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## EDITORIAL

Now that the main celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee have passed, we may reflect upon the fifty years Service of our Sovereign has given to this Nation and Commonwealth. Her Majesty along with her Consort, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, have performed a service of duty unparalleled in the modern age.

We as members of the ATC in particular, and the Cadet Forces in general, along with our parent service organisations use Her Majesty's service as an exemplar to reflect the same sense of duty to our nation and our local communities. By wearing the uniform of our Queen and of our parent service we inherently embody the history and traditions of the Royal Air Force to a nation often divorced from the concept of military service and we by the very wearing of uniform and of doing our duty by it enable the populace at large to have some notion of a once too obvious military ethos.

With one Golden Jubilee celebrated this year we in the ATC are fortunate to be able to celebrate another early next year for on the 15th January 2003, the Duke of Edinburgh will have been our Air Commodore-in-Chief for fifty years.

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Croydon's Finest—from L to R, AVM Evans, Wg Cdr Osborne, CWO Wright, Cllr Peter Hobson, AWO McDonnell, Cdt Flt Sgt Tehan, CWO Bird and Col McRobbie.  
Photo: Plt Off Tunesi.

## CROYDON AIR CADETS MEET THE MAYOR

Some 75 Cadets plus Staff from Croydon's five Air Training Corps Squadrons were invited on the evening of 18th of April to a Civic Reception at the Town Hall in Catherine Street to meet the Mayor, Councillor Peter Hobson, in company with the Mayoress, Mrs Eileen Hobson in order to celebrate the recent Diamond Jubilee of the Corps.

The Reception being one of the last of Cllr Hobson's Mayoralty as he was soon to complete his year in office was all the more poignant as he himself was a cadet with the ATC in the late 1940's. During the course of the evening, an opportunity was

taken for the mayor to make some awards to four cadets present witnessed by Wing Commander Tony Osborne, OC Wing, Air Vice Marshal Clive Evans, the Wing President and Colonel Iain McRobbie, the Representative DL for Croydon.

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The awards were: Best Cadet in Wing 2002 - CWO Simon Bird (97 (Croydon) Sqn); Deputy Lieutenant's Certificates - Cadet (now AWO) Michael McDonnell (97 (Croydon) Sqn) - Cdt Flt Sgt Martyn Smith (714 (Selhurst) Sqn) awarded *in absentia*; Cdt Flt Sgt Mark Tehan (97 (Croydon) Sqn); and CWO Daniel Wright (285 (Coulsdon & Purley) Sqn).



## WING RADIO NEWS

By Alan G. Hobbs,  
Wing Radio Officer

Following on to last years successful pilot course, the second course for the Amateur Radio Foundation Licence, organised and run by the LaSER Radio Team, with myself as lead Instructor, was held at 1924 (Shirley) Sqn over the weekend of 4th/5th May. Ten cadets, and three members of staff, from across the Region took part in this course, with nine of the cadets, an all three members of staff satisfactorily completing the written examination and the Morse Code sending and receiving assessment. Two of the cadets who completed the course came from Surrey Wing. They were Cadet E. Fosbrook, now licenced as M3FOZ and Cadet N. Ross, now licenced as M3ROZ, both of 1924 (Shirley) Sqn. The Foundation Amateur Radio Licences that they have obtained are a very worthwhile civilian qualification, which will allow them to contact other licenced Radio Amateurs throughout the World. Places

were offered to other Squadrons in the Wing, but, unfortunately, the Squadrons were not able to offer any suitable candidates. It is proposed to run another such course over the weekend of Friday 13th September/ Sunday 15th September inclusive. This is planned to be a residential course although the location for the course has not yet been finalised. Places will be limited, and further details of this course can be obtained from the Wing Radio Officer.

## JUBILEE CONCERT AT LOSELEY PARK

On the evening of 23rd June, a concert was held in the grounds of Loseley Park near Guildford in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, in the presence of THR's The Earl and Countess of Wessex.

Under the auspices of SERFCA, Cadets from all three Service organisations were involved with the evenings proceedings, undertaking the marshalling of spectators and car park duties together with the selling of programmes for the event.

Surrey Wing was represented by Cadets and Staff from 261 (Guildford) Sqn.

## QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL

As there has been some question with regard to the order of wear of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, for those so entitled. Please note the medal should be worn *after* all War/Campaign medals, and *before* all Long Service Medals, in our case, this would be the Cadet Forces Medal.



Private Nicole Black, RLC after her passing out at ATR Pirbright earlier this year.

## EX-SURREY CADET DRIVES FOR MILITARY CAREER

Former Cadet of 18F (Wimbledon) Squadron Nicole Black (18) has recently passed out from the Army Training Regiment, Pirbright as a Private in the Royal Logistic Corps.

At the conclusion of her initial training, Nicole received the Commanding Officers Prize for her personal turnout and discipline, as well as excelling in the military skills taught to her during her course at Pirbright

Nicole is to be posted to the RLC'S Depot at the Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, Surrey to undertake training for her chosen trade as a driver with the RLC.

Whilst a cadet at 18F Nicole excelled at sporting activities, representing her Squadron at the Wing's Annual Sports Day and was presented with the Best Sportswoman trophy at the Squadron's last Annual Inspection in 2001, by Wg Cdr D.L.Prowse, OBE, OC 18 Squadron, RAF.



## SWATT CHALLENGE TROPHY

By Flt Lt Ray Sullivan  
Wing Adventure Training Team Officer

During the recent Wing Basic camp held at Crowborough Training Camp six cadets from various squadrons around the Wing took part in the first stage of a new competition.

The Surrey Wing Adventure Training Team (SWATT) Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the cadet that comes out tops in the final stage of the competition that will be held South Wales in November.

Sgt. Thomas (1349), Cpl. Hall (450), Cpl. Crossley (1349), Cpl. Fisher (285), Cpl. Kemp (229) and Cdt. Palmer (450) spent the weekend at Crowborough being trained in all the elements that they will encounter during the final part of the competition. These included navigation, shelter construction, fieldcraft, teamwork and food preparation.

The Trophy will be awarded to the area represented by the cadet achieving the highest score in the final stage which will consist primarily of a survival type situation in which the cadets will have to employ all of the skills recently taught to them in training, in order to overcome fairly arduous tasks set them.



Wing OC with the four finalists of the Best Cadet Competition 2002  
L to R, Cdt Sgt Overington (43F) - 4th place; Cdt Sgt Clifflen (565) - 2nd place;  
Cdt Flt Sgt Mantin (135) - 3rd place and CWO Bird (97) - Winner.

## BEST CADET COMPETITION 2002

By Sqn Ldr Sylvie Silver  
Wing Staff Development Officer

The final selection procedure for the Wing's Best Cadet Competition 2002 took place at 1034 (Surbiton) Sqn on Sunday 14th April. The 16 candidates had uniform inspection, followed by a 30 question ATC general knowledge exam paper, and a five minute presentation on an ATC topic of their choice. The top four cadets were then interviewed by a board consisting of OC Wing, together with Flt Lt Sullivan and Sqn Ldr Silver. The final scores were very close and all the cadets should be commended for their performance. Overall, the standard was very high indeed. At the end of the day the results were as follows:

- 1st - CWO Bird (97)
- 2nd - Sgt Clifflen (565)
- 3rd - Flt Sgt Mantin (135)
- 4th - Sgt Overington (43F)
- =5th - Flt Sgt Wilde (1268)
- =5th - Sgt Desbottes (66)
- 7th - Cpl Fisher (285)
- =8th - Flt Sgt Aslen (219)
- =8th - Flt Sgt Whitear (1034)
- 10th - Sgt Macey (18F)

CWO Bird as the winner was presented with the Sydney Black Trophy while Sgt Clifflen won the John Mason Trophy and will be presented with the Trophy at a later date. In addition, all those who attended will receive their Cadet of the Year Certificates from Wing HQ shortly.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE EXHIBITION OF GARTER CRESTS

In order to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the College of Arms in Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4 is holding an exhibition of the Crests of deceased Knights of the Garter of the Queen's Reign. The crests form part of the coat of arms of the knight and are displayed above their Stall at St George's Chapel, Windsor. They are taken down at their death and are retained in the College. Among the crests are those of Charles, 1st and last Viscount Portal of Hungerford (Chief of the Air Staff 1940-45).

The Exhibition is on until the end of September and is well worth a visit. Open Monday to Friday 10am-4pm, and is free.

## AWARD OF CADET FORCES MEDAL/ CLASPS

The following staff of Surrey Wing have been awarded clasps to the Cadet Forces Medal during the period January/June 2002:

### *2nd Clasp*

Flt Lt A. Cleeter - 18F

### *1st Clasp*

Flt Lt N. Baker - 1408  
Flt Lt G. Blundell-Pound - 1408  
Flt Lt J. Borwick - 2157  
Flt Lt M. Carter - 11F  
Flt Lt P. Hatch - 1254  
WO S. Mansfield - WWO  
Flt Lt R. Morris - 144  
Flt Lt R. Yee - 43F

## AIR CADETS REUNITED

For those with access to the Internet, a new website has come to my attention, that may well assist Squadrons in locating past cadets and staff.

Air Cadets Reunited - Web address: [www.3822.co.uk](http://www.3822.co.uk) is operational from 5th August 2002.

It aims to be a service dedicated at getting former Air Cadets back in touch with each other by providing resources to enable such contacts to be made. It will also allow current Air Cadets to discuss cadet issues and share memories.

I should be interested to hear from anyone who makes use of this site, or who has any comments on its content and operation.



## WING PHOTO COMPETITION

By now all Squadrons should have received notification of the Rules for the Wing's Photographic Competition, the results of which are to be announced on Friday 6th September.

This competition is being run alongside the Wing's Aero Modelling and Aircraft Recognition Competition to be held at 323 (Epsom & Ewell) Sqn from 1900hrs on the above mentioned date.

The classes are a) Individual Adult, b) Individual Cadet aged under 16 c) Individual Cadet aged over 16. All the classes are each divided into two categories, 1) Aircraft/ Aviation and 2) General - covering all aspects of Air Cadet Training other than Aircraft/ Aviation.

Deadline for your entries is **Friday 23rd August**. All entries are to be sent to the Wing CCO at 192 Merton Road.

## WING REVIEW UPDATE

All is going to plan with regards to the programming for the day. Invitations have been sent to our VIP's, and we all look forward to seeing you on Sunday 29th September at RAF Odiham.

## A QUESTION OF COPYRIGHT FOR PHOTOS

At a recent PR Workshop run under the auspices of LaSER, held at Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, attended by the Head of CC, HQAC at Cranwell, Rachel Voigt, the question of copyright of photographs was raised.

I believe a memo was issued some time ago regarding this subject, I write now to underline the fact that when any member of the ATC takes a photograph and that photograph is subsequently published in a newspaper or magazine, it by rights becomes Crown Copyright and not the personal copyright of the photographer. This is to safeguard the individual from any adverse consequences subsequent to its publication. Therefore, all photographs taken in the course of your ATC duties which are to be used for publicity purposes, should along with the caption state the following: **Crown Copyright/MOD**.

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