

About Your LAA Coach

David Jones



David started gliding in 1957. He joined the RAF in 1957 as pilot, and went on to instruct on Vampires as a A2 QFI. Also, he was a flight instructor conducting Air Experience Flights for cadets on the De Havilland Chipmunk.

He spent 14 years on Whirlwind helicopters in the RAF in Search And Rescue and Support Helicopter roles. He held basic, advanced, and SAR instructor qualifications as a A1 QHI.

David joined Bristow Helicopters Ltd Flying Training School at Redhill in 1977 as Chief Flight Instructor until he retired in 1998, He is a Flight Instructor (Helicopters), Flight Instructor Course Instructor (Helicopters) and a Flight Instructor Examiner (Helicopters).

David is currently a part time Flight Instructor Examiner with HJS helicopters in Aberdeen.

Whilst at Redhill, he flew with Vintage Display and Training Services flying the Tiger Moth, Chipmunk and Albatros DVA. He has previously held a Display Authorisation and Display Authorisation Examiner authority.

David has written flight test articles, both fixed wing and helicopter, for both Pilot and Flyer magazines. He was previously also a Parachute pilot and Parachute pilot examiner. David has a total of over 12,850 hours, of which 7,500 is instructing.

He is a current Class Rating Instructor and LAA Coach, and flies his monowheel Europa Classic.