

2430 (Holbeach) Squadron

Air Training Corps

Officer Commanding

Flt. Lt. A. Mason RAF VR(T)



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PRESS RELEASE

Squadron Awards Night

After an absence over the past few years, 2430 (Holbeach) Squadron held their Annual Awards night at the function room of the Anglia Motel, Fleet Hargate. The cadets have worked hard all year in various aspects of their training and Squadron life and the Staff has been keeping a close eye on them to try to make their life easier to choose the recipients this year.

The night started with a short inspection of the Squadron, by Squadron Leader Tim Brain, Wing Staff Officer for Beds & Cambs Wing. After the inspection, the parents, guests and cadets moved into the function room to begin the presentations. Flt Lt Mason briefly said a few words, thanking the cadets for all their hard work over the year in helping the Squadron turn a corner, to becoming a Squadron that is well known within the Wing. The awards were presented mainly by Sqn Ldr Brain along with a select few such as the Royal British Legion "Roy Staples" Shield for the best flight, the Padres' award for academic achievement, CI Frank Sauntson's Aircraft Recognition Shield and Sgt McFetridge's Drill trophy, all new awards this year that were sponsored by the presenters.

The overall Cadet of the Year was presented to Cdt Charlotte Wilson who has worked very hard at everything she has done with the Squadron over the past year. She also received an added surprise when she marched up to collect her trophy, as Sqn Ldr Brain pulled out a pair of Corporal's rank slides from the trophy and promoted her at the same time.

The awards were watched by around 65 family and friends of the cadets including, some invited guests including ex-squadron Warrant Officer, Nigel Stennett who received a limited edition Hunter print in recognition of his work on the Squadron. Sqn Ldr Brain summarised the formal side with a short speech about the Corps and the Squadron of which he was pleasantly surprised by the size and strength of the unit, one that he does not normally visit but has heard lots about.

Awards Winners

Cadet of the Year and Promotion to Corporal – Cadet C Wilson

Cadets Cadet of the Year, Sport's person of the Year and Aircraft Recognition Shield– Cpl F Whatling

OC's Cadet - Cdt K Stevens

Best Attendance and Smartest Turnout – Cdt A Feeney



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Best Flight – B Flight

Best Drill – Cdt Woods

Best Recruit – Cdt Roberts

Best NCO - CWO Spencer

Academic Achievement – Cdt B Bentham

— Anyone interested in joining the Squadron, aged 13-18 can come along to the Church Street headquarters on a Wednesday or Friday night, 7pm to 9pm or call 01406 422883 or call Flt Lt Mason on 07715 119136. Or visit our website at **2430holbeachaircadets.org.uk**

If you are too old to be a cadet, then why not think about becoming a member of staff (subject to necessary clearance checks). Come and talk to us and help the Squadron continue going from strength to strength.

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