

# THE CAVEANT CHRONICLE



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Pictured: Air raid shelter for the fictitious '17 Squadron'.

## Congrats!

Congratulations to FS Kitchen & CPL Lahdan on passing interviews for Rhinedahlen

## Easter Ex-cellent !

On the Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 11 cadets which included Officer Commanding Newby, Lieutenant Commander Fletcher, Gilboy (1338), Smith, Lieutenant Thirlaway and many other cadets, attended the Easter exercise at 111 Squadron. Staff included Flt Lt Dixon, CI Yeo, Flt Sgt Davis, Sgt Smith and Cpl Tilt.

Cadets from other squadrons attended which made the teamwork more interesting and the exercise more exciting.

The ex overall was a great success, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Flights from Leuchars were made all across the country which included Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Some of the simulation exercises included tabletop war games and initiative exercises in the compound not just flying the simulator.

Constant teaching had to take place to ensure all crews knew how to fly the simulator, and work on the ground.

Thanks to Purcell, Copeland and Cpl Tilt, great navigation ensured most flights were successful. Thirlaway and Gilboy managed to land most of their aircraft successfully, however on a few occasions flights failed.

This meant that cadets undertook various team activities and initiative exercises to try and get to the airfield they needed.

An escaped crew including; Fletcher, Newby, Thirlaway, Campbell, (2214) Smith and Copeland failed to land in the correct airfield, and landed in an airfield that had been bombed. These cadets were taken into the compound where they had to find their way across a "river" to safety, with obstructions to disorientate and confuse the crew.

Cadet Fletcher who took part in the weekend said: "The weekend was a really good laugh; everyone seemed to get on well. It was different to have people from other squadrons take part, everyone got into their roles well and got into the scenario."

Reported by: Cdt Thirlaway & Newby

## Dates for your diary:

1st May 2009

WC's Inspection

9th May 2009

Band @ St Pauls Jarrow

10th May 2009

I-SQN Athletics

17th May

WHQ Comp Day

# Expedition season is here!

On the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 8 cadets from the Squadron went to Otterburn Army Base on a D of E practice expedition.

There were also cadets from 607, 324, 224, and there were also some cadets from 1027 squadron doing greens exercises over the weekend.

The weekend included: cooking on gas stoves, hill walking, navigation, building shelters and a night exercise on the Saturday.

The weekend was a success as it went without



Picturesque countryside is in the training programme for expedition season 09!

any problems.

It was ran by AWO Turnbull and a team of staff from the different squadrons that were taking part.

The staff seemed happy to be walking with the

cadets and certainly kept up the morale of the groups.

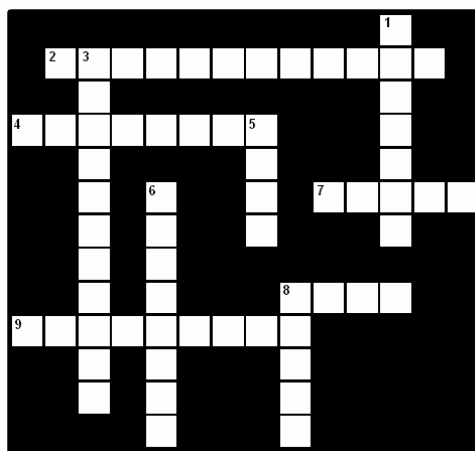
Over the weekend many cadets formed new friendships with other cadets from different squadrons and have enjoyed their time away experiencing something different.

The cadets that took part enjoyed the weekend and some said they would definitely be doing their actual D of E expedition when they could.

Reported by: Cdt Miller

## Quite Puzzling!

Can you complete this Corps crossword?  
First completed crossword to CI Yeo in SQN Ops wins a mystery prize!



Down

Across

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|--|---|
| 1 Lines on a map connecting point with equal barometric pressure | 2 Warwickshire & Birmingham Wing is part of this Region |
| 3 Typhoon  | 4 RAF heavy transport aircraft                          |
| 5 Uncontrolled spiral descent                                    | 7 Code of dashes and dots                               |
| 6 Free rotation on propeller on failed engine                    | 8 RAF Helicopter/big cat!                               |
| 8 Lying on your front, position adopted when                     | 9 instrument for measuring altitude                     |

## Tips & Tricks

This month: Saluting



First put your right arm perpendicular to your body with your fingers and thumb straight.

Then bend your arm and place your index finger next to your right eye, still keeping your fingers and thumb straight. Once you have saluted bring your right arm back to the position of attention.

Tip by Cdt Braviner & Stridiron