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PRESS RELEASE

Long Service Award

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— Civilian Instructor John Kinder was left speechless as Wing Commander Bower paid an informal visit to the squadron. One of the main reasons for the visit, besides the Wing Commander coming down to chat to the squadron's staff and also cadets was to present the Commandants Certificate of Long Service to John Kinder for 12 years service to the Squadron. John is the first member of staff in many years to receive such a prestigious award.

The staff and some cadets all knew the reason behind the visit, the only one on the night who did not was John himself. John Kinder has been a very loyal and hard working member of the squadron for many years now after first coming down as a member of the Civilian Committee representing the Fire Service. John was then asked to join as a Civilian Instructor to occasionally assist, and has been regularly there ever since. Wing Commander Bower was full of praise for John's hard work and efforts over the years on the Squadron through the tough times and through the good times. He has worked very hard and is a loyal member of the team, and without a team of staff the squadron cannot function. John has already signed on for another 4 years and all the staff and cadets hope he will stay for many more years to come.

If you are interested and over 19 the squadron is looking for more volunteers who can spare a couple of hours twice a week and sometimes weekends to help as a member of staff with the growing squadron of cadets. Males and female staff are always needed in such an organisation so if you think this is for you, please call Flt. Lt. Andy Mason on 07715 119136 or drop in on a Wednesday or Friday night, 7-9pm for a chat. All staff appointments are subject to security and CRB clearances.

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