

RAF100 Press Pack

1st April 2018

Overview

From 1 April 2018, the Royal Air Force will launch RAF100, a national campaign to mark its 100th year. The centenary itself will feature events, activities and other initiatives running nationwide from April to the end of September 2018. Reflecting on its proud record of serving the Nation, the RAF will commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who have gone before; thank its service men and women for their dedication and inspire the next generation so that together, we can continue to help shape our world for the next 100 years and beyond.

RAF100 Key Points

- ❓ **Innovation** - The RAF's spirit of relentless innovation is as strong today as it was 100 years ago. Following in the footsteps of our inspiring predecessors, we will continue to seek to be first to the future, infused with the same pioneering spirit that drove them.
- ❓ **Defence** - Since its conception in 1918, the RAF's mission has always remained the same – to defend the UK and its interests overseas. From the Battle of Britain to delivering air power on a global stage since the end of the Cold War, this unwavering commitment has established the force as one of the most innovative, professional and progressive in the world.
- ❓ **A Global Force** - The RAF's role extends far beyond combat missions. Whether that is through its proud record of humanitarian intervention around the world, or closer to home through its service to the UK public, the RAF is always on hand when people need it the most.
- ❓ **The Future** - The RAF is committed to creating a legacy that will inspire a new generation to help write the next chapters in its story. Whether that is running STEM engagement programmes in schools, creating and funding apprenticeship schemes or just generally inspiring people to look to the future, the force's relentless spirit of innovation is contagious.



RAF100 Key Events

April	1	Official anniversary and launch of the RAF100 Baton Relay
May	18–20	The RAF100 National Aircraft Tour opens in Cardiff City Hall Gardens
June	10	RAF Cosford Airshow
	21	Royal Air Force Museum Hendon re-opening ceremony
July	6–9	National Aircraft Tour, Horse Guards Parade, London
	10	RAF100 Parade and Flypast, The Mall, London
	13–15	Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford
August	4/5	Northern Ireland Airshow, Portrush
	10-12	National Aircraft Tour, Newcastle, Northern Ireland
	25–27	National Aircraft Tour, Victoria Square, Birmingham
	31/2	National Aircraft Tour, Glasgow Science Centre
September	14/16	National Aircraft Tour, Cathedral Gardens, Manchester
	16	Battle of Britain Service, London
	22-23	Closing event - Battle of Britain Airshow, Duxford

Baton Relay Overview

The RAF100 Baton Relay will visit every region of the UK and several overseas locations including the Falkland Islands, Washington DC, the Middle East and Afghanistan. Twenty RAF sports associations are involved in the Relay, which will see the RAF100 Baton carried on a variety of RAF aircraft, vehicles and sports equipment by personnel from the RAF, RAF Reserves, RAF Air Cadets and wider RAF Family. The RAF100 Baton Relay was conceived by the RAF Orienteering Association; every participant is expected to plan his or her own route in order to promote navigational skills, fundamental both to the sport of orienteering and the military training received by RAF personnel. The RAF100 Baton was designed and manufactured by RAF apprentices at No. 4 School of Technical Training, MOD St Athan, and represents the RAF's century of service to the Nation.

Proposed baton route

1-2 APRIL	LONDON (1)
3-9 APRIL	OXON + (2)
10-15 APRIL	SOUTH EAST (3)
16-19 APRIL	OXON + (2)
20-30 APRIL	SOUTH WEST (4)
1-11 MAY	WALES (5)
12-14 MAY	N. IRELAND (6)
15-16 MAY	LANCASHIRE (7)
17-28 MAY	SCOTLAND (8)
29 MAY - 9 JUNE	YORKSHIRE (9)
10-20 JUNE	MIDLANDS (10)
21-29 JUNE	EAST ANGLIA (11)
30 JUNE - 4 JULY	CAMBS./BEDS. (12)
5-8 JULY	OXON + (2)
9-10 JULY	LONDON (1)



Overseas

1-5 APR	ERBIL, IRAQ
14-21 APR	USA
24-29 APR	RAF AKROTIRI, CYPRUS
6-8 MAY	AL-MINHAD, UAE
9 MAY	KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
10-13 MAY	AL-MINHAD, UAE
14 MAY	BAHRAIN, QATAR, OMAN
15-21 MAY	AL MINHAD, UAE
28 MAY-5 JUN	FALKLAND ISLANDS
18-21 JUN	GIBRALTAR
23 JUN-2 JUL	ROMANIA

NOTE: All dates are subject to change for operational reasons

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The Royal Air Force was formed on 1 April 1918 and marks its centenary on 1 April 2018. There are 4 official events that are associated with the Royal Air Force Centenary on 1 April 2018 in Central London:

1. 08:45-10:30 - Breakfast Reception at 80 Strand

A breakfast reception hosted by Pearson at 80 Strand, London; the site of the former Hotel Cecil, which was the first Headquarters of the Royal Air Force.

Approximately 100 guests are invited to the breakfast, at which RAF and Pearson personnel will be manning stands highlighting STEM and education subjects for the benefit of the assembled guests. There will be various ceremonial aspects, including the rededication of the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) Scroll which will be signed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff and Air Marshal Sir Baz North (RAF Association President), with addresses from both. The new RAF Badge will be available to view for the first time as well as the centenary message from Her Majesty the Queen to the RAF, which will be read out by Aircraftsman Adam Wood, the youngest representative serving member of the RAF on 1st April 2018.

2. 10:30-12:00 – Founders’ Day Service at St Clement Danes

The service to commemorate the Centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force will take place at St Clement Danes church, Strand, London WC2R 1DH.

Prior to the Service, the Royal Air Force Association Standards will march from Lincoln Inns Field led by a band from the Royal Air Force Pipes and Drums.

The Service, commencing at 11:00, includes the processing of the Royal Air Forces Association National Standard and Queen’s Colour for the Royal Air Force. A new Royal Air Force Silk Ensign will be blessed during the Service.

3. 12:00-13:30 - Reception at the Royal Courts of Justice

The reception will include a display of the Service’s Queen’s Colours and Squadron Standards, and a visual display of photographs depicting the Service’s history.

4. 12:50-13:15 – Baton Relay Launch and First Leg

The RAF100 Baton Relay will be launched at the main entrance of the Royal Courts of Justice. With the steps lined with Royal Air Force Air Cadets, the Chief of the Air Staff will accompany distinguished Royal Air Force veteran, Air Commodore (retd) Charles Clarke, carrying the RAF100 Baton. The veteran will present the Baton to the (representative) youngest serving member of the RAF, Aircraftsman Adam Wood, linking the themes of COMMEMORATE our past, CELEBRATE our people and INSPIRE the future. A Scramble Bell will be sounded by esteemed veteran and one of the “Few” Wing Commander (retd) Paul Farnes to signal the launch of the relay, the first leg of which will be run by a cross-section of serving personnel from Royal Air Force sports associations to 80 The Strand. Day one of the Relay will continue past various military landmarks in London until it arrives at the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon in late afternoon.

Biographies

Name and Picture	Bio
<p>Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier KCB CBE DFC ADC MA RAF</p> 	<p>Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier is the Chief of the Air Staff, in command of the Royal Air Force, leading a Whole Force of some 35000 Regular and Reserve personnel, and 5000 Civil Servants, supported by thousands of contractors. He is personally accountable for the safe and effective operation of over 700 manned and unmanned aircraft and for meeting the airpower needs of Defence, which currently means thousands of people and every front-line force committed to operations world-wide. In addition to sustaining his people and this exceptionally high level of commitment, he is also responsible for delivering the significant growth in the RAF's front-line capability announced in the 2015 Defence Review.</p>
<p>Air Marshal Sir Baz North President, Royal Air Force Association</p> 	<p>Sir Baz joined the RAF Association team following a distinguished career of 35 years with the Royal Air Force. In 2006, he commanded No 83 Expeditionary Air Group in the Middle East before returning to the Ministry of Defence as its Director of Air Resources and Plans. He was subsequently appointed Air Officer Commanding No 22 (Training) Group.</p> <p>Following a tour as the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff in the Ministry of Defence, he was promoted to Air Marshal in 2013 and appointed the RAF's Deputy Commander Capability and Air Member for Personnel and Capability. He was appointed KCB in the New Year's Honours list 2015 and retired from the RAF in 2016.</p>
<p>Wg Cdr (retd) Paul Caswell Powe Farnes 88437 Sgt Pilot British 501 Squadron</p> 	<p>Farnes, who was born at Boscombe, Hampshire on July 16 1918, joined the RAFVR in April 1938, as an Airman u/t Pilot (741447) and did his flying training at 19 E&RFTS, Gatwick. In July 1939 he took the opportunity of spending six months with the regular RAF and went to the 11 Group pool at St Athan, where he converted to Hurricanes.</p> <p>On September 14 1939 Farnes joined 501 Squadron at Filton. The Squadron flew to Betheniville in France on May10 1940. Farnes destroyed a He111 and shared another on the 12th and shared a Do17 on the 14th and got a possible He111 on the 27th.</p> <p>After being withdrawn on June 17, the Squadron regrouped at Croydon and Middle Wallop and on July 26 moved to Gravesend. On August 12 Farnes claimed a Ju87 destroyed, and on the 15th two more, on the 18th a Do17, on the 28th a Bf109 and on the 30th he damaged a He111. He damaged two Bf109s on September 2, damaged a Bf110 on the 3rd, damaged Do17s on the 14th and 27th, destroyed a Ju88 on the 30th and got probable Bf109s on October 29 and November 8. He was awarded the DFM (22.10.40).</p> <p>Commissioned in November 1940, Farnes was posted to 57 OUT, Hawarden on February 13 1941, as an instructor. He went out to 73 OUT, Aden on November 9 1941, from where he was posted on February 27 1942 to 229 Squadron at El Firdan, as a Flight Commander. The Squadron went to Hal Far, Malta in late March 1942 and whilst there, on April 2 Farnes damaged a JU88, on the 4th and 6th damaged two unidentified enemy aircraft, on May 6</p>

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	<p>damaged a Ju88 and on the 9th damaged a Bf109. The Squadron had been officially disbanded on April 29 1942 and Farnes and other pilots of 229 returned to Egypt on May 27.</p> <p>Farnes was posted to Air HQ Iraq, Habbaniya on July 3 1942 and apart from 7 months spent in Baghdad in 1943 he remained there until January 19 1945 when he returned to the UK.</p> <p>After a short refresher course at 53 OUT, Kirton-in-Lindsey, Farnes went to 124 Squadron at Hawkinge for a month. He spent two months at the CFE, Tangmere and then took command of 611 Squadron at Peterhead on July 7 1945. He was given command of 164 Squadron at Turnhouse on August 14 and led the Squadron until August 31 1946, when it was disbanded and renumbered as 63 Squadron.</p> <p>In the post-war years Farnes held a series of appointments prior to his retirement on June 27 1958 as a Squadron Leader, retaining the rank of Wing Commander.</p> <p>PO 27.11.40 FO 27.11.41 FL 26.7.42 SL 1.5.44 SL 1.9.45</p>
<p>Air Commodore Charles Clarke OBE</p> 	<p>Charles Clarke was shot down over Germany and imprisoned in the camp from which 76 prisoners tunnelled out in the "Great Escape". He later took part in the "Long March" of British PoWs who were ordered to move great distances across Germany in the last months of the Third Reich. After the war, he stayed in the RAF, reaching the rank of Air Commodore.</p> <p>"I joined the RAF straight out of school as a 17-year-old and went to 619 Squadron, at Woodhall Spa, Lincs, flying Lancasters. I flew 19 trips as a bomb aimer, six to Berlin.</p> <p>"The losses were so high. The night I was shot down, 40 other aircraft were also shot down. That is roughly 300 men. I had never thought it would happen to me. You are young and just don't think that way."</p> <p>"But it didn't matter how good your crew was. If a German fighter was loitering along your route, you had had it. If there were two of you to attack, you might be lucky."</p> <p>"On my last operation, in February 1944, we were hit by a fighter. It all happened so quickly. Suddenly, the aircraft was on fire and the wing was dropping off. Along with three others I parachuted out. The three others were killed."</p> <p>"There was deep snow where I landed and I didn't think I would get out. Eventually, I was picked up by the Germans and ended up at Stalag Luft III. It was while the Great Escape was being prepared. We all knew what was going on."</p> <p>"In January 1945, we were forced on the Long March. The temperature was minus 30C. It was the coldest winter in Polish memory and we just had what we stood up in. We marched through a blizzard and were not given any shelter for 36 hours. Eventually, we trudged 50 miles to Spremberg, where we were forced into cattle trucks and taken to another camp."</p> <p>"While we were there, our own aircraft shot up the breadwagon. I think we'd have lynched him if we could. We were marched again until we stopped outside Lubeck. We just lived out in the open, making shelters for ourselves."</p> <p>"Then, one day, out of the blue, this little British Army reconnaissance vehicle turned up and we all just surrounded it. That was it. It was May 1945. The Germans had cleared off overnight. We were free at last."</p>

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<p data-bbox="134 241 459 271">Aircraftsman Adam Wood</p> 	<p data-bbox="668 241 1410 300">Youngest representative serving member of the RAF on 1st April 2018 and one of the first six baton runners</p> <p data-bbox="668 342 1445 432">AC Wood is a RAF Phase 2 Logistics (Supplier) Trainee, currently undertaking training at the Logistics (Supplier) Basic Training at Logistics Supply Training Squadron, RAF Halton.</p> <p data-bbox="668 441 1461 651">Originally from Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, AC Wood completed both his GCSEs and A-Levels in Maths, Business and Sports Science, in his hometown. During his secondary education, Wood undertook work experience with Luton Town Football Club comprising both office and coaching responsibilities, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Following completion of mainstream education, he decided to join the Royal Air Force.</p> <p data-bbox="668 665 1458 797">A county-level competitive sportsman, he has to date achieved 1st place in the U16 Triple Jump discipline. Further, he has travelled to both Holland and Belgium with Luton Town Football Club, in a playing capacity.</p> <p data-bbox="668 804 1453 981">Wood has a history of RAF service, notably his Grandfather having also served, along with a number of friends and former colleagues. Wood is excited for his future career within the Logistics (Supplier) Trade, with a passion for education, travelling and sports. He is committed to the longest possible career, achieving the highest rank.</p>
<p data-bbox="134 1001 435 1030">Flt Lt Nosheen Choudry</p> 	<p data-bbox="668 1001 1085 1030">One of the first six baton runners</p> <p data-bbox="668 1077 1442 1198">Nosheen is an Aerosystems Engineering Officer currently working at RAF Marham. She studied engineering at the University of Birmingham and was sponsored through University by the RA, joining up as soon as she graduated.</p> <p data-bbox="668 1240 1402 1361">Nosheen has had many opportunities in the RAF but has most enjoyed the opportunities to engage with sports activities and adventure training. Nosheen is a keen runner and has been a member of the RAF Athletics Team since 2006.</p> <p data-bbox="668 1404 1450 1525">Nosheen also enjoys orienteering and has represented the RAF at Inter Service competitions this year. In her spare time, Nosheen plays several musical instruments and sings soprano with the RAF Spitfire choir.</p>

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<p data-bbox="134 241 427 271">Flt Lt Lucy Nell MBChB</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 241 1086 271">One of the first six baton runners</p> <p data-bbox="667 309 1477 396">Flt Lt Lucy Nell, primarily a Medical Officer, is currently one of the RAF's Elite Athletes. She competes as a triathlete at domestic and international elite level representing the Royal Air Force.</p> <p data-bbox="667 430 1477 669">She has been a keen sportswoman for most of her life and started competing in the sport of triathlon at the age of 13. However, from her teenage years, the importance of a medical career in the RAF alongside sporting endeavours became increasingly important. It was not until she completed her early medical studies, and thanks to the fantastic opportunity awarded to her by the RAF's Elite Athlete Scheme, that she could pursue her sporting goals as a full-time athlete.</p> <p data-bbox="667 703 1477 824">"Sport has been a hugely important part of my life for as long as I can remember. I am currently able to compete as an elite triathlete whilst also having a fantastic career to return to. Representing the Royal Air Force in our centenary year is an incredible honour."</p>
<p data-bbox="134 875 584 936">Flying Officer Kurt Allyster Lee BSc (Hons), PhD</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 875 1086 904">One of the first six baton runners</p> <p data-bbox="667 938 1477 1059">Fg Off Lee is an Air Traffic Control Officer based at RAF Benson. Aged 26, Lee was born and raised in Malaysia before moving to the UK in 2010 to pursue a degree in Natural Sciences at the University of East Anglia, Norwich.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1093 1477 1240">He joined the RAF in 2015 as a Commonwealth citizen following completion of his PhD research in Computer Science Education. On graduation from Initial Officer Training and the Joint Air Traffic Control Course, Fg Off Lee was posted to RAF Swanwick as an Area Radar Control Officer.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1274 1477 1514">He moved on to RAF Benson in September 2017, ensuring the safe operations of the RAF's front-line Puma HC2 support helicopters and the combined Puma/Chinook HC4 Operational Conversion Unit within air traffic control. Lee has a keen interest in learning new languages and Latin/Ballroom dancing. Furthermore, he enjoys trying new sports and has so far taken part in rowing, fencing, golf, athletics, skiing and skydiving events through various clubs in the RAF.</p>

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<p data-bbox="134 241 512 304">Flight Sergeant Jay Ferguson BA(Hons) GCGI ACIPR</p> 	<p data-bbox="668 241 1086 271">One of the first six baton runners</p> <p data-bbox="668 304 1477 394">Jay has been interested in aviation since a young age. He was an active member of his local Scouts and Air Cadets before joining the Royal Air Force in March 1989.</p> <p data-bbox="668 427 1477 517">In 1990 Jay deployed to the Middle East with Number 55 Squadron as an Operations Assistant as part of Op. Granby/Desert Storm (1st Gulf War).</p> <p data-bbox="668 551 1477 674">In 2004, Jay became one of a select group of Emergency Controllers, working in the Distress and Diversion Cell, the emergency service for aviation. In 2008, Jay conducted a tour in Afghanistan in support of Op. Herrick.</p> <p data-bbox="668 707 1477 763">In 2013 he moved back to RAF(U) Swanwick once more resuming his roles in Area Radar and Distress and Diversion.</p> <p data-bbox="668 797 1477 976">During his RAF career Jay has conducted numerous detachments around the UK, Europe and further afield. He has embraced the opportunities for education and sport, learning to parachute, fly gliders and complete a BA(Hons) degree course. He continues to represent his unit in Cross Country and Royal Air Force Orienteering. Jay is married with three children.</p>
<p data-bbox="134 1008 416 1037">LAC Emma Ockendon</p> 	<p data-bbox="668 1008 1086 1037">One of the first six baton runners</p> <p data-bbox="668 1070 1477 1216">After graduating from Basic Training at RAF Halton last year, Emma was stationed at DCAE Cosford for six months where she completed her initial Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic training. Since January this year, she has been working on Pumas at 33 Squadron, RAF Benson in Oxfordshire.</p> <p data-bbox="668 1249 1477 1373">My main role as an Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic is to service the aircraft, reporting any faults or defects they may have to the technicians. I also help to tow the helicopters to and from the hangars, refuel the aircraft and assist the pilots with engine start-ups.</p> <p data-bbox="668 1406 1477 1496">When Emma completes her NVQ Level 2 in Aircraft Systems Maintenance, she plans to return to DCAE Cosford to complete her training to become a qualified Aircraft Technician (Avionics).</p> <p data-bbox="668 1529 1477 1619">In Emma's spare time she likes to go running and is a keen horse rider. Her ambition is to compete for the station and eventually the RAF Equestrian team in show jumping!</p>

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<p data-bbox="134 241 587 304">Group Captain Rob Woods OBE MA BEng (Hons)</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 241 1476 304">Chairman of the RAF Orienteering Association and originator of the Baton Relay idea</p> <p data-bbox="667 336 1476 546">Group Captain Rob Woods was born in 1969 and educated at Ardingly College in West Sussex. Following in his father's footsteps, he was commissioned in the Royal Air Force in 1987 prior to studying Aeronautical Engineering and Design at Loughborough University on the University Cadetship scheme. He graduated in 1990 and immediately attended Initial Officer Training and engineer officer specialist training</p> <p data-bbox="667 577 1476 730">In July 2000 he was selected as the first Senior Engineering Officer on the new C-17 Globemaster III strategic transport aircraft. During this very busy tour he was responsible for the 'site activation' and reformation of No. 99 Squadron at RAF Brize Norton as well as for supporting early operations into Afghanistan.</p> <p data-bbox="667 761 1476 1039">In August 2007 he was selected for command and took over as both the Station Commander RAF St Athan and Commanding Officer No. 4 School of Technical Training. He returned to Abbey Wood in July 2009 as SO1 Air Plans before deploying, in June 2011, on a 6-month operational tour to No. 83 Expeditionary Air Group in the Middle East as Chief of Staff to the UK Air Component Commander. Group Captain Woods was appointed OBE in the New Years' Honours List 2010. On 1 March 2017 he was appointed Station Commander, RAF High Wycombe.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1070 1476 1223">He is married to Margaret (who is Welsh!) and they have three children: James (21), Scarlett (18) and Esther (16). A keen sportsman, he is the Chairman of the RAF Orienteering Association and spends his spare time competing (and trying not to get lost) in the UK and overseas.</p>
<p data-bbox="134 1254 440 1285">Sqn Ldr Danni Nowalski</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 1254 1118 1285">RAF100 Baton Relay Project Officer</p> <p data-bbox="667 1317 1453 1469">Danni has served in the RAF for nearly 19 years as a Logistics Officer, has had an amazing time and would champion the RAF as a career for anyone. She joined because she wanted to be part of something that offered more – the travel, the lifestyle and the people.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1500 1442 1590">She has worked in joint and multinational environments ranging from deployable air movements, to coalition planning to Aide de Camp to the Commander British Forces in Cyprus for 2 1/2 years.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1621 1422 1774">Danni is a keen skier, yogi and long distance runner and has completed the North Pole Marathon and 150-mile Marathon des Sables (hardest marathon on earth!) supporting the RAF Benevolent Fund and 100Km Thames Ultra raising for SANDS. She has raised £10,000 for charity over the years.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1805 1437 1868">Danni met her husband whilst serving in Afghanistan in 2008 and they have a young son together.</p>

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<p>Flt Sgt Ade Moseley</p> 	<p>Baton Relay Planning Team Lead</p> <p>FS Moseley joined the RAF in 1992, graduating from training as a Junior Technician, and has since completed three operational tours in Afghanistan and two in Iraq.</p> <p>A very keen sportsman, in the Summer he keeps wicket for his Station cricket team and he is qualified as an ECB Umpire, gained through an RAF course. In the Winter, he competes in orienteering and the RAF recently granted him study time and paid for him to become a UKCC Level 2 Orienteering Coach. Moseley has travelled with the RAF to Germany on cricket tour and to the Czech Republic and Sweden for orienteering competitions. He is also a member of his Station Cycling Club and recently completed a 100-mile ride. During his RAF service he has also regularly played squash, hockey and football and has enjoyed many adventurous training opportunities such as a week of sailing in the Solent and multi-activity training in Wales, all paid for by the RAF. Moseley has completed 25 years' service and has 10 years remaining in the RAF. He has been selected for promotion to Warrant Officer, the highest enlisted rank.</p>
<p>Flt Lt Rob Neal</p> 	<p>Baton Regional Coordinator - London</p> <p>Flt Lt Rob Neal joined the RAF in 2005 at the age of 19. After completing flying training his first operational tour was as a pilot on the Puma HC1. In 2012 he transferred to the Chinook and has completed two tours of Afghanistan and numerous other deployments around the world. In 2016 Flt Lt Neal was posted to Central Flying School (Helicopters) to become a Qualified Helicopter Instructor. He currently instructs on the Chinook Operational Conversion at 28 Sqn, RAF Benson. Flt Lt Neal is married with one young daughter. He is a keen skier and runner and represents the RAF at Orienteering.</p>
<p>Cpl Scott Daniel (photo not available)</p>	<p>Day 1 Runner</p> <p>Scott joined the RAF to see more of the world and to also join an organisation with a wide-ranging career path.</p> <p>He attested in Dec 2003 and after successfully completing phase one and two training to become a Flight Operations Assistant, he was posted to RAF Waddington Air Traffic Control in 2004.</p> <p>In 2007, Scott was posted to RAF Coningsby to work on both Air Traffic Control and 11 Sqn Ops, also completing his first detachment as part of Op Telic to Basra. In 2011 he was posted to Air Traffic Control at MOD Boscombe Down and was detached again but this time for Op Herrick to Camp Bastion.</p> <p>In 2014, Scott worked in the Radar Analysis Cell, eventually moving to the Distress and Diversion section as a Distress and Diversion Support Controller</p>

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<p data-bbox="134 241 360 271">Sgt Darren Larner</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 241 836 271">Day 1 Runner</p> <p data-bbox="667 309 1461 488">Before joining the RAF in 2012, Darren began an apprenticeship in Electrical Engineering. Upon joining the RAF, he completed all the training required to become a Military Air Traffic Controller. In 2013, Darren was posted to RAF(U) Swanwick as an Air Traffic Controller responsible for providing a safe and expeditious service to Military and Civil aircraft within the UK airspace.</p> <p data-bbox="667 521 1477 640">In addition to his primary role within the RAF, he is also a volunteer within the Air Cadet Organisation. Currently working within the role of Deputy Wing First Aid Officer, he assists with the delivery of First Aid Training across Hampshire and the Isle Of Wight.</p> <p data-bbox="667 674 1461 786">From February 2017 – August 2017, Darren was deployed to Op KINGPIN. Supporting operations within the Middle East, Op Kingpin is a US led operation providing tactical command and control to all air assets.</p>
<p data-bbox="134 795 392 824">Sgt Richie Lawrence</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 795 1362 853">Baton design engineer / Representative No 4 School of Technical Training</p> <p data-bbox="667 887 1461 1066">Sgt Lawrence joined the Royal Air Force on 10 July 2002. On completion of his Basic Training at RAF Halton, he undertook Basic Trade Training as a member of Entry No. 6, General Technician Workshops. His first assignment to RAF Wittering saw him manufacture and repair a huge variety of ground and aeronautical components in support of Harrier Operations for OP HERRICK.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1099 1445 1312">Achieving Q-OPS in July 2005, he was detached to Basrah Air Station supporting OP TELIC. A tour at RAF Waddington soon followed, where he provided support to the RAF ISTAR Fleet over the next four years. Most notably, he played a major role in the programme to refurbish the in-flight refuelling pipework for the Nimrod fleet, following the tragic loss of 14 Servicemen in Afghanistan.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1346 1461 1525">Whilst at RAF Waddington, he also completed his Degree in Engineering Management at Lincoln University. During a posting to RAF Marham, he became familiar with the Tornado GR4. During this period, he deployed to the Falkland Islands for four months where his welding skills were put to good use by the Royal Navy, keeping them at sea by repairing their Sonar equipment.</p> <p data-bbox="667 1559 1430 1706">In 2016, he joined No 4SofTT where he is currently employed as an instructor. This is where his involvement with the design and production team of the Relay baton took place guiding phase 2 trainees through the RAF's fabrication capabilities and aiding in streamlining the chosen design ready for manufacturing.</p>

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<p>Chief Technician Andy Brooks</p> 	<p>Baton design engineer / Representative No 4 School of Technical Training</p> <p>Chf Tech Andy Brooks was born in Gorseinon in 1973 and joined the RAF in the trade of Gen Tech Workshops on 8 May 1990.</p> <p>Completing basic training at RAF Swinderby, he attended Workshop Training Flight at No 4 School of Technical Training for Trade Training, passing out as a Junior Technician on 7 Jun 1991. Remaining at RAF St Athan on 5 (Engineering) Sqn for the first 7 years of his career, he honed his trade skills in the Milling, Turning and Grinding bays.</p> <p>He then moved on to manufacture aircraft parts for the Jaguar Force at RAF Coltishall, followed by tours with the Canberra and Tornado Forces at RAF Marham and supporting 71 (Inspection and Repair) Sqn at RAF Wittering. Having risen through the ranks during this time, he was posted back to No 4 SofTT in December 2015 on Instructor Duties and soon promoted to Chief Technician in his current role as the Workshop Training Co-ordinator, in June 2016. Throughout his career, he has deployed to the Falkland Islands, Norway and Afghanistan. He is a keen cyclist and is learning to play the guitar.</p>
<p>AC Callum Carlile</p> 	<p>No 4 School of Technical Training, General Technical Electrical</p> <p>Callum wanted to be in a public service ever since he was young and had considered becoming a fireman or policeman. However, he eventually chose the Royal Air Force when he discovered the exciting opportunities that it offered including travel, life experiences and job security.</p> <p>His interest in the specific role of General Technician Electrical came from his skills in the area of problem solving skills and a general interest in electronics, an interest derived from his fathers' career.</p> <p>Callum is currently in his last stage of Phase 2 training at No 4 School of Technical Training at MOD St Athan and looking forward to his future in the RAF.</p>

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<p data-bbox="135 241 399 273">AC Lewis Speakman</p>  A portrait photograph of a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a light blue collared shirt and a dark tie.	<p data-bbox="670 241 1364 302">No 4 School of Technical Training, General Technician Mechanical</p> <p data-bbox="670 336 1444 459">Lewis is currently at MOD St Athan No 4 School of Technical Training. He is over halfway through his training and has faced all of the challenges head-on to one day become a Trade Group 5 mechanical engineer.</p> <p data-bbox="670 492 1452 582">Originally from Mold in North Wales, Lewis joined the RAF in 2017 and was attracted to the mechanical trade due to the hands-on nature of roles in this area.</p> <p data-bbox="670 616 1468 952">Lewis enjoys the camaraderie with others on his course and has learnt a lot of important life skills which he says will help him to develop as an airman in the future. Living in South Wales, Lewis has taken full advantage of his surroundings at every opportunity, going surfing on the nearby coastlines and enjoying my other hobbies of climbing, football and boxing. The opportunity to be part of an organisation steeped in such history and the extra advantages of working alongside likeminded people is why I feel privileged to be a member of the RAF. I hope to serve for many years and develop as a tradesmen and person to contribute in a role I love and play my part.</p>

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