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## Editor's Welcome

A warm welcome to this first edition of the Aries Magazine for 2023.

n this edition there are a wide breadth of articles including an incredible Cresta Run, Technology Engineering and Maths visits to schools and colleges, helicopter solos, and a look back to last year's festive events.



When you read this edition we will be well and truly into the new year that is 2023. The passing of time and change are inevitable, and RAF Shawbury is no exception to these maxims. As you will see from the Foreword, we welcome a new Station Commander, Group Captain Andy Baron, Group Captain Baron has bags of operational helicopter and HQ experience to assuredly guide the Station, No 1 Flying Training School and the Defence College of Air and Space Operations through his tenure in command.

It is all change in the team office too, as this will be the last edition that our Editor and



Corporate Engagement and Relations Officer (CERO), Squadron Leader Kim Leach, will be overseeing. Squadron Leader Leach will be retiring this year after almost ten years as CERO. She arrived at the then vacant post in October 2013 and drawing upon her wide-ranging experience in Air Traffic Control, Reserves staffing and external roles, including the prestigious Shrewsbury Flower Show, set about revitalising and building the RAF Shawbury publicity and engagement across the local community. Of note, she must be lauded for the highly successful, Be Seen, Be Safer, community equestrian safety scheme launched in 2014. See our previous edition for fuller detail on this super scheme that provides highvisibility kit to horse riders, but also seeks to inform helicopter aircrew and riders on measures to avoid disturbance in Low Flying Area 9. Her unstinting efforts to build a relationship with the riding community, promoting the use of high-visibility kit and developing an enduring safety culture will see benefits far into the future. We all wish Squadron Leader Leach the very best in her retirement, although we do not expect her to sit still for one single second!

Finally, this is the first edition that will have reduced hard copy numbers, so please share widely with your friends and colleagues that we can be found online at: News I RAF Shawbury I Royal Air Force (mod.uk) - https://www.raf.mod.uk/ our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/ news/ and at https://www.rafmags. co.uk/ where you can subscribe for free and also view other RAF magazines.



# FOREWORD

by Group Captain Andy Baron BEng MA RAF

I am very pleased to have been asked to write the foreword to this edition of the RAF Shawbury Aries magazine, and as your (relatively) new Station Commander, it provides me an opportunity to offer a few of my thoughts on RAF Shawbury, and my aspirations for the Station during my time in command.

et me start by saying how genuinely pleased, proud and excited I am to be back here at RAF Shawbury. This is a fantastic Station, and although it has clearly evolved since I was last here in 2001, with DHFS giving way to 1FTS, and the birth of DCASO for example, the Station retains its sense of community, and of being a place where people want to be and work.

We are all very fortunate to work in such a great part of the country, with great people and great local support. During my first six weeks in post (at the time of writing), I have had the chance to reacquaint myself with the Station and with many of you, and I have seen at first hand the dedication, professionalism and good humour that goes into making this a very popular and successful RAF Station.

I have been struck by just how busy many of you are, be it our contractor colleagues, Civil Servants, or Service personnel alike. But what I am even more struck by is the quality of our Whole Force, the pride taken in our work here and the drive and determination to succeed in everything we do. As a Station, RAF Shawbury just seems to get on with its tasks and deliver results - and deliver you all do. The trait of quiet professionalism is something I believe in, try to emulate and is exactly what I hope to find in those with whom I work.

In terms of our outputs, I have seen first-hand the impact this Station has had and is having on generating Front Line capability for operations, and you should be rightly proud of the part that you have played, and will continue to play in this regard. The security of our country in general, and Europe in particular, is as uncertain now than it ever has been in recent memory, and what we deliver on this Station forms the foundations upon which our security is built. Without us, there is no Front-Line helicopter or air operations capability, and so the importance of what we do here, for all three of our sovereign Services, and for some of our allies, can never be overlooked.

And with this in mind, I turn now to what it is I believe is our core task, and that is to safely deliver world class Air Operations and helicopter crew training for Defence. But we cannot deliver this task without all of you and the support you get from your friends and family. That is why everything I do, or at least try to do here, will have the Whole Force at the very forefront of my mind, and I ask you all to do the same in your role. This means that whilst I always expect us to work hard, I also expect us to make time for family and friends, seek opportunities to make our Station and



community better and try to think more about others and less about self. I hope that you can join me in this approach that will surely see RAF Shawbury, the Whole Force and our wider community become an even more attractive and enjoyable place to both live and work.

Finally, may I just take this opportunity to wish you and you family a safe, enjoyable and productive time here at RAF Shawbury.

Andy





## STATION NEWS Mandy Hickson Visit

Mandy Hickson was a fast jet pilot in the RAF and one of the first females to fly a Tornado jet. She has now made a career speaking at corporate events and schools around the world. Mandy visited RAF Shawbury to talk about her experiences and inspire the next generation.

andy started her career in the RAF in 1994 where she joined as an Air Traffic Controller. She had wanted to be a pilot but struggled with the Flying Aptitude Tests. This didn't stop her pursuing her dreams and she continued asking the RAF for a transfer. Despite aptitude scores apparently below the threshold, the RAF allowed her to commence training as a pilot. It was later found that the aptitude tests were only ever verified on male pilots, something which was to be changed in the future. Her selection for fast jet training and successful career as a Tornado GR4 pilot justified her tenacity. Since leaving the RAF, Mandy began sharing her experiences with organisations and schools. Her relevant and humorous delivery of strategies and behaviours for high stake environments has taken her to the top tier of public speaking.

As well as corporate work, Mandy sees children and charities as key to her message. She spoke to tens of thousands of school children around the world during the Coronavirus lockdowns through video calls. She is also part of the national Inspiring



Mandy Hickson giving her talk to personnel in the Station Briefing Facility.

Women campaign run by the Education and Employment Taskforce. This sees her and other successful women visit schools to talk to young women about various careers open to them in the future.



Mandy Hickson giving her talk to personnel in the Station Briefing Facility.

In 2020, Mandy wrote a book called 'An Officer, not a gentleman'. After being turned down by major publishing houses, she had no choice but to selfpublish. The publishers did not believe that the 'traditionally male' readership of fighter pilot books would be interested in a female's narrative. Mandy proved them wrong with her bestselling book and rumours of a second in draft! RAF Shawbury was very fortunate that Mandy offered to visit on in November 2022. She delivered two well-attended talks to our personnel and trainees which examined her experiences of flying training and key moments from her career. The discussion ranged from how she integrated with traditionally male orientated teams and examples of making critical decisions under pressure.

RAF Shawbury are grateful that Mandy was able to give up her time to visit the Station. We are always keen to host inspirational speakers to develop, broaden and inspire our personnel.

Lt Marr RN



#### **STATION** NEWS

## **ASTRA** - Shaping the Future

#### Astra is the name of the journey to the Next Generation Royal Air Force

ur ability to think differently, challenge the status quo, and innovate will be fundamental to the success of the RAF in the future. Our multi-million-pound change and equipment programmes are obviously important, but they are nothing without the people. We need our people, their bright idea's and innovations to really make the RAF work. Innovative spirit is, and always has been, in the DNA of the RAF, just look at the changes in aviation and the associated aircraft and systems in our short almost 105 years. The Next Generation RAF must be ready to face the threats and challenges of the future. The pace of change around us is extraordinary, supercharged by leaps in technology. Our ability to think differently, challenge the status quo and innovate will be fundamental to our success. Our core themes focus on People, Training, Equipment, Infrastructure, Support, Digital and

Sustainability. The journey that will take the RAF into the future is Astra - and the Whole Force Service personnel, Civil Servants and Defence Partners have a part to play.

#### How can are we initiating change?

**Challenges** – Could a change in policy or practice help to improve the lives of our people? Astra Challenges are designed to bring these important questions to the fore and personnel are encouraged to challenge the accepted.

Sprints – Astra Sprints are designed to capture innovative and creative ideas and help make them into a reality with swift decisions on funding.

Dens – The Astra Core team reviews all Sprint proposals through Astra Dens, where anyone in the Whole Force can pitch their ideas and then subject matter experts can be gathered to

assess and recommend progression.

#### What do we need from our people?

As much engagement as possible to affect change. What problem sets can we identify in our workplaces? Perhaps we have already considered effective solutions to these problems?

We know that our people have great ideas, ideas that can shape the Next Generation RAF. At RAF Shawbury we have Astra Ambassadors as a focal point for ideas and innovation.



Astra Ambassador Sqn Ldr Pipkin



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## 1 FTS NEWS 660 Squadron Sergeant Major Life as a Volunteer for Guide Dogs UK

My family and I moved back from Brunei in December 2018. In Brunei, we rescued two puppies from the beach, kept one and found one a home, and gave two ex-Infantry Tracking Dogs a deserved retirement. We love dogs and have years of experience with various breeds at different ages.

uring the first months in the Shropshire area, we got talking to a couple who had a Guide Dog Puppy in training with them at a local coffee shop. Following the conversation, we were under no illusion to the fact that it was something we would love to do. We made enquiries through the Guide Dogs UK website, and we were soon visited by a very friendly Puppy Supervisor to discuss the detail of the different volunteer jobs that were available. The process was relatively simple and, although thorough, was enjoyable as we were able to meet other volunteers and their puppies. It wasn't long before my wife, both adult sons and I were registered puppy raisers. We were allocated our first puppy, Copper, and eagerly awaited his arrival. In the meantime, we were invited to social events with other puppy raisers and took part in a couple of training sessions.

Copper arrived with the family and was instantly loved as he was exactly like an Andrex puppy but a lot better behaved! My wife and I taught him all the basics, as directed by Guide Dogs UK, but ensured that he had a wellbalanced life of walks, meeting people, meeting other dogs and plenty of cuddles. I am not going to say it was easy all the time as crate training was a particular challenge with Copper, but it was rewarding seeing him develop. Unfortunately, as Copper matured, he developed some skin issues which meant that he was withdrawn from the program before he began full training. It was unfortunate for Guide Dogs UK, but we kept Copper and he is now a much-loved family pet.

Since Copper, we have had Bramble who has been very successful. He is a working Guide Dog for a family in Leicestershire and featured on the Alan Titchmarch weekend TV show and at Crufts representing Guide Dogs UK. My wife found it particularly difficult to say goodbye to Bramble when he went to Guide Dog training as we had him for



almost 2 years due to Covid-19, but it was amazingly rewarding seeing his development.

We currently have our third full time Guide Dog Puppy called Link. He is a 1-year-old yellow Labrador cross Retriever who has love of anything food related. He also is the only one in our house who enjoys my singing! Link is due to go to full Guide Dog Training in March 2023.

We have now raised three Guide Dog Puppies, looked after numerous others for shorter periods and fostered a few whilst they were found a permanent home. It has been challenging at times and a little emotional when they must leave but I can honestly say it is one of the most rewarding things we have done as a family. Every Guide Dog puppy, whether they make it or not, will go on to change someone's life. The ones that make it through training enable a person with sight loss to live the life they choose. Guide Dogs UK are world-leaders in puppy socialisation, breeding and training more dogs than any other organisation in the world.

If you would like to know more about being a volunteer, please get in touch with me via email or visit *https://www.* guidedogs.org.uk/

> By WO2 Simpson, 660 Sqn



#### 1 FTS NEWS

# **GOING SOLO**



Going 'solo' (flying an aircraft completely on your own) is a rite of passage for every pilot. Until recently, every pilot passing through No. 1 Flying Training School (1FTS) would previously have completed a fixed wing solo at Elementary Flying Training (EFT). Then at 1FTS they would fly their first helicopter solo – a circuit flown at Remote Landing Ground Tern Hill. Despite having already completed a solo on fixed wing, this does not take away from the nerves and excitement surrounding flying a helicopter, on your own, for the first time.... It is a completely different beast!

Recent changes to the flying training system now see trainees coming through 1FTS who have not completed EFT and have minimal flying experience to their name, making their first solo with us an even more momentous occasion.

705 Naval Air Squadron (NAS) have had a spate of solos over a short period recently, with two courses conducting them concurrently. Our first course of German trainees has recently taken on the challenge of going solo – except it seemed everything was against them in the run up – the recent poor weather and power cuts to name a few... however, a fine day was forecast, and the Meteorological Office delivered (certain strict meteorological conditions are required, which are always challenging to achieve during the winter months.) Both 705 NAS courses successfully completed their first helicopter and aircraft solos, much to the relief of their instructors looking on expectantly. It was a truly rewarding day for all involved and one the trainees are unlikely to forget any time soon. Some thoughts on their experiences: "The excitement before was stronger

than in the moment I lifted from dispersal. Once in the hover over the departure point (and after I remembered to switch the landing light on...!), flying the circuit was pretty much standard, except of the fact that I was talking to myself instead of talking to the Instructor."

"Beside the fact that at this stage of the training the 'circuit' is a routine program for us, I only then realised that I have flown my first solo as my Instructor came in again and shook my hand for congratulations. All in all, an awesome experience!"

"At first I was really nervous on flying a Helicopter alone, without someone sitting next to me who can catch me if I go wrong. It was a weird feeling seeing the instructor walking away from the aircraft but as soon as I lifted into the hover, my nervousness vanished, and I was flying my circuit with a big grin in my face. Great experience and it pushed my confidence even further." "It was a great experience flying the solos together with the whole course at the same time and listening to the other nervous guys on the radio."



# DCASO NEWS DCASO DITS

Following a much needed break over the Christmas period, DCASO is back and raring to go. Having seen over 400 trainees through our doors in 2022, the year ahead is shaping up to be just as busy. With a revitalised Flight Ops Officer course being delivered from March, the new Air and Space Operations Course now settling into a routine, Weapons and Surveillance courses continuing to feed the Aerospace Battle Management machine and a Joint Air Traffic Control Course review on the cards, the mighty Defence College of Air and Space Operations shows no sign of slowing down... here's to 2023!

#### **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING SQUADRON**

A busy period for ATCTS which saw the arrival of six new trainers to the Sqn, each eager to impress and share stories about their previous units.

JTC 5 took part in two Force Development trips, the first a walk to Wem and the second a trip to the RAF Museum Cosford. Despite the great British weather trying its hardest to deter the eager ramblers, Flt Lt Parkins dog Buster did a great job of leading the group through some fairly deep



puddles and muddy fields! The trip to Cosford proved more successful, with Lt Huggett (RN) sharing his enviable knowledge of historic aircraft with the group, whether they wanted to hear it or not!



December saw ATCTS don their finest Christmas fancy dress outfits for the Sqn Christmas party. It was a great opportunity for staff to let their hair down and get into the festive spirt before some well-earned annual leave. The Sqn Band put on a great performance, with some suggesting that Mr Bate (the lead singer) has an uncanny resemblance to Robbie Williams! It wasn't long before the festivities notched up a gear, with Flt Lt Allan taking it upon herself to round up 'willing' volunteers for the Karaoke.

#### AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS TRAINING SQUADRON (ASOTS)

ASOTS says farewell and good luck to Cpl Tregoning (posted to SPOC), Cpl Hope (ET) and Cpl Sullivan (promoted and posted). We welcome Cpl Arkle, Cpl Garner, Cpl Lassmans, Cpl Walker and WO Williams to the ASOTS family.

In November, ASOTS committed six permanent staff to the Remembrance Parade in Shrewsbury. December saw ASOSC 4 assist at the Veteran's Christmas Dinner where they served food and mingled with Veterans from the local area. Much fun was had at the Sqn Christmas function, organised by Cpl Hodson. The staff hit the town, starting in the Armoury before partying the night away.

In Jan, the new FOTC(O) sims were installed, upgrading the old equipment with new, in line with Astra, which coincides with the rewrite of the new FOTC. ASOSC 5 enjoyed a morning of "Climbing the Walls" in Shrewsbury and Sgt Turner returned to work following the birth of his son, Harry.

#### AEROSPACE BATTLE MANAGEMENT TRAINING SQUADRON (ABMTS)

The New Year sees ABMTS remaining busy for both the Weapons and Surveillance sides of the house. However, there has still been time for development activities for many members of the Sqn. We saw Flt Lt Hobbs complete the full Cresta Run at the Cresta Inter-service Championships in St Moritz, Switzerland, making her the 1st RAF Woman to complete the full run. As well as this amazing achievement, Flt Lt Robertson place 3rd in the BDFPA Powerlifting Championship in December.

ABMTS celebrated the festive period with a Christmas Party as well as Exchange Drinks taking place in December. SSF also celebrated the festive period with a SSF Christmas Party; SSF also enjoyed the JRs Christmas Dinner which was served by the Station Execs in the JRM, followed by a social gathering in the Aries Bar.

AS1 Pickthall went onto organise a Station visit to RAF Boulmer for SSF personnel. This allowed all new AS1s and AS2s to gain exposure to how all training they help deliver is used on the front line of Aerospace Defence. AS2 Collings was called up over the Christmas period to assist with Border Force at Birmingham International Airport and Adventurous Training trips were organised by AS1 Morris to the local indoor Rock-Climbing Wall, utilising our communication and teamwork skills.

Sadly, ABMTS has said goodbye to AS1 Maou who has recently been posted to RAF Akrotiri Station Ops, further developing his TG7 knowledge of the RAF. He will be missed.



#### ASSURANCE SQUADRON

It has been a busy start to the year for Assurance Sqn following the Christmas break. Before winding down and indulging on one too many mince pies, which we will get onto, many of the team helped out around the station and local community spreading festive cheer.

WO Coyles, FS Watkins and others became Santa's helpers for the afternoon, packing and wrapping welfare hampers for local veterans. Meanwhile many of the Sqn donned their one-size fits none Santa suits to take part in the RAFA Santa fun run. The festivities didn't stop there, with the team exchanging Secret Santa gifts before heading into Shrewsbury for a delightful Christmas dinner and drinks.

Fg Off Buckley did particularly well out of Secret Santa, being so excited at the artisan mince pies he received that he demolished a whole pie before realising they were actually intended for his cocker spaniel Bertie. Credit must go to Pets at Home for their discreet packaging.

Since returning to work, Fg Off Morris and the aforementioned pedigree

Fg Off Buckley have completed a Force Development trip to RAF Waddington, visiting both 51 Sqn (Rivet Joint) and 13 Sqn (Reaper). The pair were fortunate enough to observe a Reaper strike mission simulation as well as a tour of the Rivet Joint.

Finally, the office looks forward to welcoming Sgt Beagley back in Spring when he returns from his deployment to Mount Byron.

The DCASO Diarists

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## DCASO NEWS Recent DCASO Graduations

#### JATCC 454

Joint Air Traffic Control Course No. 454 recently graduated from the Defence College of Air and Space Operations at RAF Shawbury. The Reviewing Officer was Commander Andrew Plenty RN. Prize winners on the course were:

Bunting Trophy – Petty Officer Marshall

Alenia Marconi Systems Trophy – Petty Officer Marshall and Sergeant Austin

#### ASOSC 4

Congratulation to **Air and Space Operations Specialist Course 4** who graduated from the Defence College of Air and Space Operations on 27th January. The Reviewing Officer was Group Captain Andy Baron BEng MA RAF, Station Commander, RAF Shawbury and Commandant Defence College of Air and Space Operations.

The Salesian Trophy was won by Air Specialist Gingell.

The Daren Hucknall Memorial Trophy was won by Air Specialist McCubbin.

We wish all the Graduates every success with their future careers.



The Darren Hucknall Trophy presented to Air Specialist McCubbin



The Salesian Trophy presented to Air Specialist Gingell





JATCC 454 with Reviewing Officer Commander Plenty RN



Bunting Trophy presented to Petty Officer Marshall



Alenia Marconi System Trophy presented to Petty Officer Marshall and Sergeant Austin



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## FLY YOUR DRONE SAFELY

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Were you lucky enough to receive a drone for Christmas or have you treated yourself to one? If so, congratulations and welcome to an exciting world that will give you a great new perspective on the world. We hope it brings you many hours of enjoyment and you get some excellent images.

AF Shawbury is certainly not against drones, and we support their use, as long as it is done safely. Whether you are a seasoned drone operator or a newcomer to the scene, it is always useful to brush up on the rules that are in place for the safety of all. The easiest way to get the latest rules is via the Drone Code on the CAA Website:

#### *The Drone and Model Aircraft Code | UK Civil Aviation Authority (caa.co.uk)*

Additionally, because of the wellpublicised issues at Heathrow and Gatwick in recent years, there are permanent protected zones around both military and civilian airfields: A Flight Restricted Zone (FRZ) has the same dimensions as the existing Aerodrome Traffic Zone used by traditional aviation. This is a 2 or 2.5 nautical mile radius 'cylinder' around the aerodrome, extending 2,000 ft above ground level, centred on the longest runway.

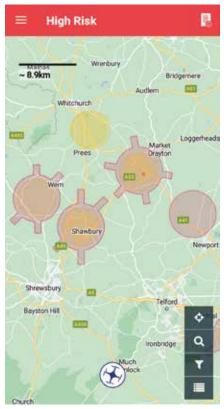
Runway Protection Zones (RPZ) is a rectangle extending 5 km from the threshold (end) of each runway away from the aerodrome, along the extended runway centreline, and 500m either side - also to a height of 2,000 ft above ground level.

To relate these details to everyone within the local area, we have included an image taken from the extremely useful Drone Assist app. It clearly shows where you need to seek permission to fly your drone. RAF Shawbury can give permission for our airfield's FRZ as well as the active airfields at Tern Hill and Chetwynd. Sleap Aerodrome control the FRZ around their airfield and Tilstock is active with parachuting so they will need to be approached directly if a drone flight is planned for there. Here at RAF Shawbury, we understand that the vast majority of drone operators are safe and cognisant of the rules. Our dealings with dozens of local drone operators certainly confirm this understanding. We will always try and work with individual drone operators and try and allow them to use their machines within our FRZs and RPZs where possible.

Most of the time we can quickly agree on mutually agreeable times or days for the drone flying to occur within our FRZs. Unfortunately, there are a very few times where we simply cannot allow the drone flying to take place at the requested time or day due to several factors including the runway in use (as it is dictated by the wind), or the actual training sorties that are taking place. Thank you for your understanding. We approve well over 90% of requests. If you have a drone and wish to fly within our FRZs or RPZs than please get in touch with RAF Shawbury Operations in the first instance on SHY-OPS@mod. gov.uk or telephone 01939 250351 Ext 7163. They will take your details and the Station Flight Safety Officer will get back in touch with you once they have liaised with Air Traffic Control and No 1 Flying Training School.

We would also appreciate notification of any drone flying within Shropshire as we fly all over the county, often at low level, during the working week. We know that permission is not required to fly a drone outside of our FRZs, but it would certainly be advantageous for us to know so we can warn the crews and it makes it safer for all.

If you spot a drone flying close to RAF Shawbury, Tern Hill or Chetwynd please do not assume that it has permission to do so. If it is during the working day, please call RAF Shawbury Operations on 01939



Flight Restricted Zones and Runway Protection Zones in the RAF Shawbury local area.

250351 Ext 7163 or, if it is outside working hours or on the weekend, please call the Station Guards on Ext 7471.

If you see a drone over your property that is causing a nuisance and you cannot identify the operator, then please contact the civilian police as there may be breaches of privacy laws.

Of course, the vast majority of operators are competent, qualified, and keen to work with us and share the skies. Thank you to everyone who has contacted us already and we look forward to speaking with any new owners. We wish you many hours of enjoyment with your drones.



# FESTIVE EVENTS

#### RAF SHAWBURY SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 7th of December, approximately 50 senior residents and Veterans from Shawbury village and the local area were invited to RAF Shawbury for a traditional festive lunch and entertainment.

The lunch was held in the Officers' Mess, with guests being collected by bus from the village. On arrival, guests were welcomed and served aperitifs from Station personnel. Once seated, guests were formally welcomed by RAF Shawbury's Station Commander, Group Captain Andy Baron.

After a good-humoured grace by the Padre, Reverend (Wing Commander) Bissell and some light musical entertainment from Squadron Leader Smailes, a traditional 3 course lunch was served by trainees from Air and Space Operations Specialist Course 4, ESS staff, as well as military and civilian personnel from across Station.

Throughout the meal, guests spoke fondly with their hosts about their memories, as many had served or worked at RAF Shawbury. After enjoying the festive food, it was time for the afternoon entertainment. Santa made a stop from his busy schedule and gave out raffle prizes to the lucky winners –



thank you Squadron Leader Turner, oh sorry Santa, we hope to see you again next year with more singing and even some dancing from some of our guests.

Once the entertainment was over, Wing Commander Jones, Officer Commanding Base Support Wing, said a few final words and thanked all the guests for coming, as well as for their continued support to RAF Shawbury. On leaving the mess, the guests where given an original Christmas card designed by the Young People of RAF Shawbury and a chocolate treat to take home with them.

The lunch, organised annually by the Community Support Team, was a huge success, with guests commenting on how much they enjoy the event.

#### RAF SHAWBURY CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

On the evening of Tuesday 29th November, as Christmas decorations were about to go up all around and everyone was starting to feel festive, the ladies around RAF Shawbury came together to partake in an evening of wreath making.

Run by Green Daisy florists from Shawbury, everything was provided for the ladies to make a Christmas wreath for their front door. Helped by mince pies and a Christmas tipple or two, the ladies created some beautiful wreaths. I think it was fair to say that confidence was low at the start, but by the end of the workshop everyone was quietly pleased with what they had produced! With a pretty bow as the final flourish to the wreaths and after another Christmas tipple perhaps, all went home with beautiful wreaths feeling very festive.





#### **COMMUNITY** NEWS



Many thanks from the ladies at RAF Shawbury to Karen Hubbard for providing a great workshop.

#### RAF SHAWBURY FOODBANK CHRISTMAS DONATION

The Community Development Officer and Staff were keen to repeat the Station Foodbank Collection again at Christmas, and we'd like to thank you all for your kind donations.

There were lots of staple foods, as well as special Christmas treats donated, all of which would have helped those struggling this year and maybe put a smile on a face or two. At Christmas, Cyber Operations and the Field Service Team had thought about doing a Secret Santa amongst their team. However, Cpl MacLean suggested with families struggling because of the cost-of-living crisis, instead of Secret Santa, everyone could use that money to buy Selection Boxes for children. Engineering and Logistics Wing got involved too and the response across the Wing was fantastic, soon there was a mountain of selection boxes collected. We would like to thank everyone who supported the collections for their kindness and generosity. All donations were put together and gratefully received by St Barnabas Food Bank in Shrewsbury.





Christmas Foodbank

#### **FESTIVE CAROL SERVICE**

During the last week before the Festive break at the end of a working day some hardy folk from across the Station gathered for a Carol Service in front of the Station Headquarters. Personnel from the Whole Force mingled with families and ably supported by the volunteer band brought some festive cheer to a very chilly evening. The hot drinks and mince pies afterwards were very well received.



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## Front Line Helicopters at RAF Shawbury







AF Shawbury trains all UK Defence helicopter crews. Once the trainees graduate from the worldclass training at Number 1 Flying Training School they will move on to Operational Conversion Units where they will convert onto front line helicopters. RAF Shawbury is always glad to support the ongoing training of our graduates.

Here are some recent front line visitors - do you know what types they are?









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#### HIVE NEWS



he HIVE Information Service at RAF Shawbury supports our Tri-Service community by providing up to date and relevant information on station events and local news as well as offering a signposting service to agencies. HIVEs offer information on service families accommodation, education and childcare, health provision, travel, welfare agencies and spousal employment and training opportunities as well as station and local information. HIVE also plays a part in supporting our families and personnel involved in deployment. With RAF Shawbury mainly being a training base, we don't have many personnel deployed at any one time, so the HIVE is able to offer a more



1-1 service to each family. Like everything else in a post covid world, much of our work is now carried out online, pushing out information in the form of emails, Sharepoint posts, Powerpoint slides and particularly social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and more recently, Instagram. We believe the opportunity to speak face to face is still important though, and as such, the HIVE office is located within the Cookson Community Centre on station alongside the Community Support Team including the Community Development Officer (CDO), the Service Community Support Officer (SCSO) and SSAFA.

To contact RAF Shawbury HIVE, email: SHY-CSptHivelO@mod.gov.uk Tel Civ: 01939 250351 ext 7206 Mil: 95531 7206. Skype: 03001 569901 Or keep updated with station news and events via social media sites at:

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#### **STEM** NEWS

## TUSHINGHAM PRIMARY VISIT

Tushingham Primary, north of RAF Shawbury by 10 miles, hosted a visiting aircraft and its crew from RAF Shawbury on the morning of 2 Feb 23.

The aircraft came to land in the centre of the school playing field, with children, parents and teachers alike waving in excitement. Lt Cdr Pete Richardson, Flt Lt Connor Frampton and FS Simon 'Ski' Marcinkowski were welcomed by the Head Teacher, and members of the local press who quickly ushered them into a photo shoot with the lucky Year 5s and 6s. The team at





RAF Shawbury were invited to the school to stoke interest in STEM and life in the RAF, especially since the Year 5s and 6s had recently studied both world wars, including the RAF's contribution to the Battle of Britain. The team showed the entire school round the helicopter which included a guided tour, trying on survival equipment and sitting in the helicopter. The team then

moved to a warmer climate as they were hosted by the Year 5s and 6s and they discussed what they had been studying. The team were taken aback by their knowledge and interest in the RAF; the children had obviously been working hard. Not before long the team had to leave but not before the local community came back out to wave them off.



## LIVERPOOL COLLEGE VISIT

#### Situated adjacent to the famous Penny Lane, Liverpool College hosted a visit from RAF Shawbury.

OC Sixty Sqn (Sqn Ldr Nick Summers), Flt Lt Connor Frampton, FS Mark Blackmore and Mr Richard Cooke took a Juno to the college on the morning of 31 Jan 23 and were greeted by a very excited gaggle of Year 9s and a special Year 8 guest, FS Blackmore's Daughter who seemed very pleased to see her Dad. The College is home to a Combined Cadet Force (CCF) who were on hand throughout the day to help where necessary. The team from RAF Shawbury hosted the entirety of Year 9; showing them around the aircraft, letting them sit inside and try on our survival equipment. The purpose of the visit was to get the children excited and motivated about a possible career in the Royal Air Force. Many of the children had expressed interest in joining up and their curiosity was only enhanced by seeing the aircraft land at the College and speaking to the crew. They were often fascinated by the sheer amount of buttons and switches the Juno has, frequently asking what each one did.

The college was kind enough to host the team for lunch before they took off, flying over Penny Lane with many waves and cheers from the children below.



#### **GLIDING CLUB NEWS**

RAF Shawbury's Sgt Riley flying in R22 behind the low rock system of Le Gache in the French Alps. (Ian Gallacher)

# Come and Fly with RAF Shawbury Gliding Club

RAF Shawbury's Sgt Riley in Sisteron France prior to his launch in R22 with Navy Gliding Instructor WO Steel (Ian Gallacher)

RAF SHAWBURY GLIDING CLUB



The days are getting longer and the start of a new season is on everyone's' mind. With the sun out and the ground warming up you'll see us circling overhead and using the thermals to gain height, just like the local Buzzards. And if you do see us in the air above you, and you would like to take part in this exhilarating sport, then why not come and joins us – we're open to all across the whole service family and some eighty nine entitled personnel and their families flew with us in 2022.

here are a number of funding stream that make flying affordable. Delivered at RAFGSA clubs, the 'Go Solo' Scheme is a fully funded gliding scholarship for regular Junior Rank/JNCOs covering everything required to achieve a first solo flight.

The second scheme is the Mechanics Endowment Fund (MEF) Gliding Scholarship Course made possible by funding from The RAF Central Fund. Students must be a Phase 1 or 2 trainee at RAF Cosford and Shawbury and may be of any rank. The course runs over 3 months, should take about 3 flying days, and is easily achievable during a Phase 2 course.

Lastly, there are JSAT (Joint Service Adventurous Training) Gliding courses at Syerston. These on-duty gliding courses take you from beginner through to advanced level together with an introduction to cross country flying; how do you fly from Shawbury to Anglesey and back in one day in an aircraft with no engine?

We offer very affordable rates for all other groups within the Service community from a taster flight, all the way through to competing in competitions or going away on a soaring week or expedition at another gliding club.

Gliding with the club sets in place the foundation for flying at any future station, and also the opportunity to fly further afield with the club and the Royal Air Force Gliding and Soaring repeat the success of last year that saw service personnel reach heights of 10,000ft (the limit without using Oxygen), over Shawbury by both our single seat and two seater gliders. This year we will run a club expedition to fly in Snowdonia. Further afield there is an opportunity to fly in the Inter-Services Regional Gliding Competition in August. Later in the year, four club members have been selected to fly with the RAFGSA at Sisteron in the French Alps, a really challenging and thrilling environment that sets you up to fly in the Chilean Andes.

Background image: Club OiC Alan Swan and AR Murphy in the club K13 at 3,000ft and climbing in Wave over Shawbury (Will Dean)



RSGC Club OiC Sqn Ldr Alan Swan in Wave at 10,000 feet over Shawbury looking toward Shrewsbury (Alan Swan)



A dependent at cloud base at 4,000ft looking down at RAF Shawbury (Ian Gallacher)

If this has attracted your attention and you'd like to join us then, for an informal discussion and more information, contact Sqn Ldr Alan Swan 07834 638625 alan.swan143@ mod.gov.uk, or lan Gallacher, RAF Cosford 95561 Ext 4962 lan. Gallacher375@mod.gov.uk, both of whom will be delighted to answer your questions. You can also find more details on our website at: https://www.rafshawburygc.co.uk #rafgsa #gliding #raf\_shawbury#raf\_ cosford





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**HONOURS & AWARDS** 

## Aquila Simulator Manager Commended In New Year's Honours

Simon Jones, Aquila Simulator Manager, has been commended for his work in the King's New Year's Honours List 2023.

Simon leads development of the new simulators, which enable training for Military Air Traffic Controllers at the Defence College of Air and Space Operations (DCASO) at RAF Shawbury in Shropshire, where Simon is based. Simon has led the transition of the new simulator element of Programme Marshall – the 22-year programme in which Aquila provides air traffic management services and equipment to the MOD.

Aquila provided the new simulators and supports practical training to the Royal Air Force and Royal Naval Air Traffic Control (ATC) trainees at the DCASO. Over one hundred of the next generation of Air Traffic Controllers are trained at the college each year. The new simulation systems will modernise the training of Military Air Traffic Controllers and align training with front line operations. Simon has led the provision of the new radar and aerodrome suites at the college, used his vast experience to design training exercises and has managed the complex and challenging implementation of the new equipment and associated software.

Aquila Head of Training Services, David Riley, explained: "The Station and I jointly nominated Simon for the honour in recognition of the sterling work he had done in support of bringing the new simulation systems into service. In his support of the new systems and training, he has often gone above and beyond, working long hours to ensure all preparation was complete."



Simon Jones

"Simon was rightly proud and over the moon with the news of his commendation."

## RAF Personnel recognised in the New Year's Military Commendations List 2023

Several military and civilian personnel from, or based at, RAF Shawbury were honoured in the Military Commendations' list, which was published in conjunction with the New Year's Honours List 2023 on 31st December 2022. The following personnel at RAF Shawbury were formally announced within the main honours' list.

#### Deputy Commander Operations Commendation

Flight Lieutenant D W T Brown (previously with Central Flying School (Helicopter) Squadron).

#### Air Officer Commanding 22 Group Commendation

Flight Lieutenant E T Burns (No. 1 Flying Training School).

Master Aircrewman M G Lingham (No. 1 Flying Training School Standards). Flight Sergeant A C Flanders (Station Infrastructure).

Sergeant J R Smart (Force Protection Training Flight).

Mr L Seth (Operations Scheduling Officer).

#### Air Officer Commanding 22 Group Team Commendation

Flight Lieutenant K Mason, Sergeant A Dale, Corporal T Chapman, Corporal L Hope, Corporal M Lockwood, Corporal K McBrinn, Corporal D Rowe (Defence College of Air and Space Operations).

#### In addition, the Director of Flying Training, 22 Group, awarded the following commendations:

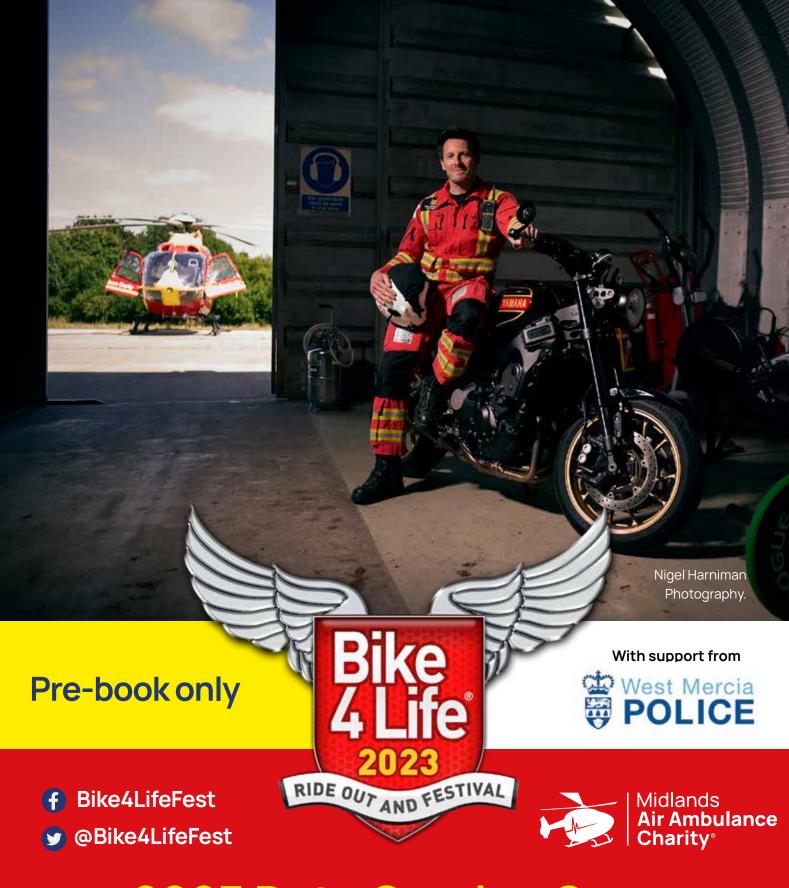
Mr P Burgess and S Jones (Defence College of Air and Space Operations Marshall Implementation Team).

Flight Sergeant D Lemon (Force Development Squadron).

Warrant Officer 1 M Thomas (No. 1 Flying Training School). The Station Commander, Group Captain Baron, said: "I am delighted that our personnel have been formally recognised in this way; these commendations pay tribute to the innovation, high standards and commitment of all of our Whole Force personnel here at RAF Shawbury. Very many congratulations to all of them and I thank them for their hard work and outstanding contributions throughout this last year".

Watch out for reports on some of these proud recipients receiving their award's at ceremonies throughout the coming months.





## 2023 Date Coming Soon

Take part in the 23-mile ride out alongside thousands of fellow bikers, raising lifesaving funds for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity

Follow us on social media for all the latest updates

#### **CHARITY** NEWS

# RAF Shawbury chooses its nominated charities for 2023

n December 2022, the RAF Shawbury Charities Committee asked Station personnel to put forward their ideas for charities the Station could support in 2023. A total of nine worthy causes were proposed, all of which were thoroughly discussed and voted upon by the Charities Committee at their Annual General Meeting. Of the nine put forward, six were local charities, demonstrating that people are keen to support their local communities and give a little back.

The Committee considered the charities put forward, taking into account the cost-of-living crisis and how we could help those close to us the most. The nine charities were narrowed down to three, which have become the nominated charities for 2023. You can find out more about each below.

In addition to these nominated charities, there will also be many opportunities for Shawbury personnel to get involved and support other charities familiar to Shawbury throughout the year.

#### The RAF Benevolent Fund

The Shawbury 10K is being run in February in support of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

#### **Severn Hospice**

In July, RAF Shawbury intend to retain their place as champions of the Shrewsbury Dragon Boat Race in support of the Severn Hospice.

#### **Royal British Legion**

November will see RAF Shawbury personnel volunteer with the Poppy Appeal to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

#### **RAF** Association

Those keen to support the RAF Association can do so through RAFA rides events in June, the Wings Appeal in September, and Shawbury's Santa Fun Run in December. - By Flt Lt Molloy, Officer in charge Charities Committee

#### We are Veterans (formerly the Shrewsbury Branch of Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club)

The local veterans' social club provides support to HM Forces Veterans, serving members and their families in the local community, via regular meetings and breakfast clubs held throughout the year.



#### Shrewsbury Homes For All

A local registered charity opening doors for those who are homeless, in housing need or need help to avoid homelessness. They offer assistance with housing support, helping people find homes to rent and preventing vulnerable people from becoming homeless.



#### Restart Africa (The Sanata Charitable Trust)

This is a charity which supports homeless children in Kenya, takes them from the streets and provides them with a home, an education, and a future. Restart Africa has close links to the RAF Football Association and RAF Shawbury through the charitable appeal 'Taking Football to Africa and Beyond', started by Shawbury's own Wg Cdr Neil Hope. Restart Africa and the appeal have also offered development opportunities for dozens of people from the Shawbury community and the wider RAF, including Neil's daughter Charlotte who volunteered at the Restart Centre in Gilgil, and was passionate about the work conducted there. Shawbury hopes to build on the incredible £36,000 raised for Restart Africa in 2022 from Charlotte's legacy, complimented by a visit to the Restart Centre by the 'Taking Football to Africa and Beyond' Appeal in April this year.



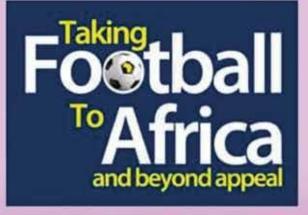
Charlotte and Helen Hope at Loving Hands Orphanage in Gilgil, Kenya

If anyone has any causes that they are passionate about, get in touch with the Charities Committee to find out more about fundraising on Station. Finally, 2023 will see the return of a monthly Quiz Night in the Aries Club on the last Wednesday of every month, with funds being raised for Station charities. Keep a look out for posters for upcoming events.





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Tel: 03067707489 or 07903135508



# Mimi's CRESTA RUN

The Cresta Run is the world's oldest, first used in 1887, and steepest ice run. The run itself is all natural and is carved out of snow and ice each December in preparation for the season ahead.

At full speed





Situated in St Moritz Switzerland, the Cresta Run is the birthplace of all ice sliding sports. The Cresta toboggan most closely resembles a skeleton sled, but the all-important difference is that unlike a 'normal' bob, skeleton, and luge track, the Cresta has 2 corners which are designed to spit you out into a falling area if not ridden correctly!

In January this year, the RAF squad of 14 mixed ranks, regular and reserve personnel arrived in St Moritz and re-established our headquarters in the Hotel Soldanella. For many of the squad it felt like returning home, with new arrivals overwhelmed by the walm welcome we received from our good friends in Switzerland. Our thoughts quickly focused on the riding; with beginner schools planned for the new squad members, the returners plan (under the supervision of team captain Flt Lt Kingdom) and of course the first rides.

Becoming a Cresta Rider is the objective of all new Squad members. This title is reserved only for those who have ridden the full length of the run from Top to the Finish at the beautiful village of Celerina. Qualifying criteria requires a rider to get their times consistently down to 48 seconds or less from a Junction start (roughly two thirds of the run). This usually takes years to accomplish, but due to the 1 on 1 coaching that the RAF Squad provides this can usually be achieved within a single season. Flt Lt Mimi Hobbs, Sqn Ldr Smith and Sgt Wells all became Cresta Riders this season, with AS(1) Holford and Cpl Toon qualifying on the interservice race day.

The feeling of riding the Cresta Run is hard to describe: 1 inch off the ice, up to 70 mph, the sensation of speed is incredible. It requires riders to overcome fear, develop an intense focus and push themselves mentally and physically. Being in stretch, living and breathing Cresta for up to three weeks a year is an amazing opportunity. The squad is always on the lookout for new volunteers so if you are interested, please look at the links below or ask Flt Lt Mimi Hobbs or Wg Cdr Paxman for details. This season RAF Shawbury's Flt Lt 'Mimi' Hobbs became the first RAF Women's Cresta Rider, and only the 8th women in modern history smashing the once male only preserve. Here is Mimi's story:

Weeks of training over three seasons with the RAF Cresta Team finally led me to the 'Top' of The Cresta Run. Having met the required times from 'Junction', two thirds of the way down the run, and having proved my ability to sufficiently slow down, they let me risk life and limb and start from Top. Accompanied by my 'Top Guru', RAF team Captain, Flt Lt Kingdom, I patiently waited to be called forward to ride. In this time, I contemplated all the reasons I was there. The thrill of riding the Cresta is like no other, overcoming constant fear, aches and pains







from previous rides and the nervous excitement of pending success or doom (falling at the infamous Shuttlecock). Three rides later and I was overwhelmed with relief, covered in bruises and absolutely exhausted. Thankfully, I was surrounded by fellow riders eager to celebrate with me and big hugs from teammates. Even Royal Navy and Army competitors took the time to congratulate, demonstrating one of the unique parts of Cresta; everyone wants to see you succeed. While everyone is competitive, the competition is against yourself, to improve times and be your best, while keeping yourself alive and in one piece!

The whole experience came to a close with the Inter-Service Championships on Wednesday 2nd February. A nerveracking day, with a few unfortunate crashes, multiple personal best times and ultimately a win for the RAF Women's teams and some champagne to celebrate after.

#### Wg Cdr Paxman, RAF Cresta Detachment Commander.

Photographs (courtesy of UK Armed Forces Winter Sports Association)



#### **RAF MEN'S TEAM 2023**

Flt Lt Kingdom – St Omer Barracks, Aldershot Cpl Plowman, RTS, RAF Halton Wg Cdr Paxman, OC DCASO, RAF Shawbury Sgt Wells 120 Sqn, RAF Lossiemouth MAcr Barnes – 120 Sqn RAF, Lossiemouth Wg Cdr McCartney, HQ Air Command

#### **RAF WOMEN'S TEAM 2023**

Flt Lt Hobbs, DCASO, RAF Shawbury Sqn Ldr Smith, HQ Air Command AS1(T) Holford, 6 Sqn, RAF Lossiemouth Cpl Underhill, 1 Tactical Police & Security Sqn, RAF Honington Flt Lt Fortune, Staff officer to Air officer Wales

#### SERVICES SILVER SPOON

Cpl Toon, JFAC, RAF High Wycombe Wg Cdr Cochrane, Italian Defence general Staff, Rome Hon Gp Capt, The Lord Bilimoria, 601 Sqn





The squad is always on the lookout for new volunteers so if you are interested, please look at the links below or ask Flt Lt Mimi Hobbs or Wg Cdr Paxman for details.

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## Royal Air Force Ski Championships 2023

In the opening month of 2023, skiers and snowboarders from RAF Shawbury departed for the Royal Air Forces' Annual Ski Championships. The call to compete at the highest level of Air Force skiing was made and these amateurs, come experts, answered proudly.

osted in the picturesque Austrian hills of Saalbach-Hinterglemm, the group were relieved to find it actually had snow. After several shaky weeks of webcam watching the green slopes get greener, fresh snow had fallen. Satisfied the looming of a potential mountain bike expedition had passed, the group set upon the race office to register for a number of races.

With a previous race winner in the form of Sixty Sqns' own Flt Lt Carr, the group felt confident that a large number of trophies would be coming home. Flt Lt Carr had dubiously won the 'Fiacalle' beginner race in a previous year, so set his sights on the intermediate trophy. The group was also blessed with the racing expertise of a Flt Lt Keates whose partner competed in the FIS Slalom World Cup for Great Britain. Something, he seldom mentioned...

The racing went by with only two spectacular crashes, but luckily no injuries much to the dismay of the Qualified Helicopter Instructors who really wanted to see the rescue helicopter. The shock attendance of the



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Royal Air Force ski team also didn't help the Shawbury team's placement. Sadly, even after the rather suspect racing tips from the team's resident World Cup "Expert", the competition proved too strong and Shawbury narrowly missed out on the medals.

Whilst no official medals were won, arguably a more prestigious trophy was brought back. The Saalbach-Hinterglemm Skicircus Circuit Cup. This cup is only awarded to the select few able to complete the gruelling 7-hour fan dance of skiing, coving 65km of tracks and 12400m of altitude. Due to the distances and numbers, the Skicircus Circuit ranks among the top ski routes in the Alps.

Joking aside, the entirety of the group came back with nothing but positive things to say about the Championships. In the slopes of Saalbach-Hinterglemm, robustness, physical fitness and teamwork were developed. Underpinned with a little competitiveness, the military ethos the Ski Championships aims to cultivate shone through. The days were long, comfort zones were pushed, but everyone returned to work proud of



what they had accomplished. For those of you on the fence, whether or not to attend, I wholeheartedly recommend you consider it next year.

It would also be wrong to not thank the contribution of Flight Sergeant Briggs and Squadron Leader 'Taff' Wilkins for their hard work. They were both paramount in easing the admin burden for those lucky enough to participate.





We have been busy this past year changing our focus and developing new ways of learning.

The exciting news is that we have signed up all our nurseries for The Curiosity Approach Accreditation. This innovative and modern approach brings together the best ideas from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and loose parts play, helping to create the "thinkers and doers" of the future. We are passionate and excited about the changes we have already seen and those we plan for the future. Our exciting journey includes ideas from children, parents and the schools we work with to ensure we use our spacious environments to meet the needs of everyone we are working with.

We recognize that all four of our settings have space and lots of it. We are unique at the Hazles in Shawbury to have our 3 acre forest school on site and at the Mulberry Bush in Shrewsbury a huge forest school and 4 separate play areas for children to access. Crowmoor School nursery has a well developed forest school and large playground and High Ercall Nursery shares the wonderful forest school with High Ercall School. Catherine, our Forest School Leader , is dedicated to support all our nurseries and is developing working with real tools on all sites.

We are creating beautiful play spaces for children to support self directed and experiential learning both inside and outside. As well as the new sensory room at Mulberry Bush and Crowmoor Nurseries, we have a jungle gym at Crowmoor and a new dedicated library at Mulberry Bush. Qualified Teachers work with children and families to prepare children for school. Developing close links with all the schools the children move onto next.

There are changes for the good everywhere, children, parents and nursery staff are enthusiastic and we can all feel the benefits. Children are calm, full of purpose, inspired by the carefully chosen items. Children have the space to create, think, learn, develop and follow their interests.

We invite you to find out more about us and to join us on our journey. It will be an adventure we can all enjoy.

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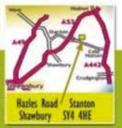
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