



NO. 4 (WE THINK!)

SPRING 2021

THE BBB

THE BLACKBUSHE BIBBLE-BABBLE

INTRODUCING OSCAR LIMA

We have a new aircraft on the fleet. Find out inside.

LOCKDOWN SUCSESSES

See how busy we have been since lockdown 3.

SPRING AND SUMMER PLANS

Fly outs, new cafe next door, new courses and more.

NEW WEBSITE

Check out our fancy pants new website.

NEW INSTRUCTORS

Meet our new instructors fresh from the box!

The Newsletter of Blackbushe Aviation



Blimey what a year so far!

Lockdown number 3 has seen us continuing professional training and we now have a lot of happy new MEP, IR, CPL and FIs! More of that later. We have been really busy behind the scenes sorting loads of things out such as a new website, new aircraft and a new training manual.

Changes are afoot in the Cafe too with Ewa leaving, a new manager coming in and serious refurbishment planned including a pizza oven! The outside will be extended on the west side to provide more seating for people to look at aeroplanes.

Needless to say Blackbushe Aviation would be nothing without you, our lovely customers so thanks as ever for your support and happy flying when we are all allowed.

Steve and Ali



Duke O'Vid

Following the D of T's announcement yesterday people are speculating when we can recommence PPL training and leisure flying.

Solo flying can take place on 29 March and dual leisure flying - checkouts PPL training etc can take place from 11 April.

Let's all look forward to a great summer of flying!

TOP TIPS

POST
LOCKDOWN
FLYING

With lockdown 3 set to be eased eventually we need to look towards our first flight after a long break.

by Steve Morley

Usually at this time of the year I brief pilots on flying after a winter break emphasising the late winter/spring weather, proximity of night, possible aircraft issues, pilot rust removal and new legislation.

This time we have the added delight of a third lockdown and pilots are itching to get going again. Indeed many have indicated to me that as soon as lockdown is over they will treat themselves to that flight to Sandown they planned for last year.

So, how do we do this safely? Yes I am going to use a TLA. Here it comes, TEM!

Lets consider the threats; lack of currency, rating expired, lack of experience with the weather and time of year, complacency, aircraft problems, in a hurry.

That's a lot to think about and out of the scope of the Bibble Babble but I would definitely recommend at least a rust removal briefing with an instructor to discuss all these threats and how to manage them. Better still, book yourself a flight with an instructor. Of course if you are hiring from us this will be mandatory but once again the instructors time is free to our gold customers as a thank you for continuing to support us during lockdown.



Meet our new instructors



Hi! I'm George. I've been flying since I was 16! I initially started flying gliders and obtained a gliding scholarship with the air cadets. Since then I've gained almost 1000 hours on a range of light aircraft, from diamond DA20 and DA42s to Cessna 150/152/172! More recently I was flying the airbus A320 with BA! Flying is something I've wanted to do as long as I can remember. Since the pandemic, I decided to take on a new challenge which was the FI course. I thoroughly enjoyed the course, learning so much about myself as well as improving my flying skills. I'm really looking forward to instructing and hoping to pass on my passion and excitement about aviation!

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Hello! I'm Iona. I've been flying for 14 years and fly a variety of aircraft; including PA28 Arrow, Archer, Warrior, Super Cub, Tiger Moth, Cessnas, PS28 Cruiser and Sonaca 200. I initially took up flying as a hobby and loved it so much I just kept going, continuing my flying education with IR(R), Night Rating, Aerobatics, ATPL theory, CPL and the FI course. As an instructor, I'm most looking forward to helping pilots achieve their dreams & goals. The best part of the FI course was without a doubt the team at Blackbushe Aviation and flying a variety of great aircraft.

3 students have passed their multi ratings this year .Well done to Julien, Adam and our very own instructor Alastair Greenan.

G-JEOL new to Fleet



TREAT YOURSELF TO OUR NEW AEROBATICS COURSE

Joining the fleet at Blackbushe Aviation is this lovely Slingsby T67C, G-JEOL. Oscar Lima will be used for upset recovery training and the aerobatic rating. The Slingsby is the *go to* aircraft for aerobatic training and we are delighted to have one on the fleet. Call us now for a flight or to book in the whole course!

Lockdown successes

Multi engine rating



Congrats to our very own Alastair Greenan who took full advantage of not having any PPL students to advance his professional qualifications with the MEP rating

Class rating Instructor



Congrats To Mark Tan on his CRI pass. Mark, Jon, Iona and George were all in the same group and work really well together. Welcome to the family Mark!

CPL



Julian Hickman, having spent ages saying "I should really get my CPL", passed his CPL skill test with Steve Hale this week. Many congrats Julian, it is well deserved!

Also passing his **CPL skill test** was **Adam Byles** who learned to fly here. No photo but think of a cross between Val Kilmer and Ben Affleck. That's nothing like Adam!

Instructor

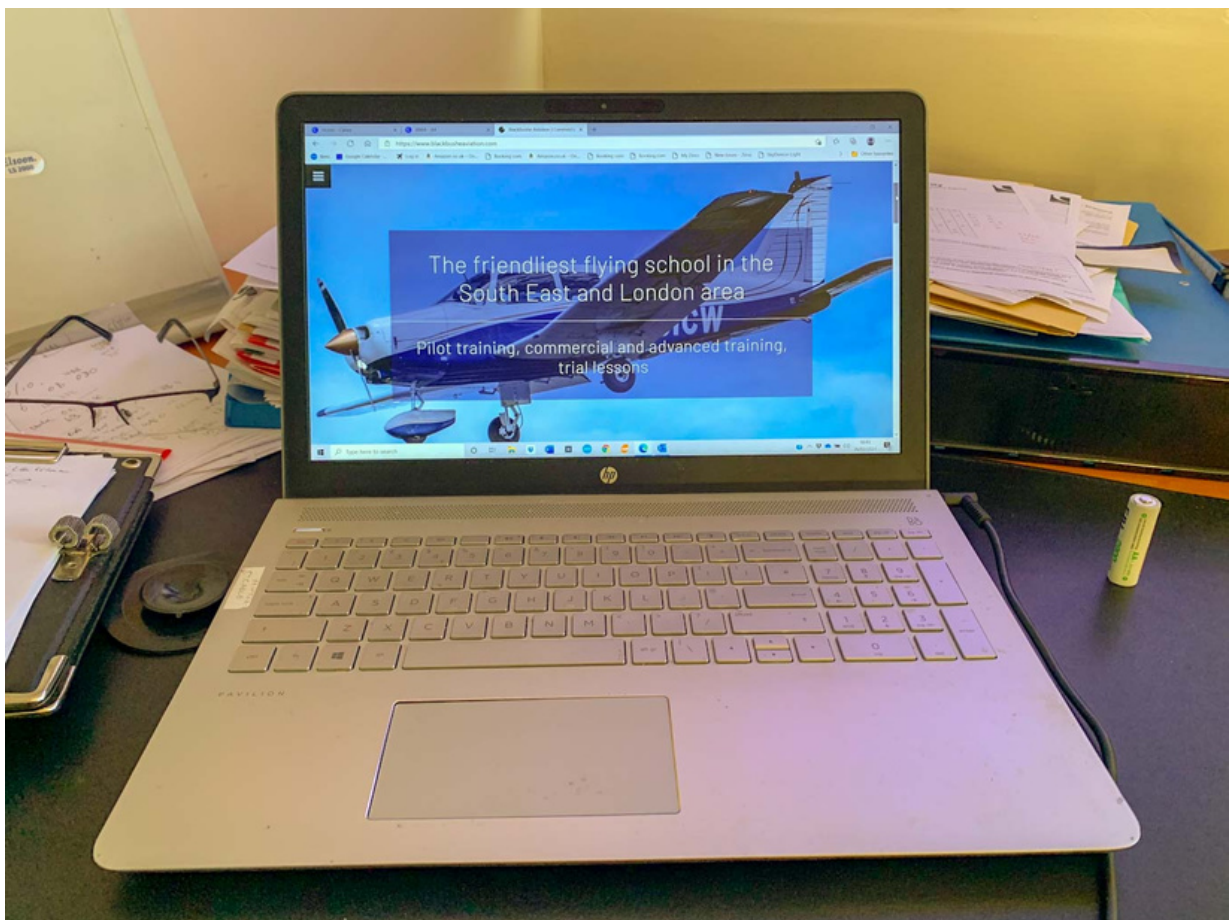


Jon Atlay passed his instructor test yesterday and is ready to rock! Well done Jon.

New Website!

We have been busy in the last few weeks and our original website, designed in 2014 when the last paper exams also came out, was, like those exams, getting a bit tired so we have had a ground up redesign with more animations, better information, a proper shopping section and more!

Check it out on www.blackbusheaviation.com and tell us what you think!



Never mind the scruffy desk, check the website!

Word Search

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AEROBATICS

CAPTAIN

COMMERCIAL

NAVIGATION

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Which Fictional Pilot are you based on your birth month?

JAN



FEB



MAR



APR



MAY



JUN



JUL



AUG



SEP



OCT



NOV



DEC



<i>Jan</i>	STEVE AUSTIN - SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN - PLAYED BY LEE MAJORS
<i>Feb</i>	VIRGIL TRACEY - THUNDERBIRDS - VOICED BY DAVID HOLLIDAY
<i>March</i>	CHESLEY "SULLY" SULLENBERGER - SULLY - PLAYED BY TOM HANKS
<i>April</i>	FRANK - THE KOALA BROTHERS - PLAYED BY FRANK
<i>May</i>	CAPTAIN CLARENCE OVEUR- AIRPLANE! - PLAYED BY PETER GRAVES
<i>June</i>	CAPTAIN MARVEL (CAROL DANVERS) - CAPTAIN MARVEL - PLAYED BY BRIE LARSON
<i>July</i>	HAN SOLO- STAR WARS - PLAYED BY HARRISON FORD
<i>August</i>	WHIP WHITTAKER - FLIGHT - PLAYED BY DENZEL WASHINGTON
<i>September</i>	Lt. TOM "ICEMAN" KAZANSKY - TOP GUN - PLAYED BY VAL KILMER
<i>October</i>	CAPTAIN RAFE McCRAWLY - PEARL HARBOUR - PLAYED BY BEN AFFLECK
<i>November</i>	AUNTIE MABEL - COME OUTSIDE - PLAYED BY LILIAN BARON
<i>December</i>	MITCHELL GRANT - FIREFOX - PLAYED BY CLINT EASTWOOD

Excuses for not attending a video chat...

You're lying to yourself if you claim that you're not bored of video chats by now. FaceTime, Zoom, Teams, Skype... Work, quiz nights, family catch ups. It's becoming tedious. I've come up with a couple of excuses as to why I couldn't possibly attend another one and these are my two current favourites:

- 1) I'M SO SORRY. I accidentally mistook the bottle of whisky for apple juice this-morning. It took me three espresso martinis to sober me up.
- 2) I'M NOT SORRY. I had a dream that you stole my last loo roll. I know it was just a dream... but I am simply not over it yet and I'd rather not have to speak to you.

