



Goodwood rewards high flyers

The Goodwood Flying School hosted its annual End of Season Awards on the evening of Thursday 15 November at The Kennels private member's club. The event recognised the achievements of both those who have reached significant milestones in their flight training and those who have made a notable impact at the Aerodrome.

The Johnny Moss Award, named in honour of the late Johnny Moss, former non-Executive Director of Goodwood and Army Helicopter pilot who was a great friend of the Aerodrome, was presented to Melanie Wright, Goodwood Aerodrome Programme Manager. Mel is responsible for ensuring the smooth everyday running of the Flying School, managing bookings and handling logistics. Alongside her busy schedule she has also transformed the operations desk and is a shining representative of the spirit of aviation within the Flying School.

The Goodwood Flying School Student of the Year Award was given to Max Tams, who this year gained his Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL). Max had always dreamt of flying and proved a terrific student, going solo in the minimum required hours in the Piper Super Cub.

Mark Swanton, Senior Aerodrome Fire Officer, was presented with the Award for Professional Achievement, having maintained a cool head during a challenging first year at the Aerodrome, as well as taking the initiative and commissioning new vehicles.

A total of seven students received their Private Pilot Licence (PPL) qualifications on the night, while 12 had managed their first solo this year. Harry Miller and Jack Newman received their qualifications having completed the Flying Instructor Course, while six students were recognised for having completed their Tailwheel Conversion. A special memento was given to Jerry Mudford from the Blue Sky Group, who accepted the award on behalf of Vic Kimber, who had passed away very recently but was instrumental in starting the group some 20 years ago with Alan Budd.

Max Tams, Student of the Year, said; "The awards evening was a celebration of the camaraderie of Goodwood Flying School, and to see such a vibrant and enthusiastic group, all driven by their unquenchable desire to fly, is inspirational! The history, heritage and quality of aviation at Goodwood was tangible within the room. The awards evening was another majestic addition to the stories of valour and gallantry for which Goodwood airfield has always been famed."

For further information on the Goodwood Flying School and to book an experience, please visit Goodwood.com or call the team on 01243 755066.

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About Goodwood Aerodrome

Goodwood Aerodrome was originally created to assist the War effort. Known as RAF Westhampnett, the busy fighter station was active from July 1940 as a Battle of Britain airfield, through to May 1946. Now home to some 100 aircraft, ranging from vintage Warbirds to modern rotary and fixed wing aircraft, Goodwood Aerodrome is known for its picturesque setting and is popular with visiting pilots. The Goodwood Flying School provides tuition for those learning to fly, including the PPL, LAPL and FI student, as well as one-off flight experiences to suit a variety of budgets.

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