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Pictured:
Cdt Summers at the Inter Squadron Athletics.

Congrats!

Congratulations to:
FS Smith
SGT Martin
SGT Tilt
SGT Waite
On their promotions!

Inter Squadron athletics

On the 9th of May 2009, 111 squadron took third place in the inter-squadron athletics competition. The day overall was a great success, and enjoyed by all who attended. Cadet Summers gained a gold medal when she completed the 1500m for the junior girls. Gold medals were also gained throughout the junior men relays, which included Sgt Alner, (who won another gold medal for junior men javelin) Cpl Lahdan, Cdt

Clarke and Cooper. Cdt Braviner J also took a gold when he competed in the high jump for the under-15 boys. Cpl Walker came 1st in junior women javelin, winning another gold medal. On the whole, the squadron managed to gain 8 gold medals, 5 silver and 2 bronze. A fantastic result for all!

The cadets credited the wonderful squadron with their fantastic behavior and athletic talents. The total of 35 squadron's

attended the competition, so there was always someone to talk to! The day overall was fun, and cadets made new friends and caught up with old ones who they knew throughout the Wing.

Keep a look out for future sport nights, and keep in shape for next year's event! Hopefully, it will be as fun as this years competition.

Reported by: Cdt Newby

Dates for your diary:

13th June 2009
Drill Competition

21st June 2009
Bisley Practice

28th June 2009
Regional Training Day

30th June 2009
Simulator Visit

The winners take it all, again?

The drill competition is rapidly approaching, do you have what it takes?

In the 2008 drill comp we came 1st and won over 30 other squadrons. We had been practicing for months on parade nights and some weekdays.

On the day when you are there it is a really good atmosphere as everyone knows that we are the best Squadron. They even look at you as if they know 111 are going to win.



Pictured: Winning Team 2008

After you have performed you're drill bit you get the chance to go round the lo-

cal town near by.

If you brought money you can go to McDonald's for your dinner.

If you win the competition you get the opportunity to go to the regional drill comp which the team did well in but we didn't get to take the trophy home.

This year if you get the chance to go I would recommend it as it is a very good day out with the Squadron and a good chance to bring home a nice trophy.

Reported by: Cdt Cooper

Cadets flying high at camp

Last month, 9 of the Squadron's cadets went to a camp at RAF High Wycombe.

RAF High Wycombe is the home of RAF air command. On the very first day all of the cadets did a famex (familiarisation exercise) to get used to the base.

The cadets also got the opportunity to visit four other RAF bases in the London area which were RAF Benson, Uxbridge, Brize Norton and Halton.

At RAF Benson the lucky ca-



Cadets from across Durham/Northumberland Wing at High Wycombe

dets got to go flying as well as getting a tour of one of the new Merlin helicopters. RAF Uxbridge gave the cadets the chance to do a high ropes course as well as swimming. Cadets could also do their basic swimming proficiency. At RAF Halton cadets got to go shooting and

an exciting night exercise was also set up.

One of the other 'different' activities on camp was having a go of a parachute simulator, jumping from a C-130. 111 cadet, Cooper, got a go of this simulator and

practiced landing on a set target.

Over all everyone enjoyed the camp for some of the lucky cadets it was there first camp.

Look out for upcoming camps and get your name down!

Reported by: Cdt Fairweather

Wing Commanders Impressive Inspection

111 Sunderland Squadron holds an annual inspection in the presence of the Wing Commander.

This inspection is to see how good our squadron really is. Yes we have the statistics but in real life, are we really that good? Does our squadron really run almost perfect every night and do we have disciplined cadets? The answer to that is yes as we won the Lees trophy in 1994. This trophy is given to the best squadron in the Corps.



Pictured:

Sir Alan Lees Trophy which the Squadron is always aiming to take home!

This time the inspection went well as always. The wing commander's deputy, Squadron leader Brown came to witness our wonderful squadron. From his face, we could tell he really liked our

squadron and the facilities we have inside.

We usually hold it at Sunningdale School in Thorney Close but this time, we did it at our own Squadron HQ. Many people may think this was a disadvantage but in my eyes, it was more of an advantage. If Squadron Leader Brown can see how our Squadron runs and the facilities inside, then we will have a really good chance at the Lees.

Reported by: Cpl Lahdan

In the hot seat: CI T Morris

The chronicle set out to interview long serving CI, Ted Morris.



How long have you been in the Corps?

28 years

What have you done in the Corps?

Everything

What do you do in your spare time?

Make models, take cadets flying, read and polish shoes. I also like driving.

What rank did you achieve in the RAF?

Master engineer

What rank did you achieve in the Corps?

As a cadet I only got to leading because there were 260 odd cadets in the SQN. As adult staff I was an AWO

How long did you serve in the RAF?

A very long time indeed.

What was your best experience in the Corps?

Helping to win the Alan Lees trophy in 1994.

Do you have any tips to cadets hoping to join the RAF?

Learn, button your lips and don't abuse equipment.

Interview by: Cdts Braviner J & Stridiron

Your band needs you!

As you probably know, on the Squadron we have a marching band.

This is a great way to learn new skills and make new friends.

There are many instruments in the band including: Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Fife, Glockenspiel and Cymbals.

In the band you play at big parades such as the Battle of Britain Parade and the Remembrance Day parade.

You also play at other events like recently, when the band played at St Peters Church in Jarrow for

a VE Day celebration.



Pictured: The Menin gate in Belgium
Inset: The Band marches proudly through

This event attracted people from all over the region, and the band were lucky enough to be invited to play again.

The band have also visited Belgium on two occasions to pay respect to veterans lost in the World War.

If you would like to join the band see Sgt Tilt. It's really good fun and certainly a challenge, you'll enjoy it!

For photos of Belgium and the band check out:

www.111squadronATC.co.uk/gallery.htm

Reported by: Cdt Braviner

Quite Puzzling!

Newby's photo sudoku, sudoku with a twist!
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Tips & Tricks

This month: Cycle!



Our Squadron is always expanding, and now, we have a bike rack. Yes we have a bike rack, just round the side of the Squadron.

All you need to do is bring a bike lock or chain to tie your bike to the blue rack and keep it safe whilst you are inside. It is good in both ways, you can get the squadron quicker and you can also get more fit whilst your doing it. Check it out on a parade night.

Tip by Cpl Lahdan