

About your LAA Coach



Jon Cooke



Jon was awarded a flying scholarship whilst in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) at school and went on to complete his PPL. This sparked a desire to pursue a career in aviation, and after leaving school he went on to instruct at Clacton Aero Club, Halfpenny Green and Wellesbourne. He also flew the De Havilland Tiger Moth and Dragon Rapide for Classic Wings at Duxford.

His airline career has taken him worldwide flying the Handley Page Herald, Boeing 737-3/4/500, Boeing 777-200, Airbus 320; he is currently a Boeing 747-400 Captain for a major UK airline. Jon has flown and instructed on a wide variety of vintage and modern aircraft, and retains his passion for flying and instructing. He owns a Cirrus SR20 and was previously the chairman of the Pilot Coaching Scheme and Head of Training for the Light Aircraft Association (LAA) for many years.

Jon holds EASA and FAA instructor qualifications, and is a Senior Examiner, Flight Instructor Examiner, Flight Examiner, Class Rating Examiner, Instrument Rating Examiner, Air/Ground Operator Examiner, GR Examiner and RTF Examiner. In 2010 he was the first FAA instructor in the UK to gain a Master CFI Accreditation from the Master Instructors LLC. Jon was awarded a Bronze Medal by the Royal Aero Club in both 2015 and 2019. More recently, Jon was awarded the Sword of Honour by the Honourable Company of Air Pilots in 2020 for an outstanding contribution to aviation.