

# About Your LAA Coach



## Richard Meredith



In common with so many flying began with the Cadets; air experience in the Chipmunk and gliding on the Sedburgh and T 31. I was fortunate to get a Flying Scholarship at Bournemouth-Hurn before a year on the Chipmunk with the Northumbrian UAS at RAF Ouston as member of the RAFVR. However, eyesight issues then got in the way of the planned service career.

Flying resumed in 1990 at Headcorn where I completed a reduced hours PPL A and soon after joined the Tiger Club where over the following 16 years I progressively converted on to their extensive tailwheel fleet before becoming a CRI (SE), Formation and Aerobatic pilot and Display Pilot with the Turbulent Team. During the same period I added Night and IMC ratings to my licence.

Aircraft ownership began with the CASA 1-131 Jungmann which was followed seven years later by the very rare Pilatus P2-05 and most recently the D.31 Turbulent. I would regard myself as a vintage aircraft specialist with over 4,000 hours on c.40 types including 3,900 tailwheel hours. Much of my flying has been in open cockpit biplanes with c.1,600 hours on the Tiger Moth, Jungmann, Stampe and Stearman. I have over 2,000 instructional hours as a CRI (SE) and in addition to providing differences training I am an aerobatics and formation flying instructor. I have been an LAA Full Coach since 2009.