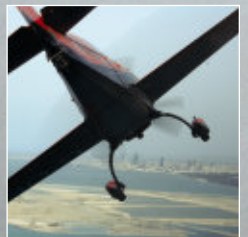


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Dynamic, exciting and extreme, The Blades are taking air displays into the 21st Century. With their synchronised gyroscopic manoeuvres and precision formation aerobatics The Blades define the next level in formation aerobatic performance. The Team provides not just an enthralling visual spectacle, but live commentary and broadcast quality cockpit and pilots' eye TV pictures down-linked to your screens in real time as well. All four pilots come from the Red Arrows and now they fly in The Blades full-time. Combining their RAF heritage with their experience as an internationally acclaimed civilian display Team performing in front of royalty, celebrities, Formula 1 and air show audiences in the UK, Europe and the Middle East, they fly a daring, thrilling and unique new show for 2007 that is second-to-none in its field.



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2Excel is now in its third year as the parent Company for The Blades. In addition to public and private displays, 2Excel also provides unforgettable formation flights where passengers can fly with The Blades under its Air Operator's Certificate. This can be either at The Blades' home base at Sywell near Northampton or at suitable airfields all over the world. Capitalising on the outstanding heritage of the pilots, 2Excel also creates tailored, experience-based business solution events ranging from leadership training and team-building through once-in-a-lifetime rewards and incentives to unforgettable corporate hospitality.

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Blade 1, Andy Offer leads The Blades into 2007 with a brand new high-impact, dynamic and exciting display. With over 4500 fast-jet flying hours under his belt, Andy is one of the UK's most experienced display pilots. At just 22, Andy represented the Royal Air Force as its Jet Provost Display Pilot before moving on to fly and display the RAF's most challenging aircraft, the Harrier. In 1994, Andy was selected to fly with the world famous Red Arrows for three years before going onto lead that Team all over the world between 1999 and 2001. On promotion to Wing Commander, Andy led No IV Squadron (Harriers) from 2003-2006 seeing combat operations in Afghanistan. In April of 2006, taking his wealth of experience to the civilian world, he launched The Blades – a brand new, full-time 4-ship formation aerobatic display Team that has already proven its global capability.

Andy Offer



Blade 2, Dave Slow is the newest member of the Blades and completes the Team's line up of 4 ex-Red Arrow pilots. Dave joined the RAF at the age of 21, after getting a taste for flying at University. Chosen to fly the Harrier, he joined No 1(F) Squadron seeing active service as part of Operation ALLIED FORCE over Kosovo in 1999. He briefly returned to RAF Valley as a Qualified Flying Instructor and Navigation Instructor on the Hawk before rejoining the Harrier Force and becoming an Electronic Warfare Instructor. In 2003, Dave became the Harrier Display Pilot and, later that year, was selected for The Red Arrows. On his third year on the Team Dave became second in command of the Red Arrows as their Executive Officer. He left the RAF as his tour with The Reds ended, and joined The Blades just a week later with over 3000 fast-jet flying hours.

Dave Slow



Andy Evans

Andy, **Blade 3**, has moved across the formation to take up the challenge of flying on the left hand side of the box. Having joined the RAF in 1985 through Yorkshire University Air Squadron, Andy was awarded his wings in 1989 and was 'creamed off' to instruct on the Hawk before joining the Jaguar Force where he took part in operations over Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1997 Andy was selected for The Red Arrows and flew as Reds 2, 4 and 8 before being the first Red Arrow pilot to manage the Reds as Red 10. Before leaving the RAF to join The Blades, Andy was seconded to Saudi Arabia to train the Saudi-Arabian Aerobatic Team, The Saudi Hawks. With over 4000 fast-jet flying hours and over 9 years of experience as a formation aerobatic pilot, he is also 2Excel's Chief Instructor.



Myles Garland

A founder member of The Blades, Myles Garland has moved to the back of the box as **Blade 4** pushing the aircraft to its limits as he flies the singleton manoeuvres during the display. As a Harrier Weapons Instructor and Flight Commander, Myles flew operations over Afghanistan, Iraq and The Balkans, including the Kosovo Campaign which earned him a 'Mention in Despatches' and operated from Her Majesty's aircraft carriers during OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH. As a Red Arrow from 2000 to 2004, Myles was selected to fly and then lead the 'Synchro Pair' and 'Gypo' (the back 2 and back 4) who perform the more dynamic moves in The Reds' display. At just 35 he is the youngest member of The Blades, but he has over 3000 fast-jet flying hours in his logbook.



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