

About Your LAA Coach

Brian Mellor



Brian was always fascinated by flying when a boy, but never really expected to become a pilot. The fascination grew, he became a civilian instructor with the Air Training Corps back in the early 1970s. That led to a flight in a Chipmunk at RAF Church Fenton, thus changing the flying interest into a passion. An indulgence in a trial lesson at Denham in 1974 was the turning point, and things somehow just happened after that. He completed his PPL course at Sherburn Aero Club on a Druine Condor, and things grew from there on.

Fast forward, now the holder of UK CAA Commercial Licence, with EASA class ratings on SEPL, SEPS, MEPL and TMG, and instructor and examiner on all (except the seaplane). Ground examiner, and FRTOL examiner.

Having been lucky enough to work in the USA for three years, plus many other visits, found time to gain an FAA Certificate (Airline Transport Pilot), Commercial (SEL, MEL, SES, MES), and Flight Instructor on all classes, as well as Instrument Instructor. At least 6 visits to Sun'n Fun, in Lakeland, Florida. Now provides FAA instructor services, for FAA Biennial Flight Reviews and Instrument Proficiency Checks.

The bit in the middle included microlight instruction, parachuting, air taxi, altport flying, surveying, and ferry flying, which is a great experience builder, and makes for fabulous adventures. Shortest ferry flight was an Islander from Bembridge to Bournemouth (10 minutes), longest was a new Islander from Bembridge to Japan (10 days). Others include 20 Atlantic crossings, to Europe, Middle East and Russia.

Lives in Horsforth, 10 minutes from Leeds Bradford Airport.

10,000 hours total, 8,000 instruction, the plan is to give back to aviation, by way of instructing and coaching.