



740 (Whitby) Squadron

Quarterly Newsletter

News Review



New Station Commander's Cadet for Whitby

A very well done to Cdt Sgt Richard Beaumont who has been selected as the Station Commander's Cadet for RAF Fylingdales for 2017. A huge achievement that he should be very proud of. During his time as a Station Commander's Cadet, Sgt Beaumont will be expected to attend events with the Station Commander, Wing Commander Whiteley. Sgt Beaumont commented on his achievement: "I'm privileged and honoured to be the Station Commander's Cadet for RAF Fylingdales. It is a fantastic opportunity and a great insight into the working side of the RAF. As an air cadet, it is my privilege to represent the Corps while having this opportunity, as well as representing my squadron at events throughout the year."



Two Cadets Finish Flying Scholarships

Flight Sergeant William Shaw and Sergeant Sheona Swales have both now finished their flying scholarships this quarter. The Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (ACPS) awards successful cadets with 12 hours of flying at Tayside Aviation, Dundee, with the final aim of the scholarship to fly an aircraft 'solo'. The cadets complete their scholarships in the Aquilla A211, a light single-engine aircraft – similar to the Grob Tutor flown by all cadets at AEFs. During the time spent at Dundee, FS Shaw and Sgt Swales both passed their exams first time and flew circuits around Dundee Airport completely under their own power, with supervision by their instructors. FS Shaw was subsequently able to fly solo, gaining his ACPS wings.



Sgt Swales commented on her experience: "The course has given me the best experiences I have ever experienced during my time with cadets and have learnt a lot during my time there both on flying and on the engineering side as well. From starting the course to the end my flying abilities have drastically improved and although slightly disappointed I enjoyed every moment and intend to carry on working towards achieving a solo flight in the future."



Sporting Success for Whitby

The annual Wing Athletics competition took place on the 23rd April. This saw Whitby compete against 28 other squadrons in various athletics events. It was a successful day for squadron, with four gold medals, one silver and two bronzes. This is a fantastic result and well done to every cadet who took part and did the squadron proud.

As a result of these successes, Sgt Beaumont, Sgt Swales (M) and Cpl Featherstone competed on behalf of our region on the 3rd June. Sgt Beaumont came home with three medals: two bronzes for relay and 1500 m and one silver for 400 m. Well done to all three, it is a fantastic achievement to represent your wing at regional athletics!



Annual Formal Inspection

The 1st June saw the squadron undergo its Annual Formal Inspection (AFI) by Wing Commander Wiggins, OC Central and East Yorkshire Wing, and other wing staff members. The Wg Cdr first inspected the cadets, asking them various questions regarding their time spent as an Air Cadet, before the cadets performed a drill routine and march past for the Wg Cdr. The inspection was concluded on final parade where the Wg Cdr presented some of our cadets with various certificates. Well done to the whole squadron, staff and cadets, for another successful AFI!



Productive Swimming Session

20 cadets spent a parade night at Whitby Leisure Centre on the 8th May, allowing them to be tested and awarded their swimming proficiency certificates. All cadets achieved basic, with some challenging themselves to gain their intermediate and advanced proficiencies. These certificates enable to cadets to be able to partake in water-based activities such as kayaking.

Regional Commandant Visits

On the 16th May, Group Captain Leeming, Regional Commandant, North, visited squadron for the evening. The Group Captain had a chance to look around the squadron, having a go on our simulator and talk to cadets and staff. The Group Captain was also able to welcome four cadets into the organisation; they were enrolled and presented their 3822 logbooks by the Group Captain, after all cadets recited their promise.

Crazy Golf and Mining

On the 17th June, twelve cadets and four staff enjoying a day of crazy golfing at Holey Molies, Skelton – which boasts the world’s longest mini golf hole – as well as an educational visit to Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum at Skinningrove. It is unclear who the winner of crazy golf is, but everyone had an enjoyable time!



Armed Forces Day

We showed our support for Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24th June with drill displays and a recruitment tent at Whitby War Memorial, finishing with a sunset parade. The public were also treated to a flyover by a Hurricane.

RAF Fylingdales Visit

Eleven cadets and three staff enjoyed a tour of RAF Fylingdales on 25th April. The cadets looked at Fylingdales’ role in the RAF and used a website to track satellites. Many thanks go to RAF Fylingdales for accommodating us.

Awards

Cadet of the Month

The following cadets were awarded cadet of the month:

- Cdt Witney (April)
- Cdt Nicholls (May)
- Cdt Roper (June)

200 Club Winner

The following members have won the 200 Club from March to May:

- #63 J. Emerson (March)
- #15 S. Bedford (April)
- #103 K. Shaw (May)

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.

Upcoming Events – Third Quarter 2017

July 2017							
Sat 8 th	Sun 9 th	Thurs 13 th	Fri 14 th	Sat 22 nd	Thurs 27 th	Fri 28 th	Sun 30 th
Roxby Show	Wing Training Day	Squadron BBQ	Flying	Sunderland Air Show	Fylingdales Gala Day	RAC Camp	Padre’s Service
August 2017							
Mon 7 th -11 th	Wed 16 th	Wed 16 th	Sat 19 th -26 th	Sat 19 th	Sun 20 th	Mon 21 st	
Sqn Summer Camp	Aviation Day	Danby Show	Altcar Camp	Whitby Regatta	Whitby Regatta	Whitby Regatta	
September 2017							
Sat 9 th				Sat 23 rd			
Castleton Show				Weapons Training			

This list is subject to change.

