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LOCAL AIR CADETS STORM HOME TO VICTORY

Air cadets from 2457 (Tring) sqn put their skills of navigation and stamina to the test over the night of 19-20 November by competing against 35 teams from 29 of the other units in the Herts & Bucks Wing.

The team of 6 cadets from 2457 (Tring) squadron enjoyed a resounding victory, beating off tough competition to finish over an hour ahead of their closest rivals.

The Tring squadron team consisted of CWO Richard Lear (18), Cpl James Gregory (16), Cpl Greg Dussek (17), Cpl Nick Barthorpe (16), Cdt David Gregory (14) and Cdt Tom Sawyer (14).

The challenge involved negotiating a 28 kilometre route in sub-zero temperatures in the area around RAF Halton & the Chiltern Hills. The exercise was based at Raf Halton, enabling the teams & staff to use the facilities of The New Workshops. Here all admin & briefing was completed before the teams were dispatched into the cold night air.

Starting late on Saturday night, the Tring team finally completed the course at around 2am on Sunday morning, although their victory was not apparent. Concerned team members knew that the Aylesbury team were hot on their heels at the half-way checkpoint.

For Cpl Gregory, who has been a member of 2457 (Tring) squadron for four and a half years and who acted as main navigator during the exercise, this was his fourth year of taking part in the competition. He said :-

“We came here to win and that’s what we did! We won back the trophy that was rightfully ours.”

This event was easily the best attended Herts & Bucks Wing event in the last 12 months, with some squadrons taking part for the first time.

The squadron Commanding Officer Flt Lt Andy Bryant was delighted with his cadets’ achievement.

“The effort put into training for this event is typical of the commitment shown by the young people of this squadron and I feel that the trophy is a well deserved reward for all their hard work. We are always looking for new recruits who are ready to rise to this sort of challenge.” He said afterwards.

2457 (Tring) squadron is currently recruiting new cadets, male and female, aged between 13 and 17. To join or to find out more about the Air Training Corps, visit the ATC hut, new road, Tring, any Monday or Thursday between 19:30 and 21:30.

Photo- back row l to r – Cpl G Dussek, CWO R Lear, Cpl J Gregory
Rear row – l to r – Cdt D Gregory, Cpl N Barthorpe, Cdt T Sawyer.

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