

2415 (Penkridge) Sqdn., Air Training Corps.



We welcome any and all between the ages of 13 and 18 years, to take part in our activities. Parades are on Monday & Thursday evenings at 7pm at the 2415 Sqdn building at the end of Grange Road, Penkridge. Final parade is about 9pm after which the cadets disperse.

In common with many other squadrons, there are a number of projects and activities undertaken, including Flying, Shooting, Canoeing, Aero modelling, Computers, Drill and Ceremonial, Radio/ Communications, First Aid and a host of other activities including Community Projects. The Air Training Corps is the largest operator of the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme** and our squadron regularly takes cadets on Field Trips to gain the necessary qualifications.

The Air Training Corps (ATC) is a voluntary youth organisation supported by the Royal Air Force. The ATC, which was formed in 1941, grew out of the older Air Defence League and was originally intended to meet the needs of a nation at war. Since then it has grown enormously, providing the RAF with a large number of men in good times and bad. Our squadron has contributed to the large proportion of serving RAF personnel who are former cadets (currently about 34% of all aircrew & 20% of Officers). The ATC is one of the country's premier youth organisations and the world's largest youth air training organisation. Our squadron was formed in early 1964.

The Corps, which has charitable status, is not a recruiting organisation but many members do go on to have careers in the Services.

The Aims of the Corps are:

To provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life.

To foster the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

To promote and encourage among young people a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force.

So come and give us a look. You'll be surprised at what you can learn. If you'd rather talk to Flt. Lt. Lewis (our CO) before coming down, please call him on: 0788 644 9921.



