

Top of the Air Cadets Visits 272 Squadron

The Cadets at 272 were graced with the presence of Air Commodore Ian Stewart, Commandante Air Cadets, when he visited 272 (Wisbech) Air Training Corps (ATC) Squadron recently. He carried out an inspection of the cadets and handed out various awards including a renewal of the 20 year old affiliation between the Wisbech squadron and the local Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) Branch based at Astral House.

The Air Commodore arrived accompanied by the squadron President and RAFA Branch chairman Dr Ray Hutchinson. On arrival at the squadron he was shown around various groups of cadets that were undertaking different exercises and lessons each being led by a staff cadet (A cadet that has worked his way up the classifications and is qualified to teach other cadets). The different projects that were being shown were: Drill, Band, Map Reading and Compass work and Basic Training. These four projects were only hints at what the squadron does but still shows a wide variety of skills.

After the tour of the projects the Air Commodore sat down with the cadets for a one to one session about the ATC. The cadets were then

inspected by the Air Commodore who was extremely impressed with the cadet's turnout claiming that they were "better than many prize winning squadrons he had come across". Awards were then handed out including BTEC Certificates in Aviation Studies for Sergeants Ben Stek and Rebecca Pentalow and Corporal Tim Atkins who was also presented with his Gliding Solo Silver wings. Then the RAFA renewal took place and the parade finished quickly with everyone coming inside for cups of tea and biscuits laid on by the extremely hardworking members of the civilian committee.

Wisbech Squadron are now actively recruiting 13-16 year old to further improve the squadron. If you are interested in becoming a member of the squadron, please come along on a Monday or Thursday Parade night between 7pm and 9pm to have an informal chat with our recruiting team, or email 272Sqn@BedsCambsWgATC.org for further information.

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