

# 1996 Earley Squadron Newsletter

June 2011



## **Spitfire Walk**

Flt Lt Alexander, Sgt Gosset and Cadets Stamp, Wheatley, Giles and Davies took part in the Spitfire Charity Walk from the 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May.

They saw amazing views whilst trekking and had a chance to visit the Battle of Britain memorial.

Windy weather proved problematic when putting up the tents, however they overcame this and shared the camp with other squadrons.

They all received medals and should be proud of the money they have raised for charity.

## **Ready Steady Camp-Cook!**

In light of summer arriving and longer, lighter evenings, cadets have been taking part in two Camp-Cook evenings this month.

They all helped in preparing and cooking the food (as well as eating it too!) and learnt about safety and hygiene in the process.

The staff and cadets tucked into the food at the end of the night and luckily nothing tasted too disastrous, and hopefully they should be able to reproduce the same skills needed in real Camp-Cook situations in the future.

Thank you to Flt Lt Alexander for bringing down the food and ingredients that the cadets cooked with.

## **Wing Athletics**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 6 cadets and Flt Lt Alexander attended the annual Wing Athletics competition.

The 6 cadets put themselves through different events including: running, shotput, javelin, high-jump and long-jump. They all enjoyed competing and representing the squadron.

Well done especially to Cadet Wheatley, who has been chosen to represent Thames Valley wing in Regional Athletics.



## **Congratulations**

Well done to the newly promoted Sgt Mignot and Cpl McBrien.



### Model Railway Exhibition

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 7 cadets and 2 staff members helped marshal a Model Railway exhibition in Caversham. They had a chance to look around the different models whilst ensuring the event was secure. The exhibition was thoroughly enjoyed by all and are looking forward to doing the same event next year.

### Upcoming events:

18/06/11: GIC Gliding

04/07/11: Squadron Annual Inspection

06/08/11: RAF Cosford Summer Camp

### Can you solve the riddle?

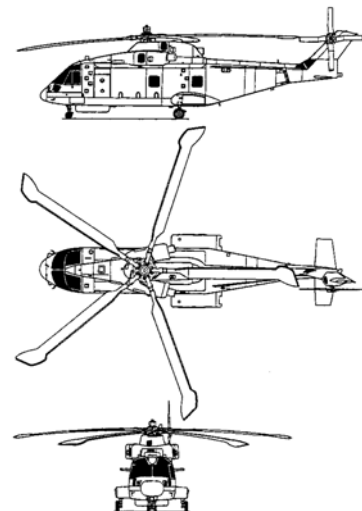
There is a bomber plane flying through the air.

Nothing is wrong with this plane; everything works perfectly.

The bomb hatch opens and the clamps that hold the bomb open to release but the bomb goes nowhere.

Why?

### Aircraft of the Month



The Agusta-Westland **Merlin** is a medium-lift helicopter used by the RAF, Danish and Portuguese Air Forces. The helicopter was developed as a joint venture between Westland Helicopters in the UK and Agusta in Italy.

It is used for carrying troops and equipment over medium distances. The aircraft can be noticed by its 5 rotors, sleek, elongated body and use of wheels instead of landing pads.