

## About your LAA Coach

### Nigel Reid



I was brought up with tail dragging and spannering old aircraft by my father who had bought an old Gipsy Moth in the mid fifties. My father taught me the basics of flying as a youngster but I couldn't reach the rudder pedals. Around the age of 10 I remember flying around a final's turn into Tarrant Rushton and recalled someone saying that when you get really old you have to leave school and find a job. I think I had found out what I wanted to do!

I officially started learning to fly gliders at 16 with the ATC at Old Sarum. I then paid for my PPL with paper round money having been lucky enough to be lent a friend's PA15 Vagabond. Going on to fly Jaguars in the RAF was followed by commercial flying with British Airways. However I have always been involved with Moths, keeping our family Gipsy going, rebuilding both that and a second one. I started instructing with the PFA coaching scheme when it started up and am an FI having taught my wife and a couple of my lads to fly on the Gipsy. A lot of my instructing is invariably on Moths but also look after quite a few locals with a wide variety of aircraft.

I am Poole based and generally happy to travel within an hour or so's radius.