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PRESS RELEASE

Wing Field Weekend and Wing Parade

Air Cadets from 1220 (March) Squadron put in months of preparation for the annual Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Field Competition Weekend and Parade. This year's competition was hosted at RAF Wyton and cadets from each squadron in the Wing competed in the various activities.

The events during the weekend comprised of several initiative exercises which tested the cadet's leadership and team working skills. In addition there was a code breaking exercise, First Aid scenario and an Aircraft Recognition test. Another element was to perform an ensemble piece and weeks of practise paid off with the cadets from 1220 performing their rendition of Baker street to the judges. A Drill sequence also has to be conducted and this year the cadets from March improved on previous years and achieved their highest placing for over ten years making it into the top ten.

On Sunday morning a formal parade and review took place with over 500 cadets on parade. Parents and friends travelled to RAF Wyton to see their sons/daughters on parade. The Reviewing Officer was Group Captain Bea Walcott, Station Commander at RAF Wyton, Brampton and Henlow. The Wings annual awards were announced and this year the hard work from cadets and staff at 1220 Squadron was rewarded with Cdt Sgt Luke Goodall being presented the Nolan cup for being the best male cadet in Beds & Cambs Wing.

Warrant Officer Tammy Curwen was awarded the Gibson Goblet. The goblet is presented to a uniformed member of staff who has performed beyond those duties expected resulting in an achievement for the Squadron or Wing. This was given to Tammy in recognition of the hard work put in to successfully improve the weapons handling skills of cadets around the Wing.

The enterprise trophy was awarded to 1220 (March) Squadron for ensuring training in all aspects of the Air Training Corps syllabus is provided to its cadets. In addition the Squadron has significant achievements in this training notably Cadets with Duke of Edinburgh's awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold level and BTEC in Public Services with cadets passing with grade Distinction*. Flt Lt Kirsty Burnham collected the award on behalf of the Squadron.

The annual aircraft modelling competition was judged during the weekend and cadets from 1220 have been busy through the year in preparation for this. This year they entered models into every category. Only the entries that came first in their class have been announced and winners from 1220 Squadron were:

Cdt Sgt Luke Goodall – Individual Model - Spitfire
Cdt Sgt Luke Goodall – Region Individual Model - Hurricane
Cdt Scott Goodall – Scratch Built -
Cdt Sgt Luke Goodall, I/Cdt Cpl Tom Ward, & Cdt Scott Goodall – Region diorama – Depiction of RAF Marham families day



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The weekend was very busy and to help with the logistics of transporting and looking after the team the Squadron Civilian committee looked after the welfare of the squadron. Lead by The Squadron Chairperson Louise Ayres they arranged to feed and water the cadets and staff that at times were scattered around RAF Wyton. During the evening Squadron Secretary Charlie Griggstone managed to rig up a television so that the team didn't miss the first England match of the World Cup.

Squadron Commander Flt Lt Kirsty Burnham praised the cadets on their team and individual performances over the weekend and thanked the members of the civilian committee for their support. During the debrief she commented "We have just had our annual inspection and received the highest score for our activities and achievements last year, we need to build on that good foundation and the teamwork demonstrated during last weekend will help us to achieve next years goals."

For further information on 1220 log onto the website at www.1220atc.org.uk .

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Attachments: 2010 06 Press Release - WFW - Team.JPG – The Wing Field Team and their trophies



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