

## Michael Roberts

We regret to announce that Mike Roberts of 88 Entry died peacefully in hospital on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

At Cranwell, Mike took part in a variety of activities, including gliding, skydiving and an attempt at the Devizes to London kayak race. He graduated with the Supply Officer prize in 1965 and went on to his first posting at RAF Leuchars.

Mike's next posting was to RAF Laarbruch, where he became an instructor at the Two Rivers Gliding Club. Here he met Ann, who also became a glider pilot and married Mike in 1970. A posting to RAF Hendon and two children, David and Helen, followed. Mike and his family moved north to RAF Wittering and north again to RAF Dishforth, where he worked at MoD Harrogate.

After 23 years service, Mike left the RAF for a career in systems analysis and programming, specialising in supply and stock control. He worked first for a kitchen cabinet company and then for many years at Associated Dairies (later MD and then Arla Foods) in Leeds, until retirement in the year 2000. Retirement gave Mike the time to indulge his passion for hill walking.

Before he retired, Mike had become involved in the committee of Harrogate Sea Cadets and volunteering at the District Hospital, where he had received treatment for myeloma. After having been given a "Making a Difference Award", although failing health meant that Mike had to stop volunteering. On leaving the Sea Cadet committee he received an award from the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire for 30 years of outstanding service.

