




# ROYAL NAVY Helicopter Display Team

# SHARKS '89



**No. 2**  
Lieutenant Dave Wolstenholme started flying duties in 1982, on his first tour of duty seeing active service in the Falklands Islands, whilst onboard SS ATLANTIC CAUSEWAY with 825 Squadron. In 1982 he joined 826 Squadron on RFA FORT GRANGE and RFA FORT AUSTIN, once again operating in the South Atlantic. From there he joined 810 Squadron teaching Operational Flying Training, before joining 705 Squadron as a qualified Helicopter Instructor. He now lives in Penryn, near Falmouth.



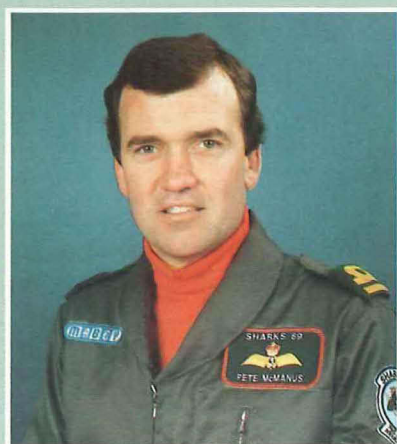
**LEADER**  
Lieutenant Commander Nigel North is the leader of the Sharks Helicopter Display Team for a second year. He started flying duties in 1972 in the Commando role with 845 Squadron. From there he joined 771 Squadron and HMS ARK ROYAL on the Search and Rescue flight. Having served in 705 Squadron as an Instructor from 1979 to 1981, he was The Deputy Leader of the Sharks during the 1980 season. During the Falklands Campaign, Nigel saw active service with 846 Squadron, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Nigel is now the Senior Pilot of 705 Squadron and lives with his wife Hazel and sons Harry and Joe in Helston.



**MANAGER**  
Lieutenant Ted Buckett joined the Navy in 1970 as an Artificer. In 1977 he received his commission and began flying training. He has seen service with 820 and 824 Squadrons embarking on HMS BLAKE, HERMES and INVINCIBLE in the anti-submarine role. After a period of instructing on Sea King Helicopters with 706 Squadron, Ted joined 825 Squadron and saw active service in the Falklands Campaign. He then worked with the US Navy on exchange in Florida, before joining 705 Squadron and now lives with his wife Diane and daughters Emma and Louisa in Falmouth.



**No. 3**  
Lieutenant Merrick Forsyth was educated in Warwickshire, before joining the Royal Navy in 1981. After gaining his Wings, he served with 814, 824 and 826 Squadron, during which time he toured extensively throughout Europe and America. Merrick then joined 706 Squadron as a Staff Pilot before qualifying as a Helicopter Instructor in 1988. Now an Instructor on 705 Squadron, he lives locally in Redruth, Cornwall.



**FLIGHT OPERATIONS**  
Lieutenant Peter McManus joined the Navy in 1974. He started flying duties in 1976 and served in 826, 829 and 814 Squadrons flying Sea King and Wasp Helicopters. He then qualified as a Helicopter Instructor and joined 706 Squadron in 1982, teaching Advanced Flying Training. Before joining 705 Squadron in 1987, Peter worked with the German Navy and lives in Newton St Martin, near Helston. At 22, Jo is the youngest member of the Sharks Team and the first female member of the team since 1980.



**No. 4**  
Lieutenant Rob Saddington joined the Navy in 1981 and after flying training served with 846 and 845 Squadrons in the Commando role, working with the Royal Marines and touring extensively in Norway, USA and Europe. In 1988 Rob qualified as a Helicopter Instructor and then joined 705 Squadron to teach Basic Flying Training. Although born in North Yorkshire, he now lives at RNAS Culdrose.



The main task of the squadron is to train "ab initio" helicopter pilots up to "Wings" standard. The average students flying experience comprises 10 hours aptitude flying in Chipmunk aircraft, and then a course of 60 hours on the Bulldog. The flying course at 705 is broken down into well defined phases; the first 25 hours deal with basic helicopter handling exercises such as hovering, take off and landing, circuits and autorotations. Once these skills have been mastered, the student progresses to applied exercises such as instrument flying, day and night navigation, winching, confined areas, low flying and formation. Successful completion of the course is marked by a formal parade during which students are presented with their "Wings" by a distinguished visitor. For the lucky few this may be a member of the Royal Family. The pilots then continue their training moving on to 702 Squadron for Lynx conversion and 706 or 707 Squadrons for Sea Kings in the Anti-Submarine and Commando Roles respectively.

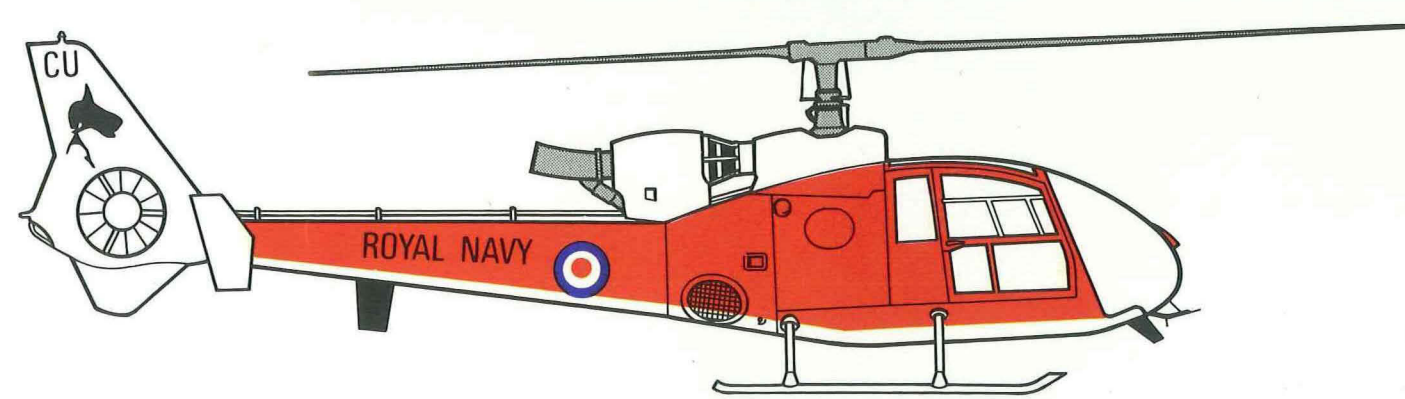
As well as being the home of the Sharks Helicopter Display Team, 705 Squadron is also the home of the Pusser's Pair Display Team, and The British Helicopter Champion for the last five years has been a member of the staff.



705 Squadron aircraft are maintained by Field Aircraft Ltd., who support the Sharks throughout the season.



**PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**  
Third Officer Jo Craven is the Sharks Public Relations Officer. She joined the Royal Navy in 1988 after graduating from Surrey University and after successfully completing basic training, spent three months at Britannia Royal Navy College, Dartmouth. She is currently working as the Staff Officer of 705 Squadron and lives in Newton St Martin, near Helston. At 22, Jo is the youngest member of the Sharks Team and the first female member of the team since 1980.



### GAZELLE HT2 — AIRCRAFT DATA

PARENT UNIT	— 705 Naval Air Squadron, Culdrose, Cornwall
ROLE	— Basic Helicopter Training
MANUFACTURERS	— Westland/Aerospatiale
POWER PLANT	— One Turbomeca Astazou 3N2 rated at 655 shp
ROTORS	— 3 bladed semi-articulated main rotor, 13 bladed fenestron tail rotor
DIMENSIONS	— Rotor Diameter 10.5m, Length 12.0m, Height 3.2m, Width 2.0m
WEIGHT	— Empty 1040 kgs, Maximum 1800 kgs, fuel load 365 kgs
MAXIMUM SPEED	— 168 kts when diving, approx 135 kts level flight

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