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CAMBRIDGE AIR CADETS TRIUMPH IN BAND COMPETITION

The band of 104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron, Air Cadets has won five out of the six sections in the Regional Band Competition held at RAF Wittering.

The sixteen-strong band faced competition from other Air Cadet bands from right across the Central and East of England to win: Best Solo Bugle – Cadet James Good; Best Drum Major – Flight Sergeant Beccy Pilsworth; Best Percussion Section; Best Ensemble Section and Best Full Marching Band.

The band's philosophy of playing well-known military marching music with a programme of well-disciplined quick and slow marching paid off for a third year in succession to win them a place in the National Championships at RAF Halton in November.

104 Squadron's Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Richard Slack said "We are absolutely delighted to win so many awards at the Regional Competition. Many of our band members are only in their first year with the Squadron and Band and some hadn't even picked up a musical instrument a few months ago."

"I have to pay tribute to our bandmaster Peter Collis for his hard work in training the band members and inspiring them to play to this standard. We will be up against some stiff competition in the national competition in November but we were Champions there in 2004 and runners up last year so we know what to expect and are looking forward to taking part again this year.

104 Squadron will be open to new recruits in October and will be holding open evenings on Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th October at its Newmarket Road headquarters. Anyone interested should contact the Squadron at join@104atc.org, visit the website at www.104atc.org or call 01223 295324 for further information.

PHOTOGRAPH – 104 Squadron's Band (L to R): CI Helen Collis, Cpl Lydia Galloway, Cpl Zak Rush, Sgt Sabrina Gray, Cdt Clare Perry, Cdt James Good, Cpl Sophie Cracknell, Cpl William Stagg, Sgt James Taylor, Cdt Jemma Hubbard, FS Beccy Pilsworth, Cpl Georgia Towers, Cdt Charlotte Hazell, Cpl Pepita Barlow, Cdt Inge Hunter, Cdt Dale Hoye.