



**Commander L M WILSON-CHALON Royal Navy**

**HMS PEGASUS COMMANDING OFFICER**

Raised in Yeovil, Louis Wilson-Chalon studied at Queen Mary's College, University of London, where he was the first Senior Midshipman of London University Royal Navy Unit. He joined the Royal Navy in January 1988 and was awarded the Queen's Sword at BRNC. Gaining his pilot's wings in 1992 he flew ASW Sea Kings before conversion to Lynx Mk 3.

As Operations Officer 815 NAS he led the squadron move from RNAS PORTLAND to RNAS YEOVILTON before returning to ship operations as SWO(AV) to Captain F2. He had an exchange draft with the Army Air Corps, writing battlefield doctrine for the Apache helicopter, followed by conversion to the Lynx Mk 8 with 815 NAS to be Senior Pilot, a post cut short to become the Pilots' Career Manager. Selected for ACSC in 2007, he took an opportunity to be the first RN officer to attend the American Joint Advanced Warfighting School at the Joint Forces Defence College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Promoted to Commander in 2008, he became the Aviation and Capital Ship's Scheduler in Navy Command Headquarters, Portsmouth returning to the cockpit for the last time in 2010 when selected CO 815 NAS. His last appointment in regular service was in command of the Lynx-Wildcat Maritime Force to lead the transition from Lynx to Wildcat. On seamlessly transferring to the Royal Naval Reserve Air Branch in 2016 he continued to support WMF and became a member of the Aviation Assurance Team, whilst starting his civilian career with Leonardo Helicopters. In November 2023 he became Commanding Officer of HMS PEGASUS and Head of Air Branch. He remains Head of Military Marketing at Leonardo Helicopters.

He and his wife live in Somerset; to keep fit he swims and plays golf and to relax, he also finds time to walk the family's small, scruffy black but aging and greying dog 'Gizmo'.