

2019 RAF PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Category M – Peoples Choice Nominations

1 – SAC Chris Thompson-Watts –Photo ACSSU

Split break - Two new XXV(F) Squadron take flight over North Wales. A flight that saw Hawks from both IV(R) Squadron and XXV(F) Squadron, following the Squadrons has split to form 2 squadrons, to meet demands in the UK Military Flying Training System (UK MFTS) and the increase in demand for fast jet pilots.

2 – Cpl Matty Matthews – ACSSU, RAF Halton.

So Many Snacks, So Little Time – This image was captured by Cpl Lee Matthews whilst sat on the back of the ramp of a C130J Hercules. The aircraft was taking part in an airborne delivery training sortie that dropped loads ranging from 100 kilograms to a tonne, over Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Upon completion, the aircraft then linked up to a Voyager to complete some low-light air-to-air refuelling over the West Coast of England.

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There's No Place Like Home – Lexi and her father Flt Lt Simon Tofrik on the day of the 9-Ship Tornado flypasts over RAF College Cranwell and RAF Marham to mark the types retirement from RAF Service. After flying as 'Tornado 7' in the Diamond 9 formation, Flt Lt Tofrik touched down on the tarmac at Marham and was swiftly greeted by his daughter and wife.

4 – Sgt Rachel Malthouse – RAF Benson.

Blue Wake – Image of Cpl Sarah Partridge who joined the Royal Air Force in 2008 as part of the Personnel Support Trade (TG17). She was introduced to Wakeboarding in 2010 as part of a RAF led water-sports taster day and it quickly became her passion. Sarah is a UKCC L2 coach, which she utilises to encourage more people in and outside of the RAF to try wakeboarding. In 2018, Sarah was ranked No1 in the UK for Masters Ladies and selected to represent Great Britain.

5 - Cpl Ashley Keates – RAFAT, RAF Scampton.

Concorde - The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows perform Concorde over the deep blue sea of Greece. On the 21st May, Red 10 and Circus 10 photo chased a full display at the Hotel Datum in glorious afternoon sunshine, whilst deployed on Ex

SPRINGHAWK 19 in Greece where they refine the display ready for the Public Display Authority (PDA).

6 - Cpl Tim Laurence – ACSSU, RAF Halton.

Stargazer - A CH-47 Chinook helicopter rests at night during a training mission in the Arizona desert. The Chinook was being used at a FARP (Forward Arming Refuelling Point) to refuel USMC helicopters whilst deployed at the Marine Corps Air Base, in Yuma, Arizona, USA to take part in the twice yearly training and development programme known as WTI (Weapons and Tactics Instructor).

7 - Cpl Tony Hawke – RAF Benson.

Plugging The Gap - 27 Squadron Chinook helicopters based at RAF Odiham were deployed at short notice to help with flood relief in Lincolnshire that left homeowners in the town of Wainfleet without power and many evacuated, after more than a month's worth of rain fell in just a few days causing the river to burst it's banks.

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Goose - The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team; The Red Arrows, deployed on Ex SPRINGHAWK 19, perform Goose on a still morning whilst fisherman watch on from their boat at Chalkoutsis, Greece.

9 - Cpl Matty Matthews – ACSSU, RAF Halton.

Now You Have My Attention - Following the hugely popular series of FINale flypasts over the UK in Feb 2019, nine Tornado's line up to take part in farewell flypast over Marham and Cranwell. Thousands of onlookers gathered along the route to see the iconic jet for the last time.