

2430 (Holbeach) Squadron  
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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Air Cadets take to the water with a Dragon.**

Faced with 17 much bigger adult teams and one other Air Cadet team from Spalding Squadron, 2430 (Holbeach) Squadron ATC took to the water today in Downham Market in the Dragon Boat races. The boats were provided by Hovendon House Cheshire Home and the cadets raised sponsorship in return.

In the first heat, Holbeach were narrowly piped in to second place by a local team but with Spalding trailing behind by 6 seconds, they were off to a great start. Despite the head winds again for the second heat, Holbeach posted a faster time but finished third. Progression into the Semi-Finals came down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final heat of the day and despite posting the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest time of the heat of 62.88 seconds and a full 11 seconds ahead of Spalding again, they finished a gallant 13<sup>th</sup> place from the 18 teams taking part.

The cadets had a fantastic day and despite not winning the competition, they were more than happy to have rowed away to three heat wins over their rival cadet team from Spalding and receiving gallant praise from the eventual race winners, local crew, Tulip Vikings 2. The winner on the day overall was Hovendon House and its residents with the sponsorship the cadets from both squadrons have raised for this worthwhile organisation.

Anyone interested in joining the squadron, aged 13-18 can come along to the Church Street headquarters on a Wednesday or Friday night, 7-9pm or call 01406 422883 or call Flt Lt Mason on 07715 119136. If you are too old to be a cadet, then why not think about becoming a member of staff (subject to necessary clearance checks). Come and talk to us and help the squadron continue going from strength to strength.

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