

Squadron Leader Tim Delap

Biography, covering RAF career and work after leaving RAF. Also, flying and other hobbies

- Jan 1955. 71 Entry RAF Cranwell for Officer training
- Dec 1957 Graduation from RAF Cranwell with Queen's medal (later sold "for about £60")
- Feb 1958 RAF Gaydon. Valiant aircraft training
- April 1958 RAF Marham. Co-pilot on 148 Squadron (Valiant bombers)
- Jul 1961 RAF Bassingbourne. Canberra aircraft training
- Dec 1961 RAF Laarbruch, Germany. Pilot on 31 Squadron, flying Canberra PR7s, carrying out photo reconnaissance work. While at Laarbruch, Tim owned and flew Wiehe fixed wing glider and also spent many hours rebuilding a Tiger Moth together with Flt Lt Martin Fripp. (Tim saw this aircraft in 2016 at a flying club in Northern Ireland, looking splendid and still airworthy).
- Nov 1964 RAF Cranwell. Flying instructor on Jet Provosts. Tim continued to fly his Wiehe glider.
- Dec 1965 RAF Staff College at Andover. More flying with Wiehe glider and Tiger Moth
- Aug 1966 Tim flew the Tiger Moth round France for 4 weeks, with camping gear, stopping on small civilian airfields. He got engaged to Liz and they married in Dec 1966
- Feb 1967 RAF Changi, Singapore. PA to Air Commander Hughes.
- Dec 1967 RAF Brampton. Desk work at reconnaissance unit.
- Oct 1970 RAF Wyton. Flight Commander on 39 Squadron flying PR9 Canberras, photo reconnaissance duties.
- 1973 Retired from RAF
- 1973-1975 Completing degree in Economics at London School of Economics
- 1975 Civil Service employment
- 1980 Various jobs and work with Statistical forecasting companies
Sailplane (fixed wing) gliding. Tim bought another glider and flew it from an airfield in Essex for some years in the 1990s

Hangliding. Tim trained to fly hanggliders and owned one for some years. He later converted to flying a paraglider, which he flew with his wife Liz, also a paraglider pilot during the 1990s
- 2000 - about 2014 Cycling. Tim and Liz made some extended cycle camping tours in Europe. Tim continued to do road day rides until soon after his 80th birthday.