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Air Cadets enjoy the high life at RAF Marham

Thirty four Air Cadets and Staff from 22 (Sandy), 104 (City of Cambridge), 460 (Dunstable), 2331 (St Ives) and 2523 (Linton) Squadrons in Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing undertook a weeks Annual Camp recently at RAF Marham in Norfolk. It was a warm and sunny week for them, with a very full programme of activities.

Various on Station visit included a visit to the Tornado Squadrons, Tactical Imagery Wing (TIW), Field-craft with the RAF Regiment, Flying at RAF Wyton, a Nitex, Sports, a wet morning with the Fire Service, Karting and Bowling. Off Station visits included a trip to the historic City of Norwich, and an Inter-Flight sand-building Competition at Hunstanton which proved very popular with the Cadets as well as the tourists, who couldn't understand why the young people were so well behaved as did as they were told, until it was explained they were "Air Cadets" and that is what they do - behave!

The on Station visit to 31 Squadron proved very popular, as two Pilots on landing their Tornado came to talk to the Cadets, and explained where they had been, why and how long the "sortie" had taken. Also one of the Pilots explained how he had encountered a bird strike which had caused the plane he was piloting to down some years ago, luckily he was not badly injured. The Visiting Aircraft Squadron (VAS) was also on the agenda for some Cadets and they were shown around a Hawk from 100 Squadron RAF Leeming that had flown in for a few days.

The Drill Competition, marked by the Station Warrant Officer (SWO) proved highly contested, A Flight produced a Drill sequence while B Flight undertook Continuity Drill. The overall winner was A Flight. The Station Warrant Officer said "I enjoyed watching both flights tremendously to see how they had achieved during the weeks practice, and in particular how B Flight had produced such a good continuity Drill sequence in such a small time scale, however, as I am a Drill Warrant Officer I have to award the Competition to A Flight purely for their standard Drill sequence, but congratulations to both Flights". The overall Inter-Flight Competition was also won by A Flight by only one point. The overall best Cadet on Camp was awarded to F/S Lottie Matthews from 460 (Dunstable) Squadron.

There was drama during the Camp when just off Station the Cadets came across a traffic accident whilst on the Coach. Cadet Warrant Officer James Thorne from 2523 (Linton) Squadron leaped into action, as he is trained First Aider and went to assist the motorcyclist and rendered first aid until the Ambulance arrived. Luckily the injured man only had a broken arm.



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The Camp was enjoyed by everyone; Cadets gained an insight into the RAF life and also gained friendships with fellow Cadets from other Squadrons, who they will no doubt meet up with again in the near future.

Grateful thanks to the Station Commander at RAF Marham, the ACLO team and all the hosts on Station.

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Photo 1 – 31 Squadron Pilots with Cadets and Staff
Photo 2 - Nitex: Cadets marching to the exercise site
Photo 3 – Cadets
Photo 4 – Fieldcraft training with the Regiment
Photo 5 – Tornado visit
Photo 6 – Fire Service



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