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1220 MARK REMEMBRANCE IN TWO FENLAND TOWNS

Remembrance Sunday for 1220 (March) Squadron Air Cadets was a busy day and the culmination of months of preparation and planning saw them parading in both March and Chatteris.

The day started at St Mary's Church on the outskirts of March before moving to the Town Centre and then to Eastwood Cemetery. The proceedings finishing with the Remembrance Parade in Chatteris.

Cadets assembled at the squadron at 8am where the squadron civilian committee were on hand provide them breakfast with a choice of bacon butties, porridge, toast and hot drinks to sustain the cadets for the rest of the morning. After breakfast last minute preparations are completed giving uniforms final touches and shoes a final coat of polish. The band instruments are brought out, checked and cleaned, the banner unfurled and drill purpose rifles checked over. This year saw our cadets using the new L103 deactivated drill rifle for the first time which is derived from the current service L85 / SA80.

At around 08:45 the first group of six cadets depart for the service at St Mary's church at Westry on the outskirts of March. These form the rifle party for later in the day and are escorted by Sgt Andy Murray a Service Instructor from RAF Marham. After the church service they make their way into town so that they are ready to be at the war memorial for the main parade.

Just before 10 o'clock the rest of the squadron leave the HQ to march through the town to the start of the parade. The band marching and playing down to the starting point really signals to the town that the parade will soon take place. This year the Army Cadet Force who are based next door marched down with us making it a great start to the day.

At 10:20 the rifle party take post on the war memorial and soon afterwards 1220 (March) squadron's band lead the parade through the town to the church. As is tradition the band stops playing and all pay their respect to the memorial as they march past. St Peters church was standing room only yet again but everyone was inside in time for the 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock. Both the Air Training Corps and Army Cadet Force take an active part in the service.

Following the service the band leads the parade back to the war memorial for the wreath laying and final acts of remembrance before finally marching back to HQ where lunch is provided by the Civilian Committee. This year Flt Sergeant Toni Arnold laid our wreath while Cpl Stephen Pugh laid one on behalf of the RAF Boy Entrants.



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The Rifle Party weren't quite finished as having safely deposited the drill rifles at HQ they headed to a final act of remembrance at the war graves in Eastwood Cemetery and then back for lunch.

Fully refreshed the band, and any cadets who wished to take part, made their way to Chatteris where we led the parade through the town to the memorial. Cadet Alex Macrea laid the Air Cadet wreath. Our day finally ended at around 4pm.

Flt Lt Kirsty Burnham, Commanding Officer of 1220 (March) Sqn, commented "I am very proud of the effort and enthusiasm that the cadets put into this day. This is the most we have ever had on parade with 40 cadets taking part."

Remembrance Sunday was the final act in a week of events that saw cadets from 1220 in uniform, taking part in services at both the Neale-Wade and Crowmell Community colleges, All Saints Primary School and at the war memorial in the town centre on the 11th itself. Cadets were also present at the town's Festival of Remembrance held at St Peter's Church on the 12th November.

For further information on 1220 log onto the website at <http://www.1220atc.org.uk>

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Attachments: remembrance. jpg – 1220 (March) Sqn Band lead the parade through the town



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