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Pictured:

Mr Morris from 'yesteryear' as an Adult Warrant Officer with 111 (Sunderland) Squadron cadets.

Congrats!

Congratulations to:
 SGT Lahdan
 CPL Miller
 CPL Leonard
 CPL Stridiron
 On their promotions!

8 decades later..

Cadets, staff and guests recently celebrated the 80th birthday of the Squadrons longest serving CI, Ted Morris. CI Morris, who had no idea the event had been organised, was greeted by old friends, family and a slideshow of his ATC career.

He was later presented with a 'this is your life' book, signed by current and ex cadets whose lives he had touched.

CI Amy Rosindale who

organised the event said: "I really wanted something to sum up Mr Morris' time with the Squadron in a form that he could take away and treasure forever, I'm thrilled that he enjoyed the evening."

Mr Morris was also treat to a buffet complete with champagne which was provided by the Civilian Committee.

Final parade was marked with a surprise firework display which was

donated by Impact Technical.

The evening was complete when Mr Morris took centre stage to deliver a speech expressing his gratitude.

He later proceeded to write a letter of thanks to everyone for his exciting birthday night.

You can read Mr Morris' letter on the next page.

Dates for your diary:

6th May 2011
 D of E presentation

14th May 2011
 Bisley Practice

22nd May 2011
 Inter Wing Athletics

28th & 29th May 2011
 A/C Weekend (TBC)

To all members of 111 (Sunderland) Squadron and friends gathered together of Friday 25 February at the HQ of 111 Squadron ATC.

You all laid on a party for me on the anniversary of my 80th birthday. I saw a number of cars outside the squadron and said to Mr Rosindale what's on tonight, his reply was "must have a match on!!?"

I said "was it by candlelight!?"

I should have known then, but just surmised that they were having some sort of officers meeting regarding the way the budget fears are affecting every aspect of life at present.

I was met at the door by Flight Sergeant Smith who was loitering in the corridor he asked "will you take a class Ted?" I said "yes" and asked what subject to which he replied "propulsion", I said "OK, no problem"

I went along to room 2 and opened the door, turned to run, stopped to find the door and escape route blocked by CI Rosindale and FS Smith.

I looked into room 1&2 to find it full!!

My family sitting facing me and a sea of faces all round and CI Rosindale standing with a book in her hands.

"Ted Morris this is your life"

I was shocked!! I honestly didn't know how I held myself together - the emotion was - visible I know.

I had never had such a sight, there were ladies and gentlemen these that beggars belief - ex cadets who I knew at 14-16 years - now married with 2 children going to school - how I am old!!

I thank you all - I wish I could do it to each of you personally, but the humble note will no doubt let your know my feelings even now writing this letter I am remembering how I felt on Friday night, just Amy's presentation, Wing commander Harris's speech and Sqn Ldr Crann's words - and all the best praising my exploits, laughing at my plight in the best possible way. Amy has you all knowing my history now and all that I can say - when I have steadied my hand, is to thank you all for your kindness and thoughts and to list some of the austere events that followed.

The Parents Committee what a spread!

The praise from the committee members

The cake

The vast number of cards I received

And countless other things

And as a final thank you for the magnificent fireworks display arranged by Wayne & Andy

Thank you.

Her Majesty the Queen couldn't have had such a display.

Thank you all

Ted Morris

Easter Exercise 2011

Cadets from 111 (Sunderland) Sqn and 324 (South Shields) Sqn joined forces against insurgents this Easter in the 2011 exercise.

The exercise, which was based in Somalia, saw the cadets protect shipping from pirates and ensure the safety of the Gulf of Aden.

Cadets participated in several ground exercises to support the air operation and even took to the water to investigate a suspicious

floating facility.



Many local areas were explored as part of the exercise

Power boating, which was kindly provided by the Wear Boating Association, allowed cadets to take control of a small Rigid Inflatable

Boat (RIB) and explore the water for suspicious installations.

In addition, two cadets were selected to play the role of

spies: Cdt Giordano and Cdt Douglass who provided vital information to the pirates.

Cdt Giordano said: "It was really difficult to play the spy and stay in with other members of the Squadron, it was obvious sometimes when suspicious characters rang the mess hall and asked for me by name!".

Flight Simulator exercises are planned for upcoming weekends in May and June so that you can brush up your skills in preparation for next years Easter Exercise.

In the hot seat: WO (ATC) Wild

The chronicle welcomes back an old face to 111 Squadron, WO Wild, lets find out more..



How long have you been in the Corps?

13 Years (Approx!)

What have you done in the Corps?

Bisley, Belgium with the band, Warcop (Numerous times!), Adventure Training.

I completed my Gold D of E whilst in the Corps also.

What would you say were your most memorable Corps moments?

Laying a wreath at the Menin gate in Belgium.

Receiving a lord lieutenants certificate for my contribution to the Corps.

What Squadrons have you served on?

1338 (Seaham) Squadron

111 (Sunderland) Squadron

36 (Hetton) Squadron

2214 (Usworth) Squadron

Wow, quite a few! So, what made you return to 111?

An urge to be a part of the best Squadron in the Corps, once again!

I am always up for a new challenge and working with new

people.

Due to work commitments, I can offer more and fit into the Squadron's routine better.

What do you do in your spare time?

Other than the Corps?! (What spare time!) I like shooting, cars, adventure training and spending time with my new wife.

We've heard you have a lot of memorable phrases, but do you have a life motto?

'The three C's—Cool, Calm and Collect.'

'Don't lose your head when others around you lose theirs.'

'Its not personal!'

Thank you WO Wild, we look forward to working with you!

Wing Competitions—by SGT Lahdan

As we arrived at 324 squadron, we had high hopes of being able to win the drill competition this year as well as hoping to do well at the other competitions such as First Aid and the Air Recce.

Throughout the day, we had nerves because the drill competition seemed so far away as we were on at half past 12 and we arrived at 9 o'clock, so it was a big wait.

Whilst waiting for this competition to happen, we also had our cadets competing in the First Aid and Air Recce competitions so I was happy to find out that they came back thinking they had done well, the cadets also went down to the beach to get an Ice Cream and enjoy the sun and have a bit of banter.

When we came back we knew it competition time, so the cadets



The drill competition is a highly anticipated event each year.

decided to get their polishing kit out and share the polish to make their shoes look gleaming.

As it reached quarter past 12, the cadets were formed up, did a right dress and they were ready to march on to the parade square, but before we had the actual drill competition, we had to have a uniform inspection by one of the Wing Warrant Officers.

After this the cadets marched on to the parade square proud to be a 111 cadet. I was proud of them and I'm pretty sure they were proud of themselves.

The cadets marched off with their heads held high knowing they had done well. We were all anxious to know how well we had done.

Soon the final parade turned up and we were as anxious as ever. They had announced that we had come third in Air Recce however we didn't get in to the top 3 for First Aid.

The time then came and they had announced that 111 (Sunderland squadron had come second in the drill competition. We were so proud and we got on the minibus home happy.

Job Vacancies

Simulator Technician (x2):

You will be primarily responsible for starting up and closing down the units Flight Simulator.

Training will be given to the successful candidate to cover specific areas of the simulator, however you must have decent knowledge of ICT systems and basic operation of a PC before applying.

Write a short letter to CI Yeo detailing why you would be suitable for this role.

News Reporter (x5):

This role will include reporting on and photographing Squadron, Wing and Corps events for the 'Caveant Chronicle'

Workshops will be held to perfect your photography and writing skills.

Applicants should have a flare for creativity and be bursting with good ideas.

Come along to the next news meeting to express your interest.

Tips & Tricks

This month: Facebook



111 Squadron now has a new cadet group on Facebook for sharing best practice, keeping in touch and keeping up to date with events.

Just search: 111 (Sunderland) Squadron ATC

Be careful to select the cadet group and not the ex cadet group!

Direct suggestions to CI Harris or CI Yeo for what you would like to see appear on this group.