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From the Editor...

I’d like to thank our outgoing Deputy Editor, Flt Lt Anna Sznerch, for her efforts on the last edition whilst I was spirited away with the Joint Task Force.

We also welcome our new Deputy Editor, Flt Lt Heather Constantine to the Insight Team. Heather joins us from DIO Ops North and has already proven her ability to keep me to schedule and our standards up to scratch. We also welcome a new assistant Deputy Editor to the team, Flt Lt Levi Birch.

Personally, I’ve had an interesting few months working the day job refining the UK training plan for our eagerly awaited RAF Rivet Joint aircraft and feeding newly-qualified Sentinel crew to 5 (AC) Sqn. I’ve also burnt more than a few brain cells trying to master the art of ‘The Estimate’ for Joint Forces HQ. Most interestingly, however, the Curator at The Collection in Lincoln invited me to deliver a Pecha Kucha presentation on the Art of War for their 12.12.12 youth-organised art event. If you’ve never heard of this style briefing, it involves putting your entire brief into 20 slides which you can only discuss for exactly 20 seconds each. It was a bit of an effort, but possibly something a few of us in the Forces might try (pilots - there isn’t enough time to talk about yourself). Surprisingly, The Collection has asked us back to attend and participate in future events. If you’d like to participate, contact myself directly or via the Station Engagement Committee.

Recently, we’ve had a few requests for individual copies of Insight to be provided to readers across the UK (usually via kind notes forwarded by the Station Commander). We will do our best, but generally we can only provide single copies to individuals with either exceptional circumstances or who reside outside of our main East-Midlands catchment area, as our production and distribution budgets are fixed. Also, although we’ve received more excellent articles than we can possibly include in each issue; however, some of them have embedded or low-quality images. Please send us your highest resolution non-embedded images so our publishers can show their creative skill.

Well, I’m off to do a bit of rough camping, snowboarding and photography in the Highlands over the holidays, possibly becoming the first Mountain Rescue mission of 2013. The Insight Team looks forward to 2013 and your continuing contributions and comments.
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Welcome to RAF Waddington’s Insight Magazine. We finally have an extremely busy year behind us. The past year saw our people and platforms deployed on operations and training exercises across the globe as well as busy at home supporting the Olympics, Paralympics and an incredibly successful RAF Waddington Airshow.

We can take pride in our service to the nation in 2012 and in our people, many of whom most-deservedly received personal recognition by our Honorary Air Commodore, His Royal Highness, the Earl of Wessex during his recent visit to the station. Throughout the year, the challenge of an ever-increasing pace of activity has been successfully met by the station, our supporting community and families.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, Chief of the Air Staff, recently joined us to welcome a reformed 13 Squadron, which will operate UK Reaper as the first Remotely Piloted Air System to be based in the UK. We continue to prepare for arrival of the Royal Air Force’s newest ISR aircraft, the RC-135 Rivet Joint, on 51 Sqn, which is now only a year away, marking 2013 as a year for continued investment in our people, station infrastructure and capability to be ready for the 5 ISR platforms that will operate from RAF Waddington by 2014. Against this backdrop, we continue our main effort of supporting operations in Afghanistan.

In this issue, in addition to welcoming the reformation of 13 Sqn and the Honorary Air Commodore, we join 5 (Army Cooperation), 8, 14 and 54 (Reserve) Squadrons at the UK’s premier Combat Air Exercise, the Combined Qualified Weapons Instructor (CQWI) Course at RAF Lossiemouth. At CQWI, our platforms and Qualified Weapons Instructor (Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance) students joined with UK and Allied Forces for an intense 2-week event designed to sharpen skills and enhance interoperability in current and future operations. Our Sentry crews on 8 Squadron, under the stewardship of their new Officer Commanding, Wing Commander James Beldon, continued the operational training enjoyed at CQWI on Exercise VIRTUAL FLAG alongside four allied nations at the US Air Force Distributed Mission Operations Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico—furthering a war fighting virtual reality relationship that has existed between RAF Waddington and Kirtland for nearly 10 years. Our ISR Operational Conversion Unit, 54 (Reserve) Squadron, also made an American splashdown of its own sort at the United States Air and Space Museum, Washington D.C., while training our new Sentry crews alongside United States Air Force F-15 Eagle and F-22 Raptor crews at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

In the midst of continuing operations and alongside tremendous success at CQWI, our Shadow Team on 14 Sqn held a highly-successful Squadron Association Reunion in Lincoln and a Ladies’ Guest Night in their own hangar here at the Station. I had the pleasure of awarding squadron members Cpl Rachel Mills and SAC(T) James Coupe their colours for Skeleton Bobsleigh and Formation Skydiving, respectively. Congratulations also to SAC Chris Newstead of 14 Squadron’s Administration Section for his achievement in the Equestrian Dressage ‘Derby’ and to Sergeant Claire Protheroe for her management of the successful eight-strong RAF Lady’s Squad at the Inter-Services Golf Champs.

Waddington personnel continued to show strongly in all areas of sport this Autumn, turning in outstanding performances at Station Golf Championships, RAF Motorsports Association Championships, RAF Twenty20 Cricket Cup Finals and at the RAF Dinghy Sailing Championships.

Thank you to the station and our community for an outstanding year and I wish you the happiest of New Years for 2013.
Congratulations to Flight Lieutenant Ben Spoon, overall winner of the Station Golf Championship and Sergeant Matty Kirby for taking the individual strokeplay handicap title. Equally impressive, if not slightly on the edge-of-sensibility, is the performance throughout the season by Flt Lt Symon Woodward and Sgt Andy Green on the Post-Classic 125 motorcycle racing circuit. Finally, a team effort at the RAF Rutland Sailing Club by Flight Sergeant Dave Harrold, Senior Air Craftsman Ben Woods and Flight Lieutenant Graham Jenkins garnered the RAF Dingby Sailing Championship 2012, Novice and the overall Team Award for RAF Waddington.

In addition to operations, exercises and sport, the past several months have seen the station host local and community events and mount adventures training to Germany and Spain. In ‘Project X’, you’ll see the ingenuity of local schools teams as they meet an RAF Waddington ‘Dragon’s Den’ panel, setting out proposals to rescue a downed two-man crew stranded behind enemy lines beyond an impenetrable mountain range. Congratulations to the winners, participants, judges and mentors for an outstanding event and ingenious solution. Our second annual ‘Fake Festival’ proved an equally successful event, with over 700 service members and family members taking advantage of the Station, AAR and SERCO-subsidised ‘thank you’ for the hard work and diligence of station personnel during the past year. Similarly, the Families Evenings at the Ravens continue to build on success and popularity and will continue into the New Year. Station expeditions and adventures training also continued to provide opportunities beyond-the-ordinary to RAF Waddington’s service and civilian personnel, with Corporal Ian ‘DP’ de la Perrelle’s brainchild Exercise Costa Conqueror expedition to the east coast of Spain showing what life in the RAF and at RAF Waddington has to offer beyond the ordinary. Finally, I join 8 Squadron in bidding farewell to an old hand, Squadron Leader Ken Gunning, Sentry Pilot, who retires after 35 years service on Shackletons and Sentry in the RAF.

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### 5 (AC) SQN OPERATIONS & MORE

It’s been another busy period for V(Army Cooperation) Squadron as we continue to support operations in Afghanistan whilst also progressing with UK training and supporting various high profile exercises.

The biggest of which has recently been CQWI at RAF Lossiemouth where the Sentinel’s faultless availability for the 2 weeks was both impressive and pleasing. As ever, CQWI was a busy exercise resulting in some exhausted looking personnel returning from the north but an overwhelming success for the Squadron and the platform alike. More recently the Squadron has once again been supporting the Dutch with their recent exercise and momentum is gathering now for the next big international exercise in the spring of next year.

Sentinel was able to make the rare appearance at an Airshow as it appeared on the static line at the last airshow of the season at RAF Leuchars. The airshow organisers were able to organise a static line display with an aircraft from each of the RAF Squadrons numbered 1-6. The Sentinel was even considered for the best presented static prize, having received a nomination from a member of the Flying Control Committee! Sent Eng also deserve praise for protecting the deployed Op HERRICK aircraft during a particularly ferocious Middle Eastern storm. The met office’s observing instrumentation was destroyed during the storm so exact readings were impossible but the gusts were estimated at over 80kts and hail stones larger than marbles were observed.

Thankfully some quick thinking (and acting) by the engineers ensured that the Sentinel received as much protection as possible and it survived to successfully launch the next day. Good job Sent Eng.

Some congratulations are due.

Firstly well done and congratulations to FS Pete Machin who has been promoted to WO and awarded the Meritorious Service Medal which he gracefully received from the ISTAR Force Commander whilst deployed. It was at around the same time that Sgt Lee Martin received a good show award for correctly identifying and then solving a particularly confusing electronic snag. Lee’s applied intelligence resulted in the Sentinel being available to support ground forces in Afghanistan.

Congratulations are also due to OCV and Flt Lt Simon Coates after they both successfully completed the Sentinel Captain’s upgrade course; they have subsequently been awarded the privilege of Sentinel Aircraft Commander by the Waddington Station Commander. And finally, the recent promotion board has recognised the significant efforts and contribution of Flt Lt Chris “Janice” Wooler by recommending him for promotion to the rank Squadron Leader.

Farewells to Flt Lt Neil Griffiths and WO2 Jase Leslie. Griff has decided to leave the RAF after a 12 year career which has seen active service as both a Puma pilot and latterly a Sentinel pilot. Griff’s contribution to operations and Flight Safety has been significant and hugely appreciated. The Sqn wish him well in his new career at Monarch Airlines. WO2 Jase Leslie has retired after a hugely impressive 24 year long career that has seen service all over the world in various conflicts and operations. The Sqn, Royal Air Force and British Army wish Jase well as he moves in to the information security sector.

In October the Sqn was pleased to welcome Major Seymour Bailey back from an arduous 2 month deployment as the ISTAR Detachment Commander. However, the continual deployment cycle for the OF3s continues with Sqn Ldr Mark Bailey being deployed at very short notice and with almost immediate effect. Bails will therefore handover to the Sqn’s newest Intelligence Office, Sqn Ldr Stu Fone who will take over as OCE Flt.

And finally, the Sqn are very pleased to see the return of Sentinel ZJ691 as it returns to the forward fleet with a shiny new paint scheme. Sadly, despite the rumours, it doesn’t actually go any faster but it certainly looks pretty!
On top of the usual ballyhoo, juggling currencies and the like, pilot members of 14 Squadron are undertaking monthly visits to the wild Mid-West. I think it appropriate to paint this foreign land as feral, otherwise people will inculcate an ill-founded and infatuated interest, leading, no doubt, to a station-wide “witch-hunt” and I would be the Shadow’s very own Phillip Schofield, albeit younger and, regrettably, not so much of a silver fox. The visits are legit, I hasten to add, and provide essential simulator experience; so no moaning please.

Don’t let this admission sway you, though, as I happen to own ample more reasons to love 14 Squadron. Expeditions are in abundance this issue, both at home and abroad. We also play host to some of the most talented sportsmen and women in the Air Force and, of course, have quickly (and rather easily I might add) scaled the ranks as THE social scene here at RAF Waddington. But don’t take my word for it, read below for verification and I dare say you may call me humble!

Congratulations, firstly, to newlyweds Flt Lt Kevin Fyfield and his wife Kirsty, married on 15 Sep. May we wish them a very happy marriage. On the theme of new lives and new personnel, 14 Squadron is very proud to welcome the latest batch of Shadow super-heroes, arriving from all over the Air Force, including Sqn Ldr Nightingale, who takes over as OC B flt.

Of course, with so many new arrivals, there must be some departures. The Ladies’ Guest Night on 18 Oct, provided a perfect opportunity for long speeches and heartfelt goodbyes. Rather expeditiously, the evening was held in the Hangar. Flt Lt Alex Harman had his work cut out but the temporary hangar-conversion was an unbelievable success as, hopefully, the photo above illustrates accurately. Among the people leaving the Squadron are: Sqn Ldr Parkinson to CFS, Flt Lt “Crocks” Crocker to Brize Norton, MaCr Briggs (one of the original Shadow veterans) makes the short hop to 54 Sqn, F/Sgt Ron Folgate goes to “Governance and Insurance” at FHQ and Sgt Jones heads to Cosford. Others leaving us are, C/T Foster, C/T Mitchell, C/T Berry, C/T Hughes, Sgt Taylor, Sgt Raddeley and Sgt Curry, all leaving the RAF with a combined service of roughly twenty million.

Onwards with sports news and two adrenaline-seeking stars from 14 Sqn have been awarded RAF colours. An immensely prestigious award, this is, simply put, the highest level of recognition for their participation, dedication and success. Both “Insight” regulars, Cpl Rachel Mills and SAC(T) Jim Coupe received their colours from Gp Cpt Gillespie on Monday 12 Nov, for Skeleton Bobsleigh.

Below: Cpl Rachel Mills and received their colours from Gp Cpt Gillespie on Monday 12 Nov, for Skeleton Bobsleigh.
assured that, although ultimately losing, the team manager was not at fault.

As for professional duties, the peripatetic personnel of 14 Sqn have continued to crusade the world. On 28 Sep, a motley crew of both aircrew and engineers set up camp at RAF Lossiemouth for Ex CQWI “Combined Qualified Weapons Instructor”. According to wikipedia, it is equivalent to the US Navy’s “TOPGUN”. Rumours are rife that F/Ls Bates and Scott could be heard singing “Playing with the boys” at the top of their lungs, till late in downtown Egin, but I’m not one to gossip.

In order to refresh route currencies, and keen to show-off 14 Sqn’s profusion of backgrounds, the Sqn has seen a rise in overseas flying. With flights to Paris, Guernsey and more, perhaps we might start a bidding war for cheap holidays for service personnel? Back home, the 14 Sqn Association Reunion took place on 13 Oct. Although actually held in Lincoln, association members had the opportunity to visit No 2 Hangar, as well as current members of the Sqn.

Moving on to Sqn Expeditions, the 3rd Oct saw Cpl Glen Huyton organise a Force Development day, involving paintballing. After a morning of expert training, with the RAF Regiment, teams were then selected, followed closely by all-out war. A very well organised and great day out. Taking the reins once again for the 14 Sqn engineers, C/T Shug Furness talks about his exped, Ex Eagles Nest: “On the 6th October 2012, 12 personnel from 14 Sqn deployed to Bavaria in Southern Germany to participate in Exercise Eagles Nest.

The aim of the exercise was to develop personnel through Adventurous Training and Force Development.

Setting off on Saturday 6th October we travelled from Stansted airport and arrived in Memminghem, just south of Munich. A coach then drove us the 40 miles to Gunzried Sage in the Alps.

Having booked into our mountain chalet high up in the Alps, we settled down for a brief on the activities we would be carrying out during the week ahead.

Evening meal was then served followed by a meet and greet to get introduced to the other 12 participants in the exercise and of course the PTI instructors that would be training us.

Over the week, we were split up into groups and took part in the following activities; mountain biking, canoeing, hillwalking, klettersteiging and indoor climbing. The activities were all well organised and certainly got personnel to work outside their comfort zone. For instance Klettersteiging involved climbing across a mountain face attached only to a thin wire rope with a 500ft drop below you just to unsettle the nerves.

Tuesday saw us all take a trip to Dachau to visit the concentration camp memorial. After visiting Dachau we visited the site of Kaufering 4, another camp just outside Landsberg. This camp was portrayed in the TV series Band of Brothers. That evening we were split into groups of six and given a little exercise to produce a ten minute presentation on core values and ethos, relating them back to what we had learnt from our trip to Dachau.

Wednesday evening saw us take a trip into Sonthofen for a relaxing swim in the leisure pool. More time was spent climbing up stairs as we all spent more time playing on the slides than actually swimming. The week finished with a trip into Sonthofen again to sample a few of the local beverages available in Bavaria.

We returned on Saturday the 13th to RAF Waddington. A great time was had by all, for some this was the first time to Germany and first time on an exped. Everybody gained something positive from the activities, especially teamwork and communication.

The 14 Squadron 12 were; C/T Shug Furness, C/T Bill Bain, C/T Steve Dinan, C/T Deano Johnson, C/T Jack Johnson, Sgt Reg Curry, Cpl Marty Haddick, Cpl Denis Watson, Cpl Glenn Huyton, SAC(T) McManus, SAC(T) Sweeney and SAC(T) Casson.”

Looking forward and to another Christmas of continued Ops for the valiant and fearless 14 Sqn. I’m sure your thoughts will be with us, for a short moment and then you’ll bring out the bubbly and celebrate the New Year in style. Rest assured, however, we’ll all be catching up when we return, in 2013!

SSAFA BIG BREW

Following the immensely successful SSAFA Bacon Butty and a Bucks Fizz fundraiser in May, SSAFA adapted to the season with their autumn event - ‘Bacon Butty and a Brew’ as part of the nationwide SSAFA Big Brew.

T he trusty gazebo went up once more outside the Station Commander’s House, this time to protect from any wind and rain, rather than the glorious sunshine of the previous occasion. Fortunately fears that the weather would go against the event were unfounded. 10kg of bacon, provided by ISS in support of the occasion, filled 300 bread buns purchased by the Committee and both bacon and buns had to be restocked!

As has now become the norm for such an event there were also a variety of wonderful baked goods supplied by the Waddington Wives and other kind volunteers.

Thanks to the offer of a bacon butty, a cake and a tea or coffee over £600 was raised on the day. The event was a great success raising valuable funds and awareness for the charity and the SSAFA Committee would like to thank all those involved.

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One motorcycle that is special to Lincoln Harley-Davidson General Manager, Steve Jollands, is the Vulcan bike that was showcased earlier this year when the customised machine met its muse and inspiration, the last remaining operational XH558 aircraft.

“It was fantastic that we were able to take some pictures of the motorcycle with the actual Vulcan aircraft – the aircraft hangar gave us the perfect space to take some stunning imagery of this one-off machine,” says Steve. “The Vulcan is very close to my heart and to be honest, I was really looking forward to seeing the plane myself!”

To get the first look at the customised machines, check out Lincoln Harley-Davidson’s Facebook page which shows some of the first images of the motorcycles created so far.

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Exercise Costa Conqueror

Exercise Costa Conqueror was the brainchild of Cpl Ian ‘DP’ de la Perrelle, a major multi-activity expedition to the east coast of Spain for the personnel of RAF Waddington.

On 12th September 2012 ten novices from RAF Waddington coupled with an ATI, Sgt Mark Rooney, from Waddington and a highly qualified leader, Cpl Stu Wright, from Coningsby embarked on the journey to Espana, destination Finestrat, a mere 40km north of Alicante. The Orange House in Finestrat was to be our base for the week ahead and was ideally placed to give us just a short journey to all our activities. At the time of conception DP wanted to create an expedition that was very diverse, consisting of mountaineering, climbing, Klettersteig, mountain biking, sea kayaking and canyoning. It was an ambitious plan and one that was doomed to fail early on. The mountaineering, climbing and Klettersteig leads could be handled by Stu and Mark albeit with the aid of some equipment from the Orange House. However after several companies were contacted regarding hiring the mountain bikes and conducting the sea kayaking element, none seemed keen to provide details and after much pressing these activities were dropped due to a distinct lack of progress from the suppliers. Canyoning also hit the dust shortly before our departure due to the rivers that were going to be used had no water flowing through them and would just result in a walk down a dry riverbed in a wetsuit, coasteering was deemed a suitable alternative.

DAY ONE
Puig Campana was a very prominent mountain that was constantly overlooking us all the time we spent at the Orange House and the choice of the group’s first day mountaineering. We walked through the local village of Finestrat on our way to the base of the mountain, as it was to be a long day we set off at 0800 so we could take advantage of the cooler morning temperature and a fair amount of the ascent was on the west face so this gave us some much needed shade. The ascent was rocky, with an amount of scree along the way to keep us on our toes. As we continued our ascent the views behind us were becoming more stunning with every step that we took. After approximately five hours we had made it to the summit and at a height of now 1410 metres the views were breathtaking with Benidorm to the south way down below us and in the distance to the east was Calpe. The team sat down for a quick bite to eat, whilst trying to avoid the posse of wasps that had become attracted to our food, followed by extensive photographing of the area around us, it was time to commence the descent. We made it down from the summit to Finestrat in a speedy three hours; after all we did have the motivation of an ice cream to be had when we got there!

DAY TWO
Today the group tackled Benidorm’s very own mountain range, the Sierra Helada. The plan was to carry out a straight walk rather than a circular one, by leaving a vehicle at the end of our planned route we could return to our other vehicles at the start. However when the, what appeared to look like twenty minute journey on the map turned into an hour and a half epic, due to the Spanish road system changing and neither the map, guidebook or sat nav knowing about it, the planned route changed to a circular one! Within an hour we were at the top of our first peak and Mark, our ever resourceful ATI, produced a rope from his rucksack for a spot of
teambuilding. The next thirty minutes consisted of the team sharpening their communication and team working skills through a variety of challenges. We then continued the route which took us on our first descent, which happened to be very close to the edge of a cliff. Once again the views were spectacular, we could see the mountain we had conquered the previous day in all its glory to one side and to the other there were very long drops to the beach below us. After several of the ascents had been scaled it was time to turn around and return to the beginning after all we did have to do them all again on the way back, which accumulated to over 1000 metres in ascent.

**DAY THREE**
Today was the team’s climbing day and after a short drive we were at the base of our climbing area at Echo Valley. The leaders set up a couple of grade 3 climbs for half the group to attempt whilst the rest of the group were treated to a slightly more hardcore grade 5 and 5+. After each group had become comfortable with their climbs, the ATI within Mark appeared again as he produced a few blindfolds, to some furrowed brows within the group. To the group’s relief the blindfolds were employed in a teambuilding manner. The person belaying now had to act as the climber’s eyes, which from ten metres lower is no mean feat. A further grade 6a climb was set up to test those who were up for the challenge, although by now it was mid afternoon and there was nowhere to hide from the sun, so only a small portion of the group completed it.

**DAY FOUR**
Due to aching bodies today was declared a rest day.

**DAY FIVE**
The group had to split into groups today due to the limited availability of the Klettersteig safety equipment. Half the group undertook the Klettersteig in the morning and then a walk up Calpe rock (Penon de Ifach) in the afternoon and the other group did the opposite. DP had sold Klettersteig to the group as “it’s just like climbing up a big ladder that happens to be on the side of a mountain.” Upon arrival at the base of the Klettersteig, after a 100m high scramble, the ladder had grown from big, to 250m in height. To put it bluntly most of the group were not feeling the love for DP at this point. After the group had got over their initial fears and apprehensions about the journey ahead, we all took on the challenge. The group all made it in fairly good time up the route, some chose not to look down on the route, or up or left or right, it was rock or nothing. But those who did could put in perspective how high we actually were, just holding on to a rung of a ladder. At the top everyone was happy to have completed the Klettersteig and thankfully everyone was happy to now perform a 60m abseil in a bid to get us down quicker!

The walk up Penon de Ifach after the Klettersteig was a breeze in comparison. After two hours we had been up to the summit of 332m and made it back down the tourist route.

**DAY SIX**
Today’s activity, after a short journey, was coasteering. At the meeting point all of the group were given plastic rucksacks by our guides, we then followed them down a pretty strenuous scramble down to the sea. When we got there an eight metre jump into the sea was awaiting us, the group duly obliged after donning the contents of the rucksacks. What followed over the next kilometre was a lot of hanging onto rocks to avoid falling into the sea, some more jumping, diving underwater to explore some caves and a little bit of swimming to get us back onto the rocks. Judging by the groups expressions at the end of it, nobody had ever walked a kilometre like that before!
The Earl of Wessex has held this special relationship with RAF Waddington as our Honorary Air Commodore since the title was bestowed by Her Majesty the Queen in October 2008. The Earl has visited the Station a number of times to meet personnel and understand the demanding role that the station undertakes.

A total of 32 awards were presented by His Royal Highness followed by a reception for the recipients and their families. Among the awards presented included Afghanistan campaign medals for personnel having recently returned from Operations, numerous Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, a Meritorious Service Medal and various Commendations.

Senior Aircraftsman Luke Shingler (24) was presented with a campaign medal having recently returned from an operational tour in Afghanistan.

Luke said, “I was incredibly proud to receive my campaign medal and it was a real honour to have it presented to me by His Royal Highness. It’s a day to remember for me and my family.”

Squadron Leader Mark Bailey received a Queen’s Commendation for Valuable Service for his hard work during the evacuation of British expats from Libya as part of OP ELLAMY. He said “I was just one of many that who worked very hard to complete our task, so it is very humbling to be recognised for this award. To have it presented by The Earl Wessex was very special, something that I and my family won’t forget.”

Once the ceremony was complete the recipients and their families were lucky enough to meet and chat to The Earl of Wessex during a buffet lunch, a rare opportunity for most to meet a member of the Royal Family.
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When a bunch of 54(R) Sqn flyboys asked me, a Training Officer, to take part in their course deployment to Langley Air Force Base (AFB) Virginia, I knew that it could be for a number of reasons.

Maybe they needed me as an Imprest Officer; a Post Crash Management Officer (PCMO); an Admin Officer; an airport shuttle driver? And who knows, they might have even wanted me as their Training Consultant and Advisor (because let’s face it; that’s what I am actually paid to do!) Well guess what, I was right, they actually wanted me for all these things...and more; and do you know what, I loved every cotton-pickin’ minute.

Quite understandably, some of you reading this might already be thinking, “why does the Operational Conversion Unit (OCU) need to take their students all the way to the good ole US of A to do their training?” - so let me start, as the saying goes, with the ‘science bit’...

Our students need to be familiar with operating from a deployed location and integrating with other coalition agencies and the OCU has strong historical ties with Langley AFB. The value of this coalition...
The east coast of the USA is rich with training opportunities; the ability to work with not only the USAF, but also US Navy, Army and Marine Corps makes for a highly fluid and diverse operating environment. The USMC electronic warfare range at Cherry Point also provides a myriad of emitters and signals for our team to detect and identify. Without putting a figure on it, the fact that this facility is free (in contrast to the Polygon range over Europe) ensures that this deployment provides a genuine saving to Waddington’s operating budget.

Langley AFB is home to the 1st Fighter Wing which includes the 94th Fighter Sqn; the ‘Spads’ as they are known. The 94th was America’s first ever air superiority sqn, activated in 1917 and now go about their business operating the F22 ‘Raptor’. Our crew made the most of operating with the world’s best air superiority fighter aircraft, in what proved to be unrivelled training. Feedback in the debriefs was encouraging, with the Raptor crews proclaiming that the air battle management received from 54(R) Sqn was “world class” and “some of the best air battle management received from 54(R) Sqn.”

From our own training perspective, there were some days when we had more customers than others; but every mission saw the students working hard at their console for many hours. Two or three times during each mission our students would also be subjected to a number of practice emergency drills; loss of cabin pressure and fumes in the cockpit being two of the Tactical Director’s personal favourites. Joking aside, these are real situations that can occur at anytime in flight; all our instructors are well-trained to deal with these emergencies and so too must our students be, before we can release them as ‘competent’ to a front-line squadron.

Except for the penultimate day, (when the jet was readied for the flight home) we flew every working day out of Langley; 7 from 7, or 9 from 9 if you include the trans-Atlantic crossings, as training also took place as we crossed the pond. This rather impressive 100% success rate was down in no small part to the 8 Sqn groundcrew who came along; but 100% success rate was down in no small part to the 8 Sqn groundcrew who came along; but also to Andy Bain and Marc Jamieson on their promotion to Sqn Ldr; nice one fellas. Most importantly though, we will be seeing cheerio to some dear old friends. Sqn Ldr Dave ‘Motters’ Mottram leaves us for civvy street; as does Flight Lieutenant ‘James ‘JC’ Colman and SAC Matt ‘Craaty Cravat’ Allaker. We are also losing Warrant Officer Craig Neal to 8 Sqn and Chief Technician Sean Webster to 56(R) Sqn; now there’s 2 individuals who have amassed a whole load of nicknames in their time, none of which are remotely printable! I speak for everyone on the sqn though when I wish them all the very best for the future; they will be missed for many reasons.

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Number 13 Squadron reformed on the 26 Oct 12 at RAF Waddington under the watchful gaze of Ex Officer Commanding 13 Squadron from 1992 and 1994, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, the Chief of the Air Staff.

Air Chief Marshal Dalton said: “I was delighted to be able to review the parade held to mark the reformation of XIII Squadron at RAF Waddington. It is fitting that a Squadron with such a fine Reconnaissance history will be based at the home of the Royal Air Force’s combat-ISTAR Force. When fully operational, XIII Squadron will significantly increase the Royal Air Force’s contribution to the ISTAR support of United Kingdom and allied ground forces specifically over Afghanistan.’

Parade Commander and Officer Commanding 13 Squadron, Wing Commander Bird said “It is an honour to command a Squadron with such a long and illustrious history, I am proud to be able to continue it.”

Plenty of preparation was needed to pull off the perfect parade, Station Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer Massy, Master Aircrew Newton and Drill instructor Corporal Norman put the parade personnel through their paces for 4 days prior to the high profile event. They started the week with a uniform inspection to ensure that everyone’s No 1 ceremonial uniform was up to scratch, so that anyone in need of last minute tailoring could be completed by the Friday’s parade. Uniform inspections where followed by foot drill before progressing onto weapons drill,

The Squadron will operate as the first Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS) Squadron to be based in the UK; using Ground Control Stations at Waddington, the Squadron will control Reaper MQ-9 aircraft based in Kandahar in Afghanistan via satellite. The Reaper MQ-9’s primary role is to provide Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) for allied forces with a secondary role of providing armed support if required.

Station personnel paraded alongside their 13 Squadron colleagues to mark the historic occasion. 2 flights of 28 personnel, including 2 Standard parties took to the parade ground in good form. The parade was reviewed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, the Chief of the Air Staff, and watched by other senior RAF and US Air Force officers and 13 Squadron family members.

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The event was open to all RAF Waddington personnel and their families and was heavily subsidised by the Station, AAR and SERCO in recognition of all the hard work station personnel have put in during the past year. Due to Olympic commitments and other distractions this year’s festival was held at a later date than ideal but the weather on the day was excellent with bright sunshine throughout.

The Festival got off to a cracking start with local Band “Stark”, they were followed by a Waddington Live Music Club band “Stolen Fridays” who put in an equally good performance. The last of the local bands saw Sgt “Rooners” Rooney from the Stn gym bouncing around the stage as frontman to The Visitors. The combination of these bands, a well-stocked bar, free kids entertainment and a variety of food prepared the crowd well for the main three tribute bands. The Jam tribute band started the evening, taking many of the older revellers back to their younger days with numerous memorable tracks. Then it was the highlight of the evening for most, the Coldplay tribute band was exceptional. The sound, lightshow and other “concert tricks and props” made for a very impressive and memorable appearance. Due to unforeseen circumstances the original final act The Killers were unable to attend so they were substituted with an OASIS tribute band who did not fail to deliver. The Gallagher “bad boy” attitude was exuded from the stage and loved by the crowd, the songs got many singing along, some in tune, to all of their famous tracks.

The event was a great success, without incident and enjoyed by all with people already looking forward to next year’s Festival. A large thank-you to the Sponsors who helped reduce the ticket price considerably and Andrea and Karen in the HIVE for the selling of the vast majority of the tickets.

which Master Aircrew Newton was particularly pleased with as due to a change in regulations he would be parading with a sword.

However it was not just marching that was needed polishing, but the standby inclement weather alternative location, otherwise know as Hangar 5. Not leaving one stone unturned, Master Aircrew Newton had 20 volunteers from 13 Squadron picked up brooms to sweep out the Hangar to ensure that it was fit for purpose. Little did he know that it would take the sweeping team 2 hours to complete their task.

Master Aircrew Paul Newton, 13 Squadron, Parade Warrant Officer said “It was fantastic to be a part of the parade to reform the Squadron. It was a wonderful moment to see the 13 Squadron Standard uncased, and paraded once again as a formed Squadron. I was proud to see that the parade went without a hitch, even in strong winds, not one hat was lost!”
Most notable is the new Officer Commanding (OC). After spending a year living on beans and toast as a student at Cambridge University, Wing Commander Jim Beldon took over the reins from the outgoing OC, Wing Commander Paul Moss, on Thursday 4 Oct 12. Wg Cdr Moss departed to the depths of the Ministry of Defence in London, from which there has subsequently been a curious increase in requests for air-to-air refuelling. We would like to wish him and his family all the very best for the future.

Whilst not (presently) operationally deployed, the nature of our NATO commitments has placed many demands on us, and the exercise tempo has stretched manpower and aircraft to the limit.

Having cut my operational teeth as a first-tourist navigator with 8 Squadron in the late 1990s in the skies over the Balkans, it is great to return on my final Squadron tour as it’s commanding officer. A lot has changed since I last served on 8 Squadron – most obviously, we unfortunately have one fewer aircraft, but to our enormous benefit the Sentry engineers are now fully integrated as part of the Squadron. What hasn’t changed is the professionalism that the Squadron exudes. When I departed 8 Squadron in 2000 following the major campaign we contributed to over Kosovo in 1999, I was in no doubt that the RAF E-3D Component was the finest operator of Airborne Early Warning aircraft in the World, even if typical British modesty prevented us from shouting it from the rooftops. My subsequent experiences over Iraq and Afghanistan with 23 Sqn (and as an occasional ‘special guest star’ with 8 Squadron!) in the last decade reinforced my view that we were the ‘AWACS of choice’ for our UK and Coalition partners. I am much reassured to return to 8 Squadron to find that it enjoys the same high reputation now as it did in those earlier years, and I have my predecessor, Wg Cdr Paul Moss, to thank for ensuring that, under his custodianship, the Squadron continued to blossom.

But I recognise too that the Squadron Commander shares but an equal part with everyone else in ensuring the Squadron’s enduring proficiency and reputation, and I am delighted to inherit a highly motivated Squadron, in which air and ground crews share an equal responsibility for delivering the very high quality of output on which our reputation has been built. I am acutely aware that such highly motivated Squadron members need the support and backing of their families too, and I am very grateful to all those in the extended 8 Squadron family for all they (you!) do for us. I am really looking forward to the next two years, and whether members of the Squadron or connected family members, I look forward very much to getting to know you and working together for the benefit of the Squadron, our members and their families.

During October 2012, many of the RAF’s most capable operators – students on the Combined Qualified Weapons Instructors Course (CQWI) – assembled in northern Scotland to take part in the UK’s most complex air exercise.
**EX VIRTUAL FLAG ‘VIRTUAL REALITY’**

When hostilities broke out between the ‘Heartland’ and ‘Eureka’, warfighters from four allied countries went into combat alongside each other utilizing combined air assets.

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ynthetic training is something that all aviators have to embrace more and more as the Air Forces seek to reduce costs, improve interoperability and produce more realistic training scenarios. More than 360 joint warfighters from 11 time zones participated in ‘Virtual Flag’, an exercise orchestrated from the US Air Force Distributed Mission Operations Center (DMOC) at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. Nineteen sites and 30 systems, including much of the US Air Force military arsenal, participated from their home stations and the DMOC for this event.

Undoubtedly, the single most outstanding accomplishment in CVF was the connectivity and integration of all the simulators. The DMOC integrated 25 geographically separated sites (the most they’ve had in one exercise), systems from four nations, as well as separate simulators for each of the aircraft and systems, including surface-to-air missiles and warships.

On a lighter note, the lucky members of 8 Sqn who deployed to Kirtland AFB took the opportunity to educate our American friends in some RAF traditions through the hosting of a Battle of Britain theme night, bombarding the exercise participants with tales of success and heroism during the Summer of 1940, whilst also sinking a couple of great British beers! No such merriment for the British-based team, who finished work at 2am and went straight to bed!

Ex Virtual Flag continues to prove that, although not every facet of modern warfare can be replicated, the ability to bring so many systems and platforms together is invaluable. To gather together a similar array of capabilities in a live environment is costly and logistically difficult: the ‘virtual’ environment therefore provides a level of training that many would never experience outside war itself.

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**FAREWELL TO AN OLD HAND, “35 YEARS MAN & BOY” RETIREMENT OF SQN LDR KEN GUNNING**

Ken joined the RAF on the 6 November 1977 as an Officer Cadet.

On gaining his wings (in December 1979) he was selected to pilot helicopters, flying the Whirlwind and Wessex initially. Selected for Search and Rescue training on the Sea King, he realized that the standard of in-flight catering fell some way below his expectations, so he re-rolled to fixed-wing multi-engine aircraft and was posted to 8 Sqn in December 1980 to fly the mighty Shackleton, where he stayed until 1985. Having proven his ability to smoke a pipe and complete the Times Crossword whilst piloting a Shackleton, Ken was selected to become a flying instructor, completing tours on both the Bulldog and Jetstream training aircraft. These included a season as display pilot and upgrade to coveted A2 instructor category. Promoted to Sqn Ldr in 1991, he flew a desk for a tour before returning RAF Waddington as OC Sentry Standards Unit. Training on the then ‘new and shiny’ Sentry, he remained in post until 1997, at which point he was posted to the MOD Press Office. A year in the MOD was sufficient to persuade him (and the MOD) that flying was a far better option for him. Returning to Waddington, he was posted to the newly formed 23 Sqn as an instructor on the Conversion Course. Various roles followed until the Sqn’s merger with 8 Sqn in late 2009. He remained as an operational line Captain and QFI with 8 Sqn until his retirement in Feb 2013. He has flown in every conflict in which the Sentry has ever been associated and accumulated some 6228 hrs on the Sentry, with 1825 hrs on the Shackleton; overall, Ken has amassed an impressive career total of 9831 hr.

Ken retires with the supposed sole aim of reducing his golf handicap to less than 20. We suspect, however, that his wife, Kim, will have a long list of other jobs for him to complete. Ken and his family will always be welcome on 8 Sqn, and we certainly hope that Kim and the girls can put up with him being at home all the time! If all else fails, he can be thrown off the scent by being asked to give a definition of PANSOPs or crack an especially difficult cryptic crossword clue. All the best, Ken!

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both tactically and intellectually. On successful completion of this final phase, most will return to front-line Squadrons to help develop tactics at the front-line. Some will go on to become senior leaders of the RAF in the future. The QWI students are not the only ones under scrutiny at Ex CQWI though: all participating units are encouraged to employ their own platforms in the most challenging scenarios, with extreme time pressure being placed on planning and subsequent mission execution. The de-briefing process can be brutally frank – but it needs to be: the lessons learned on the Exercise would make the difference between life and death in a warfighting scenario. Hence, the process fulfils the old military adage of “Train hard and fight easy”.

CQWI also provided an excellent opportunity for the E-3D Component to integrate with UK and foreign players on a day-to-day basis, developing procedures which may have to be used in future conflicts, such as were seen on Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR over Libya, in 2011.

Congratulations should be added to our own Flt Lt Mike Clarkson for achieving the best Student Award for the Typhoon QWI Course 3. It is an outstanding achievement for any aviator, but especially when awarded to a non-Typhoon pilot. The Sqn shares Mike’s pride in achieving this great accomplishment.

And finally, during CQWI, the successor to the E-3D was revealed in a far-flung corner of RAF Lossiemouth. Possibly the ugliest aircraft ever to see service in the RAF (don’t be disappointed, Argosy fans), the Cargo and Radar Warning And Control System (CARWACS) is believed to be in its final test phase!
The vast majority of the machines on the grid are Honda MT125Rs, most of which are all run in the standard trim they were made in 1977/8. As you can imagine, rider weight is a crucial factor on these small machines so the grids are evened out by the heavier riders riding the slightly more powerful water-cooled version with the lighter riders riding air-cooled versions. This leads to very close and competitive racing.

For 2012, 3 RAFMSA riders competed in this year’s championship, Flt Lt Symon Woodward and Sgt Andy Green from RAF Waddington and Chf Tech Shaun Houston from RAF Marham. The season started at Pembrey, South Wales; the Team looked good in RAFMSA leathers and matching new tank/seat/fairing units decorated in RAF insignia. The sun shone and excellent racing was had by all resulting in a Bike Sport News article titled “Epic Post Classic 125 Action”.

Each race involved a line of between 5 and 8 125s battling for the lead with places being swapped on every corner. The first race saw Woodward lead for the majority of the race but he was never more than a second in front of Houston. The following races were hard fought with Woodward gaining a 1st, two 3rd’s and a 4th, Houston a 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th and Green 6th, 7th 9th and a 12th. This meant in some of the races all of the RAF riders were placed in the top six, a first for the team and a good start to the season.

For all the good racing experienced at Pembrey the complete opposite was experienced the following month at Cadwell. The weekend got off to a bad start when the competitors were delayed access to the track due to a previous days drifting show/competition. The rubber left on the track, combined with the cold, wind, rain and hail resulted in treacherous track conditions. During morning untimed practice Green parted company with his MT through Hall Bends and Woodward went off the track at the
Going into the last series of bends, race sponsor and owner of both Woodward’s and Houston’s machines, Jerry Lodge, made a brave overtaking bid on the brakes.

Goose neck trying to avoid a fallen rider in front of him. He managed to miss the rider but unfortunately not his bike, resulting in a slow speed “get off”.

On the first lap of race 3 Houston and Woodward tried passing either side of a bike at the entrance to the Goose neck, Houston who was slightly in front of Woodward spooked the other rider who “sat up” slightly, taking Woodward out at the Goose neck. The remaining race saw several other fallers with Houston gaining a 3rd and Green 14th. The last race was raced in horrible conditions with riders just trying to nurse their already bruised bikes and bodies home with Houston, Woodward and Green coming home in 10th, 13th and 15th respectively, the only race that weekend they all managed to cross the finish line.

The following Meeting was Lydden with great expectations of close racing on this excellent 125 course. Borrowing a bike for the 2nd race and starting from the back of the grid, Woodward managed to finish 6th but not in front of Houston who managed to finish in a solid 2nd and given a couple more laps, would’ve threatened for a win. Race 3 was crowded going into the first corner but Houston managed to keep Woodward behind him and they were positioned 3rd and 4th respectively. There followed much over taking, under taking, block passing, swapping of paint and slowly but surely the leading two MT’s were being reeled in. But there were too few laps left to be run. A 3rd for Houston and a 4th for Woodward.

The next round in the CRMC racing calendar was Mallory in June, this unfortunately clashed with the RAF Waddington Air Show so Woodward was unable to participate. The race saw Houston beat the previous 125 Mallory lap record by two hundredths of a second and he took another comfortable 2nd behind the new lap record holder. Houston easily gained a further 2 second places on the Sunday with an ever improving Green climbing his way up the result sheet with an 8th and a 6th.

Donnington Park saw only one MSA member participate as Houston was at home awaiting the imminent arrival of his 2nd child (must be catching) and Green had just started a 6 month detachment out of the country. This was the biggest event of the CRMC calendar which included a large display of racing Yamahas ranging from the early 60s to the present day. The weekend combined a busy race programme with parades of previous racing machinery being ridden by ex-British and World Champions. Even Jamie Whitham (BSB Champion and WSB/WSS rider) returned to his roots and came out on a MT125 for the weekend. The 4 bikes passed over the finish line within 0.4 sec and not in the same order they entered the chicane, with Woodward grabbing a third. Overall a thoroughly enjoyable weekend and although Whitham definitely was not trying his hardest it is not often you can claim to be just behind him on the start grid.

The Penultimate round of the CRMC Championship was held over a sunny weekend at Snetterton, Norfolk. Snetterton always seems to produce good, close 125 racing as the slipstreaming down the long straights pulls all of the bikes together as they take advantage of the bikes at the front of the line punching a hole in the air for the rest to slip through. This meeting was no different with the lead regularly swapping between 6 riders. Out of the RAF representation all honours went to Houston whose combination of a well performing machine and excellent riding saw him at the front of the field for a fair proportion of the races. Unfortunately his race craft let him down and he was repeatedly “pipped” to the line, gaining 3 x 3rd and a 4th. Woodward struggled all weekend achieving a 5th and 3 x 6th.

The final round of the Championship was a cold but sunny Silverstone in October. 2 races on the Saturday concluded the Championship with Houston needing strong finishes to improve on his current 4th place in the Championship, but it was Woodward who got off to a good start in race 1. After the first couple of laps he was lying 2nd and had pulled out a 3-4 sec advantage over the pursuing pack lead by Houston. He maintained this lead until the final lap where inexplicably he was reeled in by the pursuing pack. Going into the last series of bends, race sponsor and owner of both Woodward’s and Houston’s machines, Jerry Lodge, made a brave overtaking bid on the brakes. Too brave in fact, as it pushed him out onto the rumble strip and Woodward, who was reluctant to give up his place, onto the grass. By the time both machines had returned to the track Wilson had made a move round the outside and it was a scramble to the line. All 3 bikes crossed the line within 0.2 secs with Houston just behind. The second race involved a series of overtaking manoeuvres, resulting in Woodward just beating Lodge and Houston over the line to take a 4th. These finishes consolidated Houston in 4th and Woodward, 5th in the final championship standings.

The Sunday hosted the “Race of the Year”, this being a single, double-length race to become the annual “Race of the Year” Champion. After a long hard battle between 6 or 7 machines Woodward came 3rd and Houston 6th, with these 4 bikes crossing the finish line all within 1 ½ seconds. Overall a successful year with the Team who are already looking forward to the start of next year, especially with the return of Andy Green.
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A disturbing number of absentees – including several key players – meant that Waddington only managed to scrape together ten players to attend the Finals. With the prospect of facing two of the best sides in the RAF short-handed, Waddington travelled down to a sunny Uxbridge expecting nothing short of a mauling. Their fears were slightly appeased on arriving at the RAF's own 'Home of Cricket', however, as they learned that both Lossiemouth and Odiham were also unable to field a full XI.

It was a case of two very contrasting performances at RAF Vine Lane for RAF Waddington Cricket Club during the RAF Twenty20 Cup Finals day on 23rd August, 2012. Waddington's first match started off on the wrong foot, as Odiham - who had already lost their first game to Lossiemouth - won the toss and elected to bat. It wasn't until the 13th over, with the score on 83 that skipper SAC Dave Wornham (ESA) made the breakthrough. Wornham had earlier dropped a 'dolly' off the bowling of SAC Joe Raw (8 Sqn), but he made up for his error, tempting the batsman into a loose shot which was snaffled up by Fg Off Rob Parr (8 Sqn) at mid-on. Three balls later, Gp Capt Ross Bailey (AWC) joined the party, clean-bowling Odiham's No.3 batsman with a fine delivery. Odiham managed to steady the ship for a while, the third wicket partnership putting on a further 44 runs before Sgt Rob Buckley (AWC) finally got his reward for some miserly bowling; Flt Lt Chas Gimenez (51 Sqn) holding on to a tricky catch at gully. The No.5 batsman then put on a quick-fire 18 off just seven deliveries which, together with their opening batsman's 50 n/o, meant that Odiham posted a total of 147-3 off their allotted overs. Buckley ending up as the pick of the bowlers with figures of one for 18 off his four overs.

Chasing 148 to win, at a rate of just under 7.5 per over, the opening pair of Wornham and Mr Alan Cowdale (AWC) got off to a steady start. With the seven men of Odiham stretched in the field the run chase was looking like something of a formality until Cowdale holed out to a fine catch at point for 12. Parr joined Wornham at the crease with the score on 64 for one and the pair played some glamorous shots, only to see many of them hitting the fielders. The score had crept up to 86...
to field in the next game against Lossiemouth. Things were going from the sublime to the ridiculous in the field, with some fine work from Gimenez to run out the opening batsman being undone by Wornham dropping yet another simple chance at deep square-leg. The batsmen went on to a second-wicket stand of 74 – helped by some loose bowling from Raw - before ‘butter-fingers’ Wornham, again making some amends for his poor fielding, had the No.3 batsman playing a sloppy shot straight into the reliable hands of Bailey, 98 for two soon turned into 107 for three as Bailey then cleaned up Lossiemouth’s No.2 with another beauty, bowling him for a well-earned 51. The wickets really began to tumble for Lossiemouth, as first Cpl Harry Harrison (ESA) showed his captain how to catch in the deep, clutching a sound chance at deep mid-wicket, then Wornham and Buckley displayed some great bowling from either end to dismiss a further four batsmen. The pick of the wickets was arguably a difficult catch at mid-wicket taken by Flt Lt JJ Jones (8 Sqn) off the bowling of Buckley, who then clean bowled Lossie’s No.9 next ball, but missed out on his hat-trick with a harmless delivery. It was up to Parr to join in the action and clean up the tail with a superb swinging ball rearranging the timbers to dismiss Lossiemouth for a total of – you guessed it – 147 off 19.2 overs. Wornham again lead from the front with enviable bowling figures of four for 35, with Buckley displaying some great bowling deep mid-wicket, then Wornham and Buckley to try and join in the action and clean up the tail with a superb swinging ball rearranging the timbers to dismiss Lossiemouth for a total of – you guessed it – 147 off 19.2 overs. Wornham again lead from the front with enviable bowling figures of four for 35, with Buckley on a credible two for 17.

In reply, Waddington never really challenged Lossiemouth’s total. A combination of tiredness and lack of practice took its toll on the batsmen as the well-drilled bowlers tore through Waddington’s defences. Wornham was – somewhat unfairly - given out caught behind off a delivery he played and missed, Jones was run out for a golden duck, Harrison was bowled second-ball and a further two batsmen came and went without troubling the scorers leaving Gimenez stranded on 1 not out! Cowdale top-scored on just 10 as Waddington were dismissed for a paltry and forgettable 45.

So it was to be Lossiemouth’s day. Both Odiham and Waddington were to prove no match for the team from northern Scotland, who play league cricket every weekend together. Waddington came in a creditable second, lamenting the lack of front-line players, whilst Odiham made the short trip home licking their wounds.

No, it wasn’t a day of murder and mayhem, although you could be forgiven for thinking so. It was the return of Families Evening and the result of about thirty overexcited toddlers squealing that the cheese was “in the chimney!” and the mouse was “going to get it!”

The children’s entertainer, Adam, did a sterling job of handling his energetic audience and Moira Dean, the bar manager and Lindsay Harbron, the supervisor, made sure the chicken nuggets and chips were plentiful. Mums and dads chatted and enjoyed a sociable drink with friends.

The Families Evening was back by popular request from the Waddington families on station as it had proved such a success and made good use of the families area at the back of Ravens Bar.

We hope to make this a regular event on the station calendar and to keep on encouraging mothers and children to return to the venue, where we already have a regular Thursday Mums and Tots morning.
Champagne wind conditions had been booked but champagne, and then some, was what actually turned up. Monday and Tuesday’s training days saw gusts up to 30 knots, with the race days moderating slightly.

20 of the RAF Sailing Association (RAFSA) Laser 2000 dinghies showed up, from all over the UK, including four crews worth from Waddington.

The Champs itself consisted of 8 races with two in the morning, lunch and a further two in the afternoon, on the Wednesday and Thursday. This is followed, on Thursday evening, by a meal and prize giving in Rutland Sailing Club itself. Banter, beer and recriminations then ensue with promises of rivalries in ‘combat’ having to be put on hold until the following years Brady Trophy.

The ethos of the dinghy champs is to encourage all standards to compete and there are prizes to support this. Whilst the racing snakes compete for podium positions others join in the racing with intent to improving their sailing ability. Novices (those who have qualified to sail dinghies only recently) compete for their own trophy- and there’s always an endeavour prize awarded by the Race Officer to the crew that has shown most improvement or demonstrated an adventurous spirit throughout the competition.

So how did Waddington fare? MAcr Ian Randall and Cpl Rachael Williams came 3rd, CT Dougie Walters and FL Gary Settery 9th, CT Sean Webster and FS Dave Harrold 14th and, finally, SAC Ben Woods with FL Graham Jenkins were both 15th and Novice Champions. RAF Waddington also winning the Team Award.

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The only way that help can reach them is down a zip wire in the Station Gymnasium. And with that help manifesting itself in reality as raw eggs it can only mean the return of Project X and Finals Day!

7 schools comprising 9 teams of Year 8 students from across the County formed up at RAF Waddington on Wednesday 7 Dec for the culmination of the Project. The teams had been set the challenge of designing, building and testing an air vehicle capable of delivering the supplies (eggs) intact to the downed aircrew. It’s worth pointing out that the aircrew, while cheaper than real ones, were equally animated Action Man dolls! The aircraft had to be capable of flying multiple missions throughout the day and therefore suitably robust and re-configurable.

To assist the schools, a cross section of ranks and trades from around the Station acted as mentors for each of the schools. Having briefed the staff and students on the task shortly after the summer holidays, they revisited their schools to monitor progress and encourage and cajole as required. All of the mentors, many of them experienced from previous evolutions of the Project, are enthusiastic about what they get out of the event.

It’s an opportunity to promote the Station and its work in the community and deliver a positive message about the RAF. On a personal level it offers additional leadership and management opportunities and encourages development across a number of areas. It’s not exclusive to engineering types as it’s about Mission Command in guiding the school teams rather than providing solutions.

Finals day was a multi-part event. The teams arrived with their aircraft, repair kits, packed lunches and enthusiastic competitiveness in the morning. A team photo preceded the schools being split into 2 groups. One group would participate in a mini-station visit with the stands provided by 2503 Sqn RAuxAF, the Fire Section, Survival Equipment Section and Airfield Support MT. The other group would begin the trials phase of the main event before a quick lunch and then the competition and assessed runs.

The trials phase meant each team could conduct 2 launches down the wire, interspersed with an appointment in the “Dragons Den”. The 3 Dragons composed the Project X Air Board who would grant the teams authority to fly in the main competition. To gain this approval, the students had to deliver a 5 minute presentation then face a 5 minute grilling on their design and its chances of success. It’s fair to say that the teams all acquitted themselves very well and were not at all fazed by the squadron leaders in the Den.

As would be expected, the test flying produced mixed results. The eggs were mostly released successfully with some actually landing in the target area. A little bit of tinkering addressed any issues during the trial runs and the competitive atmosphere built up as the schools got to see each others’ designs for the first time.

Meanwhile the other students loved the opportunity to get their hands on some RAF kit. Those sections supporting this part of the day were magnificent and their enthusiasm and knowledge ensured the kids all walked away from each stand.

Stranded behind enemy lines, the downed two man crew have been separated by an impenetrable mountain range and both need urgent life saving help.
During the celebrations of the 68th anniversary of the airborne landings in Arnhem, personnel from RAF Waddington including the station Pipes and Drums attended a service of remembrance at the Air Force memorial in Oosterbeek. The memorial is dedicated to the Royal Air Force, Commonwealth and American air crew who died on Operation Market Garden September 1944.

Between 16th and 25th September 1944, the air forces of the Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and America lost 241 crew members in direct support of Operation ‘Market Garden’. It was during these support missions that RAF Transport Command Pilot Flt Lt David Lord was awarded the Victoria Cross, continuing to drop supplies to the troops on the ground despite his aircraft being hit and set alight by anti aircraft fire, on the initial run into the drop zone.

It was such bravery by the RAF, Commonwealth and American aircrews that led Mr Alan Hartley from Coventry (ex 271 Squadron RAF Down Ampney, ground crew member) to become the driving force behind the ‘Arnhem Air Crew Memorial.’

The service was conducted by Waddington’s Padre Rev Flt Lt Dawn Colley. Flt Lt Jason Rowell and representatives from the Dutch Air Force laid wreaths while Pipe Major Finlay MacGhee played the lament, “Lest We Forget.”

On completion of the service Pipe Major Finlay MacGhee presented Alan Hartley with a RAF Waddington Pipes and Drums plaque as a small sign of our gratitude of his endeavour in honouring the fallen Allied airmen.

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The strengthening wind became a problem on the second 18 holes with most players struggling to post an improved score. This was evident as the morning scratch scores could not be bettered. Flt Lt Ben Spoor played another consistent round and posted another identical score of 78, but commented on the conditions playing a big part on both his game and his score. C/T Al Lowden returned to the clubhouse with another impressive stableford score of 36, noteworthy as it was his first ever time at the course, taking the Stableford Championship with an excellent 73 points. Well done! The overall winner and RAF Waddington 2012 station champion was Flt Lt Ben Spoor carding back to back 78’s in extremely difficult conditions. He should be congratulated on such a fine performance. Runner-up was Sgt Mark Rushforth only a few shots back having pushed Ben Spoor all the way in a fiercely fought final round.

Sgt Matty Kirby produced two impressive rounds (87 and 83) playing off a 10 handicap to take the individual strokeplay handicap title. Well done to all the winners and the rest of the field for showing great support on the day. Special thanks to OC Stn Golf FS Mark “Flo” Nightingale and SAC Tom Howells for their organisation of the event. Thanks also to Wg Cmdr Donoghue for attending the prize giving event. Again this event would not be possible without the hosts Blankney Golf club and corporate sponsorship on the day from Northrop Grumman, AAR & BAE systems. Their continued support for the golfers of RAF Waddington is hugely appreciated.
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