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EDITORIAL

At our recent review at RAF Odiham, we managed during the course of the day to persuade the Corps' Commandant, Air Commodore Jon Chitty to race in a go-kart, scale a climbing wall and then abseil down it again and take part in a 'It's a Knockout' type competition getting rather wet in the process!

The day began with a thick mist lying over Odiham's airfield, but this soon melted away once the sun rose high in a blue Hampshire sky keeping the remainder of the day warm and bright.

On Air Commodore Chitty's arrival on the airfield, he was welcomed by Wing Commander Tony Osborne, Officer Commanding Wing and was further invited by Flight Lieutenant Alan Talbot, the parade commander to inspect the guard of honour made up of representative cadets from each of the wing's 28 squadrons, following which he took the salute on the march past. Thereafter the day consisted in a round of activities

ent to enable the cadets to enjoy their day to the fullest. The activities included go-kart racing, a timed fire engine pull, a competition featuring squadron built model gliders, a climbing and abseil wall, flights in a Vigilant motor glider - but most popular of all was the 'It's a Knockout' type competition in which all the entrants got more than a little wet!

At the close of the day, an informal parade was drawn up by Wing Warrant Officer, AWO Mansfield, during which the opportunity was taken to present certain members of the with certificates, trophies and prizes that had been won throughout the preceding year, as well as number of clasps to the Cadet Forces Medal to qualifying staff. At the end of the presentations, Air Commodore Chitty spoke of his enjoyment of the day, thanking Wing Commander Osborne, OC Wing and all wing personnel for making the day such a success - and finally, and not least, he thanked all the cadets for their taking part with such enthusiasm.

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Air Commodore Chitty receiving the Wing's Certificate of Appreciation from Wing Commander Osborne, OC Wing.

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OPERATION GOSSAMER RESULTS

A total of 15 squadrons took part and the competition results are found below. The competition was judged by Master Air Loadmaster (MALM) Jim Armstrong from the Defence Helicopter Flying School at RAF Shawbury.

Longest Horizontal Distance Flown

1st Place	1075 (Camberley) Sqn	(22.97m)
2nd Place	1924 (Shirley) Sqn	(16.52m)
3rd Place	1034 (Surbiton) Sqn	(16.00m)

Longest Flight Duration

1st Place	1075 (Camberley) Sqn	(6.5 secs)
2nd Place	11F (Brooklands) Sqn	(4.0 secs)
3rd Place	450 (Kenley) Sqn	(3.6 secs)

Most Original Design

1408 (Dorking) Sqn

Best Disaster

11F (Brooklands) Sqn (Aircraft placed 2nd in Longest Duration Flight competition lost its wings and tail unit during its second flight)

The full results for the 15 entrants are tabulated below:

A. ENTERED & EXCEEDED QUALIFYING DISTANCE OF 10m

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>DISTANCE FLOWN</u>	<u>FLIGHT DURATION</u>
1075 (Camberley)	22.97m	6.5 secs
1924 (Shirley)	16.52m	3.2 secs
1035 (Surbiton)	16.00m	1.6 secs
1408 (Dorking)	13.76m	2.1 secs
97 (Croydon)	11.85m	2.0 secs
11F (Brooklands)	11.37m	4.0 secs
285 (Coulsdon & Purley)	11.01m	3.0 secs
450 (Kenley)	10.94m	3.6 secs

B. ENTERED BUT FAILED TO FLY QUALIFYING DISTANCE OF 10m

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>DISTANCE FLOWN</u>	<u>FLIGHT DURATION</u>
1254 (Godalming)	8.80m	3.3 secs
135 (Reigate & Redhill)	8.11m	1.7 secs
565 (Raynes Park)	7.50m	0.5 secs
323 (Epsom & Ewell)	5.29m	0.3 secs
66 (Selsdon)	3.20m	0.5 secs
1172 (Esher)	2.00m	0.3 secs
2157 (Mitcham)	1.69m	0.8 secs

FIRE ENGINE PULL

Sqn	Time	No in Team	Time	No in Team	Time	No in Team
	1st Pull		2nd Pull		3rd Pull	
219	29 secs	20	21 secs	12		
2157	21 secs	20	10 secs	20	14 secs	20
350	19 secs	20	16 secs	20		
1172	17 secs	20	16 secs	20	15 secs	20
1345	27 secs	11	23 secs	11		
1254	16 secs	20	16 secs	20		
261	18 secs	14	18 secs	14		
323	21 secs	20	17 secs	20		
450	17 secs	17	17 secs	17		
135	18 secs	20	17 secs	20	18 secs	20
1034	22secs	14				
285	17 secs	20	18 secs	20		
1924	18 secs	18	16 secs	18	15 secs	18
1408	16 secs	20	15 secs	20	15 secs	20
144	22 secs	12	20 secs	12		
229	21 secs	16	19 secs	17		



Competitors in the Fire Engine Pull Competition take the strain.

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REVIEW FACTS

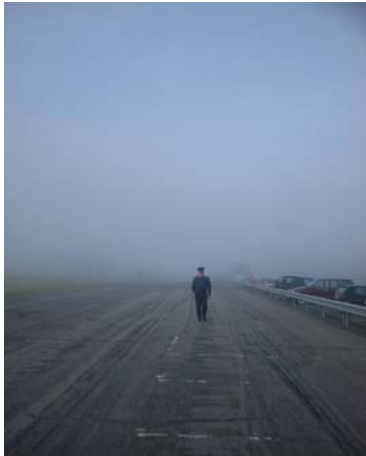
GO-KARTING

On the day some 105 cadets took to the track, along with a certain Air Commodore completing 978 laps.

GLIDING

The wing managed to smash the previous national air cadet record by at least 10 in achieving 60 Glider Induction Course launches in one day.

THE REVIEW THROUGH THE LENS



A Man of Mistry?
WVO Mansfield emerges from
Odiham's early morning mist
pace stick in hand
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Wing Guard of Honour drawn up and awaiting
Commandant Air Cadets inspection.

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Cadets of 135 (Reigate & Redhill) Squadron pulling Odiham's Fire
Engine.

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A Cadet scaling the climbing
wall

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Air Commodore Chitty racing in
Kart No 3 (third kart from the
left) negotiating a bend on Odi-
ham's kart track.

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