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(STOWMARKET) AIR  
TRAINING CORPS

**COMING UP  
FOR JULY  
2008:**

Thurston Air Fair and Proms	SAT 5TH/ SUN 6TH
GIC	SAT 5TH
Civic Service	SUN 6TH
Stowmarket Carnival	SAT 12TH /SUN 13TH
RAFA ban- ner rededica- tion	SUN 13TH
Parachute Course	SUN 13TH TO THU 17TH
Wether- ingsett Fete	SAT 19TH
Annual Camp at Uxbridge	SUN 19TH TO SAT 26TH
Field craft at Wattisham	MON 21ST

**The Stowmartian**

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## Going For Gold!

On Sunday 4th May, 12 cadets from Stowmarket Squadron attended the annual Wing Athletics Championships at Bury St. Edmunds sports centre. The day started off well with 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals before lunchtime, and going on to win overall 5 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

The gold medals were awarded to Cdt Adam Gocher (13) for discus and high jump, Cdt Liam Cocks (14) for the 1500

metre race, Cdt Russel Dalley (14) for the 800 metre race and Cpl Steph Durrant (17) for high jump. The silver medals went to Cdt Dalley for long jump, Flt Sgt Daniel Vincent (17) for Shot and Cdt Kimberley Owen (15) for the 800 metre race. Bronze medals were awarded for the Boys relay team and Sgt Jenny Cole (17) for the girls 200 metre race.

The squadron were also triumphant in winning the overall shield for the 13 to 15 years boys team

(pictured). This is the first time the squadron has ever won the award, first presented in 1963 by the Air Vice Marshall F.P.Don. OBE.

Well Done  
Everyone!!



## Gliding Success

Cadets attend gliding at 611 VGS based at Watton. A Gliding Induction Course allows cadets to experience the sensation of winch launched Viking gliders. During their time in the air they are given the opportunity to take control of the glider and

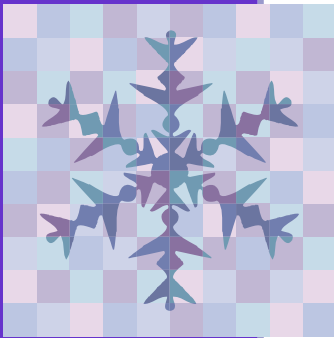
experience aerobatics. In January, Sgt Cole started her Gliding Scholarship (GS) and completed in May, going solo for her silver wings. Cpl Durrant also started a GS in May and is just waiting for an improvement in the weather to allow her to

also go solo. The sqn wishes her the best of luck in completing her course.

Sgt Jenny Cole



## “Stowmarket Cadet In Winter Adventure.”



Sgt Rob Cates from Stowmarket Squadron joined 23 other cadets from across the UK to attend the Royal Air Forces Basic Winter Training Scheme in Germany. The ‘Snow eagle’ course ran from 28th March to 6th April in Oberstdorf in South Germany and consisted of 6 days of Alpine and ski

touring, skiing uphill to come back down the slopes. Sgt Rob Cates also learnt how to survive in cold and snowy conditions, learning how to build snow shelters for himself and groups.

Rob said “ I had a truly amazing time and it was a once in a lifetime experience that I would fully recommend to anyone that is offered

a place.”

Rob is the first cadet to attend this course from Norfolk and Suffolk wing and had to go through a thorough selection process to attend.

For more information about the “Snow Eagle” course see Sgt Cates.

### COMING UP FOR AUGUST 2008:

Folkestone Camp Briefing	FRI 1ST
Sponsored 30 hours no sleep	SAT 2ND/ SUN 3RD
Adventure Training Camp at Folkestone	SAT 9TH/ SUN 17TH
Canada Expedition Training	SAT 30TH / SUN 31ST

## Strike to Victory (Almost!)

On the 22nd June, 9 cadets from Stowmarket went to Norwich for the Wing 6-a-side football tournament. Each Sqn has to have 3 cadets under 15 and one female cadet playing. Sgt Cole, Cdt

Gocher, (Principle goal scorer) Cdt Durham, Cdt Cocks, Cdt Denny, Cdt Philpott, Cdt Edgar and Cdt Bason all took part to win us third place against some tough competition. However

they only lost by one point to Thetford Sqn, so it was a close call. Well done to all that took part, it was a great effort and a fantastic performance. Better luck next year.

Sgt Jenny Cole

## Cadets To Canada.

In August 2009, 3 cadets and 2 staff will be joining Kings Lynn squadron for an adventure training expedition to Canada. The aim of the project is to instruct, demonstrate and practice adventurous activities including

mountain biking, hill walking and canoeing on the Elaho river. The demands of the expedition will foster and cultivate a high level of teamwork and leadership skills. The expedition will last 17 days in total. Cadets

will raise the funds needed through sponsorship and fund raising. We are collecting cans to be recycled to help us raise money so please donate! Bring to Sqn HQ or leave in alley beside no.53 Finborough Road.



Around Canada In 17 Days!

# Wing Field Pride

In May the Squadron entered the most successful Wing Field team in eight years. This annual competition sees all 28 Squadrons in Norfolk & Suffolk Wing competing for top honours as Wing Field Champions. The weekend involves many challenges from shooting, Aircraft recognition, River crossing and



Wing Field Team, FS Vincent, Sgt Cole, Cpl Durrant, Cpl Hayhoe, Cdt Cocks, Cdt Dalley, Cdt Gocher and Cdt Weedon.

Obstacle Course to name but a few. The 1331 team achieved 7th place overall,

a vast improvement on last years 13th place, beating all but one Squadron from our sector. The C.O said of the event "It is a great achievement when competing against larger Squadrons such as Bury & Ipswich. The team spirit & effort was 2nd to none".

## George Ward.

On the 4th May, the Sqn and members from various other organizations attended the memorial service for ex-Stowmarket Sqn member George Ward. He was the first cadet from the squadron to die during World War

2, in 1943. George Ward, a member of 10 Sqn, was denied landing at RAF Leeming and unfortunately the plane crashed, killing 5 crew members and injuring the remaining 3. He left behind 6 sisters and 2 brothers.

The cadets have adopted his war grave and maintain it throughout the year. This year it was an awe inspiring and moving service with a fly past from an Avro Lancaster bomber.

Cpl Nick Hayhoe.

### COMING UP FOR SEPTEMBER 2008:

Felsham Street Fair	SUN 7TH
Battle of Britain Day	SUN 14TH
Battle of Britain Parade	SUN 21ST
Wing Swimming	SUN 14TH
AEF	SAT 27TH
Sports Tri-als	SUN 28TH
Sqn DofE- Peaks	SAT 27TH SUN 28TH
Peaks Com- petition	SAT 11TH SUN 12TH

## We're All Going On A Summer Holiday!

Cdts have the opportunity to go to RAF Uxbridge this year for their annual summer camp. On the 20th July they will travel to RAF Uxbridge in London. They will have the opportunities to visit several museums including the Imperial war museum and the RAF

museum. As well as Churchill's war rooms. They will take part in a wide range of activities including drill, flying and swimming.

On the 9th August there will also be the chance to go to Folkestone camp (replacing

Browdown) in Dover. This is an adventure training camp that will include activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, mountain biking and many more.

For more information see any member of staff.

# FUN PAGE



## Caption Competition

Here is your chance to win a small prize. We will be printing a photo in each issue and it is up to you to come up with the funniest caption!

All entries to be submitted to CI A Kepler. By 30th August 2008.



## SQD ANNUAL DINNER

This years annual dinner is being held on the Friday 5th September 2008. It will be taking place at the Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket.

We will be having a three course sit down meal and an accompanying disco afterwards.

If anyone has any photos that they would like to donate to the squadron , please see CI A Kepler.

More information will be available nearer the time.

### WIN A CHOCOLATE BARI

Below you will find ten words related to the Air Training Corps. Here are some helpful hints to assist you.

- 1) The name of our organisation
- 2) You shoot in this
- 3) Our summer camp is here this year
- 4) The CO's rank (abbrev.)
- 5) The highest classification of a cadet
- 6) The Founder of the ATC
- 7) One of the B of B memorial flight aircraft
- 8) What you wear
- 9) Rank below Sergeant
- 10) You wear this with your No. 1's

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## WO's Corner



### Uniform Tip of the month:

For the best creases in uniform trousers get a clean cotton t-towel from the kitchen (not from parents hands as they are drying up!!). Place it over the trousers or skirt on the board and then iron onto the t-towel to ensure a good crease. This helps to prevent the trousers going shiny!!

**Remember that if you have any questions or queries or even any problems to see your cadet Nco's first and then come and see myself or Sgt McIntyre. Remember to use your chain of command!!**