

Press Release

Immediate Release

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We're gonna pull a Harrier!!

On the 22nd August 2008 Air Cadets from 2248 (Rutland) Squadron will be taking part in a Harrier *aircraft pull* at RAF Cottesmore with the aim of raising money for the Air Ambulance and Royal Air Forces Association.

Together with Air Cadets from Stamford & Melton they will compete to see who can pull a Harrier along a set distance in the shortest time. This is the first time that Air Cadets have taken on a challenge of this nature.

Fifteen year old, Cadet Corporal Tom Newell, from Uppingham who's idea it was to organise the event said; "To me this aircraft pull has two main aims, to raise money for very worthwhile charities and demonstrate that young people can do good things for the local community. "

If you are interested in pledging money to the Cadets you can do so by registering at www.justgiving.com/harrierpull or by contacting them on a Tuesday or Thursday evening on 01572 723624.

The Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance costs £1.5 million a year to operate and can be airborne within 45 seconds. It provides an invaluable service, especially in a rural location such as Rutland.

The Royal Air Forces Associations (RAFA) gives unparalleled support to both serving and retired air force personnel. This support is particularly crucial with RAF Cottesmore supporting the troops in Afghanistan.

The local Air Cadets meet on a Tuesday and Thursday evening at the cadet centre in Penn Street, Oakham. Anyone aged between 13 – 17yrs is welcome to come along to try out some of the many activities that take place.

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