

So what do you have to do to join?

You must be aged 13 to 17 to join

You will need to return a signed consent form (3822A).

You must be in reasonable health in order to undertake many of the activities, although membership is open to all.

Where do you meet?

We parade at our New Road HQ, New Mill. Every Monday & Thursday (Bank holidays excepted)

Parades start 19:30 prompt.

Do I need to buy anything?

Not at this stage. The uniform & combats will be provided free once you decide you like us, & we like you ! Shoes & boots must be purchased however.

Is there a cost?

There is a £5 joining fee to cover all the printing & administration associated with inducting a cadet. Subscriptions will not be payable until you are enrolled. Some activities require extra funds as we have the use of our own minibus.

Why can't I go flying straight away?

You need to demonstrate required knowledge of the Airmanship part of the First Class cadet syllabus in order to be able to undertake flying. In the whole syllabus there's a lot to learn about how to behave, how to wear the uniform & how to safely take part in the various activities.

I'm not really interested in joining the RAF or Army. Why bother with cadets?

For fun ! You will get to do things no other Youth Organisation does. All the staff have to pass tests in order to gain qualifications enabling them to teach shooting & rock climbing for instance.

You will gain valuable life experiences as a cadet & your achievements will be of interest to any future employer.

Will I get to keep the uniform?

The RAF Uniform & combats are issued to you on the understanding that it will be returned fully serviceable when you leave. Any items you choose to buy yourself will remain yours to keep. You will be able to keep any badges & awards gained.

What will be expected of me?

We expect every cadet to attend every parade night & take part in as many activities as possible. We also expect good behaviour & excellent standards of uniform as we represent the RAF as well as the ATC. At competitions we expect the whole unit to take part, so there's plenty to get involved with !



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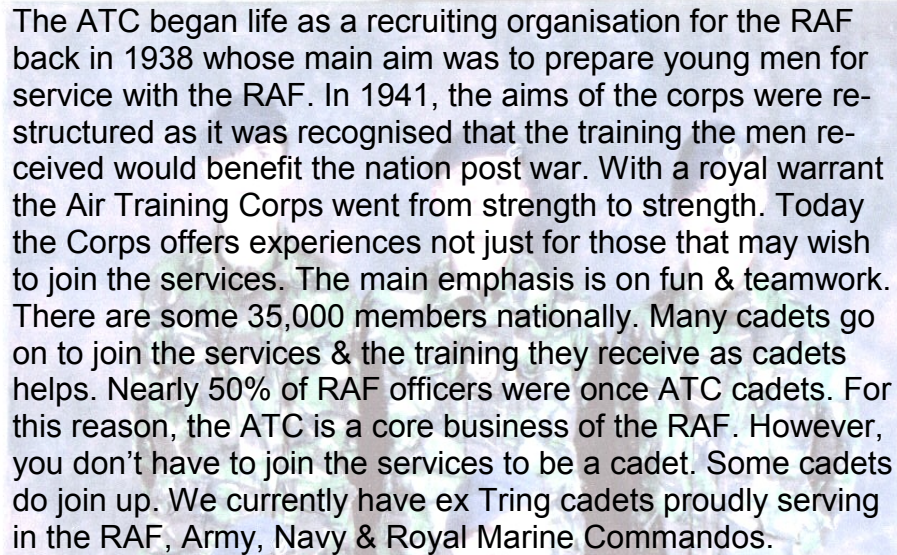
A QUICK INTRODUCTION FOR POTENTIAL RECRUITS

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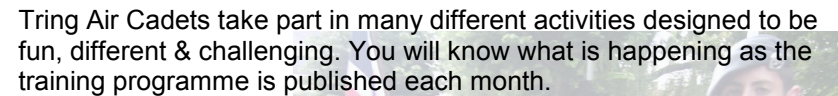
The ATC began life as a recruiting organisation for the RAF back in 1938 whose main aim was to prepare young men for service with the RAF. In 1941, the aims of the corps were re-structured as it was recognised that the training the men received would benefit the nation post war. With a royal warrant the Air Training Corps went from strength to strength. Today the Corps offers experiences not just for those that may wish to join the services. The main emphasis is on fun & teamwork. There are some 35,000 members nationally. Many cadets go on to join the services & the training they receive as cadets helps. Nearly 50% of RAF officers were once ATC cadets. For this reason, the ATC is a core business of the RAF. However, you don't have to join the services to be a cadet. Some cadets do join up. We currently have ex Tring cadets proudly serving in the RAF, Army, Navy & Royal Marine Commandos.

The aims of the ATC are;

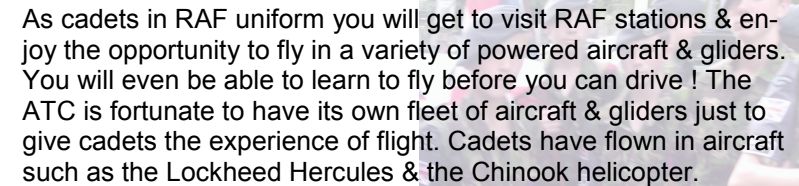
- *To promote & encourage among young people a practical interest in aviation & the RAF.
- *To provide training which will be useful both in the services & civilian life.
- *To foster the spirit of adventure, & to develop the qualities of leadership & good citizenship.

So what do we get up to?

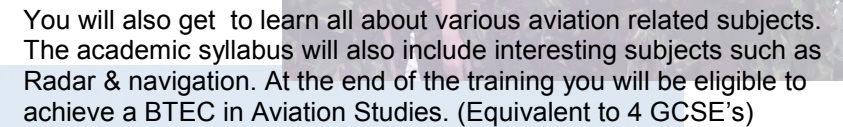
Hopefully you will be joining us as a junior cadet. You will initially be part of the Recruit Training Flight, where you will learn all the basics of being a cadet. Your first task is to prove your knowledge of the First Class cadet syllabus that will allow you to take part in all the basic cadet activities. Regular attendance is vital if this is to be completed within 3 months.



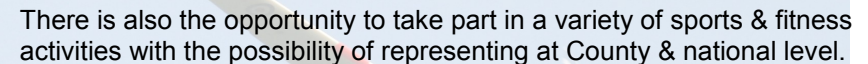
Tring Air Cadets take part in many different activities designed to be fun, different & challenging. You will know what is happening as the training programme is published each month.



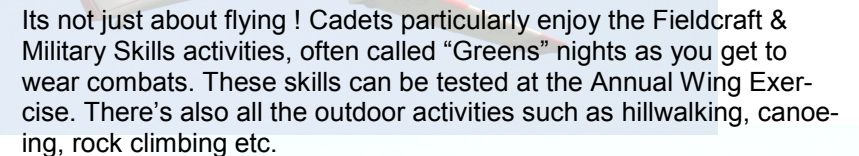
As cadets in RAF uniform you will get to visit RAF stations & enjoy the opportunity to fly in a variety of powered aircraft & gliders. You will even be able to learn to fly before you can drive ! The ATC is fortunate to have its own fleet of aircraft & gliders just to give cadets the experience of flight. Cadets have flown in aircraft such as the Lockheed Hercules & the Chinook helicopter.



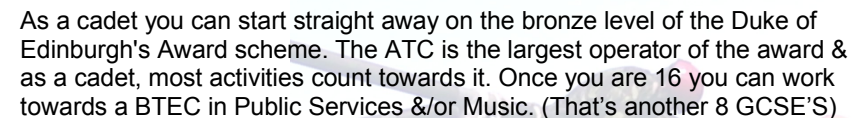
You will also get to learn all about various aviation related subjects. The academic syllabus will also include interesting subjects such as Radar & navigation. At the end of the training you will be eligible to achieve a BTEC in Aviation Studies. (Equivalent to 4 GCSE's)



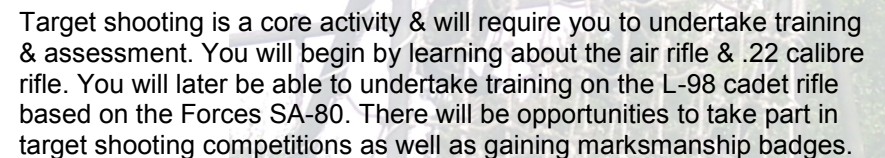
There is also the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports & fitness activities with the possibility of representing at County & national level.



It's not just about flying ! Cadets particularly enjoy the Fieldcraft & Military Skills activities, often called "Greens" nights as you get to wear combats. These skills can be tested at the Annual Wing Exercise. There's also all the outdoor activities such as hillwalking, canoeing, rock climbing etc.



As a cadet you can start straight away on the bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The ATC is the largest operator of the award & as a cadet, most activities count towards it. Once you are 16 you can work towards a BTEC in Public Services &/or Music. (That's another 8 GCSE'S)



Target shooting is a core activity & will require you to undertake training & assessment. You will begin by learning about the air rifle & .22 calibre rifle. You will later be able to undertake training on the L-98 cadet rifle based on the Forces SA-80. There will be opportunities to take part in target shooting competitions as well as gaining marksmanship badges.