

870 (Dreghorn) Squadron 301 Colinton Road Edinburgh

Spring Newsletter 2012

Water of Leith Clean

On April 1st, a group of 6 cadets met up at the Water of Leith visitor centre. We started the day by receiving a health and safety brief, we were then split into two groups; one group started at the Gorgie Road and worked their way up and the other group started at the visitor centre and worked their way down. The cadets that started at the Gorgie Road end went down to the embankment and started to do litter picking. It didn't take long to work our way up. As we got closer and closer to the visitor centre we spotted an embedded trolley. After break we got spades and went down to where we found the trolley and started to dig it out. It took a good hour to get the trolley out of the bank of the river. It was hard work, but it was worth it. Overall it was a good day, as the weather was pleasant and everyone got on well together. I am looking forward to the next clean as I am using it to complete the "volunteering" section of my silver Duke of Edinburgh's award.

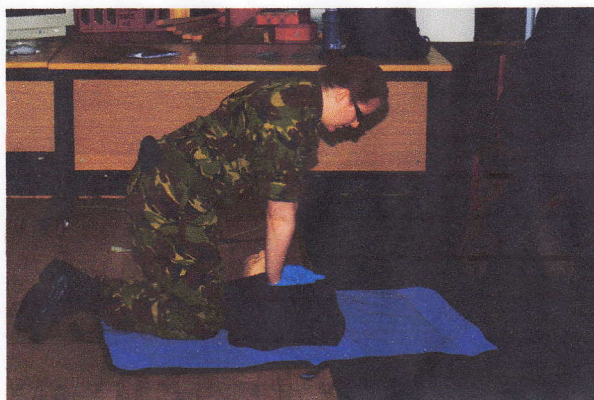
Cpl Dickson



105 Regiment Waitering

On the 4th of February, myself and six other cadets, helped wait on tables at 105 regiment's dining out night. Once we arrived we were divided into two groups. The first thing we had to arrange was the serving of the starters to all the tables. Following that the main course, dessert and finally teas, coffees and cheeseboards were served. Fortunately none of us dropped the plates; thank goodness! The officers that were attending the occasion were all thoroughly pleasant. We all enjoyed ourselves especially those of us that had never waited tables before.

Cdt Gillies J



First Aid Competition

On Saturday the 15th April, myself and 3 other members of the squadron, travelled to RAF Leuchars for the wing first aid competition. During the course of the day we had to conduct team and individual first aid scenarios. From this, the points were then taken forward and evaluated by the adjudicators. By the end of the day our adult team (over seventeens) came third, while our junior team (seventeens and under) consisting of two cadets came last, however worked very hard and were congratulated by all, especially the wing commander. Altogether we all enjoyed the day and conducted ourselves with the appropriate decorous behaviour.

Sgt Birss

Flying

Over the last week, Sgt Goulding asked me to compare flying a plane to driving a car. The best comparison that I can possibly make is that: if driving a car is the equivalent of wrestling a 120 kg body builder, then flying is like guiding a ballet dancer. The feeling of emptiness, calm and peace in those clear blue skies was unbelievable. The adrenaline, exhilaration and awe of aerobatics, is incomparable to that of even the best roller coaster. The power that you feel in your hands as you swoop amongst the clouds like a bird is astonishing. Needless to say, I enjoyed Air Experience Flying. While I may have only had control for 15 minutes up in the sky, those 15 minutes were worth the whole 10 hour charade that the trip up, the wait and the return amounted to. I was told that AEF was the best thing I will ever do as a cadet and I have to say I believe them, for what could be better than flying...seriously? I wholeheartedly recommend it and thank the ATC for giving me such an opportunity.

Cdt Spier

Rugby

After great training and a long coach ride the team was ready to play rugby and hopefully win. Although we only won the first game; just playing rugby was a great experience as it helped the team bond and was a great chance to meet other cadets. With more training, and a few new players in the squad, next year will be our year to win.

Cdt Lloyd