

1996 Earley Squadron Newsletter

September 2011



RAF Cosford Summer Camp

From the 6th – 13th August, Sgt Mignot and Cpl McBrien spent the week at RAF Cosford in Shropshire on the annual TVW summer camp.

The timetable was packed full with fun activities including AEF flying, shooting on the station range and visiting sections around the station. They were able to have a tour of No.1 Radio School, the station survival section and engineering section; where they had the chance to sit in the cockpit of the Tornado and Jaguar fighter aircraft.

The cadets also spent a day at the RAF museum on the base, which housed many old and new aircraft including James May's 'Airfix Spitfire' and travelled to RAF Shawbury to use the stations High Ropes course. On the last day they visited the 'Victorian Town', which portrayed life in the Victorian ages. They all had a great time and look forward to the next annual camp.

Ex-ATC Red Arrows Pilot Killed in Hawk T1 Crash

We are sad to hear of the death of Flight Lieutenant Jon Egging of the Red Arrows RAF Aerobatics Team. He died when his Hawk T1 aircraft, Red 4, crashed near Bournemouth Airport on Saturday August 20th. He was a member of 2028 (Southam) Sqn Air Training Corps from age 13.

New Look for First Anniversary Newsletter!

On 1st September 2010, the first issue of the 1996 (Earley) Sqn Newsletter was published. Covering recent and upcoming events, important information and relevant features, the newsletter has been released monthly ever since.

With the arrival of the new squadron website and the new squadron crest, it has been decided that the newsletter should take on a new look.

All of the past newsletters can be found on this section of the squadron website (<http://www.1996.org.uk/newsletters>) and future issues will be available for cadets to bring home and can be found on the same page.



There is one RAF Stable Belt left for sale (£11.50, normally £20.00).

These belts can be worn on all Squadron nights except for official parades. If you are interested in purchasing one, then please see Cpl McBrien.



Celebration of the First 12 Issues

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Our Anniversary
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Home Camp
 Over the last 12 months, Earley Cadets have participated in many home camps. The most recent was at the end of the year. The Squadron has a long and proud history and it is a pleasure to be part of it.

Field and Air Shows
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Upcoming Events
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Aircraft of the Month



The de Havilland DHC-1 **Chipmunk** is a two-seat tandem, single-engine trainer aircraft which was the standard primary trainer for the RAF through much of the post-Second World War years. This aircraft was also an Air Cadet AEF trainer aircraft. The Chipmunk is most easily recognized by its low placed, Anhedral wings, long, thin fuselage and single propeller engine.

Gibraltar Summer Camp

On the 6th August, Cdt Stamp travelled to Gibraltar for the annual Summer Camp. On the camp he took part in many fun and challenging activities. This included climbing the iconic 'Rock of Gibraltar', an extremely large hill that looks out over the whole island. He was also shown around several naval ships and learnt about different types of weapons and equipment they held. Ft Sgt Villalta also spent a day showing him around. The temperature reached 45°C during the day and only dropped to 35°C at night. He had a great time meeting new people and had experiences he will never forget.