

Press Release - Detached flight for Cambourne Air Cadets

The Air Training Corps is delighted to announce the formation of a new unit within the heart of the Cambourne community. Known as 2484 (Cambourne) Detached Flight, the unit is parented by 2484 (Bassingbourn) Squadron and receives from it, all necessary support, as well as use of the extensive facilities it has at its disposal. The Detached Flight will give to the young people of Cambourne all the opportunities that the Air Cadet Organisation has to offer.

Officer in Charge, Pilot Officer Charles Rogers, also a pilot with 616 Volunteer Gliding Squadron, was recently awarded Grade 1 status enabling him to fly cadets in the Squadron's Vigilant motor gliders. The RAF operate twenty eight Volunteer Gliding Squadrons throughout the UK affording Air Cadets the opportunity to learn to fly to solo standard . Air Cadets can go on to become instructors and progress to careers in civil or military aviation.

Charles said that there is such a vast range of activities within the Air Training Corps that no cadet would ever be able to do everything that is on offer. We give air cadets the opportunities and it is up to them which they take, but whilst they are having fun doing what they choose to do, they are building their self confidence, learning key skills such as leadership and good citizenship. Flying, shooting, The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, camps at home and abroad and training that can lead BTec qualifications are just some of the highlights.

The Detached Flight will be recruiting in March. To find out more about joining the Air Cadets, please contact Pilot Officer Rogers on 07813 897949 or e-mail on CJRelec@aol.com

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