

Introduction - “RAE Bedford – Its Life & Times”

“RAE Bedford – Its Life & Times” is a compilation of material about RAE Bedford (& Cardington) extracted from RAE News, the RAE House Magazine published from March 1948 to December 1991.

This compilation was created by Mike Dobson, former Chief Superintendent at RAE Bedford. The BAHG team then reviewed and edited it to prepare it for publication.

Given the quantity of material, the compilation has been split into 4 substantial volumes, broadly covering the four decades:

Vol 1 1948-1959

Vol 2 1960-1969

Vol 3 1970-1979

Vol 4 1980-1991

Release 1 just includes Volume 1. Other volumes will follow.

Release 1 contains, in pdf format

Introduction – this document

Volume 1 – text and content from RAE News for 1948-1959, plus many extra photographs showing the construction of RAE Bedford in the 1950s.

Index – relevant entries listed by issue date. The index contains the names of many of the individuals featured within the news items.

Annexes – a set of longer articles, as shown in the Index

All these documents are searchable. If you want to find a name (or other text such as a specific subject), start with the Index which will show if the search item occurs and in which issue. (Issues are identified by Year and Month.) Volume 1 can then be searched for material from that issue eg by entering “May 1955” in the search box. You can also search Volume 1 directly eg for a person’s name. You can also search for an event eg Apprentice Prize-Giving.

Happy reading from the BAHG Team!