

Where are they now?

The following is a list of pilots we know about who have made it into the big time. There may be others. Well done to everyone. If you know anyone else to include in the list or have more up to date information on one of our pilots, please contact the HFC office on 01652 680746. We will be delighted to publish their details. The list gets ever longer - read on.....

Andy Baker Did Multi and Instrument Rating at HFC. Currently serving with the RAF Central Flying School as a Gliding Instructor Examiner. Not every day one gets the chance to teach CFS anything!!

Keith Buchan Did Night, IMC and some non-approved CPL training many years ago. More recently worked on the Fisheries Patrol over Scottish waters. Moved on since then and lost touch.

Arnaud du Bedat Did a CPL and Instrument Rating with HFC. Went on to join Aerad Chart company. Now holding Flight Safety seminars around the world. Recently been to Sidney, Australia, Beijing, China, Tokyo, Florida, Johannesburg to name but a few. Still getting the E-mails and postcards. Nice for some.

Mike Davies details to follow later.

Ashley Emmett Joined HFC in the 1980s as a fourteen year old when he came with father Mike to our regular Night Schools. Learned to fly after getting a part-time job on the airport with ICS, the aircraft cleaning firm, working his way to the top and ending up as Manager. In 2003, decided enough was enough and went full time into a Correspondence Course for the CPL. Completed his exams in March 2004 and completed a CPL and Flying Instructor course since. Well done, Ashley. You have done it!!! Now working as Flying Instructor back at HFC, doing Trial Flights and PPL training.

Steve Fletcher Previously a Sign Erector. Did BCPL with HFC, going on to be a Flying Instructor at Sherburn. More lately, flying a Boeing 727 out of East Midlands.

Lee Haunch Did CPL at HFC. Now CFI / owner of Fenland Flying School. A warm welcome awaits visiting pilots with good food and snacks available at reasonable prices.

Ian Leech Did CPL and Instrument Rating with HFC. Currently flying air charter passengers in a Piper PA31 around Europe.

Andy McKague The live wire pilot who paired up with Dave Rubery.. Did CPL and Instrument Rating with HFC. Went on to fly Cessna Caravans and Twin Otters in East Africa.

Bernard Merlino Did CPL and Multi with HFC. Worked as a Flying Instructor at Sherburn. Currently working as CFI / Examiner at Full Sutton near York.

Tim Milner Did Night, Multi, CPL and Instrument Rating at HFC. Joined Air UK, now KLM on the Fokker F50. Last heard of flying the F100.

Richard Page Did CPL at HFC and went on to fly the Saab 340 for British Midland out of Leeds. Promoted to Captain on type. Achieved D/E Captain on Embraer 145 RJ for the last 3 years.

Steve Pearl a rather quiet well-mannered pilot who got disillusioned and ill-prepared down south. Did Instrument rating with HFC and went on to flying a Dash 8 no less. More recently finished an Embraer 145 Type Rating course.

Tony Poppleton Did CPL at HFC. Recently moved down into the affluent south. Latest details required please.

Shane Potter One of our own home-grown pilots who did PPL, Night, IMC and CPL. Became an instructor for a while, then went on to a BAE 146 out of Gatwick. Last heard of doing a 777 type rating course.

Gareth Pratt Originally a Buyer for Rolls Royce Aero Engines at Derby. Did CPL and Instrument rating at HFC. Went as Flying Instructor at Leicester Aero Club, then joined Centreline Air Charter flying a PA34 Seneca on AOC work. Recently started a Type Rating course on the Lockheed Electra for Atlantic Airlines at Coventry. Says he could not have done it without us. Thanks Gareth. Good luck in the future.

Matthew Rogerson Did Multi, CPL and Instrument Rating at HFC. Worked as Flying Instructor at Teeside for a year. Recently been successful with interview at FRA and selected as pilot on Beech Kingair doing ILS flight checker work at airports around the country.

Dave Rubery The quiet one of the pair. Did Multi, CPL and Instrument Rating with HFC. Went on to fly a BN Islander and Twin Otter with Loganair. Now flying as Captain on the Loganair Saab 340 to Dublin and Cork. Commended for bravery when collecting casualties in his BN Islander. Well done, Dave - you really deserve it!!! Latest gossip - fully checked out on a 757!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cas Smith Did Night, IMC and CPL at HFC. Became Flying Instructor and finally, CFI at Sherburn Aero Club. Currently at Full Sutton Near York..

John Stewart Did Multi, CPL and Instrument Rating with HFC. Retired from the RAF and helped us part time as a weekend flying instructor for two years. Currently employed as a ground instructor back at RAF Cranwell. Rumoured to be flying at Oxford. Details please.

Bryan Treadgold Another home grown pilot who did PPL, Night, CPL and Instrument Rating with HFC and now successfully started with Eastern Airways based at Humberside Airport. Recently completed a Jetstream 41 type rating course and building up the hours flying mainly to Aberdeen and other exotic places.

Dave Walton Whilst hour building with us, successfully put Cessna 150 'BC into a stubble field near Elsham tower with engine problems. Did CPL and Multi with us in 2003 / 2004 and Flying Instructor course at Barton near Manchester. Now working as a Flying Instructor at Sherburn.

Sabeena Yousuf Did Instrument Rating at HFC Autumn 2004. Recently done BAE Jetstream 41 Type Rating, now Co-pilot for Eastern Airways, Humberside.