



## 2331 (St Ives) Squadron Air Training Corps

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### Local Air Cadet receives top honour

Cadet Warrant Officer Lyndsay McGregor (18) of 2331 (St Ives) Squadron ATC has, for the second year, been named **Best Female Cadet of Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing**.

*"I am extremely happy to have been named as the Best Female Cadet of Beds & Cambs Wing, especially for the second year."*

Amongst her many achievements, over the past year, CWO McGregor received a regional award from the prestigious Spitfire Society for her achievements in aviation. In the summer of 2005, CWO McGregor was given the opportunity to complete her flying training and obtain her National Private Pilots Licence by being awarded a John 'Cat's Eye' Cunningham scholarship by the De Havilland Foundation awarded to only three Air Cadets nationally during the year. Lyndsay completed her intensive flying training at Tayside Aviation, Dundee, in September 2005.

*"My flying training began in the ATC with my first Air Experience Flight at 5AEF, RAF Wyton in 2000", Says Lyndsay. "From then on I discovered my passion for flying and when I was sixteen I joined 5AEF as a Staff Cadet. In 2004 I undertook my gliding scholarship at RAF Henlow where I achieved my silver wings, later that year I completed the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (equivalent to half the training for a PPL), at Tayside Aviation. However my main achievement in flying came in April last year when I was awarded the scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to enable the recipient to complete their National Private Pilots Licence. I spent six weeks last summer in Dundee undertaking all the flying training and written exams,*

*which I passed and finally received my licence just before Christmas. I have now joined the Pathfinder Flying Club at RAF Wyton where I am currently converting onto the T-67 Firefly".*

Lyndsay's interests do not just remain with aviation; she is a very active member of the Squadron, based at RAF Wyton, participating fully in the activities open to all the cadets at the squadron, even though she is a full time student at the University of Hertfordshire. As a senior member of the squadron, she also organises many activities including field training and led the squadrons Drill team to a fifth place at the Annual Wing competition. Lyndsay will receive the Brackenborough Bowl at the Annual Wing parade held at RAF Wyton this coming June.

*"Lyndsay is an excellent role model to our cadets, especially the girls, and this award is very much deserved"* said Flt Lt Jayne Treutlein RAF VR(T), Commanding Officer. CWO McGregor is now being put forward to represent Beds & Cambs Wing in the competition for the Dacre Brooch where she will be up against similar exceptional cadets from the Central and East Region of the ATC.

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**---PICTURES SUPPLIED---**

1. CWO McGregor in Uniform
2. CWO McGregor flying

**---NOTES FOR EDITORS---**

The Air Training Corps is a National Youth Organisation affiliated to the Royal Air Force. It is open to girls and boys from the ages of 13 to 20. All Staff members are volunteers.

The Dacre Brooch is a national competition for the best female cadet of the Air Training Corps.

The Male Cadet of the Year for Beds & Cambs wing has been awarded to Flight Sergeant Sam Tierney of 1985 (Flitwick) Sqn, he too is a very keen aviator.

2331 (St Ives) Squadron parade at RAF Wyton on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

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