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AIR CADETS HELP LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

For the fifth year, twelve Air Cadets and two Staff from No 2500 (St Neot's) Squadron ATC recently attended the Priory Centre, St Neot's to help the St Neots Players to put on their annual Pantomime, this year it was the turn of "Little Red Riding Hood". The night was a special civic night held to help raise funds for the St Neot's Mayors Charity Appeal and involves many Civic Dignitaries from across Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire also in the audience were residents from local senior citizens homes and Special Needs organisations like MENCAP.

The cadets took on the roll of Doorman, Meeters and Greeters, Cloakroom Attendants, Programme issuers and Ushers. They provided an excellent front of house service for the entire evening. During the Interval they took on the role of waiters and served up the nibbles and drinks to the Civic guests, they received many compliments on their turnout, politeness and behaviour. After the interval they helped many of the older guests to their seats ready for the second half. After clearing away many glasses and plates from the "interval party" they sat down to enjoy the rest of the evening.

Very often I would look round and the cadets would be on their feet shouting "he's behind you!" and "o, yes he is!" they even got involved in getting as many of the Civic guests up on the stage for the final song which every one enjoyed. I think the audience side that the cadets sat in won this for making the most noise!

Once the pantomime had finished they helped the guests leave the seated area. The nominated cadet doormen bid everyone a safe journey and thanked them for coming which rounded the evening off.



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Needless to say that Councillor Pat Gregory, St Neot's Mayor has invited the squadron to provide the support in 2007; we also had several mayors ask how they can contact ATC units in their area as they can see the ATC providing support in some of their activities they are planning.

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