

# RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL “THE GE YEARS”



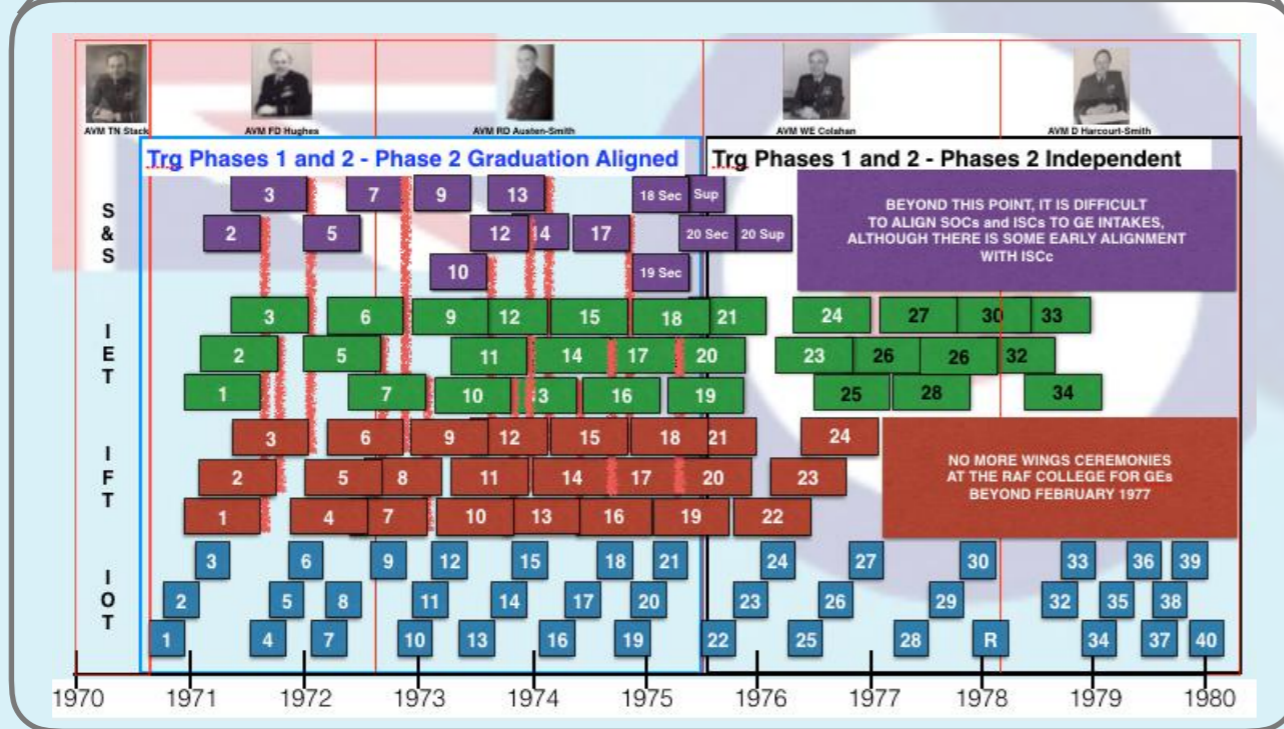
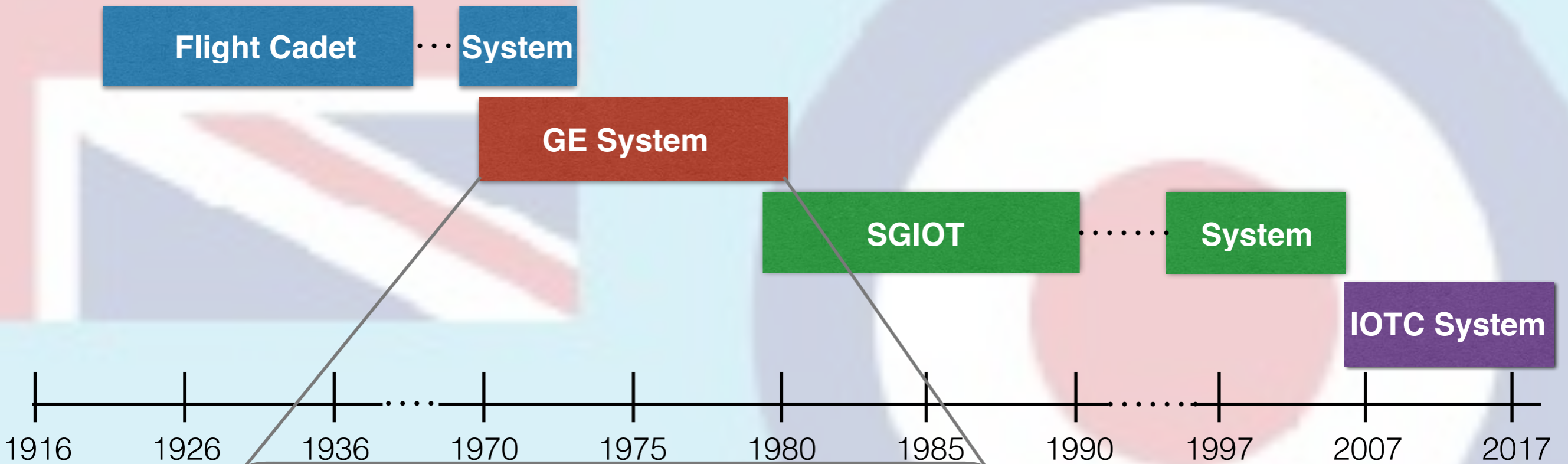
Chapter 1 - Introduction

# Author's Motivation & Credentials

1. Graduate of 6 GE October 1972
2. Cranwell Rugby XV and Golf Teams 1972
3. Graduate of 12 Eng Aeros (Trenchard Hall) 1979
4. Graduate of EWOC (Trenchard Hall) 1985
5. RAF Rugby XV 1972, HQ STC Rugby XV and 38 Group XV 1973
6. Tours of Duty: Wittering, 18 Gp, A&AEE, RSRE, Wyton and MOD
7. RAF Electrical/Aerosystems Engineer till November 1987
8. Defence Industry between 1987 and 2015
9. Member of Cranwellian Association since January 2017
10. Volunteer for College Curator since March 2017
11. Trainee Tour Guide keen to promote the RAF College

**“PAY-BACK TIME”**

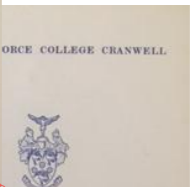
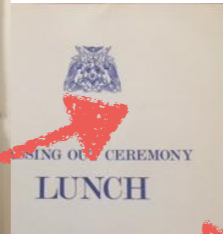
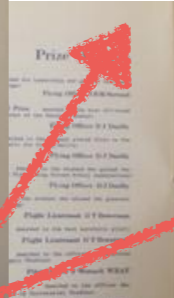
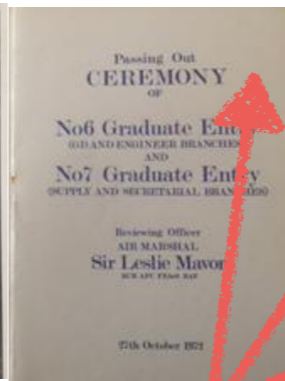
# GEs in Context of other RAF cadet training systems



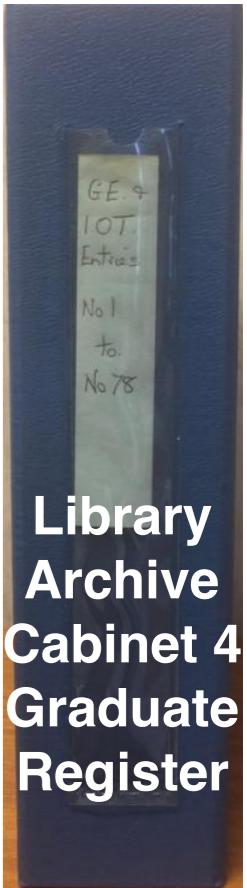
# IOT Training Trends

Year/Subject	Leadership & Management	RAF Admin	RAF Law	RAF Accounts & Finance	RAF History	Duration (Weeks)
1970	*	*	*	*	*	11
1971	*	*	*	*	*	13, 14, 11, 16
1972	*	*	*	*	*	14, 14, 15, 14
1973	*	*	*	*	*	15, 14, 15, 14, 14
1974	*	*	*	*	*	15, 15, 15, 14
1975	*	*	*	*	*	14, 14, 15, 13
1976	*	*	*	*	*	15, 13, 16, 14
1977	*	*	*	*	*	13, 15, 16
1978	*	*	*	*	*	14, 14, 17
1979	*	*	*	*	*	15, 14, 14, 17, 18,17
1980	*	*	*	*	*	18

# Inputs and Data Sources



Library Archive Cabinet 13  
3 Red Boxes



Library Archive Cabinet 4 Graduate Register

## The library staff

- Andrea
- Tim
- Tricia

## The PECH staff

- Hazel
- Steve
- Lynda



# Study Process


- 1. Responded to Enquiries of Flight Cadet System (Familiarisation)**
- 2. Data Capture from:**
  - Photos displayed on College walls
  - Cranwell Association database ('as is')
  - Library Archive Cabinet 13, 'Red Boxes' (of Ceremony Programmes, Admin Orders, photos, etc)
  - RAF College Journals (of limited value beyond 1971/1975, i.e. 18 GE onwards)
  - Local knowledge
  - Register of Graduates discovered in Library Archive Cabinet 4
- 3. Database Updates to and creation of:**
  - Cranwell Association database
  - Red Box catalogue
  - ADLIB (WIP)
- 4. Verification & Validation**
  - crosschecking between all databases for accuracy and consistency
  - restoration and re-sorting of data in red boxes and graduate register
- 5. Output creation**
  - Two volumes containing 'landscape' storyboard of The GE Years (Booklet/e-booklet)
  - Copy of GE Graduate Register
  - Lever Arch File of Red Box database and Cranwellians Association database

# Outputs - for the College and Cranwellians

Confirmed Graduates										Did not graduate at RAFC									
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	P	Q	R	S	T	U	
PLast	PLfirst	PLinitials	PLentry_sqn	PLbranch	PLgraduation_date	PLspecial_course	PLspecial_course_desc	PLspecial_course_dates	PLspecial_course_status	PLdata_location	PLcabinet	PLred_box_sqn	PLstatus	PLchecked	PLoriginal	PLby	PLdate	PLentry_sqn_display	PLPL_initials_graduated
18943	The Prince of Wales			GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
18943	Hell			GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
18944	Charlton			GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
18945	Hackley			GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
18946	Radford			GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
18947	Plows			GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
18948				GC	1/70	101	Pilot	22 November 1970		20 August 1971	1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971	Individual Photos of Graduates						
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**CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION DATABASE**

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**PRESENTATION, BOOKLET & e-BOOKLET**

Item Type	Title	Comment
1		
3	Photos 1/70 GE (GD&Eng) and 2/70 (S&S)	20 August 1971 One each of 29 Graduate officers - not POW, Mackay (pilot), Pledger (pilot) or Sneddon (S&S) Individual photos of 17 pilots and 12 (S&S)
4	Photos 2 GE (GD & Eng)	15 October 1971 71 Photos (many duplicated) of the full ceremony
5	Photos 2 GE (GD & Eng)	15 October 1971 One each - Parkes (2) - of 24 pilots and 13 engineers
6	Photos 2 GE (GD & Eng)	15 October 1971 5 strips containing 42 photos

**RED BOX DATABASE & ADLIB DATABASE (WIP)**

**Verified information on:**  
Names, branches, intake sqns, graduation cohorts, prizewinners, photos (and their status), storage details - all now held centrally, physically and electronically.

# Briefing Contents

## Management Summary

### 1. Introduction

### 2. Prizewinners



### 3. Sportsmen & Women



### 5 'Intake' Squadron Photos



### 6. Mugshots & Miscellany



### 4. Graduation Photos

