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Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing Field Weekend and Review

RAF Wyton was the destination for Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing Air Cadets over the weekend of 24th and 25th June for the Annual Field Day and Wing Review. Thirty Squadrons took part in the event over the two days which culminated in a Review of the Wing on the Sunday taken by the Central & Eastern Regional Commandant Group Captain Jon Ford FRAeS RAFR.

A variety of coloured Squadron T shirts adorned the teams as they marched round the Station with Flags and Banners flying on the Saturday and Sunday morning as the 30 teams vied for points in fifteen exercises including, First Aid, Aircraft Recognition, the Media Communications Competitions, Team Building exercises, Code breaking exercises, and Drill.

The Sunday afternoon was more formal with over 470 Cadets plus Staff on Parade for the Wing Review. A memorable flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire and Hurricane arrived at 1345hrs prior to the Review.

Individual and Annual Awards were as follows:-

Cadet Forces Medal 2nd clasp for 28 years service – Flt. Lt. P Sucksmith OC **207 (Cranfield) Sqn.**

1st clasp for 18 years service – Flt. Lt. P Starling OC **2524 (Oakington) Sqn** and WO L Wardle **272 (Wisbech) Sqn.**

Medal for 12 years service – Flt. Lt. K Burnham OC **1220 (March) Sqn)** and WO D E Hughes **207 (Cranfield) Sqn.**

51 (Orton) Sqn were awarded the Walker Shield for the best all round Squadron in the Wing for the year 2005.



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The Citizenship Shield was awarded to **1220 (March) Sqn** for contributing most in the field of citizenship training within the community.

2430 (Holbeach) Sqn gained the Enterprise Trophy for their efforts with recruitment, transforming the Squadron HQ, improvement of the training programme and increased involvement in Wing activities and enhance profile in the local community.

Three shields were awarded to **104 (City of Cambridge) Sqn**, The Bower Shield for the best overall Band in the Wing, the Davies Shield for the best percussion and the Fanfare Shield for the best fanfare in the Wing.

460 (Dunstable) Sqn were awarded the Small Bore Shooting Shield.

CWO Lyndsey McGregor from **2331 (St Ives) Sqn** was presented with the Parker-Britannia Trophy which was awarded to the Cadet who has made the most noteworthy achievement of a genuine aviation nature within the year.

WO Brown of **134 (Bedford) Sqn** was awarded the Gibson Goblet for performing well beyond his normal duties in the past 12 months resulting in a particular achievement for the Squadron by the design and build of a working 2 seat hovercraft.

The Davies Cup for contributing most to his Squadron in a specialisation field was awarded to Mr John Shere from **73 (Huntingdon) Sqn**.

Sports Cadets of the Year were Male – Cdt Pleasance **104 (City of Cambridge) Sqn**, Female – Cdt Macer **2523 (Linton) Sqn**.

The Media Communications Trophy was awarded to **1985 (Flitwick) Sqn**, and the Photographic competition Cadet section was awarded to F/S J Henshaw **22 (Sandy) Sqn** – Staff section **104 (City of Cambridge) Sqn**.

134 (Bedford) Sqn won the coveted Trophy for the Drill Competition.

The overall winners of the Field Day Trophy were **2331 (St Ives) Sqn**.



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The Nolan Cup for the best all round male cadet in the Wing was awarded to CWO Sam Tierney **1985 (Flitwick) Sqn** and CWO L McGregor from **2331 (St Ives) Sqn** was awarded the Brackenborough Bowl for the best all round female cadet in the Wing.

Following the Awards ceremony there was a March past with salute taken by the Regional Commandant Gp.Capt Jon Ford FRAeS RAFR.

Congratulations to all participants and winners of Awards over the weekend.

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