

WELL DONE AMY!

Armstrong-Isaacs Scholarship winner Amy Breckell has gained her PPL and received her licence within days of the centenary of the first lady pilot in the UK. Amy tells us a little about herself and her busy year



Wow! What a whirl of activity and achievement this summer has been.

I passed my PPL exams, enjoyed my qualifying cross-countries and gained a JAR-PPL. I also graduated with a 2.1 from the University of Liverpool and am preparing to study for an MSc in Investigative and Forensic Psychology. In my spare time, I visited friends throughout England, went to a festival (muddy) and took part in a few outward-bound type activities.

Flying, it seems, is in my genes. My late grandfathers were both in the RAF, one joined pre-WWII and went on to become a navigator on a Pathfinder bomber squadron; the other enjoyed National Service – and my parents met at a flying club.

I joined the Air Training Corps and took part in a full range of its activities including air experience flights in Grob Tutors and gliders, and was fortunate to be accepted as a staff cadet on an air experience flight. This brought responsibilities such as briefing cadets and ensuring they were ready for their own flight experience. At University, the University



Amy receives an Achievement Award from Roger Hopkinson, having successfully achieved her PPL under the Association's Armstrong-Isaacs Flying Scholarship scheme.

Air Squadron, an RAF organisation, accepted me as an officer cadet and provided me with a wide range of experiences and training for life and work.

The LAA has played an important role for me as I have

attended the rallies since

I was very young. When

I was an ATC cadet,

I joined in with the

squadrons providing

support at the annual

International Rally

in marshalling and

other duties, and

became aware of the

Armstrong-Isaacs Flying

Scholarship. I remember

talking to a nice chap,

Cliff Piper, about it, who

my dad tells me has sadly

since passed away. I

joined the LAA as a student

member and subsequently

applied for the scholarship

and was very fortunate

to be offered the chance

to gain my JAR-PPL,

building on the experience

and training I had on the

Tutors. Shropshire Aero

Club, a members' club,

was my chosen location

and its General Avia F22A

my chosen mount. All

the instructors, staff and

members are extremely

enthusiastic and helpful

and have made learning a

rewarding and fun process.

At this year's Rally, I was

with my dad and quite a

few friends, and also met

and made many other great

contacts. I hope to have the

opportunity to fly in to future

rallies for years to come.

The award of a trophy was a

lovely surprise and will serve

to forever remind me of the

events of the summer of 2011.

Thank you to the LAA for

making the scholarship

available and to everybody

who has been so

encouraging and helpful.

It has been a wonderful

experience. ■



Amy and Shropshire Aero Club's General Avia F22A on which she did her training