

TIM GOUGH (M80-85)

Tim was born in Suffolk to a farming family and after leaving the College was about to join a local agricultural college, but the lure of waking up listeners in East Anglia seemed vastly more appealing than mucking out the pigs!

His radio career began in East Anglia at a radio station called Radio Orwell in Ipswich. He pestered the life out of the receptionists and made sure everyone else at the station got to know who he was. He says "I think I made the public area of the radio station untidy by hanging around there, so I was allowed to make the DJs tea and file away their records in the gram library. Before long I was operating the equipment and being given the chance to get behind the microphone myself."



He initially started on a weekday show that ran from 5.30am to 7am where he could do the least amount of damage! After a couple of years, listening figures showed that a third of the radio audience listening at that time of the morning were tuned to his show. Bosses were then happy to let him loose presenting the breakfast show on Saxon Radio, in his home town of Bury St Edmunds. After several years in Suffolk, he moved to the East Midlands in 1995 to join Trent FM and subsequently Leicester Sound. He joined Saga 106.6fm for the station's launch in February 2003.

When he's not at work he loves to spend a lot of time with his 9 year old son Isaac and catching up with friends and family all over the country. He loves to cook and says "I seem to spend too much time perusing the aisles in my local supermarket dreaming up my next gastronomic feast." He relaxes by reading or watching television. He would love to listen to more music at home, but when it surrounds you at work all day, putting a CD on when he get in is the last thing on his mind.

Saga 106.6fm was bought by the Guardian Media Group in February 2007. At the end of March 2007 they've re-launched the radio station as Smooth Radio. Smooth Radio is now the biggest group of regional radio stations in the country, also broadcasting to London, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, as well as the East Midlands, and soon to be joined by another in the North East. More info can be found at <http://www.smoothradio.com/>



Tim has just been appointed 'Head of Presentation' for Smooth Radio in the East Midlands, which means he is responsible for the output of that station on a day-to-day basis. He also now broadcasts weekday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm.

The following Q & As appear on his site.

My favourite:

Pastime...Most sports... although watching rather than playing these days.

Meal...I love fish, but you can't go wrong with a Sunday roast with all the trimmings.

Holiday destination...Australia, Cyprus, Italy (around Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast) and the French Alps, Dublin for weekends!

Childhood memory...My very first memory was being made to watch the moon landings live on TV by my parents. I was all of 18 months old at the time and couldn't have cared less... but I still remember it!! Otherwise it was being allowed to lick the bowl of cake mixture when my Mum was baking. How unhealthy!

Film...Shawshank Redemption, Close Encounters of the Third Kind and most recently Little Miss Sunshine

Band/artist...There are 1000 different songs in my all time favourite Top 10! Where do I start? Rolling Stones or David Bowie today, but could well be different tomorrow!

Song...Nilsson - Everybody's Talkin'

Album...Fleetwood Mac - Rumours or David Gray - White Ladder

Decade...80s every time. It was the decade I grew up in and got into... apart from the New Romantic sense of dress and style

The track that best sums me up is: as it sums up my job and my philosophy, it would have to be: Talk Talk - Life's What You Make It