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Air Cadets Hold Presentation Evening

The 1094 (Ely) Squadron Air Cadets held their annual presentation evening at the Methodist Chapel hall on Thursday 27th October.

The cadets and their families heard Commanding Officer Flt. Lt. Nick Wilson praise the organisation for the varied opportunities it provides Ely's young people to serve their community and develop valuable skills whilst having fun. A slide presentation showed local cadets participating in flying and gliding, camping, hill walking, athletics, first aid, restoring the cockpit of a Chipmunk, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. There were also displays of cadet's projects in modelling, electronics and radio building.

Before making the presentations, guest speaker Flt. Lt. Paul Summers explained that he had been a member of the squadron nine years previously, and that the leadership and organisation skills he had learned during his six years as a cadet had helped him in his adult life.

As each award was presented, Flt. Lt. Wilson read a citation giving the reason for the presentation to each individual.

The Squadron Commander's Plate was presented to Cadet Ben Montgomery, who, although being a junior member of the squadron, had consistently impressed the Commanding Officer with his enthusiasm for the corps and his achievements in the First Class Cadet programme.

Cadet Warrant Officer David Norman received the Laverhan Green Shield for High Achievement in recognition of his outstanding progress through the Air Cadet programme over the past 9 years, which included becoming a gliding instructor.

The Fred Pizey Citizenship Plate was awarded to Cadet Jared Fortin, a relatively junior cadet who is also very active as a Young Leader in Scouting, and who was commended by a local ex-service organisation for carrying their standard in a parade earlier this year.

The City of Ely Parent's Cup for Best New Cadet was awarded to another junior member, Cadet Ross Woodruffe. He impressed both staff and peers with his regular attendance, with always being smart and polite, and with his enthusiasm for squadron activities.

Cadet Sergeant Matthew Muir received the Award for the Best Non-Commissioned Officer, who, having made steady progress through the ranks, was now a valued instructor who both informs and retains the attention of younger cadets.

The Shepherds Friendly Society Modelling Trophy was presented to Cadet Matthew Green, whose enthusiasm and tenacity has resulted in his creating models of a very high standard.

In an unusual departure from tradition, two cadets received the Rotary Club of Ely Award for Best Cadet of the Year. Cadet Corporal Fearn Adams had made significant progress in the squadron and had participated so enthusiastically at the annual camp that she had been awarded the best cadet of that week. Similarly, Cadet Amelia Hamilton-Kennaway had achieved second place in the Wing (Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire) athletics meet and had also achieved a gliding scholarship which resulted in a solo flight. Both cadets were commended as credits to themselves and to the squadron.

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Photograph

Back row, left to right: Cdt. Sgt. Matthew Muir, Cdt. Jared Fort in, Cdt. Amelia Hamilton-
Kennaway

Front row, left to right: Cdt. Ross Woodruffe, Cdt. Ben Montgomery