



### **CDR WILL PASTON RN CV**

Will Paston joined the Royal Navy in 2000. After Fleet time in CAMPBELTOWN and NEWCASTLE, he entered the trained strength as a Fighter Controller in GLASGOW, completing an ATP(S) deployment, before she decommissioned in 2005.

His next assignment was to the Air Support Operations Centre, a Joint organisation that coordinates Close Air Support aircraft on behalf of ground forces. During this time he led a predominantly RAF team, during Op HERRICK in 2007.

Post PWO training, he spent a short time in ILLUSTRIOUS, before joining ST ALBANS for an Op TELIC deployment, spending a significant amount of time protecting the Iraqi oil platforms in the Northern Arabian Gulf. ST ALBANS then completed work up and ACT(ASW) before deploying EOS again for the then new Op KIPION. After AWO course he joined DRAGON for BOST and a further OP KIPION deployment as the Senior Warfare Officer, integrating her into the Gulf Air Defence laydown, working with 3 different US Carrier Battle Groups. This deployment culminated in moving through into the Eastern Mediterranean for Op LUMINOUS during the Syrian crisis to provide air defence as part of a Joint UK force.

He assumed Command of PEMBROKE in late 2014, after work up joining the Standing NATO MCM Group in the Baltic for a successful deployment which culminated in the award of the RN MCM Effectiveness Trophy. Following a successful work up he took his crew and returned to Op KIPION in Jan 16 taking Command of PENZANCE.

In mid 2016 he assumed the role of the PWO Career Manager, responsible for Fighter Controllers, PWOs and AWOs in PCAP, West Battery, which was a busy but rewarding shore assignment.

He was promoted Commander and assumed Command of WESTMINSTER in Jul 18. He lives in Portsmouth with his wife and young family.