

TERM	EXPLANATION
1250	RAF identity pass, taken from the form number. 1250 must always be carried by service personnel. Loss of 1250 is a 'capital' offence.
1771	Subsistence Claim form
23:59 to 00:01	Midnight.
252	Form used to record a charge against an offending airman. Taken from the form number.
36	Short for 36 hour leave pass , normally over a weekend. (Service personnel are officially on duty 24 hours a day and 365 days a year). (See: 48).
48	Short for 48 hour leave pass , normally over a weekend. (service personnel are officially on duty 24 hours a day and 365 days a year). (See: 36).
A/C	AirCraft; AirCraftsman. (See: rank , erk , A/C plonk); Alternating Current.
A/C plonk	AirCraftsman. (See: erk).
AA	Aircraft Apprentice ; Anti-Aircraft.
ace	Good.
ADGE	Air Defence Ground Environment.
admin	Administrator; Office for administrators.
AE	Air Engineer.
AEOp	Air Electronics Operator.
AEO	Air Electronics Officer
aero	Aeronautical.
AEW	Airborne Early Warning.
AFB	Air Force Base (USA).
AFCENT	Allied Forces Central Europe (NATO).
AFPG	Armed Forces Pension Group; AFPG link Air Force Planning Guidance.??
AI	Airborne Interceptor radar . Fitted to the nose of fighter aircraft to enable targets to be tracked and destroyed using air-to-air missiles. AI17 was fitted to the Javelin and was taught at 4T block at RAF Locking . Aircraft radar link
AIHHP	Association of Independent Hearing Healthcare Professionals.
Air Form 700	Aircraft maintenance log, referred to as 'the 700'. Always a time for concentration when signing off maintenance tasks. Interned for investigation if the aircraft is involved in an incident,

	especially crash.
Air Officer Commanding	Senior officer in charge of a group of stations . (See AOC).
Air Traffic Control	Air Traffic Control personnel located in control tower responsible for controlling all aircraft. Air Traffic Control have overriding authority on a station when flying is in operation. Headed by SATCO . (See: ATC).
Air Training Corps	RAF organisation for training young civilians. (See: ATC). Air Cadets link
Aircraft Apprentice	The aircraft apprenticeship trained young men, between the ages of 15 and 17, to become highly-skilled wireless and radar fitters who would service the RAF 's sophisticated electronic equipment. Entrance to the scheme involved passing a general examination, intelligence test, aptitude test, and a medical examination. The Royal Air Force assumed legal guardianship of the apprentices 'in locum parentis'. The three year course covered theoretical, practical, and military training. A few Apprentices came from Commonwealth and other countries. LEARNING
aircraft servicing flight	A unit on an RAF station , independent of a squadron , which services aircraft (eg: squadron, visitors, target-towing, chase aircraft). (See: ASF).
ALCM	Air Launch Cruise Missile. ALCM link
ale	Strictly speaking, beer with no hops, but generally understood to mean beer too. The 'CamRA' is a misnomer.
ALFENS	Automatic Low Flying Enquiry and Notification System; Automated Low Flying and Flight Planning Enquiry & Notification System.
AN/CPN-4	See CPN4 .
Andrew	Royal Navy.
AN/MPN-11	See CPN4 .
anorak	Person with few social graces, dedicated to a particular subject. (eg: train spotting); Outdoor jacket.
Anson	RAF (1948 to 1968), UK (Avro) twin piston engine (Cheetah V) transport aircraft. 11,022 Ansons (Mk I & II) were manufactured, more than any other UK aircraft. There was an Anson Mk II at Weston Airport which was used for apprentice Air Experience flights . Anson link
AOC	Air Officer Commanding .
AOC Inspection	Air Officer Commanding Inspection is a major inspection of each station , normally once a year. A time of much bull on a station .
AP	Air Publications are technical bibles for air vehicle and equipment theory, operation and servicing. (See: AP3302).
AP3302	RAF bible of radio theory. Well written, well structured.
ape shit	Angry. (eg: "he went ape shit").
app	Short for aircraft apprentice .

AR15	Plessey Mobile Surveillance radar (airfield).
ARI	Air Radio Installation; Aircraft Radio Installation.
armourer	One of the technician trades. Responsible for all explosive devices on aircraft: guns, missiles, ejector seat etc. The armourer enables the weapons before take off and makes the aircraft safe on landing and before servicing.
arse	Posterior; Exclamation (eg: "Arse!"); Fool (eg: "what an arse he is"); Rubbish (eg: "he is talking arse").
ASAP	As Soon As Possible.
ASF	Aircraft Servicing Flight .
Astra	RAF station cinemas are always called Astras. They are quite unlike any civilian cinema.
ASV	Air to Surface Vessel. Radar on board maritime patrol aircraft. Displays a map of the surface and detects ships and submarine snorkels. ASV17 on Varsity at Weston Airport . ASV21 was taught at 4T block at RAF Locking .
ATC	Air Traffic Control ; Air Training Corps .
ATC cadet	Young civilian member of Air Training Corps .
Atlantic Hotel	The venue for apprentice dances. On Weston sea front and still there.
Aussie	Abbreviation for Australian.
Austin 10	Pre WWII 1000 cubic centimetre family saloon with side valve engine. Separate body and chassis. Wire spoke wheels.
Austin 8	800 cubic centimetre smaller brother of the Austin 10 .
Austin A30	Small family saloon. Cheap and economical.
Austin A35	Development of the Austin A30 .
avionics	Contraction of aviation and electronics . Avionics covers all electronic and electrical systems on an aircraft.
Avo 8	Standard RAF multimeter of the 1960s. Named after the manufacturer. AVO Multimeters link
Avonmouth	Estuary of river Avon leading to the Bristol Channel; Large dock and industrial area, north west of Bristol . Avonmouth Dock link
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System. AWACS link
AWG	Ferranti-built gun control radar system. Fitted to the Phantom aircraft.

AWOL	Absent WithOut Leave (permission).
BAC	British Aircraft Corporation. Now BAE Systems.
BAe	British Aerospace. Now BAE Systems.
Bamboo, The	Weston lads' coffee bar on the Centre in Weston . No longer there.
bandwidth	A range of frequencies.
bang	Intercourse.
bang on	Perfect.
bang out	To eject from an aircraft. (See: bang seat).
bang seat	Aircraft ejector seat. (See: bang out).
banged up	Ill; In prison; Pregnant.
banger	Sausage; Dilapidated car.
bangers and mash	Sausages and mashed potatoes.
banging on	Labouring a point.
Banwell	Village one mile south of Locking Camp on A371. Banwell link
barber	Camp barber. A person who removes hair. Not to be confused with 'hairdresser'; The room where hair removal takes place.
base	(See: station ; camp).
bash	To curve the top of SD cap; Group heavy drinking session; Dance; Social occasion.
Basher	Nickname, normally for strong person; Nickname for person with First name William (Bill); Small building with wooden framework covered in palm leaves (hot countries); Person who attempts to impose a concept. (eg: Bible basher).
basic light bulbs	Lessons in 2 technical block covering basic electrical theory, with practical exercises.
Bath	City 28 miles (45km) north east of Weston .
battle dress	Working uniform with waist-length jacket made from thick hairy material. Darker blue colour than best blue . (See: working blue ; number two). Example
bayonet	The RAF used either a knife blade or round pointed (pig sticker) bayonet. The bayonet was carried in a frog on a webbing belt or fitted to the end of a rifle (fixed bayonets). Bayonets were very

	tightly controlled by the authorities and apprentices were only issued with the blade bayonet for special parades. They never used the pig sticker bayonet. (See: frog , rifle).
BBMF	Battle of Britain Memorial Flight .
bbmf	Battle of Britain Memorial Flight .
BD	Battle dress . (See: working blue ; number two). Example
Beach Coffee Club	Members only club on Weston sea front. The 100 th Entry club. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and snacks served. Small dance floor in cellar with juke box, pinball machines, and one armed bandits. Excellent place for meeting young ladies. Always referred to as 'The Beach' by the 100 th Entry . Link1 Link2
bean counter	Accountant; Logician; Estimator.
Bean stealer	Married airman 'living in' for free.
beat up	Where a pilot flies low over an area, normally the runway, at high speed. Particularly impressive when performed by a Lightning or Vulcan .
Beatles, The	UK singer-songwriter pop group from Liverpool. The Beatles caused a world-wide sensation in the 1960's. The group line-up was: John Lennon (deceased) (rhythm and lead electric guitar), Paul McCartney (electric bass guitar), George Harrison (deceased) (lead electric guitar), Ringo Starr (drums). Every group member could sing, but the lead singers were Paul and John. The group even appeared at the Odeon cinema at Weston . The Beatles were extremely popular with the 100th Entry (See: the fab four , Parlophone , Rolling Stones).
Beatle Jacket	Medium length, high button jacket with no collar. First worn by the Beatles. Often made of black corduroy. A few of the 100 th Entry had one. Highly illegal.
Beatle Wig	Male wig in the Beatles style. Normally a complete rip off with poor quality and high price. Two were known in the 100 th Entry . Contraband.
bed pack	Apprentices stripped their beds every morning, except Sunday, and made a bed pack which was placed at the top of the bed. The bed pack comprised four blankets and two sheets. Three blankets were each folded into a square and the two folded sheets placed between them like a sandwich. The fourth blanket was wrapped around the, blankets and sheets. The bed pack had to be square and neat to pass inspection . Bed Pack photo
Bed pan mechanic	Medic.
bee's knees	The best.
beer	Alcoholic drink (1% to 6% by volume) that has hops. In the UK there are three broad categories of beer: barrel (real ale), keg (metal, pressurised barrel), lager.
Beetle	Volkswagen small family saloon. Air-cooled horizontally opposed engine. Well built and dead reliable.

beetle crusher	Large shoes (See: teddy boy , brothel creeper).
belly flop	Aircraft landing with wheels up; Aircraft very hard landing; To dive and hit water with front of body (painful).
bender	Drink to excess, normally over a long period.
bent	Corrupt; Homosexual.
beret	Working RAF headgear made of felt. Replaced the much-loved forage cap in 1950s (reintroduced in 1970s). No two berets were the same due to extensive shaping and modification. Examples
best blue	RAF uniform with long belted jacket. Made of barathea. Worn on formal occasions. (See: number one ; blue). Best Blue link
BFO	Beat Frequency Oscillator.
Biggles	Naive person deeply interested in aircraft and the RAF ; Pilot of transport aircraft (rare). Alludes to the hero in Biggles books.
bike	Motorbike. Strictly forbidden for apprentices although some apprentices had them hidden around the Weston area; Pedal bicycle; Promiscuous female (' station bike').
Billet	Large room, part of a block , where each apprentice had a pit . The pits were in two rows each side of a central walkway. After the first six months the 100th Entry moved from wooden huts to the brand-new, brick-built, E block and F Block .
bimbo	Not too bright young lady, often blonde.
bind	Uninteresting, boring or difficult. (eg: "ironing this shirt is a right bind")
bint	Attractive young lady or ladies.
biog	Biography (abbreviation used on the 100 th web site).
bird	Attractive young lady; Aircraft.
bird strike	Damage caused to aircraft by impact with birds (flying type). Bird Strike link
birk	Fool.
bit of stuff	Attractive young lady.
bitter	Light coloured beer .
black box	Aircraft flight recorder; Unit of equipment.
Blanco	Thick, greasy paste applied to webbing . Grey-blue Blanco and white Blanco used by the RAF .
Bleadon Hill	Area in the south of Weston . Posh young ladies bred here.

blighty	United Kingdom .
blimey	Exclamation like "wow!".
block	Building, normally large.
Block,1T	Hangar divided into rooms. (Subjects taught: ground equipments).
Block,2T	Hangar divided into rooms. (Subjects taught: basic electrical practical, basic radio practical, ground equipments).
Block,3T	Hangar with two stories divided into classrooms. (Subjects taught: electronic theory, maths, general studies).
Block,4T	Hangar divided into classrooms and workshops. (Subjects taught: air equipments, metalwork, wiring, waveguide theory).
Block,5T	Low rise brick building to the north of F Block), behind the parade square. (Subjects taught: computer techniques, cryptology). 5T block was completed in 1964 and was not used by the 100th Entry . 5T block foundations were the site of ' the crane mystery '
Block,E	100th Entry billet facing the sports field. To the west of F block .
Block,F	100th Entry billet facing the sports field. To the east of E Block .
bloke	Man.
blood	Dry, rough farmhouse cider mixed with blackcurrant juice. (See: screech , sweet).
blow a gasket	Lose temper.
blue	RAF uniform . (See: best blue , working blue , number one , number two , battle dress , hairy blue , SD (cap), beret , boot , webbing belt).
blue job	Airman.
Blue Silk	Navigation radar installed in V bombers . Upgraded Green Satin . V Bomber link
bod	Man. Short for 'body'.
bog standard	Basic.
bogs	Wash room.
bollocks	Nonsense; Testicles.
bomber	Aircraft capable of dropping bombs; Nickname for person with surname 'Harris'. After Air Vice Marshall Harris, head of bomber command in WWII . 2WWharris
bonk	Sleep; Copulate.
bonkers	Mad;

	Angry.
Bonni	Short for Triumph Bonneville .
bonse	Head.
boot	Apprentices were issued with a pair of boots and a pair of shoes. The boots were of old design and extremely uncomfortable when new but, after about two months of wear, became acceptable. Apprentices always wore boots while on duty and only wore shoes with best blue when off- camp . The toes and heel-back of boots were polished (bulled) to a high gloss by spit and polish. Generally, in the RAF , boots would only be worn on parade. Specialist boots were issued for: combat, flying, servicing aircraft and fire fighting. WRAFs were discouraged from bulling their footwear because of the mirror-like finish. Bulled Boot
Boots	Nickname for person with surname Brown.
booze	Alcoholic drink.
booze up	Group heavy drinking.
boozer	Pub .
bounced	Rejected.
Bourneville	Large estate in southern Weston . Many house parties at the Bourneville.
Borough Arms	Pub at the junction of Locking Road (A370) and Locking Moor Road (A371). Near to Weston Milton Halt railway station. Large imposing old building with public bar, lounge, and skittle alley. Folk club and live music. For a time it was renamed 'The Heron' but The Borough Arms is more appropriate. Rarely visited by the 100 th Entry .
box	Television set. (See: idiot box , tube).
boy	Short for boy entrant.
brass	High ranking service person; Prostitute.
brasses	Buttons and buckles, made of brass, which required constant polishing. (See: Brasso , Duragilt)
Brasso	Propriety liquid polish. Used on brasses .
brat	Apprentice; Boy entrant.
Brean Down	Promontory to the north of the river Axe with derelict fort on the end. Site for 100th Entry exercises.
Bren	'Brno' light machine gun (Bren Gun link). Deadly accurate. Apprentices fired Brens at Locking camp rifle range.
brewers droop	Unable to perform due to the effects of alcohol.
Brinkley stick	Conductive rod with insulated handle to discharge high voltages, normally from capacitors. Once dangerous voltages had been discharged the equipment was safe to work on. (See: de bollocking rod).

Bristol and Exeter	Pub , near the Odeon, on the corner opposite the Centre. Fairly small and basic. Now called the Town Crier.
Bristol	The aircraft and engine manufacturer; The historic city 20 miles (32km) north east of Weston on the river Avon. The water at Burton on Trent is excellent for brewing beer , the water at Bristol is similarly excellent for breeding attractive ladies. (See: Ten Bars , Cellar Bars , Newmarket Bar , Rummer , Colston Hall).
bristols	Breasts. (Cockney rhyming slang ' Bristol City' with 'titty').
brit	British person.
Britannia	Pub at north end of high street in Weston . Popular with the 100th Entry . The Britannia is still there.
Brothel creeper	large shoes. (See: teddy boy).
brown	Brown ale . Not an ale in fact, but a dark brown beer .
brown job	British Army Person
brown split	50:50 split of brown ale and mild or light ale .
brown top	(See: brown split).
BSA Gold Star	Beautiful, race-bred single cylinder British motorbike. 350cc and 500cc versions. Not for slow speed riding.
BSA Road Rocket	Lusty, solid 650cc vertical twin cylinder British motorbike. Made by the Birmingham Small Arms Association (BSA).
BSA Shooting Star	500cc motorbike. Smaller brother of the BSA Road Rocket .
bucket	Transport aircraft.
buckshee	Free.
buff	Person deeply interested and knowledgeable in a particular field; To polish. (See: boot); Colour of official envelope or file.
bull	To polish etc; The result of polishing etc. (See: boot).
bull night	An evening devoted to cleaning and polishing billet and equipment. Friday night was always bull night at RAF Locking , but other nights could also be deemed bull nights. The billets were inspected every morning while the apprentices were at tech. Apprentices stood by their beds for an inspection of themselves and the billet on Saturday morning.
bull shit	Bragging nonsense; Cleaning polishing etc.
bum fluff	Adolescent facial hair.
bumf	Information, normally printed.
bumper	Floor polishing implement comprising a long pivoted handle with a heavy square base on the bottom, covered with a felt pad. Used for polishing floor. Bumper link

bun in the oven	Pregnant. Amusing term in 1960's but now a cliché.
Burrington Combe	Gorge 10 miles South East of RAF Locking . The Hymn 'Rock of Ages' was written in a cave at Burrington Combe. Site for rock climbers from the 100th Entry .
bus	Car; Transport aircraft.
Butch	Nickname for person with surname Butcher; General nickname for person.
button stick	Contraption for cleaning buttons while keeping the underlying cloth free of polish. Photo
buzz	Drinking game. (See: Fizz Fuzz Buzz); Rumour.
C BUHF	Ground wireless equipment.
C of E	Church of England.
CA	Corporal Apprentice. (See: CAA , rank).
CAA	Corporal Aircraft Apprentice . (See: CA , rank). Civil Aviation Authority .
CADF	Commutated-Antenna Direction Finder. Ground radar .
CAFNET	Combat Air Force Network. Ground wireless .
camp	(See: station , base); Related to homosexuality.
CamRA	Campaign for Real Ale . Movement in UK to encourage the drinking of traditional beer . The movement's name is a misnomer.
can	Cell. (eg: "he is in the can"); Responsibility. (eg: "he is carrying the can for the accident"); Throw away (verb). (eg: "he canned the screw because it was bent").
can-do	Can (and will) complete requested action; Positive attitude.
cancer stick	Cigarette.
Canberra	The English Electric Canberra was a jet-powered light bomber, manufactured in large numbers through the 1950s. It proved to be highly adaptable, serving in such varied roles for tactical bombing, photographic, electronics, and meteorological reconnaissance. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Electric_Canberra The Canberra aircraft used at Weston Airport was WD936, redesignated 7589M. A B2 variant, first delivered to the RAF on 25/05/1951. It was 'Struck off charge' on 28/10/1963 and delivered for training by Locking apprentices. Sold to BAC on 18/10/66, withdrawn from use 10/11/67 and finally broken up at Samlesbury in 1968.
cans	Headphones. Very trendy term in 1960s but a cliché now.

Captain's Cabin	Pub with entrance up steps in narrow alley on sea front at Anchor Head, Weston . Small public bar and huge lounge with window giving panoramic view out to sea. The lounge also had a small stage. Often had live music with good groups. Normally packed. Quite expensive, but very popular with apprentices. Now a pleasant pub with small restaurant where the old lounge was. The steps are still a hazard when you have had a few.
Cardiff Arms	Basic public house with front entrance on Meadow Street and rear entrance on Regent Street. Run by formidable landlady and her brother Tommy who was very fond of apprentices. Popular with the 100 th Entry for serious drinking.
carpet, on the	In trouble with authority. Alludes to standing on the carpet in front of superior.
CasEvac	Casualty Evacuation. To transport wounded or sick personnel to hospital, normally by aircraft from overseas.
cat	Short for category; Bulldozer. Alludes to Caterpillar the US manufacturer of heavy earth moving machinery.
cc	Cubic centimetre.
CRDF	Cathode Ray Direction Finder.
Cellar Bars	(See: Ten Bars).
Chalky	Nickname for person with surname 'White'.
chap	Man.
charge	Formal accusation of a misdemeanour; To replenish an electrical battery.
charge sheet	(See: 252).
Cheddar Gorge	Gorge 10 miles south east of RAF Locking . Tourist shops and pubs. Popular with the 100 th Entry for social visits and mountain climbing. Also the site for exercises.
cherry	Female virginity. (eg: "she lost her cherry").
chevron	Badge of rank for NCO . (See: stripe , hook , rank).
chief, chiefy	Short for chief technician. (See: rank).
chin wag	Talk. (See: jaw wag).
chinky chippy	Yips fish and chip shop on Sanford Road, Weston .
Chip	A nickname; Chipped potato.
Chippy	Nickname for person with surname related to wood; Station carpenter; Fish and chip shop.
chisel	Square toed shoe. Illegal for apprentices. (See: winkle picker).
chit	A short note;

	A signed voucher authorising some action.
chitty	(See: chit).
chopper	Helicopter; Penis; Cleaver.
chuffed	Pleased.
cinema, Central	Known as 'The Flea Pit'. Grand old cinema at the south end of the high street, Weston . Often showed 'continental' films. Demolished in 1963. The site is now part of the Dolphin Square Shopping Centre.
cinema, Gaumont	Old cinema on the south side of Regent Street Weston . Cheaper than the Odeon and popular with apprentices. Favoured cinema for liaisons with young ladies. Became a Top Rank bingo hall and now the site of 'Yates' bar.
cinema, Odeon	Art Deco main cinema in Weston near the floral clock on Alexandria parade. Many apprentice liaisons with the opposite sex. The Odeon now has four screens, but still retains some of its modern grandeur. It is the only remaining cinema proper in Weston , but the Playhouse Theatre often shows films.
circus	Shambles.
CIS	Communications and Information Systems.
civvies	Civilian clothes; Civilians.
civvy	Civilian.
civvy street	Outside the armed services.
clanger	Mistake (eg: "he dropped a clanger"); Cell in guard room (eg: "he is in the clanger").
Clevedon	Quiet small seaside town ten miles north of Weston .
clink	Cell in guard room; Civilian prison.
CO	Commanding Officer. Each station has a CO who would normally be a senior officer. Equivalent to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a civilian company.
Coach House	Public house in Locking Village. Strictly out of bounds to apprentices. Occasionally visited by apprentices.
coffee swindle	(See: swindle , tea swindle).
Colston Hall	Theatre named after Bristol 1800s entrepreneur. Many famous artists appeared. Because Mr Colston was involved in the slave trade, there is now a move by do-gooders to change the name of Colston Hall.
Columbia	One of the EMI Ltd group of companies. Music and records. (See: HMV , Parlophone).
Commodore, The	Hotel, restaurant, bars, and function rooms. Located at Sand Bay ,

	<u>Weston</u> , near the end of the <u>Toll Road</u> . In the 1960s classy and reserved. The place to take the girlfriend for a special occasion. It is owned by a large 'chain' now but has still retained some of its charm.
corp	Short for <u>corporal</u> .
corporal	Junior <u>NCO</u> with two <u>stripes</u> . (See: <u>rank</u>).
counterpane	Cover on top of bed to brighten <u>pit</u> space.
CPN4	<p>CPN4 is a Ground Control Approach (<u>GCA</u>) road and air transportable <u>radar</u>. http://www.tpub.com/content/radar/TM-11-487C-1/TM-11-487C-10020.htm Designed around 1945 by the American Gillfillian Brothers, it comprises three subsystems: search radar, precision approach <u>radar</u> (<u>PAR</u>) and wireless communication sets, normally both <u>VHF</u> and <u>UHF</u>. All three subsystems are housed in the 'operations trailer' which also has three ground controller bays. In 1957 the <u>RAF</u> had 34 CPN4s deployed at airfields in the <u>UK</u> and overseas.</p> <p>http://www.flightglobal.com/pdfarchive/view/1957/1957%20-%201284.html CPN4 normally operates from the station mains supply but it can also be powered from generators housed in a separate trailer. Normally the complex also has a 'crew trailer' and a 'workshop/stores trailer'. The official nomenclature for CPN4 is AN/CPN-4. The later <u>MPN11</u> (AN/MPN-11) is the same except that the cabin panels are riveted and welded, rather than being bolted. This provides better weather sealing.</p> <p>http://www.tpub.com/content/radar/TM-11-487C-1/TM-11-487C-10372.htm The terms CPN4 and <u>MPN11</u> tend to be used interchangeably in the <u>RAF</u>.</p> <p>Photo links...</p> <p>CPN4 at RAF Valley</p> <p>CPN4 operators bay</p>
CR, C/R	Control and Report. Describes all the long range <u>ground radars</u> .
CR787	Airfield control ground <u>radar</u> by Cossor.
crab	<u>RAF</u> person. Alludes to ' <u>crab fat grey</u> '.
crab fat grey	Official description of <u>RAF uniform</u> blue colour.
crack	Vagina; Indeterminate for anything (eg: "it was a good crack"). (Word has no connection with 'crack cocaine').
cracked it	Sorted out a problem.
crap	Nonsense; Rubbish; Bad; Excreta.
crash	Sleep after much partying. (See: <u>crash out</u>).
crash out	(See: <u>crash</u>).
crate	Dilapidated aircraft, normally transport;

	Dilapidated car.
creep	Fawner.
crew	Aircrew; Members of a team.
Criterion, The	Small public house on the north side of Upper Church Road, Weston . 200 yards inland from the sea front at Knightstone, nearly opposite the Raglan Arms . Popular with some of the 100 th Entry as an out-of-the-way watering hole.
crumpet	Attractive young lady or ladies.
CSDE	Central Servicing Development Establishment. Used to be based at RAF Swanton Morley.
Danesbury	Coffee bar on Richmond Street in Weston . No longer there.
DCSA	Defence Communications Services Agency DCSA link
DD	Double Diamond. Name of make of bitter ale (beer). 60s and 70s Beer Guide
de bollocking rod	(See: Brinkley stick).
dear John	Letter from girl friend, normally back home, tactfully indicating that the relationship is over.
DEC	Digital Equipment Corporation.
demob	To leave RAF for civilian life.
denims	Boiler suit (light green for apps but many colours in RAF) Denims in use ; Jeans.
detachment	Temporary transfer to another station .
DFCS	Day Fighter Combat Squadron.
DI	Drill Instructor.
digs	Accommodation off camp . (See: pad). description link
ding dong	Argument; Fuss.
discip	Short for discipline.
disk	Coloured plastic disk fitted behind beret badge to indicate squadron . (blue= 'A' squadron , green= 'B' squadron and light grey = 'C' squadron); Record for gramophone.
ditch	To crash land an aircraft in water; To discard.
dodgy	Suspect.
dog's bollocks	The best (See: bee's knees , ace).
doll	Very attractive young lady.
donk	Short for donkey. Refers to an aircraft engine.

Doppler effect	The change in frequency of a wave, normally electromagnetic, as perceived by an observer moving relative to the source of the wave. A number of radar equipments use this principle for navigation and bombing. The Doppler effect was an important subject in a radar apprentice's curriculum.
dork	A naive, not bright person (See: womble).
dosh	Money.
drainpipes	Trousers with very narrow legs. Highly illegal for apprentices. Clothing Rules
drongo	Moron.
duck's arse	Where hair is combed backwards to form a line at the centre of the rear of the head. Alludes to the appearance of a duck's rear. (See: teddy boy).
duff gen	Wrong or unreliable information. (See gen)
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Scheme sponsored by the Duke of Edinburgh to develop the skills of youths between 15 and 18 by a programme of activities. Some of the 100 th Entry , who volunteered for the scheme, achieved the higher awards. A badge worn on the left sleeve of the uniform indicated successful completion. D of E Award link
dumb Insolence	A chargeable offence, usually for looking at an officer or NCO the wrong way.
Duraglit	Proprietary metal polish soaked cotton wool. Used on Brasses . Much more effective than Brasso .
Dusty	Nickname for anyone with surname 'Miller'; State of many apprentices' pit space.
E&OE	Errors and Omissions Excepted.
EADS	European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company.
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency.
ECM	Electronic Counter Measures. A subsection of electronic warfare which includes any sort of electrical or electronic device designed to fool radar , sonar, infra-red (IR), and light(Laser) systems.
EES	Electrical Engineering Squadron .
Egyptian PT	Lying on your bed rather than joining in strenuous activity. Alludes to the pose assumed by Egyptian mummies.
El Fitt	Electronics Fitter .
Electronic	Relates to the flow of electrical charge through a medium (ie: conductor, semiconductor, gas, vacuum) and device (ie: valve , transistor , diode, transformer, inductor, capacitor, resistor).
Elson	Aircraft toilet, named after manufacturer.
EMC	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility. The ability of an electrical or electronic unit to work satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment without adversely influencing other devices, or being influenced by them.
EMI Ltd	Electrical and Musical Industries Ltd. Conglomerate UK parent

	company comprising a wide range of companies including, electronics and Music. (See: EMI Electronics , HMV , Parlophone , Columbia).
EMIE Ltd	EMI Electronics Ltd .
EMI Electronics Ltd	Part of the EMI Ltd group of companies. Areas included design, development and production of military electronic equipment. Later became Thorn EMI Electronics . The modification labels on many RAF equipments have 'EMIE' marked on them. ASV21 is an example.
Entry	Apprentice intake. There were three entries a year at RAF Locking . The intakes ranged from around 20 to 200.
erk	An aircraft maintenance person, usually of low rank ; Aircraftsman.
ex-	No longer.
fab	Short for fabulous. (See: fab four).
fab four, the	The Beatles . A genuine term in the 1960s, but whimsical now. (See: fab , Beatles).
fag	Cigarette; To complete task under duress for senior Entry ; Rarely used in US sense (homosexual).
fairy	Derogatory name for radio fitter (trade group 2). (eg: "he is a fairy with a hankie up his sleeve and a Kit Kat in his top pocket"). Fairy was not a derogatory term on V Force , Where radio fitters called themselves fairies.
fandango	Shambles. (See: circus , pantomime).
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions.
father	Station commanding officer; Station warrant officer.
FEAF	Far East Air Force.
feet under the table	To be welcome in girlfriend's parent's home. A major development in relations with the girl friend.
Fellas	Ice-cream parlour cum coffee bar on Regent's Street, Weston . No longer there; Locking Review ad Fellas ice cream van which visited RAF Locking .
fighter	fighter aircraft; One of the air radar trades.
file	Folder for documents, especially your 'PERSONAL FILE'; Workshop tool used to remove material from metal and paxolin; Digital information arranged in a defined format.
fire piquet	Small group of airmen detailed to patrol an area of a camp for fire prevention and to control any fire until real firemen arrived. A tolerable duty, providing you didn't have to put out any fires.

fire up	Start an engine or machine.
fish and chip road	Saint James Street in Weston . Almost entirely full of Greek and Italian fish and chip shops, restaurants, and cafes.
fitter	Maintenance technician.
Fizz, Fuzz, Buzz	Drinking game (See: Buzz).
FKI	Full Kit Inspection.
flack	Shells put into the air by ground fire; Criticism (eg: "he took the flack").
flannel	Not tell the truth in a long winded way; Nonsense. (See: bull).
flap	Movable control surface on aircraft; Panic.
flash	Smart.
flash call	The highest priority telephone message on a flying station . A flash call overrides all other communications and goes directly to ATC at the control tower. All flying operations are immediately terminated. Flash calls are rare, normally due to debris or animals on runway... God help you if you make an erroneous flash call.
flight	Short for flight sergeant (See: rank); Group of about six RAF aircraft; The personnel associated with a group of RAF aircraft; A group of personnel, not necessarily associated with aircraft. (eg: a flight of apprentices).
flight sergeant	(See: rank , flight).
FOD	Foreign Object Damage
Ford 10	Pre WWII family saloon with side valve engine. Separate body and chassis. Wire spoke wheels.
Ford 8	Small brother of the Ford 10 .
Ford Anglia	1960s American style body small family saloon with overhead valve engine. Distinctive cut-away rear window. Quiet and comfortable but poor road-holding.
Ford Prefect	1930s American style body small family saloon with side valve engine. 'Sit up and beg' appearance. Reliable, but atrocious road holding.
Ford Prefect Mk2	1950s American style body small family saloon, but still with side valve engine. Smart, solid and reliable.
foreign object	Any substance, debris or article alien to an aircraft, vehicle or system which would potentially cause damage. Those who work on aircraft are paranoid about foreign bodies, as even the smallest item can cause a problem during flight. Jet engines are particularly vulnerable. The result is Foreign Object Damage

	(FOD) .
Foresters	Pub on Alexander's Parade, Weston . Small public bar and pleasant lounge. Popular with apprentices and airmen. Still there but now called The Alexander Bar.
form	Paper used for application, questionnaire etc. Required for almost ANY apprentice activity; Performance of a drinker (eg: "he's on form tonight!"); Long bench to sit on in the gym.
Forte's	Weston had three ice-cream parlours owned by the Italian Forte family. The first and largest was located on Weston sea front near the Long Bar . The second was opposite Knightstone where the public baths were. The third and smallest was on the Centre, near the Town Hall. None remain. Locking Review ad
Four Rose, The	Coffee bar on Weston sea front, near to the Beach Club . popular with the 95 th and 96 th Entries , and others. No longer there.
foxtrot oscar	Go away (See: phonetic alphabet) .
FPS6	Height finder ground radar . (See: nodding horror) .
Fred	Fred Quimby. Producer of cartoon films. (See: Astra) ; 'Fred the wheeltapper'. 'Star' of many RAF posters and films emphasising the important of using calibrated test equipment.
Freedom of Weston Super Mare	An honour, granted by Weston Council, which permitted airmen and apprentices to march through the town with rifles and fixed bayonets. Each year the Lord Mayor invited the commanding officer (CO) of RAF Locking to hold a parade through Weston . Photos
frog	Bayonet holder, fitted to webbing belt . Photo
full Monty	The whole thing; The fifth stage of relationship with girlfriend.
Gan	Island in the Indian Ocean, once an RAF base . One of the Gan sites
Gandhi's revenge	The effects of a strong curry on the digestive system the next day. (See: screaming ab dabs) .
gash	Spare; Unrefined.
gate guardian	Historical aircraft, typically Spitfire , mounted on plinth outside many RAF stations . RAF Locking gate guardian
GCA	Ground Control Approach. Ground radar to guide aircraft to runway. (See: CPN4 , MPN11) .
GCHQ	Government Communications Headquarters (UK) .
GD	Ground Defence; General Duties.
gear	equipment; clothes;

	fashionable clothes.
gen	Short for 'general information'. But means any information. (See: duff gen , pukka gen).
gen	True; Information.
Geordie	Nickname for person from Newcastle.
Ginge	Nickname for person with ginger hair.
Ginger	Nickname for person with ginger hair.
Glengarry Club	Night club in Weston , near Knightstone.
gob	Mouth; To spit; Talk a lot.
God	Marshal of the Royal Air Force. A misnomer because he is higher than God.
goggle box	Television set. (See: box , idiot box , tube).
goggle eyed	Intoxicated.
Gold fish bowl	Air Traffic local control.
Golden Eagle Day	Pay Day.
gone for a Burton	Failed. Burton probably alludes to Burton on Trent (not Burton, the low-cost tailor as is often thought), where the water is ideal for brewing beer . The logic is that once you go to Burton-on Trent and taste the beer , you don't want to return to your camp .
goon	Buffoon; Guard (rare). Dates to term in WWII for prison of war enemy guard; Joker; Member of the 'Goon Show' (UK comedy radio show of 1950s).
Grand Central	'Up market' bar on Weston sea front. Always packed, even on most Mondays. Saturday, difficult to get in because it was so full. Take the new girlfriend there to impress her (but you wouldn't take her there now). Same management as ' Long Bar ' and ' Toby Bar '.
Grand Pier	The second pier built in Weston . Opposite The Beach Club . The scene of many meetings with the opposite sex. (See: Old Pier).
grape vine	Rumour mill.
grease monkey	MT fitter ; Engine or airframe fitter .
greaser	Scruffy civilian youth, often with motorbike; Grease monkey .
greatcoat	Long, double breasted coat made from thick felt. Tight fitting. Could sleep standing in it without falling over. Many brass

	buttons. Impervious to cold and wind. Good design. Very expensive. Greatcoats were not owned by airmen, instead remained property of the Queen. Loss caused a major kerfuffle. greatcoat
Green Satin	Airborne, radar navigation aid (See: Blue Silk).
GRIS	Ground Radio Installation Squadron (Radio Engineering Unit Royal Air Force Henlow). GRIS link
groovy	Fashionable; Smart; Modern. (See: trendy).
grounded	Aircraft deemed not fit to fly. The highest category of aircraft unseviceability is 'AOG' (Aircraft On Ground), but for the V bomber force it was 'VOG'; To be confined to the camp .
GRSF	Ground Radio/Radar Servicing Flight .
grub	Food.
guardroom	Building near the entrance of an RAF camp . Used by those on Guard Duty and jankers .
H1131	Ground wireless equipment.
hair cut, service	The complete removal of all hair from shirt collar to beret or SD hat , whichever is higher. Hair above headgear line may or may not be cut. (See: short back and sides , barber).
hairy Mary	Uniform of similar style to a Number 1 , but in the same material as the battle dress . (See: hairy blue).
hairy blue	Obsolete best blue given to apprentices, in place of battle dress , as working blue to use up vast stocks. Long jacket, of similar pattern to best blue , with belt and brass buttons. Trousers kept armpits warm. (See: uniform , hairy Mary).
half	Half pint of beer (See: pint).
half inch	To 'steal'. Cockney rhyming slang, rhymes with pinch.
hard tack	Survival rations , mainly dry biscuits.
hard titty	Hard luck (sarcastic).
Hartly 13A	Quirky, standard RAF oscilloscope. Named after manufacturer.
hash	A mess. (eg: "he made a right hash of ironing his blue ").
hatch	Have a baby; Opening with a cover.
HD51	MCVF equipment (ground wireless).
Head Quarters	TBD (See: HQ).
heave-ho	Throw out (eg: "his girlfriend gave him the big heave-ho").
Hedgehoppers Anonymous	1960s pop group, formed by RAF fitters. "Hedgehoppers Anonymous"
heels, Cuban	High tapered heels, normally on boots. Popular with youths in

	1960s.
Heels, stiletto	Very high, thin heels. Popular with ladies in the 1950s and 1960s. Allowed ladies to reach boyfriend wearing Cuban Heels .
helmet	Top of penis. Usually kept out of site except for medical inspections and special occasions; Leather headgear for Air Experience flights.
HF	High Frequency.
Hi Fi	High Fidelity audio equipment. The 1960s version of the iPod.
his nibbs	Person in high authority.
HL13	MCVF equipment (ground wireless).
HL14	MCVF equipment (ground wireless).
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs. Was Inland Revenue.
HMS	Her Majesty's (Queen's) Ship. Land-based naval stations were also categorised as Her Majesty's Ships; Her Majesty's (Queen's) Service. (eg: "the agent was on Her Majesty's Service").
HMV	His Master's Voice. One of the EMI Ltd group of companies. Music and records. They had a large record factory at Hayes, Middlesex, where many of the Beatles records were pressed. (See: Parlophone , Columbia).
HNC	Higher National Certificate (eg: electrical engineering, electronic engineering, electrical and electronic engineering).
honk	Be sick. (See: spew).
hook	Chevron on arm or shoulder of uniform to indicate apprentice rank .
Hospital, Weston General	1930s stone built hospital to the west of Weston Public Library on the Boulevard. Now converted into upmarket sheltered accommodation. A large modern hospital at Uphill replaces it. Apprentices were patients at Weston General Hospital, especially following road traffic accidents.
hot water, in	In trouble.
housemaid	Small soft bag containing needles, thread etc. Part of apprentice kit.
HQ	Head Quarters.
HR24	Ground wireless HF Receiver.
HR28	Ground wireless HF Receiver.
HS31	Ground wireless High Power HF Transmitter.
HS71	Ground wireless HF Transmitter.
hump-back bridges	Two narrow hump-back road bridges just outside Weston. The scene of numerous motoring accidents. The west bridge, near the Borough Arms, spans the loop line and the east bridge spans the main railway line. The old road over the west bridge is now a one way route out of Weston. The east bridge has been replaced by the massive Flowerdown Bridge which spans the main line, a foot path,

	and a cycleway. It supports a dual carriageway from junction 21 of the M5. The east bridge now only carries a foot-path and cycleway.
Hunter	RAF (1954 to 1963), UK (Hawker) single jet engine (Avon 27) fighter aircraft. 100th Entry apprentices trained on a Hunter at Weston Airport Hangar North . Museum_Hunter_2007 The Hunter aircraft used at Weston Airport was WT555, redesignated 7499M. An F1 variant, first flown on 16/05/1953. These days it is sometimes mounted on the roof of Vanguard Haulage (now pickfords), Greater London http://www.thunder-and-lightnings.co.uk/hunter/survivor.php?id=16 .
Hutton	Small village, 4 miles (6.4km) from RAF Locking on the 'back road' past Bristol Aerojet (no longer there) to Weston . Hutton now has many more houses but has retained its charm.
IAL	International Aeradio Limited. An Aviation Communications Company. Now Serco.
IBM	International Business Machines.
ICL	International Computers Limited. Now Fujitsu.
idiot box	Television set. (See: box , tube).
IFF	Identification Friend or Foe. Airborne radar equipment which returns its identity on interrogation from other aircraft or the ground.
ILS	Instrument Landing System. Air and ground.
Imperial, The	Pub in Weston , near to the Royal Hotel . In the 1960s it had a fairly pretentious lounge which was occasionally visited by the 100th Entry . Jack's Bar was at the back. The Imperial is still there, but it is now a young peoples pub , with live music or disco and a small dance floor. Friendly atmosphere.
in the know	To know what is going on.
initiative	Military operation.
inspection	Detailed review. (See: AOC , bed pack).
IoW	Isle of White.
iron	Smoothing Iron. Used with a damp cloth and brown paper to produce razor-sharp creases in uniform . Requires great skill to avoid double creases, creases in the wrong place, and scorch marks.
irons	Cutlery.
IUKADGE	Improved United Kingdom Air Defence Ground Environment.
J/T	Junior Technician . (See: rank).
jabs	Injections.
Jack's Bar	Small, friendly bar at the rear of The Imperial with separate entrance on West Street. A cider drinkers haven. Clients comprised, serious cider drinkers, 'posh' cider drinkers, and the 100 th Entry . Fizz , Fuzz , Buzz played there, especially on Wednesday nights when funds were low. A pint of cider cost 9d (4p). The door is still there but Jack's Bar is no longer.

Jaguar E Type	Superlative two seater sports car with a long nose. Big, beautiful, and powerful. A British icon. Way beyond the reach of apprentices. (See: Jaguar XK120 , Jaguar XK150 , Jaguar Mark II).
Jaguar Mark II	Classy saloon car. Fast, quiet comfortable with excellent road holding. Still looks good today. Too expensive for apprentices. (See: Jaguar XK120 , Jaguar XK150).
Jaguar XK120	Two seater British sports car. Charismatic and fast. The forerunner of the E Type Jag . (See: Jaguar XK150 , Jaguar Mark II).
Jaguar XK150	Two seater sports car. Updated version of the Jaguar XK120 .
jalopy	Car.
jammy	Lucky.
jankers	Fatigues. Punishment for apprentices who have committed an RAF offence. Usually allocated in days (7, 14, 28). Can involve detention, but more often just extra duties.
Javelin	RAF (1956 to 1968), UK (Gloucester) twin jet engine (Sapphire 7) fighter aircraft. Distinctive delta wing and high tail-plane. 100th Entry apprentices trained on a Javelin, fitted with an AI17 radar , at Weston Airport Hangar North . Gloster javelin xh903 The Javelin aircraft used at Weston Airport was XA564, redesignated 7464M. An FAW1 variant, first delivered to the RAF on 30/09/1955. It is presently at the RAF Museum, Cosford . http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/collections/aircraft/aircraft_histories/84-A-1180%20Javelin%20FAW1%20XA564.pdf http://rightstuffphotography.com/unitedkingdom/raf/XA564.htm http://www.abpic.co.uk/photo/1097769/ .
jaw wag	Talk. (See: chin wag).
JL Club	Seedy night club on Wadham street, Weston . Striptease etc. Very racy for 1960s. Off limits to apprentices. Apprentices went there.
Jock	Nickname for person from Scotland; Pilot, especially of fighter aircraft.
jockey	Pilot, especially of fighter aircraft.
johnny	Contraceptive sheath; Any protective sheath. (eg: "put the Johnny over the aerial").
joy ride	Recreational trip on aircraft. stations often maintained a register of airmen requesting a joy ride.
juice	Petrol; Beer .
jump	Intercourse.
Junior Technician	The normal rank awarded to apprentices after successfully completing the three-year training regime. Exceptional apprentices, including those going on to officer training, were awarded the rank of corporal . Really high-achieving apprentices could even earn the rank of sergeant, but this was rare. The

	junior technician arm badge was changed from a single inverted chevron to a four bladed propeller in 1964. (See: rank , J/T).
Karls	Hungarian restaurant near the Britannia pub at the north end of the High Street, Weston . Up-market but surprisingly affordable. Flambe dishes were a speciality but beyond the means of apprentices.
KD	Khaki Drill. Buff, lightweight service uniform for hot climates.
keks	Underpants. (See: shreddies).
kerfuffle	Fuss.
Kewstoke	Northern area of Weston on Sand Bay . The Toll Road leads from the Old Pier to Kewstoke.
kip	Sleep.
Kipper Fleet	Coastal Command.
kite	Aircraft.
Kiwi	Person from New Zealand; The country New Zealand. Alludes to national emblem; Make of boot polish. Much better than Cherry Blossom for producing a deep bull on boots.
klystron	A microwave linear amplifier used in high-power, high frequency, radar systems. This, together with the magnetron , were a major subject in the apprentice learning schedule. How a klystron works
kosher	Acceptable.
KT66	Classic electronic power valve . (See: valve). KT66
L Fitt AR	Electronics Fitter , Air radar .
L Fitt GR	Electronics Fitter , Ground radar .
L Fitt GW	Electronics Fitter , Ground wireless .
L Tech AD	Electronics Technician , Air Defence
LA	Leading Apprentice. (See: rank , Leading Aircraft Apprentice).
LAA	Leading Aircraft Apprentice . Apprentice NCO , with one chevron . (See: rank).
lab	Laboratory where apprentices carried out practical course work. Radio Lab at Locking
laundry	RAF Locking had a contract with a large laundry in the north of England. The weekly laundry service was free for apprentices but only for RAF items. But there was a charge for civilian clothes. The cleaning process was very powerful and would stress all but the most rugged items. Often apprentices would receive notes in the returned laundry from the laundry girls. Similarly apprentices would send notes to the laundry girls in their laundry.
lay an egg	To lose temper.
leak	Urinate; Reveal a secret.

leave	Holiday. (See: 48 , 36).
Lee	US make of denim jeans and jean jackets. They were of superior cut and made from thick material. In 1962 a pair of Lee jeans cost 30 shillings (£1.50). Illegal for apprentices. (See: Levis).
Lee Enfield	Type of rifle . Each apprentice had a de-activated Lee Enfield rifle for drill. Apprentices and airmen fired once a year at the rifle range. 0.303 inch (7.62 mm) bullet. (See: Bayonet , Bren , Sten). Lee Enfield 303
left hand in pocket	When working on high voltage equipment it is advisable to keep your left hand in your pocket. That way, if you touch a high voltage, the current will bypass your heart and flow down your left arm. Of course, it's all nonsense.
Levis	US make of denim and cord jeans and jean jackets. They were of superior cut and made from thick material. In 1962 a pair of Levi jeans cost 25 shillings (£1.25). Illegal for apprentices. (See: Lee).
Library, Weston	Excellent public library. Situated on the eastern end of the Boulevard where it joins Gerard Road. Old building with high ceilings. The second floor housed Weston Museum. Very stuffy staff in the 1960s. Before Locking camp closed the library was full of books relating to the RAF and electronics . The staff are now very pleasant and helpful, but the RAF related books are much reduced. Still there, essentially unchanged but Weston Museum has moved to a separate building.
lights out	Regulation enforced throughout the RAF . Apprentices had to have the main lights out at 2200 hrs and bedside lights out by 2230hrs. LAs and CAs were allowed an extra 30 minutes, the same time as airmen, but sergeant apprentices and warrant officer apprentices could keep their lights on until 0030 hrs.
line	Aircraft parking and servicing area.
liney	Person who works on the line .
Locking Moor Road	Part of A371 leading from Locking Road, at the Borough Arms , to Locking camp via the hump back bridges . Quite different now.
Locking Road	Part of the A370 from Weston town centre to the junction with Locking Moor Road (A371) at the Borough Arms .
Lofty	Nickname for tall person, often thin too; Ironic nickname for short person.
Long Bar	Longest bar in west country. Next to Grand Central . Same management as Grand Central and Toby Bar . No longer there.
lounge	Posh part of a pub ; To relax (eg: "lounge about").
lumpy	Slang for WRAF . Alludes to the shape of WAAFs (ie: lumpy airmen). (See: Women's Royal Air Force).
lush	Short for luscious.
MACD	Maintenance Analysis Computer Department. Was Maintenance

	Analysis Computer Establishment.
Mae West	Flotation jacket with bulbous buoyant collar. Worn by aircrew and passengers in case of ditching in water. Alludes to plump 1920s movie star.
magazine	rifle attachment containing ammunition; Periodical. Magazines of the 1960's
magnetron	An electronic device that generates high peak-power microwaves for transmission from radar antennae. The cavity magnetron gave the allies a major advantage in WWII . (See: klystron). Magnetron link
Maintenance Unit	Station or area of station where advanced servicing of an item is carried out. (See: MU).
march	All apprentices were taught to march by drill instructors. Requires coordination of arms and legs so that the left leg and right arm extend forward together. Novices can be spotted when left leg and left arm move forward together.
march, route	Defined march, often across open country, with back packs, etc. Route march
Marshall of the Royal Air Force	God answers to him. (See: rank).
mash	Mashed potato.
Matchless Sports Twin	650cc British motorbike. Solid and torquey. Always painted in Matchless deep red. Characterised by 'jam-pot' rear dampers. AJS produced a similar model which was always in AJS mid blue.
matelot	Royal Navy person.
MCVF	Multi-channel Voice Frequency.
MD	Managing Director; Medical Doctor.
Meat wagon	Ambulance. Also 'blood wagon'.
medic	Member of the RAF medical corps.
medical	Inspection or examination carried out by the Medical Officer (MO). Involves terms such as 'cough', 'bend over' and 'I wouldn't put my walking stick where you have been putting that'.
Mekon	Large twelve-phase Mercury ark rectifier from the 'Type 80' series of high power ground radars . The name alludes to the monster of science fiction featured in 'The Eagle' comic.
mercury ark rectifier	Electronic power device for converting alternating current into direct current. (See: Mekon).
mess about	Horseplay.
mess up	Make a mistake.
Mini	Morris Mini Minor, same as Austin Mini. Miniature, front-wheel-drive four seater British car launched in 1959. Uncomfortable, unreliable, but cheap and economical. Minis have tenacious road holding and are great fun to drive. The Mini Cooper and Cooper S were enhanced variants, and the Cooper 1275S was a potent

	machine.
Ministry of defence	UK parliamentary department in overall responsibility for all UK armed forces. Previously called Air Ministry (AM) and, before that, Department of War (DoW).
missus	Wife.
Mk	Mark, usually of aircraft or equipment.
MO	Medical Officer, in charge of sick bay on a station .
mock	Dummy examination; Laugh at.
mod	Short for modification; Youth wearing smart clothes and stylish haircut. Often rode a highly adorned motor scooter. Opposite to rocker .
MoD	Ministry of Defence .
MoD PE	Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive. (See: PE).
Monty	Lord Montgomery of Alamein (lead UK forces in the WWII desert campaign); Howard Montague of RAF Locking ; Nickname for person with surname Montague, Montgomery, etc.
Morris 10	Pre WWII British family saloon car with 1000cc side valve engine. Separate body and chassis. Wire spoke wheels.
Morris 8	Small brother of Morris 10 car.
Morris Minor	British family saloon car. Introduced in 1949. Good handling and economical. British version of 'The people's car'.
Motor Transport	RAF Unit responsible for all aspects of road transport on a station , including vehicles, drivers, and motor mechanics. (See: MT).
movements	Office where postings are organised.
MPN11	GCA ground radar . Essentially same as CPN4 .
MRBSSU	Mobile radar Bomb Score Signals Unit .
MT	Motor Transport.
mths	Months.
MU	Maintenance Unit .
muck and bullets	Going on about personal hardship. Dates back to trenches in WW1 .
mucker	Friend.
mufti	Civilian blazer and trousers conforming to strict RAF Locking rules . mufti description and photos
N	Many, in the mathematical sense (eg: "he had 'N' books").
N good	Very good. (See: ' N ').
NAAFI	Navy Army & Air Force Institute . Leisure area for apprentices incorporating, cafe, bar, snooker tables, table tennis tables, and TV rooms. NAAFI wagons would deliver snacks and drinks during

	'NAAFI break' in the morning and afternoon on week days. The NAAFI girls were pleasant and very popular. RAF Locking NAAFI
NACOSA	NATO CIS Operating and Support Agency.
naff	Poor quality; Undesirable.
naff off	Go away.
NAAFI	mis-spelling of NAAFI .
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.
NATS	National Air Traffic Services.
NBC	Nuclear, Biological and Chemical.
NBS	Navigation and Bombing System. Airborne radar .
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer. (See: rank).
NCSA	NATO Communications and Information Systems Services Agency.
NDB	Non Directional Beacon.
Newki Amber	Newcastle Amber. Strong light brown ale from the North of England. Really a beer .
Newki Brown	Newcastle Brown. Strong brown ale from the North of England. Really a beer .
Newmarket Bar	Slightly upmarket bar in Bristol . Popular with apprentices.
NHS	National Health Service.
NI	Northern Ireland.
nick	Steal; Prison.
nicker	Pound note.
Nissen hut	Low building with curved corrugated roof developed by a Canadian engineer in WWI . Nissen hut link
No	Number.
no joy	Did not work; No cooperation.
Nobby	Nickname for person with surname Clark or Clarke.
nodding horror	Large height finder ground radar . Alludes to the motion of the antenna. (See: FPS6).
nookie	Sex.
Norton 650 SS	650cc British motorbike. Impeccable handling. Based on the Dominator 88 (500cc) and Dominator 99 (600cc).
nose	Front, especially of aircraft.
nosh	Food.
number one	Best uniform . (See: best blue , SD).

number two	Working uniform . (See: working blue , battle dress , BD , beret).
NZ	New Zealand.
OC	Officer Commanding.
OCTU	Operational Conversion and Training Unit .
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit .
oggie	Nickname for person from Cornwall. Alludes to tidy oggie . Cornwall link
OK	All correct; All right. The origin uncertain.
Old Pier	At the Weston end of the Toll Road . Now derelict. (See: Sand Bay).
ole lady	Mother; Wife.
ole man	Father; Boss.
ONC	Ordinary National Certificate. (eg: electrical engineering, electronic engineering, electrical and electronic engineering).
one eyed snake	Penis.
one over two pi root L C	After 'ohms law', 'Kirchoff's first law', 'Kirchoff's second law', the fourth formula apprentices learned at technical classes. It calculates the resonant frequency of a tuned circuit and provides the words for a 100 th Entry drinking song.
oppo	Friend.
Ops	Operations.
Orange Putter	Aircraft Tail Warning radar .
other denominations	Religions other than Church of England.
over the wall	(See: AWOL).
overrun	(See: overshoot???, crash barrier???)
pad	Accommodation off camp . (See: digs).
Paddy	Nickname for person with first name Patrick; Nickname for anyone from Ireland.
pan	Tarmac area for parking aircraft, normally for servicing.
pan wash	Large sinks in a mess kitchen for washing pans etc. A task often given to apprentices on jankers ; Sink of greasy water in the mess where apprentices 'washed' their irons and mugs after a meal.
panic	Intense activity (eg: "there is a big panic on, the Queen is visiting the station "); Worry to distraction.

pantomime	Shambles.
PAR	Precision approach radar . A ground equipment.
Para	Member of the distinguished British Army Parachute Regiment.
Parlophone	One of the EMI Ltd group of companies. Music and records. The Beatles joined Parlophone in 1962, leading to many 1960s groups to following suit. (See: HMV , Columbia).
pass out	The formal action of completing a successful RAF apprenticeship. Graduation
Pat	Short for first name Patrick; Short for pattern.
patch up	Temporary, make-shift, repair.
pay parade	On Thursday mornings apprentices lined up in 3T block to receive their pay packet. In 1965 the pay parade was replaced by direct payment into individual bank accounts.
PDP11	16-bit minicomputer made by The Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC).
PDQ	Pretty Damn Quick.
PDSO	Post Design Services Officer. Runs the contracts and makes sure that the company works to MoD requirements.
PE	Procurement Executive (See: MoD); Physical exercise.
peach	Very attractive young lady. (eg: "she is a peach").
pecker	Nose; Penis.
pen pusher	Clerk.
Per Ardua Ad Astra	The RAF motto. No authoritative translation is possible but it is generally taken to mean: 'through adversity to the stars'. Based on Latin.
phonetic alphabet	Internationally recognised set of words to represent the alphabet and numbers from 0 to 9: 'alpha', 'bravo', 'charlie'...'xray', 'yankee', 'zulu', 'zero'...'niner'. Designed to prevent misunderstanding when using voice communications. FAA Phonetic and Morse Chart
Pill box, the	WWII defensive pill box about 2 miles North of Locking camp on the East of Locking Moor Road (A371), near to Weston Airport . Now painted in black and white checks to attract attention to the helicopter museum.
pinch	'Steal'.
pint	Pint of beer ; UK liquid measure (0.57litre).
pit	Individual bed space .
plastered	Intoxicated.
plod	RAF police;

	Military police (MP) (See: snow drop); Civilian police.
Plough	99 th Entry pub on Regent Street in Weston . Demolished in 1972. Now part of Marks and Spencer.
plumber	RAF technician who works on ground radar . Alludes to the similarity between waveguides and water pipes. On the V force , armourers were known as Plumbers
point Percy at the porcelain	Urinate.
poke the fire	Intercourse.
pokey	Prison. (eg:"he is in the pokey").
polish	(See: bull).
pom	Desiccated mashed potato; British person. Slightly derogatory especially from Australian.
pong	Smell.
ponse	Male poser. (eg:"he is a right ponse").
Pony	Potent, cheap sherry drink in small bottle. Ideal for girlfriend; £20.
Poodle Pusher	Dog Handler.
poof	Homosexual; Effeminate male; Male poser.
portable	In the 60's, anything that would fit in a wheelbarrow.
Portishead	Quiet seaside town on coast, 20 miles north of Weston . Often visited by 100 th Entry .
POSB	Post Office Savings Book. In the first year, apprentices had to save a percentage of their pay.
Potty	Pilot Officer Thomas.
PPI	Plan Position Indicator. Display, normally round, showing radar map of earth's surface. PPI link
prang	Crash, normally of aircraft.
pratt	Idiot.
pre-	Before.
prick	Pretentious person; penis.
Priddy	Village on the Mendip Hills near Wells. The site of 100th Entry exercises. The Queen Victoria was particularly popular after exercises, and to a lesser extent, was the New Inn. Both pubs are still there.
professionals	British Army. Alludes to long running television advertisement.

prop	Short for propeller; Position of Rugby player.
PT	Physical Training.
PTI	Physical Training Instructor.
pub	Public house; Publication.
pukka gen	Accurate information. (See: gen).
pull finger out	Do something after procrastinating.
pull his todger	Tease.
purloin	'Steal'.
Purple Harvest	ECM radar fitted to aircraft. Should be Orange Harvest??
PVR	Premature Voluntary Release.
Q	Qualification. Trade names were amended as technicians obtained additional trade qualifications (eg: L Fitt (AR) Q-RP was an Electronics Fitter (Air radar) who had successfully completed s course on Recce Pods). Other examples: L Fitt GR QCR (Ground radar Fitter CR) , L Fitt GR QNA (Ground radar Fitter Nav) , L Tech AD QSLR (Ground radar Fitter Nav), L Fitt GC QC CY1 CY4 (Ground wireless Fitter C) ????
QA	Quality Assurance.
QRs	Queens Regulations .
quack	RAF doctor, medical officer (see: MO); Civilian doctor.
Queens	The Queens public house and hotel. The 100 th Entry watering hole in Weston . It was on the corner of Regent Street and the High Street, opposite Burtons the tailor. The Queens had a public bar and lounge bar. Behind the public bar was a function room, which was opened for the 100 th Entry most evenings. It had a piano and small bar. Upstairs were hotel rooms and additional function rooms. The Queens popularity gradually declined once the 100 th Entry left the area, and sadly, the building was demolished. Super Drug is now on the site.
Queens Regulations	The RAF Bible of rules and regulations. (See: QRs).
R Type 80	Ground wireless equipment.
R/T	Radio Transmission; Radio voice communications.
R1393	Ground wireless equipment.
RA17	Radio receiver. RA17 link
RA17	Ground wireless HF Receiver. Often seen in early James Bond films.
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force.
RADAR (radar)	Radio Aid to Detection And Ranging. Acronym originated in US .

	Originally called Radio Direction Finding (RDF) in UK .
radio	The transmission of information by electromagnetic waves; RAF Trade Group 2, encompassing wireless and radar fitters; RAF term encompassing wireless and radar .
radome	Weatherproof cover over an antenna (aerial) which is transparent to electromagnetic waves.
RAE	Royal Aircraft Establishment. Located at Farnborough.
RAF	Royal Air Force. The air force branch of the British Armed Forces, formed on 1 April 1918. Letters pronounced individually or as a word.
RAF Brat	Son/daughter of airman.
RAF Locking	Number one Radio School near Weston Super Mare , Somerset. RAF Radio trade Apprentice training, which had started in 1922 at RAF Cranwell, was moved to RAF Locking in 1952. In 1964, the RAF 's maintenance policy changed from 'maintenance by repair' to 'maintenance by replacement'. This was reflected, that year, by substituting the three year apprentice scheme with a three year 'Technician Apprentice' scheme and a one year 'Craft Apprentice' scheme. In 1965 all air radio trade training moved to RAF Cosford, leaving only ground radio training at RAF Locking. In 1966 the 106 th Entry were the last Aircraft Apprentices to pass out from RAF Locking.
RAF Regiment	(See: Rock Apes).
RAFFTS	RAF Fixed Telecommunications System.
RAFG	Royal Air Force Germany.
raid	To raid junior Entry billets and cause havoc. Highly illegal.
Railway, The	Pub and rooms. Located to the west of the Floral Clock. Small public bar and small lounge. Not often visited by the 100 th Entry . It is still there but is called ???
Raglan Arms	Small quiet pub on the south side of Upper Church Road, nearly opposite the Criterion . Visited by the 100th for a short while. Became the 104th Entry pub.
rank	Awful.
rank, RAF airmen and NCO	RAF enlisted ranks
rank, RAF apprentice	Aircraft Apprentice (AA) : no chevrons ; Leading Aircraft Apprentice (LAA; LA) : one chevron on both upper sleeves of jacket; Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice (SAA; SA) : three chevrons on both upper sleeves; Warrant officer apprentice (WOA; WA): badge on lower left arm. The WOA rank was only held for the day of the Entry pass out .
rank, RAF officer	RAF officer ranks
rat arsed	Intoxicated.

RC	Roman Catholic.
RCA [UK]Ltd	Radio Corporation of America. An American electronics defence contractor and music recording company.
RDF	Radio Direction Finding.
Ready Steady Go	ITV (Independent Television) live pop music show. Compulsory viewing for apprentices at 1800 hours before hitting the town on Saturday night.
Rebecca Mk8	Airborne Navigation radar . Minor equipment for some apprentice trades.
Red Arrows	RAF aerobatic team formed in 1964. Used Gnat first and changed to Hawk.
Red Barrel	Bitter keg beer made by Watneys. 60s and 70s Beer Guide
Red Steer	Aircraft Tail Warning radar .
red top	British Army military police. Alludes to the colour of the cap; Air-to-air missile controlled by airborne radar .
reesty	Dirty. Peculiar apprentices term. Possibly derived from a contraction of 'revolting' and 'rusty'. Pronounced as spelt.
REME	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Distinguished part of the British Army. Resourceful. Unofficial motto 'can do'. REME often sorted out major structural problems with airfield and installations.
remuster	To change service. ("he remustered from the RAF to the Navy").
REU	Radio Engineering Unit . Located at RAF Henlow.
reunion	Meeting of comrades, normally after a considerable time. The 100 th Entry has held three reunions so far.
RFC	Royal Flying Corps. Formed as a branch of the British Army by Lord Trenchard. Forerunner of RAF .
rifle	Ceremonial and combat firearm. (See: Lee Enfield); Search through.
rifle sling	Webbing strap for rifle . (See: webbing , Lee Enfield , frog , Bayonet).
rigger	Technician who services the aircraft structure or ground aerial installations.
RN	Royal Navy.
roasting	Strong reprimand. (eg: "his wife gave him a good roasting").
Rock Apes	Nickname for RAF Regiment , a specialist corps within the Royal Air Force, responsible for capturing and defending airfields and associated installations. The term came into use after an accident in Aden during 1952 when two Regiment officers decided to amuse themselves by going out to shoot some of the baboons, which are known locally as 'rock apes'. In the semi-darkness one of the officers fired at a moving object in the distance but, on reaching the target, discovered he had shot the other officer. Regiment info

rocker	Person with motor bike, leather jacket and boots, jeans, and teddy boy haircut. rockers and mods were enemies and often clashed.
Roger	'Yes', especially over voice communications.
Rolling Stones	1960s international super group from UK . Specialised in 'rhythm and blues', and rock. Mick Jagger(lead singer), Bryan Jones (deceased) (vocals and guitar), Keith Richards (lead guitar), Charley Watts (drums), Bill Wyman (electric bass).In 1968. the founder, Bryan Jones was to die in mysterious circumstances. Very popular with the 100 th Entry . (See: Beatles).
roundel	Round red, white and blue symbol of the RAF , although the white is generally not used on modern combat aircraft.
Royal Hotel	Posh, quiet hotel on Weston sea front. The 'Blue Room' was particularly so. Became The Berni Royal, owned by Berni Inns. It has changed hands about three times.
RRAF	Royal Rhodesian Air Force. Some apprentices were sent to RAF Locking from Rhodesian to train for the RRAF. Typically 2% of an Entry . The 100 th Entry had 2 Rhodesian apprentices.
RSF	Radio Servicing Flight .
RTPS	Radio and Technical Publications Section. Located at RAF Henlow.
Rummer	Slightly upmarket bar in Bristol , near Bristol Bridge. Pleasant ambience. Popular with the 100 th Entry .
runs	Upset stomach.
SA	Sergeant Apprentice. (See: SAA , rank).
SAA	Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice . (See: SA , rank).
SAC	Senior AirCraftsman. (See: rank).
Sack	Mattress.
SADSU	Strike Command Avionics Development and Servicing Unit , a term from the V Bomber days.
Saint George's	Hamlet just outside Weston on the Bristol road (A370). Now greatly expanded and dominated by the massive, and very busy, roundabout at junction 21 of the M5 motorway.
Salisbury Hotel	Venue for apprentice dances. Close to the Winter Gardens in Weston . It has been demolished and the area is now covered by the 'Sovereign Center' multi-story car park.
Sand Bay	Bay at the northern extent of Weston at Kewstoke . The Toll Road leads from the area of the Old Pier to Sand Bay. The sea-bed at Sand Bay is littered with unexploded munitions from WWII .
Sand Dunes	On the southern extreme of Weston beach near the mouth of the river Axe and Weston Golf Course. An area where many apprentice conquests were consummated. Also scene for beach parties and barbecues, especially at night.
SARBE	Search and Rescue Beacon Equipment. There are SARBE ground stations and small transmitters with a foil antenna that is attached to the aircrew Mae Wests . The small unit transmitted a signal that allowed personnel to be located, especially at sea

	after ditching from an aircraft. sarbe.com
SATCO	Station Air Traffic Control Officer. In overall charge of all flying operations on a station . His first, second and third priorities are <i>SAFETY</i> . Do not upset the SATCO.
SATCOM	Satellite Communications.
sauce	Alcoholic drink.
saused	Intoxicated.
Scaley	Married airman. Refers to higher rate of pay (Scale "E").
Scope dope	AEOP (nickname for Air Electronics Operators on the Nimrods).
scouser	Nickname for person from Liverpool.
screaming ab dabs	(See: Gandhi's revenge).
screech	Dry, rough farmhouse cider mixed with orange juice. Alludes to effect on digestive system next morning.
scrounge	To obtain something unofficially.
scrubber	Loose female.
scrumpy	West country cider normally brewed in farmhouses. Available in two types, 'rough' and 'sweet'. Potent and cheap. An aquired taste. (See: screech , blood).
SD	Service Dress. Peaked service cap to be worn with best blue uniform . Subject to much modification.
seat of the pants	To complete a task under extremely trying conditions (eg: "the pilot flew the aircraft by the seat of his pants").
send to Coventry	To ignore a person by all others (eg: "he was sent to Coventry").
sergeant	(See: NCO , rank).
sergeant's mess	The name a misnomer. It should be SNCO 's mess. Accommodation, restaurant and bar for SNCOs . The sergeants mess annual ball is normally a grand extravaganza.
Shackleton	RAF (1951 to 1990), UK (Avro) four contra-rotating propeller engine (Griffon) maritime reconnaissance aircraft. Based on the Lancaster (Lincoln) with new fuselage. Nickname: The Growler. 100th Entry 'air general' trade apprentices flew on Shackletons at RAF Saint Mawgan. Shackleton mail drop The Shackleton aircraft used at Weston Airport was VP289, redesignated 7730M. An MR1 variant, it was first flown on 25/06/1951. Issued to 224Sqn on 31/08/1951. Transferred to 269 Sqn at Gibraltar on 07/01/1952, but suffered a Cat 3 flying accident on 22/02/1952, when the main wheels struck the top of the sea wall at the end of North Front's runway. Repairs on site were completed on 11/07/1952, when the aircraft returned to 269 Sqn at Ballykelly. To 206 Sqn on 30/07/1956. Transferred to 269 Sqn on 07/01/1958 and operated from Christmas Island on detachment. Withdrawn from use and flown to Weston for use as a ground instructional airframe on 06/09/1961. Scrapped at Weston in April 1966.
shades	Sunglasses. Avant-garde term in the 1960s but now commonplace.

shag	To tire; Wear out; Copulate.
shandy	50:50 mixture of beer and lemonade; Beer .
SHAPE	Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. NATO/SHAPE
sherbet	alcoholic drink, normally beer .
shiny	Administrator. Name alludes to the seat of the trousers, made shiny by long hours of sitting.
shite hawk	Bird depicted on RAF uniform shoulder badge. First word pronounced to rhyme with 'kite'.
short	A tot of strong liquor, sometimes drunk with a beer chaser.
short back and sides	No back and sides. Type of haircut much favoured by camp barber . Although fashionable now, very unfashionable in the days of Beatle haircuts. (See: haircut).
shorty	Nickname for short person; Ironic nickname for tall person.
shrapnel	Pieces of exploding shell; Term for loose small change.
shreddies	RAF issue aertex underpants. Not designed by Calvin Klein.
shufty	Look. (eg: "let's take a shufty at Weston ").
SIB	Special Investigation Branch
sick bay	Station hospital.
SIFF	Selective IFF . Taught at 4T block .
Skip	Nickname; Miss. (eg: "he will skip lunch to be in Weston early").
skipper	Pilot, especially of transport aircraft.
skive	The avoidance of work.
skive	Avoid work.
slammer	Prison.
slash	Urinate; To modify an SD cap peak to have a downward slope like service police cap.
slop chit	(See: slop sheet).
slop sheet	Imprecise term for list of tasks to be completed, normally by an individual.
small pack	Small webbing bag with shoulder strap. (See: webbing , bull).
smashed	Clinically intoxicated.
Smelly	Member of WRAF .

Smokey	Nickname, normally for a person with First name 'Joe'.
Smudge	Person with surname 'Smith'. (See: Smudger).
Smudger	Person with surname 'Smith'. (See: Smudge).
SNCO	Senior NCO , often pronounced "sneak owe".
sneak	Person who tells tales to the authorities; Unpopular person.
snitch	To tell authorities of some misdemeanour.
snoop	Service police, MP (see: snow drop , plod); To listen in to a conversation.
snow drop	Service policeman. Alludes to white hat. (See: plod , snoop).
sod	Devilish person; Undesirable person. Often used jokingly. (eg: "he was a right sod").
sortie	Aircraft flight from take-off to landing.
sparks	Radio trade. Alludes to the insignia on the arm badge. The sparks badge was discontinued in 1964. sparks badge
speak to Hughie on the big white telephone	To be sick in the WC, on your knees. 'Hughie' alludes to the noise.
spew	Be sick.
Spit	Short for Spitfire .
Spitfire	RAF (1938 to 1955), UK (Supermarine [Vickers]), single piston engine (Merlin, later Griffon) fighter aircraft. Along with the Hurricane, enabled RAF pilots to save the country in the Battle of Britain. Nickname: Spit. SpitfireDuxford2JM A Spitfire was the gate guardian at RAF Locking . Gate Guardian
sports afternoon	Thursday afternoons were devoted to sports for apprentices at RAF Locking . The RAF provides excellent sports facilities including: gymnasium, athletics stadium, number of sports fields. Apprentices were supported in the pursuit of a wide range of sports including: swimming at Knightstone Baths, archery, cross country running, football, golf, and rugby.
sports day	Yearly official station sports event.
spot on	Perfect.
spout	Talk a lot, often nonsense.
sprog	Junior apprentice; Baby.
spud	Potato; Nickname for person with surname 'Murphy'. Alludes to the historic farming of potatoes in Ireland.
squaddie	Army person.

squadron	Typically three or four flights of aircraft, making a total of 12 to 24 aircraft, depending on aircraft type; Group of flights of apprentices at Locking. (See: disk , flight).
squawk box	Intercom; Tannoy.
station	Area under the control of the Ministry of Defence for RAF operations. (See: camp , base).
station standing orders	Similar to by-laws in civvy street .
station warrant officer	The SWO , often pronounced as a word, is the senior Warrant Officer on an RAF station and is responsible for discipline. Comparable to the Regimental Sergeant Major in a British Army unit . The SWO is required to know the RAF Drill and Ceremonial manual (AP818) inside out.
Station, Weston General	The main railway station in Weston off the loop line running through the town. The scene of many meetings and partings for apprentices. Another station, Weston Milton Halt , is near the Borough Arms .
Station, Weston Milton Halt	Small railway station near the Borough Arms in Weston .
Sten	Small submachine gun. Issued to NCOs and SNCOs in times of trouble. Developed in WWII when it cost ten shillings (50 new pence) to manufacture. Notorious for jamming and spraying everything, except target, at rifle range. Sten gun
stick	Short for 'joy stick'; Power. (eg: "give the car more stick").
Stickies	Cakes and buns. Basic NAAFI fare. (eg: "tea and stickies").
stitch up	To frame someone.
stripe	Chevron . (See: hook , rank).
stripped	Reduced to a lower rank , following a misdemeanour.
SU	Signals Unit .
survival rations	(See: hard tack).
sweet	Sweet, farmhouse cider. (See: screech , blood); Good.
swift half	Have a quick beer . (See: half , pint).
swindle	Unofficial fund for providing drinks and snacks. Every section had one. Either coffee swindle or tea swindle .
swipe	'Steal'.
SWO	Station Warrant Officer .
T63	Apprentice's and airmans best uniform . (See: best blue).
Tac	Tactical.
TACAN	Tactical Air Navigation radar . There are air and ground

	equipments.
TacEval	Tactical Evaluation of war readiness. Also known as an exercise.
Taf	Nickname for someone from Wales. Alludes to the river Taf in Wales.
Taffy	(See: Taf).
tail	Rear end, especially of aircraft; Attractive young lady.
Tannoy	Public address system. Named after the manufacturer.
tart	Girl. Not a term of derision; Alluring girl. Not a term of derision; Loose woman.
Tartan Keg	Bitter, keg beer made by Youngers. 60s and 70s Beer Guide
TASF	Tornado Aircraft Servicing Flight .
TBD	To Be Detailed; To Be Defined.
TCS	Tornado Components Squadron .
TCW	Tactical Communications Wing.
tea swindle	(See: swindle).
tech	Technician; Technical block ; Technical class; Technical person.
techi	Technical person.
technician	RAF airman belonging to one of the technical trades. (eg: radio , engines, armourer, radar , etc).
ted	Short for teddy boy .
teddy boy	Youth who wears clothes inspired by the Edwardian period, who likes rock and roll music of the 1950s and 1960s. Sometimes gangs of teddy boys clashed with each other. They had long, greasy hair with a quiff at the front. The sides were combed back to form a duck's arse at the rear. Sideburns were long. They wore knee-length jackets, often with velvet collars and pocket flaps, over high-waisted drainpipe trousers. Chunky brogue shoes were later replaced by large crepe-soled shoes, often suede. These were known as brothel creepers .
Teen and Twenty	Dance at The Winter Gardens , Weston on Thursday night for young people, including apprentices.
Ten Bars, the	Ten bars in a cellar in Bristol . Each bar had an individual theme (eg: Spanish Bar, Italian Bar, Mexican Bar, etc). Also known as Cellar Bars . Popular with apprentices.
tent	RAF blue rain coat. Supported only by periphery of neck. It was

	possible for wearer to complete a 360 deg turn inside without it moving it. Designed by a committee.
TGIF	Thank God It's Friday, because it's the end of a hard week and the weekend will be free.
three greens	Alludes to three green lights in aircraft cockpit to indicate that all three wheels are fully lowered and locked ready for landing; All correct. (ie: "The fault has been corrected and the <u>radar</u> is now three greens").
Three Queens	Public House, comprising lounge and public bar, at the south end of the High Street, <u>Weston</u> . Not far from the <u>Queens</u> so there was sometimes confusion between the two. Often had live music but had a reputation for fights. Now completely changed into one large room with plasma TV and bar food. The name, also has been changed to The Pig and Truffle. Was quite popular with the 100 th <u>Entry</u> , but only in groups.
throw a wobbly	Lose temper.
ticklish	Difficult to do (eg: "It was a ticklish take off").
tiddy oggie	Cornish pasty.
Tinea	Foot allergy caused by standing barefoot on polished floor.
tit	Switch; Button; Breast, but only one side.
tits out	Excellent. (eg: "he had a tits out car"). Alludes to the third stage of relations with girlfriend.
tits up	Dead. Alludes to the direction of nipples when body is reclined.
Toby Bar	Odd, small, quiet bar on Regent Street, <u>Weston</u> . Close to the sea front. Part of <u>Grand Central</u> .
Toll Road	(See: <u>Sand Bay</u>).
TOPS	Training OPortunities Scheme. Subsidised training courses, set up by the Government, to bring people up to date in their chosen subject and to aid employment prospects.
Top of the Pops	Top twenty <u>radio</u> show hosted by Alan Freeman. Always blasting from multiple <u>transistor</u> radios during tea in the mess around 1700 hours on Sundays.
totty	One or more attractive young ladies.
touch	Borrow money; Dash of lemonade in <u>beer</u> . (eg: bitter touch, lager touch).
tour	Period of time overseas.
tranny	Portable <u>transistor radio</u> .
transformer	Passive <u>electronic</u> device that uses electro-magnetic induction to alter the voltage of an alternating electrical signal and, or to transfer an alternating electrical signal from one isolated circuit to another. Apprentices made a transformer as part of

	their final workshop exam to produce a working radio receiver.
transistor	Active electronic device that controls the flow of current through a solid crystal material (semiconductor), normally germanium or silicon. Transistors are used for amplification, switching and signal shaping. In the 1960s, transistors were 'new technology' and were starting to replace valves in RAF equipments. 100 th Entry apprentices were taught transistor theory . (See: valve).
trendy	Fashionable term at one time. There was a strange interchange where one person would say "trendy" and the other person would reply " groovy ". (See: groovy).
Triumph Bonneville	Potent 650cc British motorcycle. Fast and charismatic. A biker's icon of the late 1950s and 1960s. Highly illegal for apprentices to even look at. (Triumph has no connection with Standard-Triumph, the car manufacture).
Triumph Herald	Stylish small family saloon car with separate chassis and independent suspension all around. Early models had quirky rear suspension. (Manufactured by Standard-Triumph who have no connection with Triumph the motorbike manufacturer).
Triumph Spitfire	Two seater sports car based on the Triumph Herald . Affordable and smart. Dangerous rear suspension later fixed by manufacturer.
Triumph Tiger 100	500cc smaller brother of the Triumph Bonneville . Not so highly tuned though.
trolley, off his	Insane. (eg: "he is off his trolley").
TSR2	Tactical Strike and Reconnaissance. UK bomber aircraft prototype. Cancelled in 1967. Role filled by the US Phantom .
TSU	Tactical Signals Unit (eg: 22TSU).
tube	Television set; Short for cathode ray tube (CRT); Underground transport network in London ('the underground' or 'the tube').
twat	Fool; Vagina.
tyke	Untidy person, normally young.
type	Person. (eg: "he is a good type"); Version of an item (eg: equipment, aircraft).
UAE	United Arab Emirates.
UHF	Ultra High Frequency; UHF radio . There are air and ground equipments.
UJ Club	Union Jack Club .
UK	United Kingdom .
UKADGE	United Kingdom Ground Defence Environment.
uniform	Apprentices were issued with a 'working' uniform (working blue), a 'best' uniform (best blue), a greatcoat , a light-weight

	waterproof coat (tent), a pair of boots , and a pair of shoes. (See: hairy blue , SD , beret , boot).
Union Jack Club	A club, comprising hotel rooms, restaurants, games rooms, and bars for service and ex-service personnel. Reasonably priced place to stay in Waterloo, London. link
Unit	An indeterminate term for personnel and location performing a particular function. Units vary in size from small to very large. An indeterminate term for a part of an equipment. (See: black box).
United Kingdom	Comprising: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales (Note: on the 100 th web site 'Ireland' refers to Northern and Southern Ireland unless otherwise stated).
United Services Club	Club in Weston on the Boulevard for service and ex service personnel. Comprised bar, lounge and function rooms upstairs. Now 'Vamps', lap dancing club. Still worth a visit though.
Uphill	Village adjoining the south west of Weston near the mouth of the river Axe and the sand dunes . 100 th Entry carried out initiative exercises near the Uphill Boatyard.
US	United States. Short for United States of America; UnServiceable.
V bomber	One of Valiant, Vulcan or Victor bomber aircraft. Listed in order of introduction to the RAF .
Valetta	The Vickers Valetta was a British twin-engined military transport of the late 1940s. It was an all-metal mid-wing monoplane with a tailwheel undercarriage. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vickers_Valetta The Valetta aircraft used at Weston Airport was WD171, redesignated 7642M. A C1 variant, first delivered to the RAF on 08/02/1951 and delivered for training by Locking apprentices on 24/05/1960, although it was only there for a short while during the 100th Entry training. It went to Manston Fire School on 24/04/1962, was 'Struck off charge' on 30/12/1964 and scrapped.
valve	Active electronic device that controls the flow of current through a vacuum or gas. The active components of a valve are normally contained in a glass envelope. Valves are used for amplification, switching and signal shaping. In the 1960s, valves were used in most RAF equipments but transistors were starting to replace them. (See: transistor).
Varsity	RAF (1951 to 1976), UK (Vickers) twin piston engine (Hercules) crew training aircraft. Essentially the same as the Valetta, with a nose wheel rather than tail wheel. 100th Entry Apprentices flew flight familiarity sorties from Weston Airport in a Varsity . Vickers_Varsity britishaircraft Two Varsity aircraft were used at Weston Airport . WF408 and WL641 were both T1 variants: WF408 was first delivered to the RAF on 05/03/1952 and was redesignated to 8395M before use at Weston. After time at the RAF

	<p>Cosford Museum, Northolt dump and GI Sabrewatch, East Grinstead, it was scrapped in July 2007, although it can presently be seen at Bruntingthorpe, Leicestershire</p> <p>WL641 was first delivered to the RAF on 06/07/1953. After service with Locking apprentices, it spent some time at No.2 School of Technical Training, Cosford, then to Scampton for use in ground instruction before being scrapped.</p>
Velocette Venom	Single cylinder 500cc British motorbike. Very well built and good handling. Characteristic 'fish-tail' silencer.
Velocette Viper	350cc version of the Velocette Venom motorbike.
Venom	<p>The de Havilland Venom was a British postwar single-engined jet aircraft developed from the de Havilland Vampire. It served with the Royal Air Force as a single-seat fighter-bomber and two-seat night fighter. A navalised version, the Sea Venom, served with the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy.</p> <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_Havilland_Venom</p> <p>The Venom aircraft used at Weston Airport was WP227, redesignated 7098M. An NF2 prototype which first flew on the 22/08/1950. It was 'Struck off charge' on 14/12/1956 and delivered for training by Locking apprentices. No details of its whereabouts today, so assumed scrapped.</p>
VHF	<p>Very High Frequency;</p> <p>VHF radio. There are air and ground equipments.</p>
Victor	<p>RAF (1958 to 1993), UK (Handley Page) four jet engine (Mk2 = Conway, Mk1 = Sapphire) bomber aircraft. Fast and elegant. (See: V bomber, Vulcan). 100th Entry apprentices trained on a Victor at Weston Airport Hangar North.</p> <p>Victor_V_Bomber</p> <p>The Victor aircraft used at Weston Airport was XA919, redesignated 7724M. A B1 variant, first delivered to the RAF on 19/09/1957. It was flown in to Weston on 15/05/1961 and was scrapped in July 1970.</p>
Victoria	<p>Pub with rooms. Located to the south of the floral clock. Sold excellent chicken and mushroom pies and other food which could be eaten in their cafe or bought from a counter to take away. In the late 1960s the Victoria was completely remodelled and became a classy pub and hotel. The original Victoria was rarely visited by apprentices but the food was a special treat. Around 1980 the whole row of buildings was redeveloped and the Victoria is no more.</p>
Vincent Black Shadow	Muscular 1,000cc 'V' twin British motorcycle. A classic.
VIP	Very Important Person.
VOR	<p>VHF Omni-directional Radio Range. A radio navigation system comprising airborne and ground equipments. The VOR ground equipment broadcast a composite VHF radio signal carrying the station's morse code identifier, sometimes a voice identifier, and data that allows the airborne receiving equipment to derive the bearing of the aircraft in relation to the ground equipment.</p>

vote for Joe	Examination paper with multiple answers, normally four, to chose from.
Vulcan	RAF (1956 to 1984), UK (Avro) four jet engine (Olympus), delta wing, bomber . Awesome, powerful and noisy. Impressive at air displays. Nickname: The Tin Triangle. (See: V bomber , Victor , Green Satin). Vulcan at Filton
W/O	Warrant Officer . Often pronounced like command to stop horse. (See: rank ; SWO).
WAAF	Woman's Auxiliary Air Force. Later became Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF) .
wad	Much money, especially banknotes; Sandwich.
waf	WAAF or WRAF .
waffle	Circumlocution.
Warrant Officer	(See: rank , W/O , SWO).
waveguide	Metal trunking used in place of cable to carry very high frequency electromagnetic signals, often high power.
webbing	Thick canvas. (See: webbing belt).
webbing belt	Thick canvas belt. The RAF covered it in grey-blue Blanco . White Blanco was applied for special parades. It had a brass buckle with brass clips and was an effective weapon. Apprentices were ordered not to take them off camp .
Webbington Country Club	In the 1960s a classy country club at Loxton, 5 miles West of Locking camp on the back road from Knightstone Garage in Banwell . It had a casino, restaurants, large dance floor and stage. Owned by Alan Wells who had a liaison with Jayne Mansfield. Famous artists often appeared there. A bit expensive for apprentices. But the 100 th Entry visited occasionally. Now, the Webbington is an odd combination of gymnasium , conference centre, hotel , and restaurant.
wedge	Sandwich.
Weston	Short for Weston Super Mare , the term always used by locals for the town.
Weston Airport	Airport and facilities located about 2 miles north of Locking camp to the west of Locking Moor Road (A371). The airport comprised: single runway, control tower, classrooms, Weston Airport Hangar North and South , Westland helicopter ground test rig, aircraft refurbishment hangars, gliding club, joy flights, and unused RAF buildings, including a small mess. The runway is still there as is Weston Airport Hangar North and South , but nearly all Weston Airport buildings have been levelled. A helicopter museum has opened on the south east corner of the airport.
Weston Airport, Hangar North	Hangar on the North side of Weston Airport near the railway track. Divided by a 7 feet high brick wall. The west part was used by EMI Electronics for research. The east section housed Victor , Shackleton and Javelin aircraft which were used for training air radar apprentices. Outside, Hunter , Canberra and

	<p><u>Venom</u> aircraft were also used for training. Close to the hangar, an aircraft dispersal pan accomodated a <u>Varsity</u> which was used for apprentice air experience flights. There was also a classroom and equipment laboratory. Weston hangar North was west of <u>Locking Moor Road</u> (A371), near the <u>hump back bridges</u>, about 2 miles North of Locking <u>camp</u>. Thales now own Weston hangar North which is ringed by a security fence.</p> <p>See http://www.100th-entry-locking.org.uk/100_Gmaps.html (select 'RAF Locking' from the menu above the map)</p>
<u>Weston</u> Airport, Hangar South	Content to be defined.
Weston Super Mare	Seaside town, 20 miles (32 km) south east of <u>Bristol</u> in the <u>UK</u> . Population: 1960= 55,000, 2007= 90,000. 'Western' is derived from the Saxon words 'West' and 'tun' meaning 'West settlement'. 'Super Mare' is derived from Latin meaning 'On Sea'. In the days of the 100 th <u>Entry</u> it was a quiet little town. It has been greatly developed over the years and is now a bustling town, popular with shoppers but often choked with traffic. Unfortunately, much of the quiet charm of the town has been lost. <u>Weston</u> is 5 miles (8km) north of the <u>RAF Locking</u> site on the A371.
Weston Super Mud	Whimsical name for <u>Weston Super Mare</u> . Alludes to sediment deposited on sea bed from the river Severn. The sea goes out a long way at low tide and exposes the mud.
whisky mac	Potent short drink comprising whisky and ginger <u>ale</u> (typically 'Stones'). Strangely, it was popular with apprentices.
Whitbread	Name of brewer; Short for <u>Whitbread Tankard</u> .
Whitbread Tankard	Bitter, keg <u>beer</u> . 60s and 70s Beer Guide
wiggly amps	Alternating current. (See: <u>A/C</u>).
wind up	To annoy deliberately.
window	Strips of aluminium foil dropped by aircraft to confuse enemy <u>radar</u> . (See: <u>ECM</u>).
wing and a prayer	To attempt a task under difficult conditions. (eg: "the aircraft was riddled with bullets, but the pilot brought it home with a wing and a prayer").
wing it	To attempt a task with insufficient resources or preparation.
Winkle picker	Pointed toe shoe. Illegal for apprentices. (See: <u>chisel</u>).
Winscombe	Winscombe is about 6 miles south of <u>RAF Locking</u> site on the A371 through <u>Banwell</u> .
Winter Gardens	North Somerset District Council owned dance hall on <u>Weston</u> sea front. Many famous entertainers appeared. 1960's
WIP	Work In Progress.
wireless	Wireless refers to the communication of information, often over long distances, by electromagnetic radiation.
with it	Fashionable;

