



**SAFETY**

# What does a safety officer do?

Here's **Chloe Eriksen**, our new safety and training supremo, to tell you



**Above**  
How our new safety guru Chloe celebrates the New Year – obviously

PART of my role here at the BMAA is to trawl the myriad of safety resources and filter any relevant nuggets for distribution to the microlight flying community.

Since starting in September, I have engaged with GASCo, CHIRP, Astral Aviation Consulting, AAIB, and of course the CAA, with the infringements working group, mid-air collision challenge group and the Safety Intelligence group which crunches all the stats on safety data. I want to understand what is going on in the airspace that we share and find out how this is all relevant to us. Stand by for links and signposts to interesting stuff this year.

## Dates for your diary

For those of you who may have just opened your fresh-out-of-the-packet paper diary for 2023, be sure to note down the excellent safety evenings up and down the country that GASCo has on offer for the New Year. It's easy to sign up: just go to its events page at <https://www.gasco.org.uk/events>.

## New Year resolutions

As we start January, it feels appropriate to share my New Year resolutions and aspirations with you all:

I will be conducting a safety review of 2022. You can look forward to this review in the next edition of *MF*, and those attending the instructor seminar in January will get a sneak preview.

- I intend to reach out to all schools and safety officers to reinforce the safety network.
- I will continue to encourage honest and open reporting and look for ways in which we can share information and learn from each other.
- I will signpost relevant safety information and events with the membership community.
- I may seriously consider having a go in one of these mighty machines, but will it be flexwing or three-axis? Answers on a postcard please.

## And finally...

A big shout out to Phil Reed at Enstone Microlights for taking me on a tour of the facilities at the airfield.

I would absolutely love to get out and about to visit where I can, so please do email me on [safety@bmaa.org](mailto:safety@bmaa.org) if you would have the time to show me around your set-up.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe New Year! ☐

# Dynamic Duo conquers Ireland

After finally making it to Northern Ireland, Cath and Cameron Spence head south in search of a Guinness. Cameron takes up the story

AS related by Cath in last month's *MF*, after some hiccups with a faulty magneto, we finally got the engine performing perfectly, and going via Kirkbride and then stunning Islay, we eventually made it across the Irish Sea.

Our intrepid editor was just swanning off on his holidays, so conveniently was unable to provide suitable refreshments as previously promised.

Thankfully, *MF* raving reporter Brendan Digney, who gained the middle initial

F after his scatological exploits on the UPRT course at Goodwood which also featured in last month's *MF*, looked after us and showed us the ropes at Newtownards, a delightful little airfield with a great café and friendly staff.

The next day saw us heading south into Eire, which meant we had to get to grips with the paperwork.

It's not particularly complex; we'd been used to filing flight plans on our trips to France. However, when it came to flying into airfields south of the border we had to book

everything 24 hours in advance. Why? We don't have to do this when flying into France.

Thankfully the large clouds and accompanying rainstorm we saw on our right as we flew south through Ulster didn't get in our way, and we crossed the border just west of the Mourne mountains, after which the terrain became very flat.

The radio comms with Dublin Control weren't always clear, but thankfully they ▷



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