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PRESS RELEASE

Dunstable win Central & East Region RAFA Prize

460 (Dunstable) Squadron have been selected as the Central & East Region winners of the 'Top Flight' competition organised by the Royal Air Force Association. The competition, intended to generate funds for RAFA was judged on the innovative idea of the fund raising event, money raised, and positive publicity for both RAFA and the ATC.

The Dunstable entry was a continuity drill sequence performed in the swimming pool at Dunstable Leisure Centre by the Squadron drill team, followed by members of the Squadron swimming the equivalent distance to the English Channel. The Cadets, dressed in best blue uniform carried out a 10 minute sequence of drill movements, including slow and quick marching, changes in formation and complicated cross-overs without any words of command.

All the Cadets had been sponsored by parents and friends and after the swim the Officer Commanding 460 (Dunstable) Squadron presented the Dunstable Branch of RAFA with a cheque for £1532.31p, just over £1 for every length of the pool swam.

Flt Lt Mick Bell, Officer Commanding 460(Dunstable) Squadron said "Although the primary aim of the event was to raise funds for a very worthy cause (RAFA), winning the Region award is a bonus. It's good that the Cadets have received recognition for their efforts as the event was their idea, and mainly organised by the Squadron Cadet Warrant Officer"

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(1) *460 Squadron Drill Team 'on parade'*

