

## Cadet Activities 25<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

### Cadet Training:

[26/02/2016 – 28/02/2016 Cadet Training, Chickerell Camp](#)

### Sector Events:

[26/02/2016 - 28/02/2016 Sector 5 Training Weekend – RAF St Mawgan](#)

## Events coming up in February & March

### Adventure Training:

[04/03/2016 – 06/03/2016 Ten Tors Training 5](#)

[18/03/2016 – 20/03/2016 Ten Tors Training 6](#)

[28/02/2016 Road Marching 4 Barnstaple Railway Station](#)

[13/03/2016 Road Marching 5 WHQ to Starcross](#)

[27/03/2016 Road Marching 6 Tiverton Canal](#)



Admin Orders, Kits List etc available here; [HERE](#)

Ten Tors 2016 discount letter for use at Cotswold Outdoor [HERE](#)



### Training:

[11/03/2016 – 13/03/2016 Staff Training, Chickerell Camp](#)

### Competitions:

[20/03/2016 Somerset Inter-Service Cadet Competition](#)

### Sector Events:

[12/03/2016 200 \(Torquay & Brixham\) Sqn Annual Dinner](#)

### Shooting:

[19/03/2016 L98A2 and L81A2 Live Fire](#)

Cadets must be 14 years old and have successfully completed their L98 Initial Weapons Training. They must also have passed their Weapon Handling Test within the last 6 months (WHTs may be available on the day of the shoot depending of staffing).



**Due to restricted access some of the hyperlinks on this document will not work for Cadets / Parents. For further information about any of the activities / articles within this Mail Drop please ask a member of Staff.**

## Articles for Cadets

### **Adventure Training 2016**

- **The Airborne March** September 2016 The Registration Page for the next years Airborne March is Now Open, full details on the Airborne webpage [HERE](#) **Deadline 31/03/2016**
- **Blue Macaw - Adventure Journey in Norway July-August 2016** The Deadline for applications for Ex Blue Macaw has been extended. There are currently 5 Cadet vacancies on this exciting two week multi discipline expedition. All information can be found [HERE](#) **Deadline 31/03/2016**

### **Security Advice For Air Cadets**

A letter from Sqn Ldr Parsons, Wing Commanding Officer, has been printed and posted from WHQ to your units today. Please ensure you get your copy from staff as soon as possible.

### **Offshore Sail Course 2016.**

Please see [HERE](#) for details and the application for this years Regional Offshore Sail Course for Cadets.  
**Deadline 26/02/2016**

### **Royal Aero Club Bursaries 2016**

Please see document [HERE](#) for details and the Application Process.  
\*\*\*\*\*Cadets, ask a member of staff to access for you\*\*\*\*\*  
**Deadline 04/03/2016**

### **UK Apprenticeship Opportunities – Airbus, Filton**

Airbus UK has an Undergraduate Apprenticeship, a specialist programme designed to develop high level aeronautical engineering skills and leads to a BEng in Aerospace Engineering (Manufacturing). A combination of job related and academic training, this unique sponsored degree provides an outstanding opportunity to go to University and attain a degree without incurring any debt.  
Further information can be found on the Airbus website [HERE](#)  
**Deadline 31/03/2016**

### **\*\*\*\*\*Flying During Easter Holidays\*\*\*\*\***

At RAF St Mawgan, please ask your Squadron Staff for information

**Articles for Staff**

<b>Camps 2016</b>	
<b>EASTER CAMP 2016:</b> Staff Allocations for the Easter Camp have been completed and can be viewed on the sharepoint site <a href="#">HERE</a> RAF Brize Norton 3 – 8 April 2016. Cadet Allocations have been emailed to Sqns and next steps explained. Cheques, TG Forms (for Staff and Cadets) and Aviation Med Forms to be at WHQ by <b>29/02/16</b>	
Staff Nominations are open for Summer Camps <a href="#">HERE</a> . Please can staff look at the shortage of skills / qualifications on each week and volunteer where they can to fill the gaps; D1 FMT600 holders. Deadline <b>31/03/16</b> Cadet nominations are still open for all Summer Camps <a href="#">HERE</a> <b>Deadline 08/05/2016 – Payments by 22/05/16</b> Further details can be found on the nomination pages themselves.	
<b>Response by: 29/02/2016</b>	<b>WHQ</b>

<b>AEF Tutor Flying RAF St Mawgan Easter - All READ PLEASE.</b>	
Squadron staff of units served by 3AEF when deployed to RAF St Mawgan are requested to check the Flying and Gliding Allocations Page. DSW Tutor flying allocations for the Easter period at RAF St. Mawgan are now confirmed. Squadron Staff are requested to let me know of any dates they can't attend and dates they would prefer to attend by 29 Feb 2016 by 1800hrs. After this date I will allocate dates to Squadrons served by 3AEF taking into account emails I receive. If ANY Squadron can take up to 12 cadets on 23/3/16 report time 0815 to PCWHQ at RAF St Mawgan let me know immediately (This seems to be within term time) I am happy to allocate that date as soon as possible (Otherwise it will be given to PCW or the CCF). If Squadron Staff do NOT respond on behalf of their unit I will take this as a clear indication your Squadron can attend any date including the date in term time. More Info is available on the Flying and Gliding page <a href="#">HERE</a>	
Please reply to this message by email to <a href="mailto:flying.devonsomerset@aircadets.org">flying.devonsomerset@aircadets.org</a> Sqn Ldr Rick Webb WSO Flying & Gliding.	
<b>Response by: 29/02/2016 @ 18:00</b>	<b>FLYING &amp; GLIDING OFFICER</b>

<b>Somerset Joint Cadet Dinner 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>	
Please see Invitation and Returns form <a href="#">HERE</a>	
<b>Response by: 28/03/2016</b>	<b>WHQ</b>

<b>Reminders:</b>	
<b><u>Adventure Training:</u></b>	
- <b>Blue Macaw - Adventure Journey in Norway July-August 2016</b> The Deadline for applications for Ex Blue Macaw has been extended. There are currently 5 Cadet vacancies on this exciting two week multi discipline expedition. I am also looking for Mountain Biking staff and Staff Cadets to train for qualifications prior to the Expedition to act as supervisors for the MTB section of the expedition. Blue Macaw Instructions and Information <a href="#">HERE</a> <b>Deadline 31/03/16</b>	
<b><u>Sailing:</u></b>	
- <b>Offshore Sail Course 2016</b> Please see <a href="#">HERE</a> for details and the application for this years Regional Offshore Sail Course for Cadets. <b>Deadline 26/02/16</b>	

### **Shooting:**

- **Shooting / WeaponsStaff Courses.** Following requests from a number of staff for additional weapons/shooting related courses a Dangerous Goods Awareness / Storemans course and a Safety Supervisor Authorisation course have been arranged by the (SW) SATT. Full details and application process available [HERE](#). **Deadline 29/02/16**
- SATT courses 3 Oct 15 to 13 Mar 16, details available [HERE](#)

### **General:**

- **Accounts End Of Year – HQAC** The deadline for getting your pay and travel claims to WHQ for us to then pass on to HQAC for the FY 2015/16 is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Anything received later than this may not be processed until after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **Deadline 09/03/16**
- **'BIG GAME ON' - HELP CVQO HIT ITS BTEC LEARNER TARGET \*\*\*WIN A TWO-WEEK TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA\*\*\*** More details [HERE](#) **Deadline 14/03/16.**
- **Constructive Comments** are requested relating to the **new Website** [www.atcdevsom.org.uk](http://www.atcdevsom.org.uk), located [HERE](#). It is anticipated that phase 2, to include options and suggestions identified by you should hit the streets by the end of March 16. Please send feedback to [ACO-WHQ-AllUsers-DevonSomerset@mod.uk](mailto:ACO-WHQ-AllUsers-DevonSomerset@mod.uk). **Deadline 29/02/16**

Response by: Various

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## General Announcements:

### **Changes to Flying Forms...**

Please note several flying forms have been changed recently please do not use printed old local copies please ensure you use the latest forms available through Bader SharePoint.  
Links from our DSW flying and Gliding folders on sharepoint can be easily found.

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### **Concerns relating to RAF 6424 – Medical Declaration for Flying**

Please see letter [HERE](#) for updates

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### **Open Day at 621 Hullavington VGS – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

I hope all will make an effort to visit 621VGS on their open day . A great opportunity for all of us to say thanks and enjoy the good company at 621 Hullavington VGS.  
Let me know please if you would like to attend.

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### **Security Advice For Air Cadets**

A letter from Sqn Ldr Parsons, Wing Commanding Officer, has been posted to Units today. There are enough copies for each cadet on your books. **Please ensure every cadet receives a copy.**  
All cadets under the age of 18 are to be given the instruction to take them home and give them to their parents. There is also a copy for cadets over the age of 18 – they may wish to deliver the letter to their parents.  
This is the follow up letter relating to the Commandants letter sent to you all a couple of weeks ago.

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<b>Air Training Corps Squadron Excepted Charitable Status</b>	
Please see letter <a href="#">HERE</a> with updates regarding to Charitable Status'	
<b>**NEW**</b>	<b>FLYING &amp; GLIDING OFFICER</b>

<b>Leadership Courses Clarification</b>	
To clarify some confusion regarding the Leadership Courses running at Chickerell in the near future, It is the intention that courses will run concurrently, i.e. two courses running at each cadet training weekend.	
Training Weekend 1: Team Working Course (TWC) and Initial Leadership Course (ILC)	
Training Weekend 2: TWC and ILC	
Training Weekendend 3: TWC and Continuation Leadership Course (CLC)	
The Joining Instructions will be updated accordingly to provide squadron staff with information regarding each course to assist them in deciding which course is most appropriate for their cadet.	
If anyone requires any further information or clarification please contact one of the Leadership Team directly or email the course commander FLT LT W Stephens <a href="mailto:stephens824@hotmail.com">stephens824@hotmail.com</a>	
<b>**NEW**</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>

<b>Cadet Training – Ranges 2015</b>	
This is to inform you that there has been recent amendments to 'Cadet Training – Ranges 2015'. The amendments are promulgated in the letter <a href="#">HERE</a> . The latest edition of 'Cadet Training – Ranges' is now on Bader. All Ocs are to ensure that their respective RCOs are aware of the amendments and have access to the latest edition of 'Cadet Training – Ranges'	
	<b>WCO</b>

<b>Important message about new Facebook Groups</b>	
We have become aware of two open groups on Facebook called RAFA Youth Grou and ACO Radio Communications group. These are NOT official groups and are not something that we have set up. We would be grateful is you could make your Sqn aware of this, as we take child protection very seriously and until we can establish who has set up the group, we do not think young people should join in. We will let you know when we have more informaion, but if you have any concerns or questions in the meantime please contact SO3 Safeguarding	
	<b>HQAC</b>

<b>DST Leconfield D1 Course Dates for 2016/17</b>	
DST Leconfield D1 Driver Training Course Dates for Training Year 2016/17 are available <a href="#">HERE</a> . Applications for D1 courses are to be made in accordance with <a href="#">ACTO 151</a>	
	<b>HQAC</b>

<b>DoE Updates...</b>	
.....regarding Expedition Supervisors is available <a href="#">HERE</a>	
	<b>DoE OFFICER</b>

<b>Job Opportunities</b>	
200 word expressions of interests should be submitted in order to apply for the following posts:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>OC 2401 Dawlish Sqn Available now.</b> TOR available on request from WEXO. <b>Applications by 29/02/16.</b></li> <li>- <b>OC 290 Weston Super Mare Sqn Available 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.</b> TOR available on request from WEXO. <b>Applications by 29/02/16.</b></li> </ul>	
Please outline why you think you would be suitable for the role. TOR and further information available on request.	
<b>Response by: Various</b>	<b>WEXO WHQ</b>

## Annual Leave and Change of Command

If you wish your Leave or Change of Command details to be published, please add a mail drop submission [HERE](#)

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## For Sale

- Packs of 2 with Union Jacks and packs of 2 without Union Jacks = £1 a pack
- MTP Shirts, Trousers and Smocks (used but serviceable) = £5 per item, please check with FS (ATC) John Squires for sizes.
- DPM Yokes – just a donation.
- Some Blues; Trousers and Skirts available – contact FS (ATC) John Squires for details.

Email: [john.squires@tauntonatc.org](mailto:john.squires@tauntonatc.org)

Phone: 07444 541714 (Sqn Duty Phone)

All payments go in to Wing / Sqn Funds depending on the item

### Also available:

A Female Officers No 1 Uniform:

Jacket. 8410-99-173-7986 96 L

Trousers. 8410-99-173-7986 76 L

Skirt. 8410-99-173-7986 76 L

It's in good clean condition so a good donation would be in order. Please contact WHQ in the first instance.

**Response by: First Come, First Served**

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