad points about the exercise.

The Planex stage was the one that most

candidates stress about, again this was given to us in the same room as the aptitude tests and I'm sure someone kept moving the clock on five minutes when no one was looking as the time flew by, but prior practice made this less challenging than first thought.

We were escorted to our briefing rooms under strict instructions of no discussions in regards the Planex. The group discussion in the room about the Planex gave us all time to reflect and take stock of the course of action we had all come to, most of us were very similar in our outcomes but with slight differences along the way.

The individual question sections of the Planex kept us all on our toes with so much information and mathematical information but the Directing Staff were brilliant in the roles they have.

The interviews were carried out at the end of the day's events and were a chance for us to answer some quite testing questions and give our own reasons why we wanted to become officers in the ACF.

Once the day was over it was time to relax in the bar and reflect on the events and exercises we had just gone through. This was also time to prepare for the command tasks that were awaiting us the next day.

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

After a good night's sleep we were ready for the command tasks, the weather was unfortunately not on our side as the rain was coming down in bucket loads. This didn't dampen our spirits and we were all ready for the next and final challenge.

The command task area itself is bigger than you can imagine with equipment as far as the eye can



The suspense was most probably as intense as the weekend itself



see. We all waited for the first candidate number to be calledit wasn't us. We would have to wait. Each one of us in turn we taken away from our group and briefed on the command task in hand. We then had to come up with a plan within 2 minutes and then call our group over, explain our plan, then execute it to the best of our ability before our time ran out. This really did show our leadership skills and how we communicate and listen to our group when things don't go to plan. These command tasks were very challenging and really tested our abilities to the limit.

We finished our command tasks and then we realised how wet we all were as we were taken back for our final briefing. It was finally over, had we done enough? Nobody knew, it was now over for us and it was up to the staff to look at the evidence that we had provided.

We returned to our rooms packed up the rest of our belongings, handed our bibs and overalls back, said goodbye to the others we had just spent the last 3 days with and started our journey home.

As we travelled home it was a non-stop conversation about the whole experience and we found out so much about ourselves. This weekend is certainly one we will never forget and one that which we both would highly recommend to anyone.

We waited for the postman to arrive over the next few days and having made some really good friends there were messages going backwards and forwards as we all waited for the "one" to arrive. The suspense was most probably as intense as the weekend itself.

We were both selected to carry on our journey in the ACF.

If anyone is thinking of going on this journey, we both would highly recommend you take it.

MEDICINE BALL CHALLENGE

14 December saw RSMI Sam Robinson join the cadets and adult volunteers of E Company at CTC Driffield for their Christmas Camp.

RSMI Robinson wasn't alone as she is still taking part in the #medicineballchallenge, and E Company wanted to do their part in helping raise awareness of mental ill health. The medicine ball represents the weight, and burden, service personnel, veterans and people from all walks of life could be carrying around with them every day due to mental health problems. Many feel that they can't talk because of the stigma surrounding mental health problems.

Problems such as Stress, Anxiety, PTSD, and Depression, which have led to the number of Mental health related deaths of Veterans Soldiers and the blue light services rise to an alarming rate. Not all wounds are visible, however this could have been avoided if only they had talked to someone and there was more awareness.

The Medicine Ball Challenge wants to raise awareness of these issues. It is a challenge which when you take part you must cuff the 3kg Medicine Ball to your wrist for a period of 7 days.



I am here to listen if and when they need to talk



Only taking it off sleeping, driving and dressing; making every simple task feel like a challenge. Challengers are encouraged to raise as much awareness as possible when taking part.

RSMI Robinson said: "In the county we have a lot of Adult Volunteers who are ex-military and a few of them suffer with PTSD. I wanted to show my support to not only these people within my county but to others far and wide to say it's ok not to be ok and that I am here to listen if and when they need to talk."

So, the cadets and adult volunteers of E Company came together alongside the RSM, to let everyone know that 'It's OK not to be OK'.



ROYAL ARTILLERY CADET INSIGHT COURSE (RACIC) 28-30 OCTOBER 2019

By 2Lt Shaun Bennett

Humberside & South Yorkshire cadets were joined by fellow cadets from Durham, Northumbria and a West Yorkshire Combined Cadet Force contingent for the very first Royal Artillery Cadet Insight Course (RACIC) at Stainton Camp by members and reserves of the Royal Artillery Regiment.

The course was led by Major Eyton Parker of 101 Regiment RA and delivered by him and his group of supporting staff who took cadets through a range of lessons over the two and-a-half day of activities. This covered subjects from fire discipline words and phrases, erecting communications masts and basic voice procedures, operating the virtual battle simulator and the importance of survey and recce to the overall effectiveness of the Artillery in a frontline situation.

The cadets were actively involved in a range of practical activities and, at the end of the second day, completed a post-course assessment before going to get hands-on experience with the Light Gun weapon system on the final day. For these 28 cadets this unique experience earned them the right to bear a badge on their uniform that no other cadet in the country has and the claim to be the first to complete the process.

Major Parker told us "The RACIC concept is to provide regional consistent and meaningful support to our affiliated cadets which we hope will provide a missing link between our sub units supporting local detachments and the events that are held by Royal Artillery Regimental Headquarters".

Upon completion of the course, Major Noah Gamp, 2IC 4 RA presented the cadets with their Artillery badges.

He took time to speak personally for a few moments with each cadet and to ask about their future career aspirations before giving everyone final words of encouragement and praise for their commitment and effort over the course modules that they had completed. This is just the start of the experience as the collaboration will go on to bring even more activities, both in public interface, representing the Army Cadets and passing on the knowledge gained to visitors and the opportunity for further practical experience that will be exclusively available to those who have completed RACIC.



Cdt Bdrs Holly Barratt and Riley Peacock



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Bdrs Adam Page and Riley Peacock



Cadets of E Company



TS IRON DUKE

The unit was invited to participate in the Masonic Province of Yorkshire- North and East Riding Annual Church Service at Beverley Minster, which took place on 6 October 2019.



BAG PACK – MORRISONS



We supplied morning and afternoon shifts because so many cadets volunteered. The grand sum was £1,008, an excellent result.

Pictured from left to right are Cadet 1st's Owen Horton, William Horton, OC Josh Smith.

LT (SCC) JANICE SPICER MBE, RNR

It is with pleasure that we can record our delight that Lt Janice Spicer has been recognised in the New Year's Honours List with the award of the MBE for services to the Sea Cadet Corps.

As a flavour of the dedication and service she has given to the SCC over a considerable amount of time an extract is included below of her recognition by the SCC recently.

"Since joining the Girls' Nautical Training Corps in 1968 you have been a stalwart volunteer. From assuming a number of training roles to commanding the Hull Unit, your tireless commitment has been outstanding. Over many decades you have undertaken all manner of tasks to support the Cadets, striving to support all the young people with whom you have worked, many of them from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Your efforts in encouraging youngsters to develop and reach their full potential has undoubtedly benefitted not only the Naval Service but also the country. Your selfless commitment also stretches outside of the Unit into the City and local community. You have been a prolific fundraiser for many worthwhile causes whilst also encouraging the participation of Sea Cadets and raising the organisation's profile. The drive and dedication you have shown in your involvement with the Sea Cadet Corps is beyond question; that you have been instrumental in delivering life changing experiences to youngsters who society might otherwise have left behind is testament to your selfless commitment. Your tireless drive and enthusiasm epitomise the valuable efforts of the voluntary sector and are in the finest traditions of the Sea Cadet Corps."





Group photo with the party poppers!

CHRISTMAS TEA

A "Secret Santa" supporter very kindly gave the Unit funding to provide a Christmas Tea for the Cadets.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Some of the Cadets who gave readings at our annual Christmas Service, resplendent in their Christmas jumpers



Captain (SCC) Debra Glanville RMR – the first female RMC Guard Commander leading the parade. On her right is RMC Sgt Charlie Featherstone who is to shortly leave Hull RMC Unit to join the Coldstream Guards

THE NATIONAL TRAFALGAR PARADE 2019

This event took place on Horse Guards Parade with Captain (SCC) Debra Glanville RMR becoming the first female RMC Guard Commander.

Normally the Parade forms up on Horse Guards Parade, marches around to Trafalgar Square for a Service, continues to march through Admiralty Arch, down The Mall and into Wellington Barracks. This year, because of the unrest and protests, the decision was made for the whole service to be conducted on Horse Guards Parade with a march down The Mall to Wellington Barracks for an address from the VIP.

Again, due to protests, it was the first time that the Parade went ahead without weapons or swords. Captain Glanville commented that it was a very strange experience to command a 48-man Guard with both the RMC and SCC Colour, but no weapons – even the orders had to change.

It was an incredible experience, one that will probably never again be conducted on Horse Guards Parade, but Captain Glanville feels privileged to have been part of the day.



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