



# 740 (Whitby) Squadron

## Quarterly Newsletter

### News Review



#### HM Coastguard SAR & The Deep Visit

Cadets travelled to Hull on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February to visit HM Coastguard Search and Rescue (SAR) facility at Humberside Airport. This was a visit the cadets had been keen to go on for quite some time, so it was great to finally get the chance to have a guided tour of the Sikorsky S-92 helicopter by pilot Jon Stanley. The pilots eventually got called out on a SAR mission, giving the cadets an opportunity to watch the aircraft take off and get on its way.

Soon after, the cadets departed to their second stop of the day: The Deep. The aquarium was enjoyed by all, before returning to Whitby.

Many thanks to HM Coastguard Search and Rescue at Humberside airport for accommodating us.



#### Sporting Success

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Cadets Nicholls, Swales, Catchpole, Beaumont & Hancock and Sergeants Beaumont, Swales (M) and Swales (S) travelled to RAF Linton-on-Ouse to partake in Wing Cross Country.

They represented the squadron admirably, with Cadet Swales and Sergeants Swales (M) and Beaumont progressing through to Regional Cross Country, where they represented Wing.

Of the three competitors, Sgt Beaumont finished high enough to have the opportunity to travel to HQAC to represent our region, where he finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall of 30. Congratulations to Sgt Beaumont, who is now in the 10<sup>th</sup> best Cross Country runner in the Corps.

#### Weapons Training

7 Cadets completed their weapons training at Middlesbrough TA Centre in January. Some cadets trained on the No 8 rifle, as well as live-firing it the second day. Others trained on the L-98 rifle where cadets will now be eligible to attend future wing shoots and put their training into practice.

#### Pancake Extravaganza

In a fitting competition for Shrove Tuesday (pancake day), cadets raced each other in teams to answer quiz questions. One right answer equalled one pancake ingredient!

The pancakes were, both successfully and unsuccessfully, cooked with various toppings. The night even saw some cadets master the art of pancake flipping, which is no easy feat using a Trangia cooking stove and pan!

A fun night had by both staff and cadets.

#### The Sky is the Limit for Two Cadets

FS Shaw and Sgt S Swales have both been selected to undergo training as part of the Air Cadet Flying Scholarship (ACPS) scheme. The scholarship will provide them both with 12 hours of flying over two weeks at Tayside Aviation, Dundee. This will ultimately give them the opportunity to fly solo at the end and therefore be rewarded their ACPS gold wings.

Speaking on her selection, Sgt Sheona Swales said, "Ever since joining cadets I have always had the ambition to learn to fly – being awarded a scholarship has fulfilled that ambition. I am extremely grateful and feel privileged to have been given this opportunity and I am very excited to start training in May."

#### Diorama Success



On Sunday 26 March, three cadets took this year's squadron diorama to the annual competition at RAF Linton-on-Ouse on behalf of the squadron's scale modelling team. For three years running, we have submitted excellent models to the highest standard we could, however with combined efforts this year we modelled our depiction of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the air cadets, showing two RAF Red Arrow Hawks displaying over College Hall Cranwell.

We took first place, a well-deserved win against some tough competition! Let's hope for the same result next year.

Brand New Shooting for Cadets

For the first time, cadets from squadron had the opportunity to experience clay target shooting. Cpl Puckett and Sgt Swales (M) travelled to York to participate in the shotgun activity. Both cadets scored extremely well for their first time at the sport.

There is to be more taster sessions on the way, as well as the opportunity to clay target shot at the Wing annual camp, Altcar, this year.



Top Communicators

Sgt Swales (S) and Cpl Wharrick spent a Sunday being taught how to qualify cadets for their blue and bronze radio communication badges, which will no doubt be a teaching asset to the squadron.



Wing Commander Visit

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February saw the first visit to the squadron by Wing Commander Whiteley, Station Commander RAF Fylingdales, since recently taking his post there.

He gave the cadets an interesting talk on his role at Fylingdales and his career in the RAF to date and answered some of the varied questions the cadets had.

The Wg Cdr was also kind enough to offer to make some presentations on final parade. Our thanks go to the Wg Cdr and RAF Fylingdales for their continued support.

Let's Move 2017!

Cadets fundraised at this year's Let's Move 2017, a dance show at the Spa Pavilion. The squadron was chosen as the charity this year to fundraise at the show, meaning we had a raffle and a recruitment drive.

In total, cadets raised an impressive £161.

High Climbers

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March cadets visited an indoor climbing wall for a fun couple of hours!

All the cadets who attended had a wonderful time and it is hoped to be the first of many visits to the centre.

Comic Relief Fundraising

A banana, a dinosaur and a hippy were amongst the array of costumes cadets came in for our Comic Relief fundraising night. Party games and Just Dance were on the schedule, with a cake sale and barbeque to top the night off.

Fun was had by all, with a total of £30 being raised for Comic Relief.



Awards

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The following cadets have achieved their DofE this quarter:

- FS Shaw (Gold)
- Sgt Swales (S) (Gold)
- Sgt Swales (M) (Silver)
- Sgt Beaumont (Silver)



Cadet of the Month

The following cadets were awarded cadet of the month:

- Cdt Puckett (January)
- Cdt Grainger (February)
- Cdt Beaumont (March)

Promotions

- Cpl Swales (M) > Sgt
- Cpl Beaumont > Sgt
- Cdt Featherstone > Cpl
- Cdt Puckett > Cpl



200 Club Winner

The following members have won the 200 Club this quarter:

- #161 E. Thompson (January)
- #048 C. Dugdale (February)

New members to the 200 club are always welcome. Application forms are available to download from the website. Tickets are £1 a month and each month the drawn winner will receive 25% of the total month's subscriptions.

