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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CADETS TAKE TO THE RIVER!**

Six Air Cadets and three staff members from 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron spent an enjoyable four days on the water during their recent canoe and kayak adventure training camp.

The original plan had been to travel down the upper reaches of the River Wye in Herefordshire but following an afternoon and full day of paddling in constant rain, rising water levels meant that the river had risen to 7ft over its usual summer level and was therefore no longer safe. After some quick planning from the staff, the group then spent the final two days on the River Ouse and the River Cam, providing entertainment for the punters around 'The Backs' in Cambridge along the way!

Highlights of the trip included the group putting their moving water rescue training into action in order to recover a canoe after capsizing, in addition to some of the cadets gaining British Canoe Union star awards.

Cadet Flight Sergeant Tom Pigott (16) said *"Despite having to swim a bit more than I had expected to, it was a great four days and just the sort of thing I joined the Air Cadets to do"*.

**2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron is open to young men and women aged between 13 and 17 years old. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 18:45 and 21:45 at Bassingbourn Barracks. For more information please contact 01763 249156.**

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**Notes to editor**

Attached pictures:

**Canoe\_pic\_1** Cdt Luke Webb & Cdt Cpl Alex Springall demonstrating their paddling skills in a kayak

**Canoe\_pic\_2** The six cadets making their way up the river in their canoes and kayaks

