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PRESS RELEASE

February was a month of celebration, star gazing and reaching dizzy heights for the Air Cadets from 73 (Huntingdon) Squadron.

Sunday 7th February saw the cadets taking part in a parade to celebrate the founding of the Air Training Corps on 5th February 1941. There were over a hundred cadets and twenty staff from all squadrons in the Western Sector, with Huntingdon, St Neots and Bassingbourn representing our area.

The school holidays provided an opportunity for the cadets to spend the day at EADS Astrium in Stevenage. EADS Astrium is Europe's largest space engineering company who are involved in all sectors of the space industry, including launch vehicles, satellite design and manufacture. The cadets had a tour of the site, observed a space engineering workshop and discussed how space affects our daily life, followed by an afternoon workshop with the project to build a satellite; Cadet Euan West, 14 and from St Neots, was on the winning team for the afternoon Satellite Design task. A fantastic day was had by all.

The month culminated in a visit to the high ropes at RAF Wittering where the Cadets carried out team building and personal development exercises. The work with high ropes included climbing 30ft telegraph posts and jumping to a hanging trapeze 8 feet away, fully harnessed with trained military personnel carrying out the exercises. It was a thoroughly worthwhile event.

Spring will see the start of a whole new exciting program, with a weekend of field exercises at the end of March, training for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards commencing in May and planned gliding and light aircraft experience flights.

DSC00123.JPG Shows Cadet Duffy (seated on the right) designing a Satellite.

DSC00137.JPG Shows Cadet West sharing his Satellite design with Cadets from another region.

DSC00145.JPG Shows the cadets from 73 (Huntingdon) Squadron. From L – R: Cadets Caithness, West, Duffy, Johnstone, Queen (Sergeant Cadet Instructor) and Cadet Priest. Cadet West was on the winning team for the afternoon Satellite Design task and is proudly showing his award (a Skynet badge).

Notes for the editor

The Air Training Corps is a voluntary youth organisation parented by the Royal Air Force.

Cadets can join from 13 years old up until their 20th birthday.

Adult staff are always required and welcome. There is no requirement to join the RAF and all staff are volunteers.

73 (Huntingdon) Sqn is based at RAF Brampton.

Interested cadets or staff can contact using adjutant@73huntingdonsqnatc.org.uk