



740 (Whitby) Squadron

Quarterly Newsletter

News Review



Grassington Summer Camp

From 7-11 August, cadets and staff embarked to Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales for a week's camp, exclusive to Whitby cadets. This is the first time the squadron has hosted its own summer camp and it was a huge success. Cadets enjoyed walks to places of interests, such as Bolton Abbey, Stump Cross Caverns, Linton Falls and Eden Camp. In their down time, cadets got competitive with board games as well as shopping and bowling in Skipton. The STEM kit was used to test the cadets' leadership and initiative and orienteering skills were also tested throughout the week. The camp was enjoyed thoroughly by all who attended, and a special thanks must go to the staff who worked tirelessly to organise it.



Squadron Says Goodbye to Padre



For 6 years, Padre Deacon Helen Webster has been an integral part of the squadron and has helped massively in all aspects of the squadron's fundraising and activities. Cadets and staff attended the Padre's leaving service at the end of July. Every member of 740 (Whitby) Squadron wishes her the very best in the future and thank you for your service.

740 (Whitby) Squadron to the Rescue

Following a busy day at Danby Show on 17 August, three cadets and two staff were travelling back to squadron along the A171, when they came across a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) between a pedestrian and a van. On arrival at the scene it was discovered they were the first on scene with a first aid kit. Our staff, CI Probst and FS (ATC) Tompkins immediately began First Aid treatment to the casualty at the side of the road alongside an off-duty nurse, until the paramedics and ambulance arrived and were able to begin taking over his treatment. While the staff were treating the casualty two cadets who were travelling in our vehicle assisted by fetching items from the car to aid the treatment, whilst Cadet Brighton, was able to help by assisting the Police with traffic control until the road was closed off, and also assist with the spinal board lift onto the ambulance's cot. This proves how vital it is that all of our cadets and staff receive first aid training as part of the Air Cadet Progressive Training Syllabus. The Squadron would like to wish the casualty a speedy recovery.

Aviation Day

On 16 August cadets and staff travelled to RAF Topcliffe for a unique and amazing opportunity. The cadets, along with many others from the Wing were given the chance to have an air experience flight in either a Chinook or Puma helicopter. It was a monumental day for all cadets involved and one which was enjoyed thoroughly by all.



American Guests



The 15 August saw the squadron hosted 15 cadets and staff from 152 (City of Hull) Sqn and members of the Civil Air Patrol, the American air cadets, on an exchange visit from America. The visit included a tour around Whitby Lifeboat station, trip to sea on Whitby's old lifeboat along with a walk up the 199 steps and photo outside Whitby Abbey. The group were also treated to Fish & Chips for lunch!

Food Hygiene Success

Congratulations to the 14 cadets and 4 staff who achieved their Level 2 in Food Safety at the beginning of September. Thank you to CI Probst for running the course, which was extremely useful and informative for all involved.

Rocket Building

On 20 July, the cadets were challenged to make a rocket which would safely transport an "egg pilot" into orbit. Out of the five "egg pilots" only four were launched into orbit, as one had an accident during training. All "egg pilots" who were launched did however land safely!

Altcar Camp

It's was a busy week for 5 cadets and 2 staff from Whitby Squadron as they attended the Wing Field Camp at Altcar on 8 August. Activities included, fieldcraft training, weapons training and firing, trips to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Liverpool, Bowling, water activities, high ropes course and much more! A great week was had by all, especially as the squadron was able to catch up with the visiting cadets and staff from the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) that we had hosted in Whitby earlier last week.



Overseas Camp to Gibraltar

Recently, FS Shaw was lucky enough to attend an overseas annual camp in Gibraltar. He commented on his experience, "I have had such an incredible experience spending a week at RAF Gibraltar - one of the best and most diverse camps that the Air Cadet Organisation has to offer. 44 cadets from all over the country came together to take on the week's activities. RAF Gibraltar sits directly below the 'Rock', which makes for incredible views 24/7. During the week, we explored a mile of the 30 mile WWII tunnel system inside the Rock, climbed the Rock and had the pleasure of meeting the apes, visited a waterpark and safari zoo in Spain, visited the Gibraltar Sea Police boats, had a dolphin adventure tour in the Bay, had plenty of free time in the evenings in town and at the beach, as well as much more. I would recommend Gibraltar to every single cadet who is eligible.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Cpl Wharrick recently completed her Gold DofE expedition in Bavaria. Here is what she had to say: "My trip started with an acclimatisation day on the Grünten mountain 1700 meters high; getting our heads around the German maps and a feel for the heights we would be expected to climb. After a day of route planning my expedition began. We set off from the Neuschwanstein Castle (famous for its appearance in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang) in Austria before ascending on to the ridge walk and completing day one. Day 2 took us on a challenging climb up to the Bad Kissinger Hütte 1880 meters high. Day 3 was my favourite day as the scenery was amazing, we made it up the Allgäu Alps to the Landsberger Hütte. On the final day we took a valley route around a mountain seeing more of the villages and experiencing Bavarian culture, this led to my proudest moment when we walked as a team, in step, singing and carrying the Yorkshire flag to the finish where we successfully completed our gold expedition. I would definitely recommend it for a gold expedition that's different and highly rewarding.

Awards

Cadet of the Month

- Cdt Harcourt (July)
- Cdt Humphreys (August)
- Cdt Wright (September)

Promotions

- Cdt > Cpl Nicholls
- Cdt > Cpl Catchpole

200 Club Winner

The following members have won the 200 Club from June to August:

- #167 K. Shaw (June)
- #12 J. Emerson (July)
- #153 K. Shaw (August)

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 – Fourth Quarter 2017

October 2017						
Sat 7 th	Thurs 12 th	Sat 21 st	Sun 22 nd	Tues 31 st		
Clay Target Shoot	Flying 9AEF	L98 Training	Air Combat Power Visit	Flying 9AEF		
November 2017						
Sat 4 th	Sun 5 th	Sat 11 th	Sun 12 th	Fri 17 th	Sat 18 th –19 th	Sun 26 th
Poppy Selling	Morse Code Training	Armistice Day Service	Remembrance Parade	Lantern Parade	Weapons Training/Shoot	RAF in Concert
December 2017						
Fri 8 th						
Awards Evening						

This list is subject to change.



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