

Wembley Air Cadets Scoop Prize Trophy

Cadets from 78 (Wembley) Squadron RAF Air Cadets have won the coveted Elworthy Trophy, the country's only tri-service cadet military skills competition. The Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Mr Kenneth Olisa OBE, who attended the competition and spent time with the cadets, presented the trophy to the winning team.



Eleven teams from the four Cadet services within Greater London (Sea Cadets Corps, including Royal Marine contingents, Army Cadet Force, RAF Air Cadets and Combined Cadet Force) battled it out on a sunny autumn day at the annual event on 14 October, held at the Keogh Barracks in Surrey. The competition tests the basic skills of the teams of Cadets aged 12-18 years and combines these with general physical and mental agility. It is a challenging competition and is fiercely contested by all who enter. The Cadets were put through their paces during the event and took part in a series of fun and demanding team activities including archery, command tasks, rowing, first aid, a weight pull, navigation, communication and observation tests.

The Wembley Air cadets demonstrated their expertise and teamwork by performing consistently well across the board. Colonel Ian Denison OBE, Colonel Cadets London, who was instrumental in the planning and organisation of the event, enjoyed watching the teams of Cadets as they strove to succeed at each task. "The contest this year was as competitive as ever with all the teams showing loads of enthusiasm and team spirit." Colonel Denison also thanked The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths and the Royal British Legion for their support and sponsorship of the competition, The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) for administering the event and the Royal Army Medical Corps staff of Keogh Barracks.

Throughout the competition, the Cadets were looked after by volunteer Officers and Adult Instructors who manage a broad programme of military and adventurous training activities designed to develop character and leadership. See inside for more pictures of the competition.



On Sunday, 17th September members of the London Fire Brigade Fire Cadet's Ceremonial Team attended the fourth, annual Barking and Dagenham Youth Parade with colleagues from the Volunteer Police Cadets.

The event was one of a number held by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council as part of their 'Summer of Festivals' 2017 programme.



The cadets formed part of a huge parade which marched from Barking Park to Abbey Green. Cadets were then able to showcase their organisations and their personal experiences to local families and supporters and were on hand to explain how other young people could also enjoy the benefits of joining a uniformed youth organisation.

Cadets were awarded medals for their participation in the event, the rain held off and fun was had by all.

Jess Patten LFB Fire Cadets



Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London

Greater London Awards - Deputy Lieutenant's certificates

The GL RFCA is responsible for the administration of Lord-Lieutenants awards to outstanding individuals and units in the Reserves and Military Sponsored Cadet organisations across Greater London.

In addition Deputy Lieutenant's Certificates are presented at individual borough events recognising the achievements of cadets of the Greater London Cadet Organisations and creating awareness of their contribution within the community.

Until recently Deputy Lieutenant Certificates were only awarded to cadets from the military based community cadet organisations. In 2015 they were extended to include the Combined Cadet Force. Last year cadets from the Fire Cadets, St John Ambulance and Volunteer Police Cadets who are based at units within Greater London were also eligible should they have wished to participate. This year the award has been extended to the remainder of the organisations within Youth Organisations in Uniform (London) or YOU London; Boys' and Girls' Brigades, Scouts and Girlguiding.

Citations must be submitted on the proforma provided by GLRFCA in a letter dated 30th October, and returned to the Youth Secretary at GL RFCA by 31 January 2018 at the latest. Reporting Officers must ensure that the citations submitted are well written, accurate and most importantly highlight why this cadet merits this award. You are particularly asked to check the accuracy of the ranks (if applicable), names and unit titles on each recommendation so that the certificate can be printed correctly. Please ensure that your unit/detachment commanders are encouraged to put forward suitable candidates.

If there are any questions please contact the Youth Secretary, Donna O'Halloran via 020 7384 4662 or gl-offcadets@rfca.mod.uk

A few active months in the life of Croydon Scouting

We have had Beaver Scouts supporting the Smitham Allotment Society and working in their community garden, we have had Beaver Scouts visiting residents at the Foxley Lodge Care Home talking about their badges and reading poetry. We also had Beavers and Cubs visiting the Houses of Parliament and taking part in themed activities during this special day and Cubs from Coulsdon participated in the Supreme Box Cart Races 2017 held at Goodwood Raceway.

During the summer, we had Groups and Units from Croydon camping all over the UK including Cornwall and international camps in Kandersteg, Switzerland and to Sweden as part of the Swedish National Scout Jamboree. We also found time to greet a party of visiting Scouts from France and spent an evening celebrating the cultural differences between our two Countries. Scouts and Explorer Scouts from Croydon recently participated in a selection weekend battling for places to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA in 2019. This resulted in 10 successful candidates being chosen from Croydon who will be representing the Borough on this life changing and not to be missed opportunity in the summer of 2019. They now engage in a process of various team building events and camps over the next few months whilst balancing a personal fund-raising challenge in the sum of £3.5k per person.

Our Mobile Climbing Wall has been extensively used throughout the Borough of Croydon during the period. A busy calendar of approximately 20 community days and events, School fetes and camp site activities utilising this important asset for the benefit of the young people of Croydon and of course we even saw Spiderman climbing the wall at Sanderstead Community Day. All in all a very busy time raising the profile for local Scouting and showing that Scouting is as popular as it has ever been.

Steve French
District Commissioner
CROYDON SCOUTING





New home opens for Hornchurch Cadets

LFB Fire Cadets and staff were among VIP guests at the opening of a new Cadet Centre in Hornchurch in September.

The new £700,000 facility for cadets was formally opened (Thursday, 21 September) by Colonel Mark Bryant MBE DL, Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Havering.

The specially designed Joint Cadet Centre is home to 48 Cadet Detachment (Royal Logistic Corps) Army Cadet Force (ACF), and 452 (Hornchurch) Squadron RAF Air Cadets.

As he opened the building in the presence of the Mayor of Havering, Councillor Linda Van den Hende and General Officer Commanding London District, Major General Ben Bathurst, Colonel Bryant inspected both Army and Air Cadets and said:

"I first put on a uniform with the cadets in north east London nearly 60 years ago, so it's a great pleasure to be here today back where I started to open this fantastic new facility."

Flight Lieutenant Dave Emmins leads 452 (Hornchurch) Squadron RAF Air Cadets, he says the new building is a tremendous boost to members of the Squadron.

"Having a modern venue makes a massive difference, it allows us to operate in all conditions in a comfortable inviting environment. We also now have a parade square enabling us to practice drill at our home base for the first time." "

The building, delivered by the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London (GL RFCA), incorporates solar panels and underground heat pumps to lower running costs and reduce its carbon footprint.. It includes classrooms, offices, a kitchen and hall. The building replaces aging cadet huts which were no longer fit for use and uneconomical to refurbish.



The Hornchurch Joint Cadet Centre is one of three formally opened in North East London this Autumn. The Whipps Cross Joint Cadet Centre, home to 35 Cadet Detachment (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) and 12F (Walthamstow and Leyton) RAF Air Cadets opened on 13 September while 44 Cadet Detachment (Royal Horse Artillery) ACF and 1147 (Barking) Squadron RAF Air Cadets opened their building on Longbridge Road on 19 September.

GL RFCA Chief Executive Colonel Hugh Purcell said:

"These new buildings are a vote of confidence in the young people of North East London. They represents not just a substantial 2 million pound investment in bricks and mortar, but also an investment in the character and values of the young people who will use them."

The Army and Air Force Cadets currently at the detachments will now have a shared, permanent, purpose built facility, as will the thousands of young people who will join the detachments in the future.

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Lord Dannatt's Round Britain Challenge 2018

Marking 100 years since the end of WWI and remembering the fallen

In August 2018, 48 injured soldiers and 96 army cadets will embark on a voyage of remembrance, adventure and personal development. The team will work together to sail around Great Britain on board a specially adapted tall ship, they will change over crew every 10 days in each capital city. In each change over port there will be a celebration of remembrance, inclusivity and diversity.

During each 10-day voyage 12 injured service men and 24 cadets and instructors aged 16-25 will work as a team to sail the ship to the next capital city, they will climb the mast, helm the ship, set the sails and much more. In each capital city 1000's of cadets, instructors and local supporters will have the opportunity to visit the ship and participate in the festival. Cadet bands, field gun teams, cook stewards and drill teams will all be asked to participate in the festival and memorial. A quarter of a wooden shield will be presented to the crew in each capital city, at the end of the challenge the final piece of the shield will be presented in London where the cadets will march the shield to the Tower of London, the shield will be a WW1 Memorial.



This challenge will test the crew's leadership, teamwork, courage, and resilience, everyone will gain a real sense of achievement and friends for life. Whilst on board the crew will also participate in the International Leadership Management award, this is a strong addition to any CV and a great way to stand out during interviews. The voyage also qualifies individuals for their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Residential.

Applications close on the 7th November for this fantastic opportunity, to apply to be a crew member or to find out more ask your chain of command or email military@jst.org.uk. All youth organisations are also encouraged to take part in the capital city festivities, either to visit the ship or to actively participate in the festivities and memorial.

Mhairi Sharp



Each year, the Sea Cadets' Senior Cadet Leadership Course brings together the best cadets from Sea Cadets, Royal Marines Cadets, St John Ambulance Cadets, Metropolitan Police Cadets and London Fire Brigade Cadets. The weekend of intensive and high-level training provides them with real-life skills, such as conflict resolution and interview techniques, and takes place at HMS PRESIDENT, the HQ of London Division Royal Naval Reserve, twice per year. The most recent course, held in October 2017, was as challenging as ever, with the cadets tasked to organise and host a dinner for a number of invited VIP guests among their other

challenges during the weekend. The weekend course is a wonderful example of cadet forces from YOU London working together to deliver some excellent training to young people across London. October saw the Cdr John Herriman VR DL RNR, Commanding Officer of London RNR at HMS PRESIDENT hand over to a successor. His last official parade saw adults and cadets from Sea Cadets, St John Ambulance Cadets and London Fire Brigade Cadets surprise him by presenting him with a framed commemorative polo shirt with an engraved plaque thanking him for his support during the last three years.

Spelthorne Borough Cadets remember Passchendaele 2017

On the 18th October myself and Colour Sergeant Gasson from Staines Army Cadets went to the riverside art centre to perform duties as the Mayoral Cadet, and to represent the Army Cadet Force alongside Sea Cadets from the Borough.



While I was there I saw two parts of a presentation about Passchendaele and the effects that it had on the local area. There were also some short poems about Passchendaele and the First World War.

In the first half they talked about the home front, recruitment, local war hospitals, wartime restrictions, women's war work, industry in wartime and the Kempton park depot. I found out about the part that the local area played in the war time.

There was a 30min interval where we had some tea, coffee and biscuits and talked to various attendees.

The second part was about the battle of Passchendaele itself and the effects on the local community. During this part we were told about all the local regiments that played a part in the battle and we were then told about the number of casualties that each of the regiments suffered as well as a list of their names, ranks, regiments and ages at which they died.

For me this created a real sense of pride, as many of the men that died at Passchendaele were between 18 and 25 and some of them even had children. Finally, we had a fundraising raffle and sang: I vow to thee my country, Land of hope and glory, Jerusalem and Rule Britannia.

We talked more about the presentation that we had all just seen, and how we felt about it. I left the evening with a sense of pride and honour in knowing what we had done for the war effort local to where I live.

Cadet Haysom 195 Staines PWRR Detachment

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It's all about



The aim of YOU London is to work together

to support young people by maximising the benefits of the existing youth organisations. Working together takes many forms including inter-group competitions, sharing premises, exhibiting together at recruitment events in borough, or simply being aware of who is who in the boroughs' youth groups. Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts can do.

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