



1289 Stratford Upon Avon Squadron

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# Simply The Best!

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## 1289 Squadron High Flyers are aiming even higher!

Its official, 1289 Squadron has been judged the best Squadron in Warwickshire and Birmingham.

This years annual inspection resulted in top marks for the cadets and staff. The annual award is made to the squadron with the best all round participation and achievement in cadet activities.

This achievement places the squadron in the top 36 of almost 1000 in the country. 1289 will now compete for the Lees Trophy in 2006-7 awarded to the best Air Cadet unit in the country.



Air Cadets get to do some amazing stuff

Want to learn to Fly?  
Interested in going Sailing, Canoeing, Rock Climbing, target shooting perhaps?

On top of all the fun you will be able to pick up your Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and a stack of GNVQ Qualifications to go with your GCSE's

Best of all you will make a whole bunch of friends from other schools in the area, from Warwickshire and Birmingham, and from around the country

At the moment there is no waiting list, so you can come and get started this week! Just come along to one of our two parade nights, ideally with a parent or responsible adult, have a chat and meet the cadets.

The Squadron is behind Stratford High School and we are there

**Monday and  
Wednesday**

**7:30 to 9:30**

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## Flying Ahead

Cadet Henry Roberts, recently completed a gliding scholarship course at RAF Little Rissington, and has proved to be a promising pilot.

He completed his scholarship with his first solo flight (yes on his own) in a Vigilant motor glider, and has been recommended for an Advanced Glider Training course.

Roberts has also been recommended for a Flying scholarship which will help him on his way to a private pilots licence.

All cadets at 1289 get the chance to fly at least four times every year, and scholarships are available to those over 16. We expect three more cadets to complete Gliding scholarships in 2006.



## That time at Band Camp....

Cadet Sergeant Ashleigh Smith spent a week in February training and performing with the Air Cadets National Concert Band, at RAF College Cranwell.

Ashleigh, an A Level music student at Chipping Campden School who plays flute to grade 8 standard also plays saxophone in the Squadron's marching band.

During the week the musicians took time out to do some target shooting, and to met the Red Arrows pilots.

Air Commodore Sir David Harrison, The Air Cadets most senior officer attended a dinner and met the cadets, he also attended the concert, played to a full house at the end of the week.

Sgt Smith will be away again in October, with the Concert Band, on tour in Cyprus!



## Slip sliding away...

Last month Cadet Sergeant Charlotte Newman slipped off to Zwiesel, Bavaria for a week ski training with the RAF, Nordic skiing. After learning the ropes the cadets, from all over the country competed in endurance relay races over miles and miles of flat-ish ground. Charlotte found herself in the fastest all girls team in the corps and received a Bronze International Langlauf Award for her efforts.