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## PRESS RELEASE

For ever in our Memory

On a damp Sunday Morning thirty Air Cadets and Staff from 22 (Sandy) Squadron paraded through Sandy Town and at Tempsford Airfield to mark Remembrance Sunday. With the Sandy Scout Reunion Band leading the parade and Cadet Sgt Robert Hubbard carrying the Squadron Banner, the Cadets and Staff marched to the War Memorial in Sandy for a short service. Cadet F/Sgt Akeel Shaikh laid a wreath on behalf of The Squadron, Cadet Sgt Alice Ward Place a poppy cross in the memory of F/S Williamson RAAF and his crew and Cadet Cpl Clare Hillier placed a poppy cross in memory of our late Squadron President, Wg Cdr HA Smith DFC AFC RAF Ret'd. The Parade then carried on to the Church for a formal service of Remembrance.

The Cadets and Staff moved to Tempsford Airfield at this point for their second parade of the day. The Squadron formed up and paraded in front of the barn at the Airfield, and the Service commenced with Cadet Cpl Kim Coates who read a message written by the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges KCB CBE DSO DFC (1918 – 2007) a former Officer Commanding 161 Squadron. In a very moving Remembrance Service surviving members of 138 Squadron RAF, 161 Squadron RAF, Family and Cadets placed Wreaths and Poppy Crosses to honour the Aircrews and SOE agents who flew from this small airfield and never returned.

After the service the Cadets were able to talk to the Veterans who were happy to recount their days spent at Tempsford, they also spent time talking to the service personnel who came over from Defence Intelligence School at Chicksands. They rounded a busy day off with a visit to the small museum on the Airfield where they all learned a lot about the people who serviced at Tempsford and the important part the small airfield played during the Second World War. The Organiser of the Service at Mr Edwin Bryce and the Veterans commented on what a credit to the Squadron the Cadets were and how good it was to see young people coming to and taking part in these events every year.

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Photo 1 Cdt Sgt Robert Hubbard at the Memorial  
Photo 2 Cdt Cpl Hillier, Cdt Sgt Ward and Cdt F/S Shaikh laying wreaths at Sandy.  
Photo 3 Squadron Marching though Sandy.  
Photo 4 Cadets in the small Museum on the Airfield.



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