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PRESS RELEASE

CADETS TAKE TO THE SLOPES

Two cadets from 1220 (March) Squadron decided they wanted to see even more snow and headed for the slopes in Bavaria to spend time learning the art of Nordic Skiing.

Swapping our snow, rain and wind for plenty more snow and sub-zero temperatures Instructor Cadet Flight Sergeant Toni Arnold and Corporal Lauren Arnold joined air cadets from across the UK on a ten day exercise centred around Zwiesel in Bavaria, Southern Germany.

Much of the week was spent learning the techniques for getting around Nordic style including practice runs around a 5km course. Conditions were ideal with temperatures well below freezing and an extra foot of snow deposited the day after they arrived. Highlight of the week was a meeting with the Mayor of Zwiesel. Volunteers were asked to give a brief presentation speech to the Mayor, in German. Toni was one of three who took up the challenge and were well received.

Later in the week was the opportunity to scale the heights of the Grossen Arber in Bayerischer Wald. At 4776 feet it was the highest that many of the cadets had ever been. Toni said "The temperature was minus twelve and we got covered in frost like they do in the Antarctic but the view was incredible."

On the last day there was the opportunity to test their skills as part of the International Langlauf Award Scheme, testing both their skiing skills and track etiquette. Both Toni and Lauren were pleased to pass their silver award. Lauren commented on the award " Any more snow at home and we are ready for it now!"

For further information on 1220 log onto the website at www.1220atc.org.uk .

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