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Wisbech Youth Does The Town Proud.

Wisbech Air Cadets put on a show to be proud of when they hosted the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Northern Sector parade in honour of ATC Sunday. Cadets and Staff from 51 (Orton), 115 (Peterborough), 272 (Wisbech), 55 (Ramsey), 1220 (March), 1406 (Spalding), 2331 (St Ives) and 2430 (Holbeach) Squadrons took part in the Parade, which are held every year all over the UK to commemorate the Anniversary of the foundation of the Air Training Corps on the 5th February 1941. This year the parade was supposed to be held in Peterborough, but road works in the centre of the city prevented the event taking place there so 272 Wisbech Squadron stepped in at very short notice to get the parade organised.

Wisbech Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Jeff Goodley, said, "We took on the organisation of the parade at very short notice and my staff did a great job getting the music and other technicalities sorted in time for today. I would like to put on record my thanks to the Leader of Wisbech Town Council, Mr David Oliver, Without his tireless work on the day, together with a team of local PCSOs, keeping an area of Market Place free of cars, we would not have had a place to parade. I don't know how he did it, but we are very grateful for his help."

Wisbech Squadron Band provided the music and Squadron Leader Tony Bartlett, the Northern Sector Commander; lead the parade to St Peter's Church. After a commemoration service the parade re-formed and was inspected by Group Captain Ray



Smith, a senior engineering officer from RAF Wyton. The Mayor of Wisbech, Councillor Mrs Yvonne Lawrence, also attended the Church service and inspected the parade, she then joined Gp Capt Smith to take the salute as more than 140 cadets and staff marched past. Refreshments were served in the Wisbech Institute after the ceremonies and Gp Captain Smith complimented the quality of the arrangements and the turnout of all the cadets on parade. He said, "This parade is a credit to the members of Wisbech Squadron who arranged today and the quality of the turnout for the rest of the cadets on the sector is excellent."

Air Cadets is for anyone aged 13 to 17 or adults who feel they can help with 'The Next Generation'. For information about the Air Cadets call; 07050 222600 for an informal chat.

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Pictures:

1. 031 – Sqn Ldr Tony Bartlett Leads the parade during the Beds & Cambs Wing Northern Sector ATC Sunday Parade in Wisbech

Gp Capt Ray Smith from RAF Wyton and The Mayor of Wisbech Cllr Mrs Yvonne Lawrence begin the inspection, before taking the salute at the ATC Sunday Parade in Wisbech.

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