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PRESS RELEASE

On Monday the 5th July members of each cadet service from all over the country made their way down to London to participate in one of the most prestigious events being held to celebrate the 150th anniversary of cadet organisations, which involved a parade to Buckingham Palace, Red Arrow display and a Royal Garden Party. Over 400 Air Cadets were selected from different wings and regions to take part and Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing were allocated over 12 places, a majority of those selected from the Wing were also a member of the escort squadron and guard of honour.

After a Monday morning spent travelling, all Air Cadets attending the parade gathered at RAF Northolt, home of the RAF Regiment's Queen's Colour Squadron for an afternoon of drill and band practice to ensure a smart and memorable parade the following day.

All cadets from each organisation formed up and marched down The Mall and through the Palace gates, praised and watched by hundreds of spectators and guests to cadets attending the Royal Garden Party. Once inside the palace grounds the National Anthem was played and all guests gathered to witness the arrival of the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, before proceeding to enjoy the garden party and magnificent views of Buckingham Palace and its' grounds.

Cadet Flight Sergeant Lauren Dougherty, 18, who was selected to represent 207 (Cranfield) Squadron at the parade said, *"The day was incredibly memorable and I felt privileged and proud to be a part of the Air Training Corps and the parade. Every Air Cadet came together and made our organisation look brilliant, I would love the opportunity to take part in such a prestigious event again and I am very thankful that I was chosen."*

207 Squadron are now recruiting new cadets from the age of 13 to 18. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Squadron on 01234 752030 or call in at their Headquarters off Merchants Lane, Cranfield between the times of 7:30pm and 9:30pm on a Monday or Thursday evening.

Cadet Flight Sergeant Lauren Dougherty
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Notes to Editor

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