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PRESS RELEASE

2524 (Oakington) Squadron Annual Presentation Evening

On Saturday 25th November 2524 (Oakington) Squadron, Air Training Corps, held their Annual Awards Presentation Evening at Histon Royal British Legion. The evening was extremely well attended by local VIPs, Squadron representatives from Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing ATC, and parents of cadets with the presenting officer Air Commodore Ian D Thorne OBE BSc FRAeS, RAF Harrier IPT Leader.

The Air Commodore was inspired and impressed by the achievements of the cadets and told them how he wished that he had been a cadet in his youth had he known how exciting and challenging being in the Air Training Corps was! He wanted to impress on everyone how few organisations there are for youths in this country where they are given the opportunity to learn to fly, glide, shoot rifles, go camping as well as achieve all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. The Air Commodore presented the cadets with both achievement certificates and awards.

Also presenting awards was the Vice President of Milton Royal Air Force Association Dickie Bird who praised the cadets for their great contribution to the RAFA in their help with raising funds for their Wings Appeal, standard bearing and RAFA's Beating the Retreat. Mr Bird presented a brand new trophy in remembrance of WO Sue Andrews (ATC), of Oakington Squadron, for Loyalty and Devotion to the Squadron. Mr Bird also praised the dedication of all the staff and committee of 2524 Squadron and commented that without their hard work and commitment organisations such as the Air Training Corps would not be able to exist.

There were seven probationer cadets who were enrolled by the Wing Chaplain, Reverend S Pullan, and were presented with their 3822 Record of Service books, New Testament and Book of Life.

A number of cadets and the squadron commanding officer, Flt Lt Philip Starling, gave presentations on various aspects of ATC activities from Camping (both in this country and overseas), Shooting (.22 and L98 rifles), Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, Flying (fixed wing and gliding), Wing and Region Sports involvement, BELA (Basic Exhibition Leaders Award), Air Cadet Leadership courses and Squadron social life.



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Awards presented were:

Certificate of Appointment
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Civilian Instructor/Adult Sergeant
Civilian Instructor
Cadet Warrant Officer

A/Sgt Alan Starling
CI Andrew Caruana
CWO David Brennan

Milton RAFA Wings Shield
Sue Andrews Shield

Cadet Flight Sergeant
Cadet Warrant Officer

Julia Robson
David Brennan

Attendance

Cadet Corporal

Sam Pink

Flying and Gliding

Cadet Sergeant

Fergus Cowley

John Salmon Shield Community Service, Cadet Flight Sergeant

Shaun Williams

John Bonner Award for First class

Cadet

Adam Tibbles

Starling Shield for Marksman

Cadet Corporal

Sam Pink

Sports Cadet

Cadet Corporal

Elizabeth Fentiman

Adventure Training

Cadet Flight Sergeant

Shaun Williams

7 Squadron Shield Best recruit

Cadet

David Shepherd

Stafford Cup for Most Improved Cadet

Cadet Sergeant

Daniel Crisp

Outstanding cadet on camp

Cadet Flight Sergeant

Shaun Williams

The NCOs Trophy

Cadets

Phillip Smith/Simon Taylor

Best SNCO

Cadet Flight Sergeant

Julia Robson

The MacCorkindale Shield for Best Cadet Cadets

Phillip Smith/Simon Taylor

The evening was rounded off by a buffet and raffle provided by the Squadron Civilian Committee.

The Squadron are actively recruiting boys and girls aged 13-18. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Cadet Training Centre in Magdalene Close, Longstanton from 1900-2130hrs. Tel 01954 781180, or email 2524Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org for further information.

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