

## Captain James Luard RN

September 1964. Joined the RN on the Murray Scheme, straight from School.

Under training as a Cadet and Midshipman, then at Manadon for Engineering Degree, HMS DAEDALUS for Application Courses then RNAS Portland for CofC before Flying Training at RAF Church Fenton then RNAS Culdrose until 1971.

1971 RNAS Yeovilton, in the NASU, as AAEO on 707 NAS, (Married in October 1972 to Julia Wells) as DAEO on 845 NAS then three winters in North Norway as the AEO of the Clockwork Cell.

1976. Staff at HMS ROYAL ARTHUR, teaching Leadership

1978 AEO of 845 with detachments in Northern Ireland, in HMS HERMES and HMS INTREPID.

1980 Staff of FONAC responsible for the overall management of some 200 aircraft as AL1

1982 AEO of Naval Party 1990 on board MV ATLANTIC CONVEYOR and then RFA ENGADINE during the Falklands Campaign.

July 1982 Staff Course at Greenwich. (Directors Commendation)

April 1983 Executive Officer, Logistics Division and Staff Officer Logistics Plans Branch in HQAFNORTH, Oslo, Norway. On the List that June and promoted Commander December 1983.

1984 FW Staff Air Engineer on FONAC's Staff.

1986 DGA(N) in London as Head of Fixed Wing and Air Armaments Section, responsible for the Engineering for all Fixed Wing from the Harrier to the Swordfish for a year before the job moved to the new Aircraft Support Executive, back at Yeovilton..

November 1989 Executive Officer of HMS THUNDERER at Manadon and on the List that December..

Promoted Captain in June 1990 and remained as the (Four Ring) Commander until that October .

1990 Attaché and language training.

1991 Naval Attaché, Brazil

1994 Chief Staff Officer (AE) to FONA, head of Engineering for all operational aircraft in the Royal Navy.

1997 Chief of the Military Cooperation Branch in the Cooperation and Regional Security Division in the NATO HQ in Brussels responsible for the preparation and implementation of the military input to the Partnership for Peace Programme,

2000 Started farming in Somerset

2007 Wife died

2011 Gave farm to eldest son and retired

Currently in a cottage on the farm as proud father of four and grandfather of 12.

