



West London Aero Club

Welcome to West London Aero Club

White Waltham Airfield, the home of West London Aero Club, is one of the oldest and best known airfields in the country. Set in 200 acres on the edge of a picturesque estate in the beautiful Berkshire countryside, it is one of the largest grass airfields in Britain. White Waltham is situated just three miles from the M4 (J8/9) and six miles from the M40 (J4). Central London is only 35 miles away and easily accessible by train or taxi. Windsor, Ascot, Henley, Reading and Maidenhead are all within easy reach.

White Waltham has three long runways, plenty of parking space and has a wonderful easy going atmosphere. With its friendly and historic clubhouse, a wide choice of aircraft and enthusiastic instructors, WLAC is a truly unique flying club.

Learning To Fly

At White Waltham, we train people for the Private Pilot's Licence (PPL) and additional ratings. Your PPL is your passport to a brand new exciting world!

Introductory Lesson

The best place to start is with an Introductory Lesson where you take the controls and fly one of our Piper Warrior aircraft. Prior to the flight you will receive a free Introductory Flying Lesson book, and on completion you will be presented with a certificate detailing your achievement.





The Private Pilot's Licence

The European Joint Aviation Authority PPL requires a minimum of 45 hours training. General handling exercises are followed by circuit flying and navigation including your solo cross-country flight. Our course structure will make passing the seven multiple choice written exams quite straightforward. When all the training and examinations are complete, a skills test flown with one of our friendly examiners is your final step towards the licence. We pride ourselves on offering high quality, professional instruction in a friendly environment. Once you have experienced the freedom your PPL brings, additional ratings are also available to add to your licence, allowing you to fly different aircraft, fly at night or in more challenging weather.



The National PPL

The NPPL requires a minimum of just 32 flying hours; 22 hours of dual training with your instructor, including one hour instrument appreciation, and 10 hours of solo flight. The NPPL allows you to fly within UK airspace in visual conditions only. No additional ratings can be added. The minimum age for PPL/NPPL licence issue is 17 years, but you can start logging hours at 14 and complete your first solo at 16 years old.



Facilities and Membership

Membership of West London Aero Club has many benefits. For example it includes home landing fees. The club has a very active social side offering a fully licensed bar and restaurant.

The bar is open seven days a week and has an extensive breakfast and lunch menu as well as delicious snacks. During the spring and summer months, why not dine alfresco and experience some of the most beautiful sunsets in the country!



Throughout the year, the Club arranges various activities for both flying and social members. Guest speakers are invited to talk on a wide range of aviation based subjects and a Members' day is organized during the summer featuring many of the aerobatic pilots who are based at WLAC. Fly-outs to other airfields are arranged each week and during the summer longer overseas trips are planned.



Brief History of White Waltham Airfield

In 1928, the de Havilland family acquired the land and then formed the de Havilland School of Flying which opened in 1935. The MOD requisitioned it for use during World War II and in 1940 it became the HQ for the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) whose members were responsible for the delivery of all aircraft to and from RAF stations. During the war years the ATA achieved a remarkable 309,000 aircraft movements enabling the RAF to concentrate exclusively on operations.

White Waltham has also been home to Fairey Aviation, manufacturers of aircraft such as the Gannet and the Rotodyne. It has been a civilian airfield and the home of West London Aero Club since the early post-war years

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