



# 422 (CORBY) SQN NEWSLETTER

Issue 3



**BATTLE OF BRITAIN 75<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION**

## Battle of Britain 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, cadets and Staff members from 422 joined the Corby RAFA branch for a parade and service for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain. They carried their banners to St John's church where they sat with members of the congregation to join them in their service, taken by Rev. Paul Frost and his Curate. Afterwards, they had an opportunity to speak to some family and friends of veterans and took time to remember what great things the pilots did for the country 75 years ago.



422 (Corby) Squadron led by Flight Lieutenant Kev Ritchie RAFVR(T) 75 years ago, Hitler pushed Britain's allies to breaking point. The last line of defence from Germany's troops were the RAF pilots that were outnumbered four to one in the air. Hitler sent his bombers out to lure the last pilots out in the air to defeat them, however the RAF had other plans. The pilots went into the sky to fight around 4 to 5 times a day until Hitler lost enthusiasm and cancelled the plan.

### Tips:

#### **Improving your uniform**

*For an excellent shine on parade shoes, use damp cotton wool pads and polish.*

### Swimming success for 422

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, an athletic team of 422 members took part in an inter wing swimming competition.

They did great, coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 28 squadrons!

A special well done to all the people who have been selected for the region teams.



Membership is now **FREE!**  
[www.rafaYOUTH.org.uk](http://www.rafaYOUTH.org.uk)

## BoB75 static cycle challenge

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015, cadets and staff from 422 (Corby) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets took part in a sponsored static bike ride at their local Tesco Extra supermarket in aid of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) Wings Appeal for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Using five static bikes with turbo trainers kindly supplied by Halfords in Corby and Northampton, each cadet and staff member aimed to cycle an accumulative total of 685 miles over a twelve hour period.

With over £900 from the buckets alone, they did a great job.



FS Abnett and Mabbutt with their BTEC Level 2's, which you can achieve once you are 16.

## Plane of the month: E3D Sentry

The Sentry's roles include air and sea surveillance, airborne command and control, and weapons control.

Engines:	Four CFM 56 2A-3 turbofans
Thrust:	24,000lbs each
Max speed:	460kts
Length:	46.68m



### Questions:

**Where did this plane come from originally?**

**What roles does the Sentry do?**

**See SGT Beadsworth with BOTH correct answers for a prize!**

## Flying at RAF Wyton

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, four lucky cadets from 422 (Corby) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets joined eight other cadets to go flying in a powered aircraft with the Pathfinder Flying Club at RAF Wyton.

It was an early start for a brief, roll call, and introductions before heading out in groups of three for a Birdseye view of the local area in a 4-seat Robin Aircraft.



## Contact us

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## Know someone aged 12\* to 17?

Bring them down on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 10am – 4pm**  
Tell your friends!

## Joke of the Month

**Q: Why don't ducks tell jokes when they fly?**

**A: Because they would quack up!**