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JOHN HAYES MP JOINS SPALDING AIR CADETS TO CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS AT PASSING OUT PARADE

South Holland & The Deepings MP, John Hayes, Shadow Minister for Education, and Cllr Amanda Puttick, Chairman of South Holland District Council were the guests of honour at a Passing Out Parade and presentation of over 40 awards to 1406 (Spalding) Squadron Air Cadets on Sunday 22 January.

The squadron took over the sports hall at the Castle Sports Complex, with sixty two cadets and seventeen staff taking part in the parade in front of nearly 300 parents and guests.

Special Guest Squadron Leader Steph Simpson, Senior Engineering Officer No. 29 Squadron Typhoon Operational Conversion Unit at RAF Coningsby, took the salute during the squadron march past.



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Among the awards presented were a Silver Duke of Edinburgh award three bronze awards and several 200 hour certificates issued under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Millennium Volunteer scheme. The principal awards made for service on the squadron were; The Burford-Bate Memorial Sword and Tankard awarded to Flight Sergeant Paul Munro for outstanding achievement and service, best exam results during a cadet career, Sergeant Ross Goodley, Male Sports Cadet of the Year, Sergeant Kieran McNab, Female Sports Cadet of the Year, Corporal Lucy Nell. Additional awards were made to Corporal Philip Goodley for most improved cadet, outstanding leadership, Sgt Jack Orwell, best uniform preparation during the year, Sgt Marc Fowler and best attendance for the year to Cadet Adam Pearson. After the parade the guests and the cadet's families returned to the Squadron HQ for a buffet reception.

John Hayes said: "Everyone should feel very proud of the Spalding Squadron and it's Air Cadets – seeing their considerable achievements has made us mortals feel rather inadequate, as we have presented awards to outstanding athletes, those who have excelled in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, as well as, work for the Squadron and service in the community."

"The Air Cadets represent time honoured virtues like service, duty and honour."

"Perhaps these may sound like old fashioned values, but they are qualities which bring society together and hold it together – qualities which inspire people and fulfil them."

"I was proud to be a part of this celebration of 1406 (Spalding) Squadron's success and wish all the Air Cadets and their officers; their family and friends; all those who have helped to train them; and all those who support the Squadron every good wish for the future.



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Squadron Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Keith Bate, said: “We had a fantastic afternoon. The cadets were turned out beautifully and it was great to see their pleasure in putting on a good show for their parents and guests. These cadets work hard for the rewards they get and it is a privilege to work with them.”
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Photos:

Pic 001 Sqn Ldr Steph Simpson (Centre) with Shadow Education Secretary MP John Hayes (Centre Right) With Officers and Guests.

Pic052 New cadet Josh Stone is presented with a Wing Blue for Hockey

Pic13 Flight Sergeant Charlotte Bone receives her 200 hour Millennium Volunteer Certificate from MP John Hayes

Pic 66 Sqn Ldr Steph Simpson presents Flight Sergeant Paul Munro with the Burford-Bate Memorial Tankard and Sword for meritorious Service (Best Cadet)



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