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Stepping Forward In Show of Respect

Cadets march in honour of Armed Forces Day



By Cadet Warrant Officer
Harriet Speight

This year's Armed Forces Day fell on Saturday 28th June and the Squadron was out in force to recognise those who serve, or have served, in our military.

The Squadron saw an excellent turnout with many of our cadets spending their day at Scarborough's south bay alongside other organisations, such as the Army Cadets and Sea cadets, not to mention regular and reserve forces.

Armed Forces Day is one of our largest public-facing events of the year so we were so happy to see so many of our cadets, as well as cadets from other squadrons, attending to represent the squadron and the wider organisation.

But for 739 Squadron the celebrations didn't just start on the day itself. Earlier in the week, a handful of our cadets also attended the raising of the flag ceremony to mark the start of the armed forces day celebrations. This year, for the first time in our Squadron's history, we had the honour of raising the flag.

Further in the week, a number of cadets spent their evening at the Crown Spa Hotel, welcoming guests to the celebration gala and escorting them to the dining area. We received a lot of positive com-



➔ The Squadron marches as part of the Armed Forces Day parade

ments about the cadets' smart appearance.

On the day itself, we welcomed cadets from Hull, Drifffield and other squadrons to support us. The Wing Aviation Team brought down their virtual reality headsets to show members of the public which definitely went down a treat!

Cadets from 152 (City Of Hull) Squadron held an incredible banner display whilst our very own squadron put on a bake sale and a raffle, raising much needed funds for the squadron.

At the end of the day, the Air Cadets marched alongside the military, scouts and other cadet organisations in the final parade, marking the end of the week-long armed forces celebrations.

Despite the record heat, it's safe

to say the cadets thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the jam-packed day.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at Armed Forces Day. After a long day of fundraising, we are so excited to announce that, this year, we raised an incredible £558.84 for the Squadron which will be put towards ensuring the cadets enjoy more fantastic opportunities in the future!



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Cadets Spread Their Wings



By Cadet Corporal
Cameron Adams

Three cadets from the Squadron recently attended RAF Leeming to partake in a day's flying. Here's how they got on.

It was an early morning for myself, Cdt Cpl Ferguson and Cdt Orrah as we were up at 6am to head across to RAF Leeming to take part in Air Experience Flying. Though I have been lucky enough to go flying before, it was the first time for the other two in the group.

The day began with the routine briefing and ground instruction. Then we all waited our turn to get out onto the aircraft.

After getting fitted with my flying coveralls and parachute, my time came to jump in the aircraft and take off.



➔ Strapped in and ready for takeoff!

In the Air Cadets, we fly in the single-engine Grob Tutor light aircraft which has a pilot seat and student seat side-by-side.

During my flight, the instructor went over some of the basics and gave me the opportunity to fly it for myself which is always an experience. We even got to perform some aerobatics which is immense fun! Even just cruising through the clouds over the

Earth passing by below and getting to take control of the aircraft itself is such an awesome experience. Our flying slots lasted for about 30 minutes each after which we landed and packed away our gear.

Flying with the Air Cadets is an experience I would encourage everyone to take part in. It is so interesting to learn about the aircraft and great fun at the same time!

Keeping Scarborough Tidy

By Cadet
Stanley Ireland

On Friday 25th April the Squadron joined forces with local community group "Keep Scarborough Tidy" to conduct an organised litter pick along the Cinder Track with fantastic results!

After completing first parade, the Squadron gathered for our briefing which included an interesting discussion on why we need to be more ac-

tive in cleaning up our environment and ensuring we don't leave litter lying around. We were then shown the distinctive blue hi-vis vests we would be wearing and instructed on how to use our litter pickers. All set, we headed off on our walk.

Our group headed down Coldyhill Lane, through the Newby Farm estate and onto the cinder track. Along the way we collected various items of discarded rubbish including cans, crisp packets and plastic bags. It

was amazing to see what people had simply thrown away.

As we continued down the old railway, everyone was getting stuck into our task and it became a bit of a competition as to who could collect the most rubbish!

Arriving in the grassy area under Green Lane we were confronted with the worst sight so far—lots of discarded household items, clothing, bottles and furniture. Some of it was too large for us to manage but we did our best to dispose of as much as possible to clean up the area.

In over an hour, the Squadron collected several bin bags full of rubbish that would have just been left at the side of the footpath for the birds and other animals to get stuck in.

It was a great feeling to be able to do something good for the local area. The whole squadron really enjoyed ourselves.



➔ The cadets take pride in their efforts to clean up the local area

Squadron Gets to Grips With Police Kit

By Cadet
Eddie Titcombe

Friday 23rd May saw a visit from the local police where the cadets were given a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with their kit and ask questions about the role of a police officer.

Part of being a cadet involves learning about discipline, leadership, and service—but this visit gave us a brand-new look on how those values are used everyday by the emergency services.

The night started with an explanation about the officer's duties, his position and what types of incidents his team respond to in the local area.



➔ Blue lights and sirens



➔ Two under arrest!

After this, we were shown some of the equipment that police officers carry on their stab proof vest and duty belt. This includes handcuffs which some cadets got to try on.

The officer showed us the different positions that people would get handcuffed in and the reasons why people get handcuffed in this way due to how uncomfortable they are and the need to protect the person from harm when they are under arrest.

We also got a detailed look at some of the equipment used in policing such as the battering ram used to knock down doors and riot shields for protection; we also got to try on the riot helmet and the police uniform hat!

The highlight of the evening was definitely the new police van which the cadets were allowed to explore.

We got to see the holding cell at the back of the van, the equipment storage areas and the front seats where the blue lights and siren is controlled. We also got to press the lights and put on the sirens which was fun and enjoyed by the cadets but not so much by the local residence, as we got some funny looks out of some windows!

This was a fascinating and interesting visit and an eye-opener for anyone wanting to join the police or police cadets and another great experience for the Air Cadets to be involved in.



➔ In the driving seat

Going for Gold at Wing Athletics



By Civilian Instructor
Liam Cromack

On Sunday 18th May, the squadron made the journey to Scunthorpe in order to represent the Squadron in the annual Wing Athletics Competition.

The day began bright and early as the cadets assembled for the long journey down to North Lincolnshire. Expected to be a hot day, everyone was armed with plenty of water, hats and sun cream, not to mention the squadron's gazebo for shade!

This year, we were proud to be able to enter a cadet in pretty much every track and field category, ensuring for a jam-packed day of competing if somewhat of a logistical challenge!

The cadets performed extremely well with a lot of enthusiasm and commitment on display throughout the day. When they weren't actively involved in their event, it was nice to see them cheering on their fellow cadets, pushing them to go that extra mile.



➔ Cdt Prykhodchenko celebrates his medal win with Cdt Markham.

At the conclusion of events, the cadets assembled for the final parade. Unfortunately, in the face of intense competition from across the wing, our squadron didn't win any of the events. However, we are proud to congratulate Cadet Prykhodchenko on his bronze medal win in the boys track event. A fantastic achievement given he only joined the squadron a few months ago.

One of the great things about Air Cadets is the vast array of activities available which includes sports events at local, regional or even national level.

Overall the day was a great success. Despite the heat, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves as evidenced by the beaming smiles on their faces at the end of the day!

Special Visit to Signals Base



By Cadet Corporal
Amelia Mollica

The Squadron received a rare glimpse into the inner workings of the secretive government communications agency when it visited GCHQ Scarborough on 30th May.

A group of excited cadets arrived at GCHQ where they were greeted with a warm welcome and a morning packed full of discovery, insight, and learning.

The visit kicked off with an engaging presentation about the history of GCHQ and its vital role in national security. Cadets learned how GCHQ operates as part of the UK's intelligence framework, with key sites located across the UK.

To get a taste of the problem-solving skills needed in intelligence work, cadets were given specially designed activity packs which included a range

of brain-teasing puzzles and games, many linked to real-world encryption and decryption techniques.

One of the highlights of this trip was cracking codes using the Pigpen Cipher - a fascinating method where letters are replaced with geometric symbols. It gave cadets a first-hand look at the kind of analytical thinking used by GCHQ professionals every day.

Next, cadets explored the on-site museum, which brought the history of GCHQ to life through rare artefacts and displays. One particularly intriguing exhibit demonstrated how radio machines were once used to intercept and decode secret messages - an eye-opening look into the evolution of signals intelligence. Reflecting on the experience, Cadet Jake Orrah said, "I really enjoyed the trip!"

The visit ended with a fun and competitive museum quiz, where cadets had to search for answers hidden among the exhibits. It was a great way to reinforce everything they had learned while exploring the museum in more depth.

All of the cadets represented the squadron with pride, enthusiasm, and curiosity throughout the morning.

Cadet Stanley Ireland summed up the experience perfectly; "We had a really good and informative time at GCHQ. It was a great opportunity to learn more about their history and what they do."

The visit to GCHQ Scarborough was an insightful experience - an inspiring, educational day that gave cadets a deeper understanding of the intelligence world and the important work done to keep the country safe and secure.

Remembering Victory in Europe

By Cadet
Reece Markham

Tuesday 8th May 1945 marked an official end to the fighting in Europe during World War II. Eighty years later, the squadron remembers those who gave their lives in service of our country.

As Britain marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, the echoes of May 8, 1945 still ring through our streets, our stories, and our sense of national identity. VE Day, which commemorates the Allied victory over Nazi Germany and the end of World War II in Europe, is more than a historical milestone—it remains a living reminder of resilience, unity, and the enduring cost of peace.

At 'The Hub' in Scarborough, the town crier opened a night of music and memories. Representatives from the Scarborough Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, Scarborough Concert Band, Scarborough's Wellbeing Choir and more.



➔ Cadets stand in remembrance of VE Day

The night was hosted by Nick Taylor and all money raised went to the RBL Scarborough Poppy Appeal. Furthermore, the Women's institute baked some 'historical cakes' including an incredibly unique vinegar cake.

In a world facing new uncertainties, VE Day reminds us of what can be achieved when nations unite against tyranny. It's a call to remember the horrors of war not as distant history, but as a warning. The lessons of the 1940s—about courage, cooperation, and the fragility of peace—are as urgent now as they were then.

VE Day also offers a chance to bridge generations. For younger Britons, it's an opportunity to learn from those who lived through the war, to hear firsthand accounts of ration books, blackout curtains, and the jubilation of peace. For older generations, it's a moment to pass on stories that shaped the modern world.

As the Union Jack flies high once again, VE Day stands not only as a tribute to the past but as a beacon for the future—a reminder that peace is never guaranteed, and that remembering is the first step to preserving it.



Quarterly Snapshot...

The last three months in pictures



Squadron Noticeboard



Submit Your Stories

Have you been flying recently? Perhaps you've been on your first camp? Whatever it is, we want to hear about it in the next issue! Submit your articles to a member of staff in good time.

Going Away?

Remember to let us know by completing the absence notification within Cadet Portal. This helps us to plan ahead and schedule events for the squadron. It only takes a second!

<https://cadets.bader.mod.uk/>

Have Your Say!

As the staff look to increase the number of local events and activities available at the Squadron, we are keen to hear from you!

A new suggestion box has been created for you to submit your ideas which will be prominently displayed on each parade evening. The staff will review every idea and if we can do it, we will.

New Stripes on Squadron

Please join us in congratulating CI Tilford-Whitehouse on recently passing his uniformed staff interview board. He will now take up appointment as an Acting Sergeant on the Squadron pending completion of his Combined Initial Course at RAF Cranwell.

If you are interested in joining us as an adult instructor, either in uniform or otherwise, get in touch with us today.

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Sporting Success!

By Cadet
Jake Orrah

Our very own Cadet Jake Orrah recently took part in the Central & East Yorkshire Wing football trials, earning himself a bronze medal! Here's what he had to say about the day.

On the 23rd of March I had applied and put my name forward for the Wing football trials at York. Living and breathing football I leapt at the chance.

I had managed to convince Cadet Gilbert to come with me and we had an amazing day at York. We both ended up been picked for the team, Gilbert been a reserve for the team, and me been chosen to be a starter.

After a couple of weeks, I had been training to come back after a collar-bone breakage last summer and after been out for so long I was absolutely determined to be back on the pitch.

A couple of days before I had received an email from the Wing Sports Officer offering me a lift from Bridlington Squadron which I had taken up.

Throughout the day of the competition in April, I was absolutely thrilled to be back playing and been especially out for so long and not been



➔ Orrah shows off his medal

able to play for so long was really messing with me, so I felt I had a point to prove to myself to prove that I could still play as I could before my injury.

When playing I was determined to get stuck in and I made sure of it, I was played at centre-back during the tournament and I gave it 100% and in five-a-side I added that extra ten up and down the pitch.

My first game I had an outrageously good game; I might aswell have had number four and had Van Dijk on the back of my shirt; it had to be one of my best performances at centre-back I had played.

Although my performances after weren't as good it was an amazing day, and we had achieved third place medals we have been able to keep and second overall in the tournament. I fully intend to go for gold next time. Next time, I am determined to do it again and get that gold medal!

Dates For Your Diary

19/07/2025-26/07/2025 Wing Adventure Training Camp Windermere	30/08/2025 Squadron Day Trip Royal Armouries, Leeds
23/08/2025-30/08/2025 Wing Adventure Training Camp Hagg Dyke	18/10/2025-25/10/2025 Annual Camp RAF Lossiemouth
17/10/2025-19/10/2025 Wing Training Weekend Driffild	11/10/2025 1940s Weekend Eden Camp Museum, Malton

Sign up for these events (and more) on Cadet Portal