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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Air Cadets Parade for ATC Sunday**

Air Cadets from six Squadrons in the Western Sector of Beds & Cambs Wing Air Training Corps will be parading on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in Sandy, to celebrate the formation of the ATC in 1941. The event hosted by 22 (Sandy) Squadron will be joined by Cadets and Staff from 73 (Huntingdon), 134 (Bedford), 2065 (Biggleswade), 2462 (Oakley) and 2500 (St Neots) Squadrons.

The Parade led by the RAF Wyton Voluntary Band will march from 22 (Sandy) Squadron HQ in Berwick Way, off Sunderland Road to St Swithun's Church for a Service at 2pm. There will then be a march past in the High Street, with the salute being taken by Sqn Ldr P F Tuite RAF, representing the Station Commander at RAF Brampton, Henlow and Wyton. The Parade will then march back to Squadron HQ.

Cadets and Staff from all over the UK will be celebrating this event with Parades. The ATC was originally formed from the Air Defence Cadet Corps, which the Air Council ordered to be planned under the name the Air Training Corps in 1941.

His Majesty King George VI set the seal of national recognition on the Air Training Corps by graciously consenting to become its Air Commodore-in-Chief and constituted it by Royal Warrant: "Whereas we deem it expedient to provide for you youth the means of preparing themselves for air service in our Air Force or its Reserves or Auxiliaries or in the Fleet Air Arm or our Navy there shall be established a Corps to be called The Air Training Corps" dated the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1941. This is why we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> February or the nearest Sunday as the Anniversary date of the ATC.

The ATC Badge was designed and once approved by the King, it was published in August 1941. The motto "Venture Adventure" devised by Air Commodore Chamier, was adopted by the ATC and incorporated into the badge which, together with the ATC Ensign, was approved by the King.

The 5<sup>th</sup> February 1962 was the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the ATC. On ATC Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, Air Commodore-in-Chief ATC, presented the Corps with its own Banner. The Banner was received from His Royal Highness during a special 21<sup>st</sup> thanksgiving church parade at the historic St Clement Danes Church in London, official Church of the Royal Air Force. The Banner bears the personal insignia of Prince Philip, as well as the Corps motto "Venture Adventure".



The ATC/ACF Cadet Centre, Alnwick Close, Sandy, Beds. SG19 1UA (no mailbox facility)



The Corps continues to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, supported and parented by the Royal Air Force, with over 38,000 Cadets nationwide, 958 Squadrons, 10,000 Volunteer Staff and 5,000 Civilian Committee members. It helps a new generation of young people aged 13 to 18 to find a positive purpose in life.

The aims of the Corps are: To promote and encourage among young people a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force, To provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life, and to foster the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

If you would like more information on how to join as a Cadet or a member of Staff or Civilian Committee please call 01234 307776, email [22Sqn@BedsCamsWgATC.org](mailto:22Sqn@BedsCamsWgATC.org) or log onto the website at [sandy-aircadets.org.uk](http://sandy-aircadets.org.uk) and follow the link.

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