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PRESS RELEASE

Leadership to the forefront for Henlow Cadets

Cadets from 2482 (Henlow) Squadron ATC (Air Training Corps) have recently returned from the annual Easter Camp at West Toffs Camp, Stanta, near Thetford Forest.

The camp saw over two hundred cadets from Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing be given the opportunity to meet other cadets from around the wing and learn skills and take part in a range of adventure training activities such as leadership, bivvie building, initiative exercises, navigation, cooking in the field, field signals leading up to a 36 hour exercise. The exercise involving four different flights of cadets spending the night out under canvas either in a 12 x 12 tent or in bivvies and completing various tasks or injects ranging from completing a reccie on another flight to testing their map reading skills to collect their food from a pre-determined location.

Members of staff from the Henlow Squadron who were involved in running of the exercise included Civilian Instructor Jason Pegg, RAF Sgt Pete Nixon and A/Sgt Suzie Bowen who all said "The cadets seemed to enjoy it and it was nice to see them getting the chance to experience an exercise scenario".

Each flight was allocated a flight commander to be in charge of the flight and in many cases gave them the chance to practice their leadership skills. The Squadron saw Cadet Sergeant Bethany Parkinson being selected as flight commander of E flight. Bethany said "It was an enjoyable week and I found being flight commander an excellent challenge and opportunity". Along with her in the flight was Cpl Jamie McDougall who was given the honour of being voted best cadet amongst his flight. For many cadets it was the first time they had experienced anything like this and for a few it was the first time away from home.

The Squadron are now preparing for the annual Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Field Training Weekend which will see them compete against other Squadrons in the Wing for various trophies and awards.

2482 (Henlow) Squadron is currently recruiting male and female cadets aged 13-18 years and parade Tuesdays and Thursday nights between 1930 – 2130hrs. For more information contact Flt Lt Sally Corbett on 07773181467 or email 2482Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org
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