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Gold and Silvers Galore for First Aiders at National Young Grand Prior First Aid Competition

Cadets from 51 (Orton) Squadron were one of only three Squadrons to qualify and represent the Air Training Corps this month in the 11th National Young Grand Prior First Aid Competition held at the Royal Mail Training Centre, Coton Hall, Rugby on 5 December 2008.

Teams came from all over the UK and Ireland to compete. This year saw teams from the Army Cadet Force (ACF), Sea Cadet Corps (SCC), volunteer organisations such as St John Ambulance, The Order of Malta, St Andrews and other groups including many Schools and Colleges.

The Young Adult team was Civilian Instructor Charlotte Bone, Cadet Sergeant Gemma Healy from 51 (Orton) Squadron, supported by their reserve Officer Cadet Robert Kitchener from 134 (Bedford) Squadron who was a very late replacement. Together they pulled out all the stops and came away with silver medals. A tremendous feat and very well earned second place to this years winners and the friendliest of arch rivals Cambridgeshire ACF Young Adult team.

The Youth team not to be out done by their older teammates and surprising themselves, walked away with silver medals in the Youth category, coming second to competition regulars and very experienced Dollar Academy from Scotland. The team comprised Cadet Rhys Franklin, Cadet Corporal Jess Bradshaw, Cadet Flight Sergeant Jason Dymydiuk and Cadet Sergeant Siobhan Bird (another last minute replacement from 1406 (Spalding) Squadron).

Officer Cadet Robert Kitchener in his first National competition probably had the biggest smile of the day as he walked away with best reserve score, not letting nerves or the competition get the better of him he performed faultlessly to come away with the Silver Shield and Gold medal for best Overall reserve.



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Officer Commanding 51(Orton) Squadron Pilot Officer Angela Bone VR(T) and team trainer was delighted with the results and said afterwards, “the standard of competition was very high this year, and despite two very late reserve changes the teams have come away with 7 Silvers, 1 Gold and two trophies and exceeded all expectations. It shows that the Squadron and the ATC are getting things right with First Aid Training. If things keep progressing at the rate they have already, it is only a matter of time before the ATC has its very first winning team at the National Young Grand Prior Finals.”

For the three squadrons 51 (Orton), 5(F) Northampton and 1262 (Blackburn), this was the culmination of Wing, Regional and Corps events held throughout the year, and is the pinnacle and premier First Aid Competition within the UK.

St John Ambulance founded the Grand Prior Trophy in 1950 as a competition for the winners of national competitions from industry and the public services. The Young Grand Prior competition was founded in 1998, with the support of ACFA, for winners of National youth first aid competitions.

If this has sparked an interest, why not visit the Squadron web site for more information. The Squadron is recruiting now until the end of December. If you are aged between 13-18 and would like to pop in for an informal chat come along on any parade night Tuesday and Wednesday between 1900-2115 at the Squadron HQ. You will find us at Orton Longueville School near the main reception.

A warm welcome awaits, we look forward to seeing you

Wing Warrant Officer
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