



Cranwellian Association 2021 Obituaries Archive

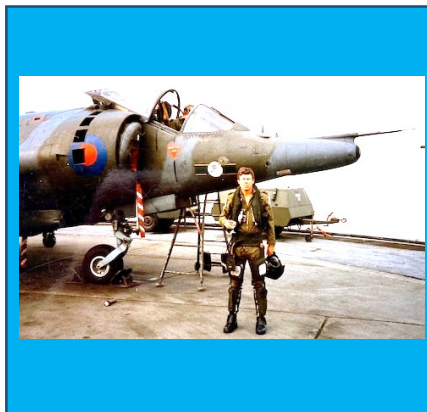
Mark Hare

Squadron Leader Mark Hare, ex 26 GE, has died aged 66.

The son of a Gp Capt, Mark William James Hare was born on January 9 1955. At Cranwell he won the Sword of Honour and five major prizes, including that for the best pilot. Mark was posted to 1 Sqn (Harriers) at Wittering in November 1979 and flew RAF Harriers on operations during the Falklands.

He had flown 22 operational missions, most against heavy anti-aircraft and small-arms fire and his aircraft had been damaged on a number of occasions. For his services during the campaign, Mark was Mentioned in Dispatches.

He left the RAF in April 1988 and joined Monarch Airlines (Boeing 737, Airbus 320 and 321). He is survived by his wife Kathi, four daughters and a son.



John Crawshaw

Sqn Ldr John Crawshaw MBE sadly passed away aged 92 years, at his home in Oundle with his family on 21st August 2021.

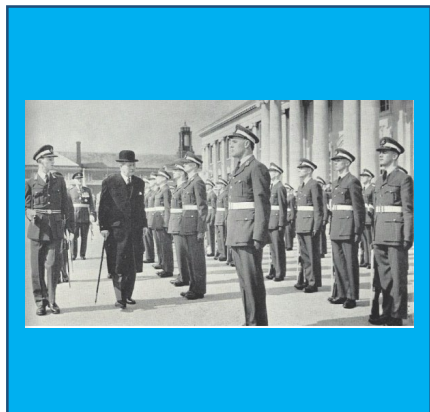
Educated at St. John's High School and Isleworth County Grammar School, John was an evacuee in Canada during the war. He joined 54(D) in 1949 beginning his 26 year service in the RAF.

He then worked for British Steel before moving to the International Management & Engineering Group.

John was a member of the RAF West Kirby Association.



Jerry Barrett



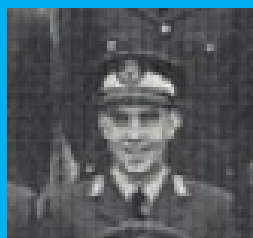
The Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, inspecting the 75 Entry Passing Out Parade.

Robert Jeremy Barrett was born on 6th August 1937 and started his RAF career as an apprentice at No. 1 School of Technical Training RAF Halton.

Chosen for Officer Training at Cranwell on 75(B) he was made an Under Officer before graduating as a pilot in 1959.

He retired from the RAF as a Wing Commander in August 1992.

Alan Bridges



Gp Capt Alan George Bridges, CBE MBE graduated from 65(A) in July 1955.

He was promoted to Gp Capt on the 1st July 1978 and retired from the RAF on the 4th April 1992.

Alan died peacefully at home in Devizes on the 11th November 2021, aged 86.

He was a pilot in the Sultan of Oman's Air Force as well as the RAF.

James Digby



Wg Cdr James (Jim) Richard Digby passed away aged 85 on the 22nd November 2021.

Jim graduated from 74(A) in December 1958 as Admin/Sec. He was promoted to Wg Cdr on the 1st July 1968 and retired in April 1989.

Mike Hughes

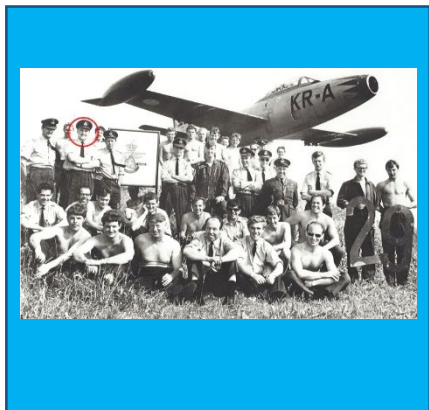


Wg Cdr Mike Hughes of 53(C) passed away on the 21st December 2021.

Mike was one of three flying instructors who were 'loaned' to the Belgian Air Force in order to teach them to fly jet-propelled fighter aircraft.

Mike was promoted to Wg Cdr on the 1st January 1969 and retired from the RAF on the 25th October 1980, following which he became Director and Secretary of the Purley Children's Trust.

David Kuun



The photograph shows David (Detachment Commander) with his crew at the Danish base Aarlborg

Wg Cdr David Rex Kuun died peacefully at home on December 18th 2021 aged 84. Originally from South Africa, Dave Kuun entered the RAF College in Sep 1955 on 73(C).

He represented the college at Rugby where a quote from the Chimay Cup Rugby Report College Journal, March 1958, states "...Kuun, whose presence, if not always his play, can be terrifying !".

His flying career included Hunters (92 Sqn) and the Lightning (also 92 Sqn then Flight Commander on 29 Squadron in 1970). He was promoted to Wg Cdr on the 1st January 1974 and was OC 5(F) Sqn at Binbrook (1976). He retired on the 14th December 1992.

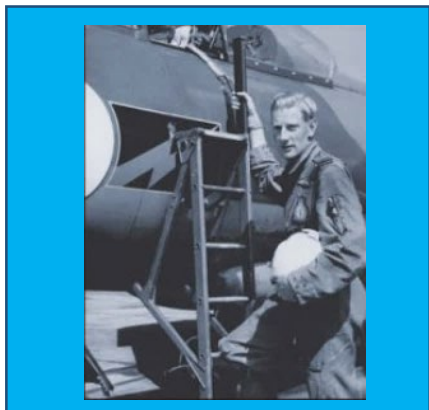
Jock McVie



John (Jock) McVie of 67(A) died peacefully at home on 29th December 2021. Jock joined the RAF as an apprentice at Locking and from there went to Cranwell and graduated in April 1956. He joined 4 Sqn then 14 Sqn (RAF Oldenburg) where, in 1959, he was part of the RAF Germany air to air gunnery team. In the early 60s he was A Flt Cdr on 8 Sqn at RAF Khormaksar, Aden, where he flew the Hawker Hunter in combat. Jock was promoted to Sqn Ldr in January 64 and became OC 8 Sqn in October 1968 in Bahrain.

On leaving the RAF in October 1971 with the rank of Squadron Leader, Jock joined Dan Air and mainly flew the Comet as Captain. On Dan-Air's demise, John flew the Boeing 737 with Air Europe based at Gatwick and ended his career as a 737 Captain with Hapag Lloyd based at Hannover.

Richard Boulton

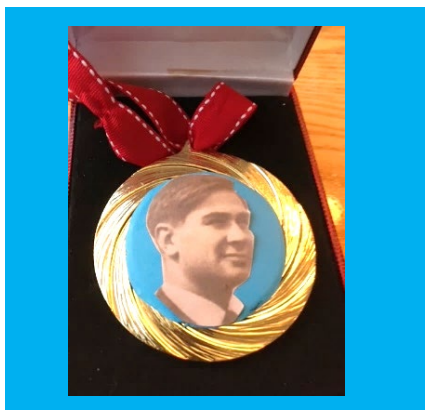


Richard de Villeneuve Boulton (57C) died in December 2021 after a short illness. Richard served with 63 Sqn (Meteors then Hunters), 26 Sqn (Hunters), was an ADC, graduated from the ETPS and then served at the AAEE (1961-63) specialising in tests on the Lightning. In 1971-74 he was a Sqn Cdr at Henlow before early retirement as a Sqn Ldr in 1976.

Although gaining his Cert Ed, he realised that he could build on his Henlow experience. He then began a second career running courses on leadership for The Industrial Society.

He was a founder member of the RAF Skiing Association and kept his own sailing boat near Chichester, where he lived in later years.

Peter Thompson



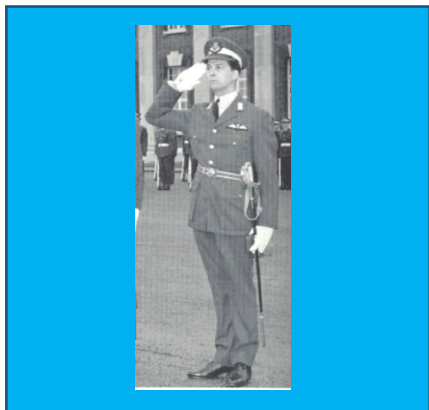
Re the unusual photo, Peter was a founder member of the Parkinson's Disease Exercise Group. They designed the medal (awarded every four months) in his memory.

Peter David Thompson, 88(D), passed away peacefully on 14 September 2021.

He was posted to 36 and 24 Sqns (Hastings) , RAF Colerne and in 1968, after a spell at Thorney Island, he was posted to 47 Sqn at Fairford. Unfortunately, in 1969 he suffered a heart attack while flying and was subsequently released from the RAF.

Peter initially joined the Sales team on Concorde but, remembering Concorde had Michelin tyres, started a very successful career in the Michelin Tyre Company HR Dept and retired in 2001 as a senior manager. He enjoyed a happy retirement but he developed Parkinson's Disease and, as he had a son living there, decided to move down to the Bristol area again.

Norman Barker



Norman Barker graduated from 88(D) in January 1963. He was awarded one of the major trophies, the Queen's Medal, and was also awarded the prize for Mathematics and Science. He joined 111 Sqn on Lightnings at RAF Wattisham then to 92 Sqn, Gutersloh.

Promoted to Sqn Ldr, the rapid rise in his career would have continued had he not begun to suffer medical problems with his flying category and restricted his postings to ground appointments including the MoD in London.

Norman retired from the RAF in 1993, aged 50, and passed away on the 21st May 2021.

John Lewendon



Gp Capt John Massey Lewendon of 54(D) passed away on 5 November 2021 aged 91.

John graduated on 12 Dec 1951 in the Administration Branch, was promoted to Gp Capt in Jan 76 and retired in Dec 83.

Colin Parkin

Colin Parkin passed away on the 12 September 2021.

He arrived at the College in January 1957 as a member of 76(B) and soon found himself a member of the Shooting VIII. Graduating in December 1959 in the Equipment Branch he was posted to RAF Cottesmore, then a 'V' bomber station. Subsequent tours took him to No 25 MU RAF Hartlebury, RAF Tengah, RAF Valley (OC Supply Squadron) and the MOD.

On his first retirement in 1976 he was head of science at Lockers Park Preparatory School (Hemel Hempstead) for 20 years. On full retirement he developed his interest in clocks and watches, not only collecting them but also repairing them. In so doing he became an acknowledged expert in matters horological.



John Rogers

Sir John Rogers joined the RAF in 1950 entering Cranwell in 49(C). He commanded 56 Squadron and became Station Commander of RAF Coningsby in 1967.

He was Deputy Commandant of the RAF College, Cranwell, before becoming Director-General of Organisation in 1977. He went on to be Air Officer Commanding Training Units at Support Command in 1979, Air Member for Supply and Organisation in 1981 and Controller of Aircraft in 1983 and he was promoted to Air Chief Marshal at the start of 1984.

John Rogers retired from the RAF on 31 March 1986 and passed away on 11 October 2021, at the age of 93.



David Malin

David Patrick Malin DFC entered Cranwell in April 1955 and achieved the rank of Senior Flight Cadet in 72(A). He was commissioned on the 1st April 1958.

David joined 43(F) Sqn (Hunters) at Leuchars at the end of 1958 and moved to Nicosia in April 1961. He later became the Senior Flt Cdr of one of the two Hunter ground-attack squadrons at Khormaksar from July 1965 to November 1967. Tasks involved pre-planned strikes against arms caches and dissident bases in the hinterland of Southern Arabia, close support for British and local troops under fire, numerous escorts, and air defence patrols along the border with the Yemen.

David passed away on the 18th April 2021.

