

## **Why I volunteer at the Army Flying Museum**

I was originally a National Service soldier, who having received a Flying Scholarship when at school, I decided to try my hand at Air OP work. I was lucky enough to be selected for training and was on 120 course in 1956. After training I went to 651 Squadron just before the Army Air Corps was formed in 1957. I was lucky enough to go on one of the first helicopter courses, after which I was posted to the Trials Flight (6 Flt at Middle Wallop), where I helped develop the Alouette 2 for the Army. I left in 1961 and joined British Airways.

The Army gave me flying training, for which I have always been extremely grateful. I retired after 31 years with British Airways, and I hope what I have done since at the Museum has, in some small way, paid back something for the career and way of life I enjoyed afterwards. Although old age has now crept up on me I still enjoy the work that I do there.