

## BWPA 2021 Award Winners

### BWPA Special Recognition Award

To be awarded in recognition of active support of women in aviation.

RECIPIENT: Claire Hatton

Claire joined the BWPA Committee in 2020 as Membership Coordinator and has also embraced running the North West Regional Group; she has made a positive impact in both these member-facing roles.

Claire has had a Private Pilot Licence since 1994, and gained her Commercial Pilot Licence and Instructor Rating in 1999. In 2006 she wrote the book 'You Have Control' about becoming an instructor. She continues to promote her trade and enthusiasm within her regional group, with the local members clearly appreciating her passion and knowledge.

### Chairwoman's Challenge Trophy

Awarded to the competition entry judged to be the most interesting or unusual navigation flight on the theme of 'Castles in the Air'. The competition is judged on the basis of flight logs, photographs, accuracy of times and other supporting material submitted by entrants. The judges also take into account the experience of the pilots.

RECIPIENT: Pernia Zeb

Pernia's route took her from Goodwood to Stapleford via the southeast corner of England. She planned a route that would include six castles, some of which were ruins, and a hill figure of a chalk crown to top the project off.

Her turning points were: Bramber Castle at Steyning, Knepp Castle (remains), Horsham, Pevensey Castle, Hastings Castle, a Norman Castle at Canterbury, and the Wye Memorial Crown.

This is the first flight of this type that Pernia has attempted and typifies the type of entry that we encourage for this award.

### Brabazon Cup

This cup was presented to the BWPA by Lord Brabazon of Tara in 1959. It is awarded for one particularly outstanding or noteworthy performance in aviation.

RECIPIENT: Emma Henderson MBE

In March 2020, former airline captain Emma Henderson co-founded Project Wingman as a reaction to airline crews being grounded due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to support the NHS.

Emma's selfless attitude has led to her being awarded an MBE for her work on this project. She has made the most of her own furlough and that of others.

We have sponsored Project Wingman through a donation to support the launch of the Wingman Wheels mobile lounges in January 2021. That part of the project now has two buses and our donation is represented on the bunting and deckchairs.

#### Naomi Christy Cup

This trophy is awarded for a flying or flying related personal achievement, beyond the recipient's wildest dreams. This award is not aimed at the 'record breaker' or 'high achievers', but is awarded for an achievement 'special' to the individual.

RECIPIENT: Amy Whitewick

In recognition of John Stringfellow, described as 'the father of modern powered flight', Amy planned and executed a flight to create a detailed piece of air art.

The project took three flights of two hours each to achieve and received huge cooperation from Yeovilton Radar. Amy credits her co-pilot Mervyn for keeping them safe with the extra lookout required. Amy thrives on new achievements and expanding her skills base, and recognised that she had performed and executed some notable firsts during the preparation for and the actual flight itself.

#### Jackie Moggridge Cup

This trophy is awarded to a British Woman Pilot for achieving excellent qualifications in her chosen career.

RECIPIENT: Maddy Collins

Maddy gained her Private Pilot Licence (Helicopter) in 2018 and her Commercial Pilot Licence (Helicopter) (CPL(H)) in late 2019, studying tirelessly in lockdown to pass her Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL) exams with many classes held online.

She completed her ATPLs in March 2020. Aged just 21, she has achieved four type ratings and secured work as a first officer for a private company. Her long-term aim is to be an air ambulance pilot.

The Awards Committee were impressed with Maddy's positive attitude and determination to have achieved so much, and so early on in her career.

#### OP Jones Gliding Trophy

Awarded to a British Woman Pilot for an achievement or special contribution to gliding, hang gliding or paragliding.

RECIPIENTS: Amelia Richardson

Amelia had been preparing to go solo on her 14th birthday, at the start of 2021, but the COVID-19 restrictions prevented this. As soon as able, she resumed her training, and finally achieved her first solo in July.

She is active on Instagram, sharing informative videos and great photos of her gliding. This resulted in her being invited to join the Women's World Gliding Championship 2022 social media team to help grow the younger audience and produce more engaging content in the run up to the competition.

Amelia takes every opportunity to share her passion and enthusiasm for gliding.

#### Jack Brackenbury Photographic Competition

This trophy was first awarded in 2004 in memory of Jack and to encourage members to record our events as he used to. Entries may include photos sent in for the newsletter and website as well as the archives and the competition itself.

RECIPIENT: Ella Senior

Ella's winning photo was captured from a GoPro on the wing of a K21 during an aerobatics session at Burn Gliding Club. It was submitted to our communications team, for use in the members' September e-news.

It is not often we see photos of gliders featured, especially not during aerobatic sequences. We felt it was a fun photo, with bold colours and a stunning reflection of the ground in the wing, which captured a moment of exhilaration early in Ella's gliding training.

#### Jean Lennox Bird Pendant

This award is made to a British woman pilot who has served aviation over a period of time in any aspect, consistently achieving goals, showing diligence to duties and encouragement to others.

Not awarded

#### Faith Bennett Navigation Cup

This trophy is awarded to a British Woman Pilot for a navigation exercise undertaken during the current year of special merit or that stretches the experience of the pilot to the limits, reaching goals beyond the pilot's expectations. It can be given to regions for group flights/achievements.

Not awarded

#### Hilda Hewlett Trophy

Presented to a British woman pilot between the ages of 16 and 25, who has shown initiative and commitment in gaining her PPL (with a view to following a career in aviation) and who, through her actions and her example, is an inspiration to her peer group.

Not awarded